



A Metrolinx vivaNext Project

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A photograph of a young woman with dark, curly hair and a man with glasses, both smiling and looking at each other. The woman is holding a large bouquet of colorful flowers. They are standing in what appears to be a transit station, with a blue bus visible in the background.

building transit with
safety and the
environment in mind.

Bathurst & Centre

The 'VIVANEXT' logo, with 'VIVA' in a bold, sans-serif font and 'NEXT' in a lighter, sans-serif font.

Bathurst & Centre why here—why now?

An important rule of planning transit is to build where people are, and where they want to go. Throughout York Region, we're building transit on existing Viva routes, and in downtown areas we know will continue to grow. High density in the Bathurst and Centre area already exists, and the population and employment opportunities will continue to increase, which is why improving transit now along this route is so important. Bathurst and Centre is a destination with shops, restaurants, theatres, recreation centres and more, with transit serving thousands of people each day.

As construction activity is increasing, those who live and work in the Thornhill area may be interested in measures taken to enhance safety and protect the environment.

In this pamphlet, we answer some of the most common questions we receive.



safety first

We follow current legislation, provincial guidelines and strict safety practices to ensure everyone stays safe and the environment is protected and respected.



legislation and local bylaws

When setting up work sites, our contractors abide by legislation, safety guidelines and local bylaws, including:

- › Ontario Ministry of Labour, *Occupational Health and Safety Act* [1990]
- › Ontario Regulations for Construction Projects, *Ontario Regulations 213/91*
- › Ontario Traffic Council, *Ontario Traffic Manual—Book 7*
- › Bylaws of York Region and local municipalities



safe contractors and crews

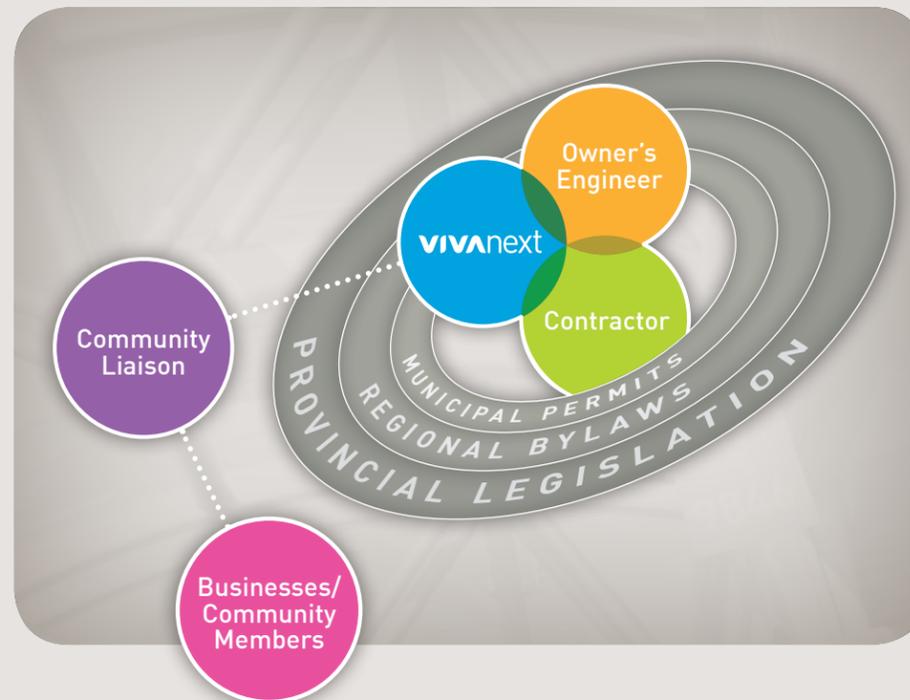
In addition to existing legislation and local bylaws, our contractors receive certification from industry associations, and have their own safety and quality assurance processes, including:

- › Daily safety meetings before work starts, including a Pre-Safety Assessment—contractor and subcontractor crews each receive a list of tasks for the day, potential hazards, and safety measures are reviewed and then put in place.
- › Pedestrian Control Plans to protect and direct pedestrians when the work impacts sidewalks, crosswalks and bus stops.
- › Health and safety manuals outlining safety policies, plans and procedures, and codes of practice which crews operate under.
- › Traffic Control Plans and Traffic Protection Plans, which adhere to lane closures and safety measures outlined in the *Ontario Traffic Manual—Book 7*, such as using signs and barrier placement to protect workers and people in the area.
- › Weekly site inspections in which reports are filled out and recorded by supervisors.

Safety of the site and the construction workers is very important on any job to make sure everyone gets home to their families.



working together for safety



There are many checks and balances in place to ensure safety and compliance, including:

- › Engineering firm monitors and reports on the safety and environmental measures in place on work sites.
- › York Region/municipality reviews the contractor's proposed traffic and pedestrian control plan before authorizing a permit.
- › YRT/Viva is consulted when a bus stop will be moved or relocated, or when customers will need to cross near a construction area.
- › Weekly team meetings to discuss all aspects of upcoming work activity.
- › Emergency services—police, fire and ambulance—are informed about impactful work activity so route options can be considered.
- › The Community Liaison proactively advises businesses and/or residents directly impacted by work activity.
- › General notices of work are also emailed to those who sign up, to ensure the public is aware of major construction activities such as lane closures and changes to the street so that everyone gets where they need to go safely. Sign-up for email updates at vivanext.com/subscribe.

protecting the environment

- › Construction is planned and monitored so that work activity adheres to bylaws for noise and vibration. In exceptional circumstances, exemptions are granted. Each exemption also has its own standard, which is strictly adhered to and monitored.
- › Before each project, an extensive Environmental Assessment [EA] is completed, including detailed evaluations and reports on the physical environment in and around the proposed project.
- › Public consultations are held, answering questions and receiving comments about the proposed project, and the area where it is planned.
- › The Province of Ontario, Minister of Environment and Climate Change signs off on the final Environmental Protection Report before the project can proceed.
- › Once the project begins, annual Compliance Reports are submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.
- › Environmental Assessment Compliance Reports for vivaNext projects are available on vivanext.com.

getting more information

Who can I call or where do I go if I have a question? Keeping the public informed and engaged with our project is key. Our Community Liaisons work with property owners, tenants, local businesses and the general public onsite.



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