Looking at the rapidway projects completed so far in York Region, it’s remarkable to see the positive changes. On Highway 7 in Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, and on Davis Drive in Newmarket, each street has been transformed.

It’s more than rapid transit, traffic lanes, sidewalks and planters filled with trees, shrubs and perennials. There’s a sense of welcoming, of enhanced community pride and excitement.

We did this together, from public meetings during the Environmental Assessments, to the inconvenience of construction, to the joy of the completed project. Everyone owns this transformation.

We thank residents, businesses and commuters for having patience during construction. It’s our belief that these projects will attract economic growth and prosperity to the area. New residents and businesses will choose to locate here.

It’s not always easy to see the benefits of change in the midst of construction. Now that finished projects are there to see, we can appreciate what we’ve made together and the legacy of benefits for generations to come.
The Yonge Subway Extension is part of Metrolinx’s Regional Transportation Plan and has received $55 million from the Government of Ontario for preliminary engineering. We’re also pursuing Federal funding to further advance the Yonge Subway Extension, including submitting an application last October to secure funds through its Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.

A project of this magnitude will lead to new businesses, job creation, intensification and more housing choices. Significant environmental benefits will be realized by getting more cars off our roads and replacing many of the 2,500 bus trips that currently service that stretch of Yonge Street each weekday.

A project of this size and scope requires the financial support of both the federal and provincial governments over a long period of time. To help keep up with the tremendous growth the region is experiencing, York Region and its business community is calling on the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to make a long-term financial commitment of $4.1 billion [2015$].

A compass survey cited that 89% of residents want the subway extension built. By offering more housing and job options, it matches provincial and federal priorities to stimulate the economy, support the middle class and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Transforming our community with rapid transit – what's happening this year!

**Vaughan Metropolitan Centre [VMC]**
- Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension: scheduled to open in December 2017
- SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal: scheduled to open in December 2017
- Vaughan Metropolitan Centre rapidway station on Highway 7 at Millway Avenue: opening in spring 2018
- Rapidway between Jane Street and Bowes Road: opened for service in February, with Viva service increasing with the subway opening

**Highway 7 West [Woodbridge]**
Installation of new hydro poles is underway, widening of the Highway 7 bridge over Highway 400 has begun, and utility relocations including gas main and telecommunications is happening this year.

**Bathurst & Centre**
New gas main and water main installation is continuing on Centre Street, with road widening starting up on Bathurst Street.

**Newmarket**
On Yonge Street, hydro poles continue to be relocated and road widening is starting this summer.

**Richmond Hill**
As work continues on Yonge Street, crews are relocating utilities above and below ground, in preparation for road widening.

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*Based on the York Region Travel Demand Forecasting Model, including car and transit trips to, from and within York Region, between 2016 and 2041.*
For Vaughan, the next 12 months will be full of exciting firsts!

In December, we will open the first subway that connects Vaughan and Toronto’s urban centres, and opens up more choices on where to live, work and play. At the same time, the first buses will arrive at the new SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal, and customers will be able to walk underground between the terminal and the subway.

Customers will also arrive via the new Viva rapidway on Highway 7. And in spring 2018, the unique rapidway station with direct connections to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre subway station below will open on Highway 7.

Those who plan to drive to the subway will either carpool to the passenger pick-up and drop-off area at SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal, or park at Highway 407 subway station, just off Jane Street. Plan ahead for the best commute!