

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Pedestrian Crossing and Turn Restrictions: Finch Avenue East at Finch Station Exit

Date:	December 10, 2007	
To:	North York Community Council	
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District	
Wards:	Ward 23 – Willowdale, Ward 24 - Willowdale	
Reference Number:	p:\2008\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny08001	(6604)

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to implement turn restrictions into the Finch Station at the east driveway on Finch Avenue East and to prohibit north-south pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Finch Avenue East and Finch Station Exit.

The installation of the appropriate turn restrictions and pedestrian crossing prohibitions will prohibit vehicles from turning into the one-way outbound driveway and improve operations for buses exiting Finch Station.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

- 1. eastbound left-turns be prohibited at anytime on Finch Avenue East at the east driveway at Finch Station;
- 2. westbound right-turns be prohibited at anytime on Finch Avenue East at the east driveway at Finch Station;
- 3. north-south pedestrian crossings be prohibited on the east and west sides of the intersection of Finch Avenue East and Finch Station (east driveway); and
- 4. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action is necessary to implement the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the turn restrictions and the pedestrian crossing prohibition at Finch Avenue East and Finch Station Exit, will be included in the estimate for the previously approved installation of traffic control signals which will be borne by the Toronto Transit Commission.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting on September 10, 2007, North York Community Council approved Item NY8.38 regarding the installation of traffic control signals on Finch Avenue East at the Finch Station Exit. Construction of these traffic control signals has begun and activation is scheduled for early 2008.

COMMENTS

In order to prohibit motorists from turning into the station from Finch Avenue East, both eastbound left-turn and westbound right-turn restrictions should be implemented. In addition, to eliminate conflicts between buses exiting the station and pedestrians crossing at this location, pedestrian crossings must be prohibited.

TTC is aware of the proposed turn restrictions and pedestrian crossing prohibitions.

In order to provide efficient and safe operations for transit vehicles exiting the station and for pedestrians, this division supports the recommendations contained within this report.

Councillor David Shiner and Councillor John Filion have been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Finch Ave. East at Finch Station Exit: Turns/Pedestrian Crossing

Prohibitions (ny08001_att1)

Attachment 2: Map - Finch Ave East at Finch Station Exit: Traffic Control Signals

Plan (ny08001_att2)