



Office of the Commissioner  
Public Works Department

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Markham Council

From: Brian Titherington, Director, Transportation Infrastructure Planning

CC: Wayne Emmerson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, York Region  
Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer, York Region  
Lina Bigioni, Chief of Staff, York Region  
Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Public Works, York Region  
Lauren Crawford, Manager, Public Works, York Region  
Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, York Region  
Frank Clarizio, Director of Engineering, City of Markham  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham

Date: June 14, 2022

Re: 2022 Transportation Master Plan - Response to Markham Council Development Services Committee Resolution

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On May 16, 2022, Regional staff presented an update on the draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to Markham Development Services Committee. The presentation included a summary of the Region's public engagement work, transportation network and focus area recommendations.

On May 24, 2022, the Regional Clerk received a letter from Markham City Council (Attachment 1), confirming at its May 16, 2022 meeting a resolution was adopted to receive the presentation and request Regional staff to consider revising the 2022 Transportation Master Plan, as noted on agenda item [4.4.1 YORK REGION TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE \(13.4\)](#). This memorandum summarizes items 2 and 3 of the resolution and responses from Regional staff.

<b>Items related to York Region’s 2022 Transportation Master Plan</b>		
	<b>Items in Markham Council Resolution:</b>	<b>York Region Response:</b>
2.	<p>Markham Council request that York Region revise or review its 2022 Transportation Master Plan to reflect the updated population figures for Thornhill</p>	<p>The draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan (2022 TMP) identifies transportation infrastructure and initiatives required to support population and employment growth to 2051, as envisioned through the Regional Official Plan. The 2022 TMP is a long-term plan with a 30-year outlook and will be monitored and updated through a comprehensive review every five years to ensure it reflects current travel needs. These updates will continue to consider approved population planning projects including those for Thornhill.</p> <p>Yonge Street is identified as a Regional Corridor in the Regional Official Plan and York Region recognizes it will be a prominent location for high levels of intensification. This vision is supported by several local official plans, including the existing Yonge Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan, <a href="#">Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan</a>, and City of Markham <a href="#">Langstaff Gateway Secondary Plan</a>.</p> <p>As such, the 2022 TMP includes significant additional transportation investments as part of the 30-year infrastructure plan for the Thornhill area. This investment includes the Yonge North Subway Extension, the Cedar/Red Cedar Avenue connection, and improvements to Bayview Avenue from Langstaff Road to John Street.</p> <p>The Region will continue to monitor the 2022 TMP recommendations for long-term transportation infrastructure as part of our annual capital budget process. The Region is committed to working with local municipalities and developers through the</p>

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	development process to ensure required transportation infrastructure is appropriately phased with development.
3. Markham Council also request York Region to continue to work with Metrolinx on determining if grade separations or elevated tracks is the best and most cost-effective model for Markham’s Stouffville GO rail corridors in crossing the road network	The 2022 TMP has been developed to support long-term transportation needs of the community and realistic future funding assumptions. The Region will continue to work with and consult Metrolinx on transportation initiatives including elevated tracks, road-rail grade separation projects, GO station planning and access. We will work with Metrolinx to advocate for a thorough consideration of all options employing their business case approach.

Consultation with local partners, stakeholders and the public are key components for successful delivery of the 2022 Transportation Master Plan. Regional staff appreciate the comments from Markham and look forward to continuing the conversation with City staff. Further information on the 2022 TMP can be found on the project website at [www.york.ca/tmp](http://www.york.ca/tmp).

if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Crawford, Manager, Transportation Long-Term Planning, Public Works at [lauren.crawford@york.ca](mailto:lauren.crawford@york.ca).



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 Brian Titherington  
 Director, Transportation Infrastructure Planning, Public Works

Attachment (1)  
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May 24, 2022

**Christopher Raynor**  
Regional Clerk  
York Region  
17250 Yonge Street  
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**RE:** [YORK REGION 2022 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN - RESPONSE TO DSC COMMENTS](#) (13.4)

Dear Mr. Raynor;

This will confirm that at its May 17, 2022 meeting, Markham City Council adopted the following resolution:

1. That the presentation on York Region's response to the Development Services Committee's Comments on the York Region 2022 Transportation Master Plan, be received; and,
2. That Markham Council request that York Region revise or review its 2022 Transportation Master Plan to reflect the updated population figures for Thornhill; and,
3. That Markham Council also request York Region to continue to work with Metrolinx on determining if grade separations or elevated tracks is the best and most cost effective model for Markham's Stouffville GO rail corridors in crossing the road network, and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Loy Cheah at [LCheah@markham.ca](mailto:LCheah@markham.ca)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham', written over a horizontal line.

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk