There's a lot of activity happening this year in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) area, including construction of the vivaNext bus rapidway on Highway 7, the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) and the bus terminal at Apple Mill Road.

These transit projects help lay the foundation for “complete streets” and will help shape the future of our communities and neighbourhoods. Complete streets are planned and designed for all ages, abilities and modes of travel, with direct connections to businesses, places to live, trails, gathering places and natural vegetation. Streets become places to go instead of just surfaces to drive on, and this helps to build a stronger sense of community. For example, pedestrians can now walk—on sidewalks—all the way from Edgeley Boulevard to Bowes Road. That may appear minor, but it’s significant as jobs and the population in the area are increasing.

When the rapidway between Jane Street and Bowes Road is completed this year, and the rapidway and TYSSE opens in the VMC area, two major pieces of the transformation will be realized—with more great things to come.
it's going to be a busy summer

the summer of paving
As the rapidway project enters the final stages of construction between Jane Street and Bowes Road, it’s important we get across this important message:

It’s going to be busy!
When there’s a lot of construction activity, it can be at its most disruptive—so thank you in advance for your patience and understanding, as paving and boulevard work continues. We will do our best to limit impacts as much as possible.

trees are coming
» Trees, plants and greenery benefit the environment.
» This year, over 275 new trees are being planted along Highway 7 West between Jane Street and Bowes Road.
» We’re planting salt- and drought-resistant trees and shrubs and adding underground soil-cell technology, which helps to support healthy trees and plants.

sample tree selections

Kentucky Coffeetree
Gymnocladus dioicus

Silver Maple
Acer Saccharinum

Freeman Maple
Acer x freemanii

Ivory Silk Tree Lilac
Syringa reticulata 'ivory silk'

Skycole Honeylocust
Gleditsia Triacanthos var. Inermis

what’s happening in Phase 2
Construction and preconstruction activities are advancing. Here’s what you’ll see in 2016:

» Bathurst water main replacement to begin this spring/summer.
» Centre Street water main replacement is scheduled to begin this fall.
» Tree removals began this spring, with dozens of trees being transplanted to three parks in Thornhill.
» Surveying, soil investigations and utility relocation plans are being completed.
» VivaNext open house—watch for your invitation this fall.

the VMC area is a beehive of activity!
Construction is underway on the VMC-Spadina Subway vivastation. Located on Highway 7 West in the VMC area at Millway Avenue, this unique vivastation is designed to cover the rapidway and accommodate a longer and wider station platform. People will be able to make below and above ground connections to Viva, the subway [TYSSE] and buses.

Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension [TYSSE] update
The 8.6 kilometre Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension is making excellent progress, and is on track for its scheduled opening in December 2017. The TTC latest updates for station completion progress are shown, as of December 2015.

Paving will affect traffic and intersections more than previous construction activity. To follow the paving schedule, please sign up for Highway 7 West/Vaughan construction updates at vivanext.com/subscribe, and visit the Highway 7 paving webpage at vivanext.com/paving7.
Thank you for continuing to support local shops and businesses throughout construction on Highway 7 and Bathurst and Centre Streets. If you haven’t visited us yet, come and check out what we have in store. Businesses are open throughout construction, and we value your support. We have a variety of services and products, and want to help you find what you need. After all, we’re your neighbours too — Shop 7 and Bathurst + Centre!

safety is top of mind
During construction, crossing at designated crosswalks is more important than ever. Motorists, please slow down in construction zones and watch for workers and pedestrians.

sign up for construction updates
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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