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Construction Zone Transportation Notice

As York Region continues to grow, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) receives requests from parents to transport students from subdivisions which are under construction. These requests are reviewed on an individual basis by both STSYR staff and professionally trained Safety Officers employed by school bus companies.

On occasion, roads in subdivisions under construction may be deemed by Safety Officers as unsafe for school vehicle travel. Roads can be deemed unsafe when they are subject to blocked or impeded travel paths, reduced visibility, dangerous surface conditions and/or sudden stops. In many cases these factors can be caused by the operation of construction equipment and/or the presence of building materials on roadways which create a safety risk for the transportation of students.

If a street (s) within a community is deemed unsafe for school vehicle travel, parents will need to make the necessary arrangements to get their children to a safe bus location outside of the construction zone. Parents are responsible for ensuring the safety of their children while waiting at and/or while traveling to and from the school bus stop.

When a street is deemed unsafe, STSYR will work with Safety Officers to monitor construction on a regular basis and will extend bus service to completed areas when it is deemed safe to do so. Prior to such service extensions taking place, notification will be forwarded to schools to share with parents and students.

STSYR thanks you for your patience and co-operation in this matter as we remain committed to ensuring all students receive transportation services that are designed to emphasize student safety.