



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Lemsford Road - U-Turn Prohibition

Date:	January 4, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services-Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	eycc070004-to; eycc070004-to-att1

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to propose an eastbound U-turn prohibition on Lemsford Road from Islington Avenue to the east limit of Lemsford Road, approximately 100.0 metres east of Islington Avenue. Approval of this report will result in the installation of regulatory “No U-turn” signs at this location.

U-turns are occurring in close proximity to Islington Avenue, a major arterial road, and motorists are travelling onto the gravel shoulder to perform these turns. Since these movements compromise the safety of other road users in this area, a U-turn prohibition is recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. U-turns be prohibited anytime for eastbound traffic on Lemsford Road between Islington Avenue and the east limit of Lemsford Road including enacting the associated by-law.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Residents of Adriatic Road, north of Lemsford Road, presented a petition to Transportation Staff regarding their concern with the number of U-turns on Lemsford Road. The issue was also raised in a meeting with Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, Etobicoke North.

COMMENTS

Lemsford Road is a local road located to the east of Islington Avenue approximately 500.0 metres south of Highway No. 401. The speed limit on the street is 50 km/h and continuous sidewalk exists on the south side of the road only. Parking is prohibited on both sides of the road. Lemsford Road traffic has a stop sign at Islington Avenue. On the north side of the street, between Islington Avenue and Adriatic Road, a wide gravel shoulder exists. High density apartments are located on the south side of the street, with two residential homes on the north side although having Adriatic Road addresses.

As part of our investigation, Transportation Services staff conducted studies on Lemsford Road. Our study results are as follows:

Study Date	Study Time	Number of EB to WB U-turns
September 5, 2006	10:25 – 11:25 a.m.	9
September 6, 2006	12:20 – 1:20 p.m.	15

Collision history data for Lemsford Road from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2005, indicated that there were no reported collisions involving U-turns. Implementation of this proposal will prohibit these movements that are unsafe for both vehicles and pedestrians, and may result in collisions.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map