



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Right Turn Lane Designations: Steeles Avenue East at Leslie Street

Date:	August 17, 2007
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 24 – Willowdale
Reference Number:	p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc07090tsny (5782)

SUMMARY

To obtain approval for the designation of the westbound and eastbound curb lanes on Steeles Avenue East at Leslie Street for right-turns only, buses excepted.

The lane designations would prevent motorists from using the subject lanes as queue jump lanes and would improve the overall traffic operations at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Leslie Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District, recommends that:

1. the northerly westbound lane on Steeles Avenue East east of Leslie Street be designated for right-turning vehicles only, buses excepted, from the east limit of Leslie Street to a point 90 metres east;
2. the southerly eastbound lane on Steeles Avenue East east of Leslie Street be designated for right-turning vehicles only, buses excepted, from the west limit of Leslie Street to a point 110 metres west; and
3. 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 designation of the right turn lanes are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District staff, received a request from the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to consider designating the curb lanes on Steeles Avenue East at Leslie Street for right-turns only, buses excepted.

COMMENTS

The intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Leslie Street is controlled by traffic control signals and both roads are classified as major arterial roads. TTC bus stops are located on the northeast corner and on the southwest corner of this intersection.

Although the westbound and eastbound curb lanes are clearly intended to function only as right turn lanes, it is neither dedicated nor signed as such.

Observations have confirmed that westbound and eastbound motorists use the right turn lanes as a queue jump lanes, and often cut in front of other vehicles to enter the general through lanes. This activity significantly reduces the level of safety for all motorists and delays TTC buses from reaching their bus stop location quicker.

Councillor Shiner has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Steeles Avenue East at Leslie Street – Right Turn Lane Designation