



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Bicycle Lanes on Rogers Road from Old Weston Road to Oakwood Avenue

Date:	August 2, 2007
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards:	York South-Weston, Ward 12; Eglinton-Lawrence, Ward 15; Davenport, Ward 17
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SUMMARY

This report is being submitted to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee because the proposed bicycle lanes on Rogers Road span two Community Council districts.

The purpose of this report is to obtain authority to install bicycle lanes on Rogers Road from Old Weston Road to Oakwood Avenue. The installation of bicycle lanes within the existing Rogers Road pavement width will require a reduction in on-street parking supply. However, several parking utilization surveys have shown that the resultant parking supply will still be well in excess of current demand for parking in this area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Transportation Services Division recommends that City Council:

1. approve the installation of bicycle lanes on both sides of Rogers Road, from Old Weston Road to Oakwood Avenue, as detailed in Appendix A of this report;
2. approve the amendments to the traffic and parking regulations detailed in Appendix B of this report; and
3. authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of all necessary bills.

Financial Impact

Funds to implement the bicycle lanes on Rogers Road, in the estimated amount of \$125,000.00 are provided for within the Transportation Services Division 2007 Capital Budget in the Cycling Infrastructure Account CTP 807-05.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001 adopted the Toronto Bike Plan (Clause No. 3 of Report No. 8 of the Planning and Transportation Committee). One of the key recommendations of the Toronto Bike Plan is to implement a 1,000 kilometre Bikeway Network.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Rogers Road, between Old Weston Road and Oakwood Avenue, was originally identified as a potential bikeway in the Toronto Bike Plan.

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions

Rogers Road is generally 12.8 metres wide, and operates as a two lane roadway, one lane in each direction. Traffic volumes are in the range of 17,500 vehicles daily. There are seven signalized intersections and one pedestrian crossover on Rogers Road from Old Weston Road to Oakwood Avenue. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the 161-Rogers Road bus route in both directions over the entire affected section. Parking is permitted at all times on both sides of Rogers Road. The speed limit on Rogers Road is 40 kilometres per hour.

Bicycle Lane Design

The installation of bicycle lanes on Rogers Road will retain the single traffic lane in each direction, with exclusive left-turn lanes provided at signalized intersections. The road cross-sections will generally include parking on one side and no stopping on the other side. The attached Drawing No. 421P-0002, dated August 2006, entitled "Rogers Road: Old Weston Road – Oakwood Avenue: Proposed Bicycle Lane Location Plan" illustrates the proposed conditions along the route. Drawing No. 421P-0003, dated August 2006, illustrates the typical cross-section.

Traffic Impacts

Our analysis of this proposal indicates that the existing traffic volumes can be accommodated in two traffic lanes with exclusive turn lanes provided as described above.

Parking Impacts

The proposed design will allow parking on only one side. Over the entire length of Rogers Road, the on-street parking supply will be reduced from 357 spaces to 145 spaces. However, parking surveys conducted during midday, early evening and the middle of the

night suggest that the 145-space parking supply with the proposed bicycle lanes will still comfortably exceed demand. The 65 parked vehicles counted during the midday and early evening, and the 50 counted during the middle of the night, are well below the 145 spaces that will be available.

T.T.C. Impacts

The T.T.C. have been consulted on this proposal and do not have any concerns.

Public Consultation

In consultation with Councillors Moscoe, Di Giorgio, and Palacio, an Open House was held on June 25, 2007 to present the proposed bicycle lanes on Rogers Road. The meeting notice was distributed to approximately one thousand addresses on Rogers Road and nearby properties on intersecting streets. No one attended the open house to review and comment on the proposed bicycle lane. One individual submitted comments by email, supportive of the proposal.

The Ward Councillors have been consulted and support the proposed bike lanes on Rogers Road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Bicycle Lanes to be Designated
Appendix B – Parking and Traffic By-Law Amendments
Drawing No. 421P0002
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