



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**2007 Capital Works Projects – Highway Alteration By-laws on Transit Routes**

<b>Date:</b>	June 12, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12
<b>Reference Number:</b>	eycc070088-to – 5392

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to recommend the enactment of highway alteration by-laws for the installation of lay-bys, sidewalks and realignments of intersections at various locations in the Etobicoke York District.

The proposed modifications and alterations will be undertaken as part of the Capital Works Program and will improve traffic operations and enhance pedestrian safety. The alterations identified in this report are on established Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) routes and require the approval of City Council.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

- (1) City Council approve the alterations and modifications at various locations within the Etobicoke York District, generally as shown on the attached sketches and descriptions as indicated in Appendix “A” dated June 12, 2007.

**Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the various projects within the Etobicoke York District as indicated in Appendix “A”, have been accommodated in the approved 2007 Capital Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

City legal staff have recently advised that The *City of Toronto Act, 2006* requires by-laws for the alteration of highways. This is not a new requirement under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and was required under the previous Municipal Acts. Notwithstanding that many pre-amalgamation municipalities had varied practices relating to highway alterations, City legal staff have advised that if any of the District in Transportation wish to make an alteration to a highway, a by-law is required to be prepared and passed under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. Alterations requiring approval typically include road narrowing and widening, the installation of a lay-by, the installation of sidewalks, the installation of medians and the realignment of intersections.

As of March 27, 2007, Community Councils have the authority to pass highway alteration bylaws with respect to various works as set out in Chapter 27 Article XVIII of the Toronto Municipal Code. Specifically, §§27-152B(5) allows Community Councils to pass highway alteration bills with respect to highways that do not have an established TTC route and are classified as local roads, collector roads, minor arterial roads or major arterial roads on which the proposal complies with all relevant City by-laws and policies.

The highway alterations identified in this report are on streets with established TTC routes and require the approval of City Council.

## **COMMENTS**

There are a number of projects included in the Transportation Services 2007 Capital Works Program in the Etobicoke York District that have not yet commenced that require Highway Alteration By-laws in accordance with the City of Toronto Act 2006. These include a bus bay, new sidewalk installations, intersection realignments, and curb and median adjustments and are shown on the attached sketches and described in Appendix “A”. The enactment of the necessary highway alteration by-laws is required prior to the construction of the proposed projects in the Etobicoke York District. TTC has been consulted on these projects and has not objected to the work.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix "A"  
Sketches