



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Eastbound Right Turn Lane Designation: Wilson Avenue and Tippet Road/Wilson Heights Boulevard

Date:	December 15, 2006
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 10 - York Centre
Reference Number:	p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc06008tsny

SUMMARY

To obtain approval for the designation of the eastbound curb lane on Wilson Avenue for right-turns only, buses excepted. This lane designation would prevent conflicts and improve safety at the intersection of Wilson Avenue and Tippet Road/Wilson Heights Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District, recommends that:

1. The southerly eastbound lane on Wilson Avenue west of Tippet Road / Wilson Heights Boulevard be designated for right-turning vehicles only, buses excepted, from the westerly limit of Tippet Road to a point 120 metres westerly thereof; and
2. The appropriate City Officials be authorized to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the implementation of the lane designation are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District’s 2007 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District staff, as part of an operational review of the subject intersection has identified improvements to operations by designating the eastbound curb lane on Wilson Avenue for right-turns only, buses excepted.

COMMENTS

The intersection of Wilson Avenue and Tippet Road/Wilson Heights Boulevard is controlled by traffic control signals. The existing lane configuration for the eastbound approach lanes consists of a left turn lane, two through traffic lanes and a right turn lane. The eastbound discharge lanes consist of a centre lane and a wide curb lane which narrows further east of the intersection.

Our review has indicated that eastbound traffic travelling in the curb lane must merge with through traffic on the far side of the intersection. This merging manoeuvre is potentially hazardous. Designation of the curb lane for rights-turns only will eliminate this unsafe manoeuvre.

Councillor Michael Feldman has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map: Wilson Avenue at Tippet Road/Wilson Heights Boulevard Lane Designation (nycc06008tsny)