

WE HEARD YOU!

THIS IS WHAT YOU TOLD US ...

Over 230 Unionville GO passengers took part in the 2017 GO Station access and amenities survey.

Of which, 70% were willing to try an alternative mode to get to the station.

This guide provides you with tips and resources to help you along the way during construction.

You are willing to access the station by ...

Carpool



59%

Transit



37%

Cycling



OR

Walking



20%



TRANSIT TIPS AND RESOURCES



Take the opportunity to listen to music, catch up on your latest read, or check emails before heading into the office. York Region Transit offers priority and courtesy seating for individuals with disabilities.

See how you can fit transit into your schedule and plan with the tips below.

PLAN YOUR ROUTE

1. Use [Triplinx](#), York Region Transit's (YRT) [Trip Planner](#) or [Schedule Finder](#) to find the latest routes, schedules and fare information.
2. Use PRESTO for discounted fare when connecting to and from YRT/Viva to Unionville GO station with YRT's [Ride to GO](#) program.
3. YRT routes 8, 42, 202, 204 and Viva routes Pink, Purple and Green connect commuters to Unionville GO station every 15 - 30 minutes during rush hour.

PAY WITH PRESTO

Visit prestocard.ca to:

1. Learn where to buy and reload your card.
2. Create an account and register your card.
3. Add preset station to your GO train trips.

For more helpful tips:

Consult the [PRESTO Webinar](#), hosted by Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill and PointA.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Utilize YRT's [Bike 'n Bus](#) program to bring your bike to the GO station when travelling on YRT/Viva buses.
2. Walk or get dropped off to the GO station.
3. Carpool or drive to one of four YRT's [Park 'n Ride](#) locations in Markham to park for free and hop onto a YRT/Viva bus to get to the GO station.



CARPOOL TIPS AND RESOURCES



FIND YOUR RIDE MATCH

The [Smart Commute Tool](#) can help you to find a ride match, share information with and keep a record of your carpool group. See steps below to find a ride match:

1. Register on the [Smart Commute Tool](#) and join the GO - Unionville Station network
2. Insert your Start (home) and Destination location to find neighbours to carpool to the GO station with
3. Connect with neighbours to carpool

For more information, visit the [Smart Commute Tool](#)

GET COMFORTABLE

1. Upon finding a carpool match, exchange contact information to streamline communication
2. Meet in advance, in a public space, to find out if the carpool match works for you.
3. Establish a schedule for carpool trips.
4. Determine a cost sharing and payment strategy.

Review carpool etiquettes and tips [HERE](#).

CARPOOL TO GO

1. To take advantage of designated carpool spots, apply for a [Carpool to GO permit](#). Families who drive together to the station are also eligible for a carpool permit. *New carpool parking spots are coming to Unionville GO in 2019!*
2. Ministry of Transportation (MTO) carpool parking lots are ideal places to meet up with your carpool partner. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2DxGxCn>



WALKING AND CYCLING TIPS AND RESOURCES



PLAN YOUR ROUTE

Check out these local cycling and walking resources to find suggested routes to fit your commute:

- [York Region Cycling Map](#)
- [York Region Cycling Handbook](#)
- [Markham Cycling Map](#)
- [CAN-BIKE Canada](#)
- [Smart Commute Tool](#)
- [YRT Bike 'n Bus](#)
- [York Region Trail Map*](#)

* The closest multi-use trail to Unionville GO station is Unionville Valley Lands Trail.

PUT SAFETY FIRST

1. Choose continuous sidewalks, trails, multi-use pathways, and dedicated bike lanes for travel.
2. Obey all traffic signals when crossing intersections, especially along Kennedy Road.
3. Consult Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill's [Cycling 101 webinar](#), hosted by Master CAN-BIKE instructor Jacqui Snyder, for information on hand signals, cycling safety and rules, and additional tips and resources.
4. Communicate with drivers by using hand signals and making eye contact. Wear reflective clothing and ensure your bike has a working bell, light, and reflectors for increased visibility.
5. [People on bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers.](#)

Contact Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill at info@smartcommutemrh.ca for walking and cycling route planning assistance.

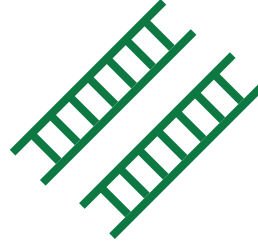
A BETTER UNIONVILLE GO STATION IS COMING!

Improvements are coming to Unionville GO station. Here is what you need to know:



Construction Status:

Phase One of construction has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of 2020.



Station Access improvements:

There will be 300 new parking spots, safe pedestrian walkways through the parking lot, and increased bicycle storage.



Service Updates:

A second turnaround track will allow all-day, two-way GO train service on the Stouffville line.



Enhanced Accessibility Improvements:

Stairs will be replaced by ramps from the parking lot to the platforms along with new pedestrian tunnels and elevators.



Platform Improvements:

A new island platform, a relocated East platform with snow-melting systems, and canopies to shelter platforms



Stay Informed:

Find construction updates [online](#) or on your [mobile device](#).

For information on all improvements along the Stouffville line, [click here](#).