This fall, people travelling along Highway 7 West in Vaughan have been watching the dramatic steel canopy rise out of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre [VMC] area. This unique vivastation is part of a key hub where passengers will be able to connect with other YRT/Viva bus routes, the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension [TYSSE], get on an interregional bus, hop on their bike and continue their journey, or simply walk and shop in the VMC area.

The vivaNext project is all about connecting people and places. The VMC area is in the midst of becoming more connected to other urban centres via several transit corridors. And as the rapidway construction on Highway 7 from Jane Street to Bowes Road wraps up at the end of this year, another piece of the puzzle will be in place.

Emerging from both sides of the VMC area is Phase 2 of the rapidway project, extending west along Highway 7 to Bruce Street, and east from Bowes Road to Yonge Street via the existing Viva route along Bathurst and Centre Streets. This connects riders from Woodbridge, Concord and Thornhill to the VMC and the TYSSE. It will also connect riders to the rest of York Region via the Richmond Hill Centre Terminal at Yonge Street, and the future Yonge Subway Extension.

All transit services need to work together in a well-planned network to connect to various methods of transit and other key destinations and urban centres. When transit works as an integrated system, customers, residents and businesses are better served.
The best way to stay informed about upcoming construction activity is to sign up for construction bulletins and updates at vivanext.com/subscribe.

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**fun facts ** **>> VMC-Spadina Subway Station**

9.1 metres  
height of station canopy

22 metres  
width of canopy

50 metres  
length of station canopy

7,668 kg  
weight of ladder sections

11,013 kg  
weight of centre canopy section

**>> clearing the way on Phase 2**

Each vivaNext project includes improvements to infrastructure and utilities—which is necessary as the population grows—and leaves a lasting legacy. The Bathurst water main upgrade and replacement is almost complete, and a similar replacement is starting on Centre Street this fall. And, as tree removals took place earlier this year, crews were able to transplant 38 trees to three parks in the Bathurst & Centre Street area. Working with the City of Vaughan to identify locations, the trees were transplanted in Bathurst District Park, Bathurst Estates Park and Rosedale North Park. In addition, as many trees as possible were preserved along the corridor. VivaNext is committed to sustainable options and transplanting trees is one of those initiatives.

Here’s what you can expect to see over the winter and into next year:

- Centre Street water main replacement is starting and will continue into the summer.
- Road widening work will get underway on Bathurst and Centre Streets and on Highway 7 West, starting with utility relocations.
- Removing medians on Highway 7 West and setting up temporary traffic poles.