



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Strachan Avenue at Canada Boulevard/Fleet Street – rescind turn prohibition

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone has requested Transportation Services to report on rescinding the southbound right turn on red prohibition on Strachan Avenue at Canada Boulevard/Fleet Street.

This type of traffic control measure is considered when there are heavy conflicting traffic demands between pedestrians crossing and vehicles turning that risk public safety. Removing the southbound right-turn-on-red prohibition on Strachan Avenue at Canada Boulevard/Fleet Street will not jeopardize public safety, nor increase a risk to the TTC streetcar operation, as motorists are required under the Highway Traffic Act to stop on a red traffic signal and can only lawfully proceed when it is safe to make a right turn.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. the existing “No-Right-Turn-On-Red” prohibition for southbound traffic on Strachan Avenue at Fleet Street/Manitoba Drive, be rescinded.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations	\$100.00

COMMENTS

In conjunction with the construction of the National Trade Centre at Exhibition Place, which included the realignment of Manitoba Drive and the construction of Canada Boulevard within the Exhibition Place grounds, new traffic regulations were required and implemented in June of 1996.

One of these new traffic regulations was the introduction of the southbound right-turn-on-red prohibition on Strachan Avenue at its intersection with Canada Boulevard/Fleet Street. At the time, there was a concern of a potential conflict between southbound right-turning vehicular traffic with westbound streetcars.

A review of this issue reveals there has been a significant decrease (about 90%) in the total number of southbound vehicles turning right onto Canada Boulevard from Strachan Avenue over a typical eight-hour period of the day, since the regulation was introduced.

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