



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Provision of Taxicab Stand on Mill Street, east of Trinity Street**

<b>Date:</b>	December 27, 2006
<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
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts07032tey.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

In September, 2006, Transportation Services reported to Community Council recommending a student pick up/drop off zone on the south side of Mill Street, just east of Trinity Street. We were then requested to further review conflicts between taxicabs and a transit stop at this same location.

The placing of a three-vehicle taxicab stand on the south side of Mill Street adjacent to the new student pick up/drop off zone should resolve the conflicts with the existing nearside transit stop. However, we would need to remove three spaces currently used for pay-and-display and permit parking.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. the current two-hour maximum parking regulation from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 20.0 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street, be amended to operate on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 36.5 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street;
2. the current “No Parking Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.” regulation on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 20.0 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street, be amended to operate on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 36.5 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street;
3. the current regulation authorizing the operation of parking machines on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 20.0 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street, for a maximum period of 2 hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, be amended to operate on the south side of Mill Street, from a point

36.5 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street, for a maximum period of 2 hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday;

4. the current regulation authorizing the operation of parking machines on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 20.0 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street, for a maximum period of 3 hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, be amended to operate on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 36.5 metres east of Trinity Street to Cherry Street, for a maximum period of 3 hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday; and
5. a three-vehicle "Taxicab Stand" be delineated on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 20.0 metres east of Trinity Street to a point 16.5 metres further east thereof.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$ 400
Additional funding request for current budget year	Not applicable	nil
Funding required for next budget year	Not applicable	nil
Total financial impact		\$ 400

## DECISION BACKGROUND

City Council at its meeting of September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, in considering Clause No. 70, as amended, of Report No. 7 of Toronto East York Community Council among other things directed staff to review and report to Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting in January, 2007 on further changes to the transit stop location or parking regulations on Mill Street at Trinity Street.

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Pam McConnell, on behalf of representatives of the Distillery District, Traffic Operations staff reviewed the feasibility of providing a taxicab stand on the south side of Mill Street in order to deter taxicabs from parking in the existing eastbound transit stop on the south side of Mill Street, immediately west of Trinity Street.

## COMMENTS

Mill Street, between Trinity Street and Cherry Street, is a two-way, two-lane collector road. An eastbound transit stop is currently provided on the nearside of the intersection. On the south side from west to east, curb side activity is regulated by a “Student pickup/drop off zone; “Pay-and-Display” (Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and “Permit Parking” (night time).

During peak times of the Distillery District, taxicab drivers are unable to find suitable locations to pick up/drop off patrons. At times, these activities are conducted in areas assigned for other purposes, in particular within the existing eastbound transit stop. It is possible to resolve these conflicts by providing a designated area for taxicab drivers to conduct their business.

We could place a three-vehicle taxicab stand on the south side of Mill Street, from a point 20.0 metres east of Trinity Street to a point 16.5 metres further east. The designation of these spaces and appropriate enforcement should deter taxicabs from using the existing eastbound transit stop at this intersection.

The introduction of a taxicab stand will result in the removal of three on-street pay-and-display and permit parking spaces. Currently 48 parking permits are authorized on Mill Street, between Trinity Street and Cherry Street, of which twenty-one parking permits have been issued to residents along this section of Mill Street.

We considered relocating the eastbound transit stop to an alternate location on Trinity Street. Discussions with staff at the Toronto Transit Commission revealed that the current nearside location is preferable from an operations perspective. If the existing transit stop were to be relocated further east to a midblock location on Trinity Street, a minimum of three additional parking spaces would need to be removed.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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