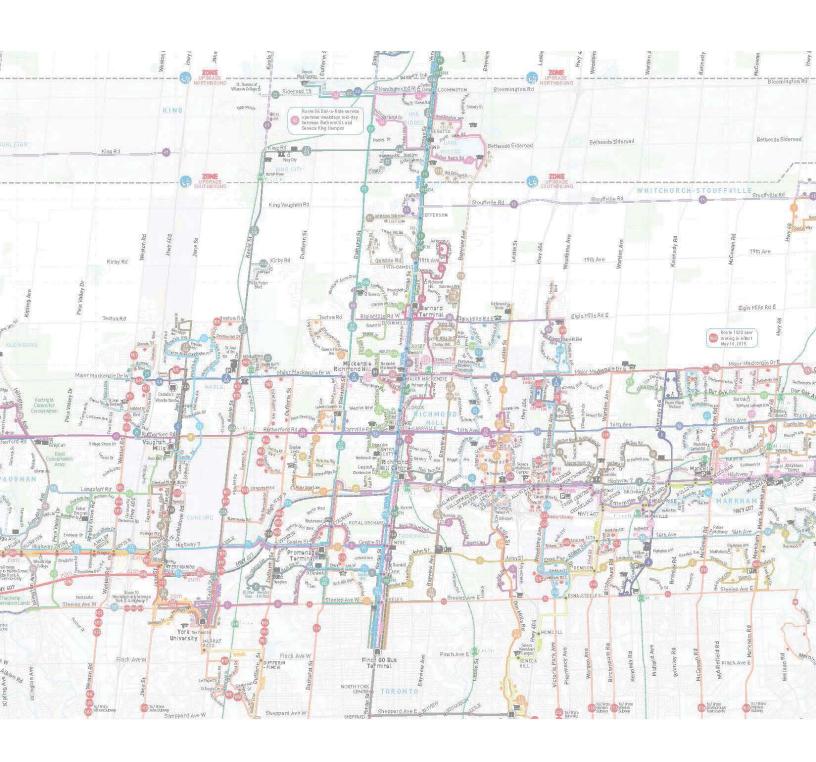


York Region Transit Annual Service Plan





Executive Summary

On January 1, 2001, the Regional Municipality of York assumed responsibility for funding and operating public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region. Since 2001, YRT/Viva has grown to become a vital transportation network in the Region and has progressed through three phases of the Transit Life Cycle. Between 2001 and 2015, annual service hours increased 300 per cent from 354,000 to 1,285,000 budgeted hours, and ridership is estimated to grow from 7.7 million to 23.5 million passengers in 2015.

From 2016 to 2020, YRT/Viva will be in the GTA Rapid Transit Integration phase of the Transit Life Cycle. The strategic direction of this phase will focus on improving productivity, system expansion, and integrating service with the inter-regional transit network. The 2016 Annual Service Plan translates the strategic direction presented in Moving to 2020, the YRT/Viva 2016-2020 Strategic Plan into the specific actions and service initiatives that will be implemented in the first year of the GTA Rapid Transit Integration phase.

YRT/Viva conducted extensive stakeholder consultation and obtained valuable feedback during the development of the 2016 Annual Service Plan. The process included numerous meetings and workshops with departments within York Region, local municipalities, other transit agencies, post-secondary institutions, community agencies, transit riders, and the general public in each municipality.

Service reliability and delivering quality transit service continues to be a priority. In 2016, YRT/Viva will focus on:

- > Increasing ridership
- > Expanding service
- > Strengthening the grid network
- > Restructuring routes
- Mitigating construction impacts from vivaNext rapidways and the Spadina Subway Extension
- > Preparing to implement the Viva Network Expansion Plan (VNEP)
- Preparing to implement a Frequent Transit Network

A total of 25 service initiatives are proposed for 2016, as shown in the following table. The implementation of the proposed service initiatives will be dependent on approval of the 2016 operating budget.





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