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Starts September 4!

- Eight weekday trips between Pickering Parkway Terminal and Uxbridge.
- Services Claremont, Brock/407 Park and Ride, and Coppin's Corners.



Monday - Friday												
	South	to Picl	kering		North to Uxbridge							
Toronto & Brock Uxbridge Depart	Welwood & Toronto Uxbridge	Old Brock & Central Pickering (Claremont)	407 / Brock Park & Ride Pickering	Pickering Parkway Terminal Arrive		Pickering Parkway Terminal Depart	407 / Brock Park & Ride Pickering	Old Brock & Central Pickering (Claremont)	Welwood & Toronto Uxbridge Arrive			
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06:30	06:35	06:50	6:58	07:15		10:32	10:47	10:55	11:10			
07:55	08:00	08:15	08:23	08:40		12:32	12:47	12:55	13:10			
-	11:15	11:30	11:38	11:53		15:40	15:55	16:03	16:18			
-	13:15	13:30	13:38	13:53		17:45	18:00	18:08	18:23			

- 407 Brock Park and Ride: Connect to GO Bus services.
- Pickering Parkway Terminal: Connect to GO Bus and Train services.

Fares - May 1, 2017

Fares	Adult	Youth 13 - 19 years	Senior / Child 65+ years / 6 - 12 years (5 and under free)
PRESTO/Ticket*	\$3.10	\$2.80	\$2.10
Monthly Pass	\$117	\$93.50	\$46 / \$65
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