It’s an exciting time to live and work in York Region. As the fastest growing municipality in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), York Region boasts a population that is estimated to grow by a half million people to 1.5 million residents by 2031.

To manage and balance this growth, the Region has developed a strategic, long-term plan that will help shape growth by investing in and developing public transit infrastructure. These improvements in urban mobility are revitalizing our neighbourhoods and providing transit options in close proximity to homes, businesses and schools.

VivaNext is designing and building an integral component of York Region’s growth plan that has already started to transform the look and feel of the Region’s Centres and Corridors. New rapidways for Viva vehicles are open on Davis Drive in Newmarket and Highway 7 in Markham. In Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, future rapidways are also under construction. The final result will be a user-friendly rapid transit network that integrates end-to-end journeys.

For an in-depth look at the different elements of VivaNext’s project plans, ongoing activities, or to sign up for construction notices, visit vivanext.com:

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In addition to building a premium rapid transit system on Yonge, a brand new underground utility system comprised of storm drains, sewer pipes, gas and water mains and telecommunications will be constructed.

This fall, crews have been busy replacing a water main that was nearing the end of its lifespan from just south of Garden Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive. By the end of the project, a whole world of pipes and wires will be carefully replaced one at a time, piece-by-piece. Each type of infrastructure is installed by a different specialized crew, which is why the same work area is sometimes revisited multiple times.

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Our Utilities at a Glance video highlights the steps required to relocate critical infrastructure and explains why you see different crews come back to the same location as work progresses. View the video at vivanext.com.
emergency services

While the red rapidway bus lanes are for Viva vehicles, there are a few others who are allowed to drive in the rapidway lanes. Ambulances, fire trucks and police cruisers are permitted to use the rapidway when responding to emergency calls to get past traffic quickly and safely. Using the rapidway lanes to respond to an emergency is an added benefit that the Yonge rapidway will bring to Richmond Hill – saving valuable time when it’s vitally needed.

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Don’t miss a minute of the action – Blogs and videos take you on a construction journey behind the scenes.

community engagement

One of the ways we keep you informed throughout construction is by participating in local events and festivals. This summer, we participated in a number of community events to share information, answer questions and stay connected. You may have seen us out and about on several occasions at several community events. In case you missed us, the best way to stay informed about Yonge Street construction activities is to sign up for email notifications at vivanext.com/subscribe.
stop, shop + dine.

With rapidway construction underway, thank you for continuing to support local shops and businesses along Yonge Street. This holiday season is the perfect time of year to check out what we have in store!

We’re open for business and value your support. Businesses are stocked up with a wide variety of products and services, and our staff is ready to help find what you need. Shop Yonge!