The vivaNext rapid transit project will result in benefits for the entire community, as it includes urban design elements such as pedestrian-friendly boulevards, street furniture, tree planting and more. Over time, our community will continue to grow and Highway 7 will transform into a more attractive urban destination to work, dine, relax, live and shop.

- First phase of the Highway 7 West rapidway, from Edgeley Blvd. to Bowes Rd., is underway and scheduled to be completed in 2016 to coincide with the Spadina Subway extension.

- Starting in 2015, the second phase of rapidway construction will begin, heading west of Edgeley Blvd. and east of Bowes Rd.

- Rapidway design plans have advanced and leave property lines and fencing intact as much as possible.

- Waterways and green spaces will remain without undergoing significant change.

- The rapidway provides safer left turns for drivers, with dedicated left-turn signals at each interchange and the ability to make a u-turn. The elimination of mid-block left turns will help in avoiding common side-impact accidents in the median of the roadway during heavy traffic.

- From Edgeley Blvd. to Bowes Rd., three rapidway vivastations will be built including a larger vivestation west of Jane Street at Vaughan Metropolitan Centre [VMC]. The VMC vivestation will connect the rapidway with a subway station and an inter-regional bus terminal via an underground concourse.

- Vaughan is attracting residential and business development to the VMC area, and this urban space will evolve over time to combine great transit access with new residential, business, entertainment and cultural centres.
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The second phase of the Highway 7 West rapidway, from Bowes Rd. towards Yonge St., will begin construction in 2015 and is scheduled to be completed in 2018. The rapidway will follow the existing viva route, travelling along Centre St. and Bathurst St.

The Bathurst and Centre area already hosts a significant number of retail shops, a theatre, professional services, transit terminal, health and education services as well as a mix of low and high rise residential accommodations. The attractiveness for higher density in this area already exists and will continue as York Region’s population increases, which is why this next phase of viva is so important.

Centre St., from Bathurst to Dufferin, has high transit ridership with an average of 28,059 transit customer movements per week.* It is where people live and need to go to work, visit, shop and obtain services.

The rapidway design has progressed, showing existing fencing, trees and property lines will be left intact as much as possible.

The rapidway provides safer left turns for drivers, with dedicated left-turn signals at intersections and the ability to make a u-turn. The elimination of mid-block left turns will help in avoiding common side-impact accidents in the median of the roadway during heavy traffic.

Similar to the rapidway construction on Highway 7 in Markham and Richmond Hill that started in 2011, construction work will be scheduled during off-peak hours as much as possible to minimize inconvenience. Access to businesses and driveways will be maintained, and sidewalks will be available for pedestrians.

Real-time travel information will be posted on the roadside to assist motorists.

VivaNext will be in regular contact with property owners and residents to share construction details and help mitigate issues and address concerns.

* Based on YRT/Viva ridership statistics during a one-week period for viva Purple, YRT 3 and 77 routes.
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The second phase of rapidway construction on Highway 7 West, including from Helen St. to Edgeley Blvd., will begin in 2015 and is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

The May 2011 noise assessment study [conducted from Pine Valley Dr. to Ansley Grove Rd.] confirmed that future noise levels will not be higher as a result of the rapidway, as long as sound barriers similar to those existing remain.

Where privately owned noise barriers are already in place, York Region’s Noise Protocol does not plan for building new noise barriers.

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The Highway 7 West rapidway will bring pedestrian-friendly, attractive spaces to the west end of Highway 7 and fast, reliable transit service to help people get around as our community continues to grow.