



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Prohibited U-Turns: Sheppard Avenue East at Bonnington Place

<b>Date:</b>	November 1, 2007
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 23 - Willowdale</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc07101tsny (6328)

#### SUMMARY

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To obtain approval to prohibit westbound u-turns on Sheppard Avenue East, between Bonnington Place and Doris Avenue.

The implementation of the prohibited u-turns will improve safety on Sheppard Avenue East, between Bonnington Place and Doris Avenue.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. westbound u-turns be prohibited at anytime on Sheppard Avenue East, between Bonnington Place and Doris Avenue; and
2. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action deemed necessary to implement the foregoing including the introduction in Council of any bills that are required.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

All costs associated with the implementation of the u-turn prohibition are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, has reviewed the concerns of a resident regarding an unsafe situation caused by westbound motorists on Sheppard Avenue East conducting u-turns between Bonnington Place and Doris Avenue.

Currently, westbound left-turns are prohibited between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Bonnington Place. The turn restrictions at this location were intended to reduce the volume of transient traffic through the Avondale Community during the morning peak period.

## **COMMENTS**

Sheppard Avenue East, between Bonnington Place and Doris Avenue is a six-lane arterial roadway with a posted speed limit of 60 km/h.

Observations at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Bonnington Place during the morning peak period have verified the resident's concern that numerous motorists conduct westbound u-turns between Bonnington Place and Doris Avenue in order to enter the Avondale Community and avoid the westbound left-turn restriction at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Bonnington Place.

A review of the collision history indicates that there have been no reported incidents at this location, however, staff observations have identified that the potential for serious collisions does exist when westbound u-turns are attempted.

The implementation of a u-turn prohibition at this location will reduce the potential for vehicle conflicts on Sheppard Avenue East and reduce the volume of transient traffic that enters the Avondale Community in this manner.

Councillor John Filion has indicated his support for the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment:                   Map – Sheppard Avenue East at Bonnington Place; Prohibited  
Westbound U-turns (nycc07101tsny)

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