



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Bloor Street West and Ramp from Northbound Kipling Avenue to Eastbound Bloor Street West – Traffic Control Amendment

Date:	August 5, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to propose the changing of the yield to a stop control at the south approach of the intersection of Bloor Street West and the ramp from northbound Kipling Avenue to eastbound Bloor Street West.

The proposed change in traffic control will address sightline and driver behaviour issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that the Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of a stop control at the south approach of the intersection of Bloor street West and the ramp from northbound Kipling Avenue to eastbound Bloor Street West.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$200.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from the office of Councillor Peter Milczyn, on behalf of a constituent, for staff to determine the need to change the yield to a stop sign at the south approach of the intersection of Bloor Street West and the ramp from northbound Kipling Avenue to eastbound Bloor Street West. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Bloor Street West, in the area of the ramp from northbound Kipling Avenue to eastbound Bloor Street West, is a two-lane (eastbound only) major arterial roadway. A yield sign currently controls traffic at the south approach of the intersection of Bloor Street West and the ramp from northbound Kipling Avenue to eastbound Bloor Street West.

The daily traffic volume on the ramp is approximately 1,300 vehicles per day. The eastbound traffic volume on Bloor Street West, in the area of the ramp, is approximately 13,000 vehicles per day.

Staff observations reveal that the majority of motorists on the ramp come to a full stop at Bloor Street West prior to entering the intersection. The full stops are primarily due to fact that there are restricted sightlines for motorists entering Bloor Street West from the ramp. These restricted site lines are caused by the skew angle of the ramp approach to Bloor Street West and the change in vertical alignment west of the intersection at the bridge over Kipling Avenue.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends that the current yield sign be replaced by a stop sign at the south approach of the intersection of Bloor Street West and the ramp from northbound Kipling Avenue to eastbound Bloor Street West. A stop sign is a more appropriate and safer traffic control device for this location given the existing roadway geometry.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map