



Request for Information

York Region Transit is hereby providing advance notice of its planned release of a Request for Information (RFI) in April 2013 and a subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP) document in June 2013 for its next Viva Bus Rapid Transit Operating and Maintenance contract, service commencing September 2015.

York Region

- > York Region is located in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in southern Ontario, Canada.
- > It is comprised of nine municipalities covering 1,776 square kilometres (686 square miles), stretching from the City of Toronto in the south to Lake Simcoe and Holland Marsh in the north, and bounded by Peel Region in the west and Durham Region in the east.
- > The population of York Region has rapidly grown from 166,060 people in 1971 to an estimated population of 1,095,186 in 2012. Projected population is 1,500,000 in 2031 with 801,000 jobs.

York Region Transit

- > On January 1, 2001, York Region assumed responsibility for the funding and operation of public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region.
- > Between 2001 and the end of 2012, the total YRT/Viva annual service hours increased from 353,000 hours to 1,120,000 hours, or by over three times.
- > During the same period, revenue boardings grew from 7.7 million to a forecasted 22.1 million, or over two and half times.

- > The YRT/Viva system consists of 123 routes, including five Viva Bus Rapid Transit routes.
- > The YRT/Viva fleet includes 335 conventional buses, 116 Viva buses, 27 mobility vehicles and a combination of 60 contracted accessible vans and sedans.
- > Viva bus rapid transit, the "Quick Start" phase, was launched in September 2005 operating in mixed traffic.
- > The current system operates along approximately 90 kilometres of roadway and will expand to other main Regional corridors by 2017.
- > Vivanext, the second phase of Viva, includes the construction of dedicated bus lanes. The first rapidway segment is scheduled to open in July 2013.
- > Viva 2013 annual service hours are estimated at 287,087 hours and 428,297 in 2017.

New Viva Facility

- > York Region will be opening a new Viva Operations and Maintenance Facility in Spring 2015.
- > The facility will be approximately 47,500 square metres or 511,600 square feet in size and will, at full build out, store up to 250 60' articulated vehicles.

Procurement Process

YRT/Viva will release an RFI in early April 2013, seeking input from transit industry experts into its next Viva bus rapid transit contract which will be released in June 2013.

To obtain feedback from interested proponents, YRT/Viva will hold a number of meetings. Dates are tentative and subject to change.

RFI proponents meetings will be held on:

April 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2013
at the York Region Transit office,
50 High Tech Road, 5th Floor,
Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada

Proponents are not required to attend all meetings, but are encouraged to participate in as many as possible.

Procurement specific questions should be emailed to:

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