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**Construction Staging Area on Bremner Boulevard, east of York Street**

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 28
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**SUMMARY**

Two 54-storey residential buildings are being constructed at a site on the south-east corner of York Street and Bremner Boulevard. To permit this construction, Transportation Services' must temporarily close the south sidewalk and provide a temporary pedestrian walkway in the south curb lane on Bremner Boulevard for 36 months, and must temporarily close Bremner Boulevard, north of Lake Shore Boulevard, for 12 months.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS****Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. the sidewalk and curb lane on the south side of Bremner Boulevard, between York Street and a point 110.1 metres east of York Street, be closed to vehicular traffic for 36 months from February 7, 2007 to January 31, 2010;
2. Bremner Boulevard be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic between Lake Shore Boulevard and a point 75.5 metres north of Lake Shore Boulevard, for 12 months from February 7, 2007 to January 31, 2008;
3. stopping be prohibited at all times on the south side of Bremner Boulevard, between York Street and a point 110.1 metres east of York Street;
4. the existing No Standing Anytime regulation on the south side of Bremner Boulevard, between York Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West, be rescinded; and

5. upon completion of this project, Bremner Boulevard revert to its pre-construction traffic and parking operation and regulations.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

No financial implications. Costs associated with this work will be borne by the applicant.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services has received an application from PCL Constructors Canada Inc. to close the sidewalk and provide a temporary pedestrian walkway in the curb lane on the south side of Bremner Boulevard, east of York Street, for a period of 36 months for work associated with the construction of a 54-storey residential condominium. The application also proposes a closure of Bremner Boulevard, north of Lake Shore Boulevard, for a period of 12 months.

## **COMMENTS**

The east/west section of Bremner Boulevard, east of York Street, operates two-way with a roundabout at the east end, in front of the Air Canada Centre. The north/south section operates one way northbound from Lake Shore Boulevard, connecting on the south side of the roundabout. The attached Drawing No. 421F-8625 illustrates the roadways under consideration and the proposed construction staging areas.

There is a No Standing Anytime regulation in effect on the south side of the street, and a No Stopping Anytime regulation connected with a construction staging area on the north side for an office building development. Bremner Boulevard will continue to operate two-way from York Street during construction with pedestrian walkways on both sides of the street.

The development of this property requires the excavation of the entire site within the property lines to a depth of five stories in order to provide for below grade parking. In consideration of this, it is physically impossible to construct this building from private property. Therefore, the applicant requires a construction staging area within the road allowance on the south side of Bremner Boulevard.

The closure of the north/south section of Bremner Boulevard is required for below-ground work to enlarge an existing tunnel under the street that will connect the underground loading facilities for this condominium project, the underground loading facilities for the Air Canada Centre, and underground access to other adjacent properties. The full closure of this street will not negatively impact traffic operations in the area, since traffic can proceed further west to York Street.

City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937-2 authorizes staff to issue full or partial road closure permits for up to 30 days in connection with private construction. Since this proposed closure is to be in effect for 36 months, we are advising Toronto and East York Community Council of the intended road occupation.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421F-8625, dated December, 2006

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