

Elm Ridge Drive, west of Bathurst Street – Exclusive Right Turn Lane

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services, as part of the proposed 2007 reconstruction of Bathurst Street from Lawrence Avenue West to Shallmar Boulevard, identified the need to improve the lane configuration at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue.

The designation of the eastbound curb lane on Elm Ridge Drive for right turns only, will improve the overall traffic operations and safety at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. designate the southerly eastbound lane on Elm Ridge Drive, from Bathurst Street to a point 30.5 metres west, for right turns only.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$400

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff identified the need to improve the lane configuration at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue, in preparation for road construction activity proposed for later this year.

COMMENTS

The intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue is controlled by traffic control signals. The existing lane configuration for the eastbound approach (Elm Ridge Drive) consists of exclusive left, through and right turn lanes. Eastbound traffic on the far side of the intersection (Roselawn Avenue) has only one lane of traffic. To improve safety, it is desirable to have eastbound through traffic from Elm Ridge Drive to Roselawn Avenue use the centre lane only on the west side of the intersection.

Although existing pavement markings identify the eastbound curb lane as a right turn lane, our review has confirmed that the occasional motorist uses the curb lane as a through lane. This action by motorists requires that they merge with the through traffic lane within the intersection, which is an unsafe practice.

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