



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Bloor Street West – On-street Loading Zone for Disabled Persons

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting City Council's approval to designate a loading zone for use by disabled persons in front of Nos. 1173 and 175 Bloor Street West.

Businesses located at these addresses provide services for disabled persons and attract patrons arriving by WheelTrans buses and other vehicles transporting persons with physical disabilities. Delineating a loading area will provide a convenient location in front of these businesses for vehicles to stop and pick-up/discharge disabled persons. Implementing this proposal will not reduce the number of Pay-and-Display parking spaces provided on this section of Bloor Street West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. authorize installation of an on-street loading zone for disabled persons on the south side of Bloor Street West, from a point 48.4 metres east of Brock Avenue to a point 10 metres further east.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Adam Giambrone on behalf of business proprietors at Premises Nos. 1173 and 1175 Bloor Street West, Transportation Services has investigated delineating an on-street loading zone for disabled persons in front of these addresses.

COMMENTS

Current Conditions

Bloor Street West, between Brock Avenue and Dufferin Street is a major arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic flow of approximately 25,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the “Bloor-Danforth 300” bus overnight as part of its Blue Night Network service on this section of Bloor Street West. The parking regulations on this section of Bloor Street West are as follows:

North side

- No Stopping, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- Pay & Display parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays;
- 3-hour parking at other times.

South side

- No Stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
- Pay & Display parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays;
- 3-hour parking at other times.

An on-street loading zone for disabled persons is delineated on the south side of Bloor Street West, beginning at a point 28.2 metres east of Brock Avenue and extending to a point 13 metres further east. This is in front of Nos. 1179 to 1183 Bloor Street West. However, no apparent authority is provided for this designation.

Investigation and Analysis

Staff’s investigation has confirmed the businesses at Nos. 1173 and 1175 Bloor Street West are frequently patronized by disabled persons arriving by WheelTrans buses or other vehicles modified for transporting persons with physical disabilities. Providing a convenient on-street loading zone for disabled persons in front of these businesses will benefit the community.

Our investigation has not located any background information explaining why a loading zone for disabled persons is delineated further west in front of Nos. 1179 to 1183 Bloor Street West. In addition, businesses at this location do not have a specific need for this service.

Resolution

Staff recommends installing a loading zone for disabled persons in front of Nos. 1173 and 1175 Bloor Street West and removing the unauthorized loading area in front of Nos. 1179 to 1183 Bloor Street West.

Delineating the loading area in front of Nos. 1173 and 1175 Bloor Street West will eliminate 2 on-street parking spaces. However, by removing the loading area further west at Nos. 1179 to 1183 Bloor Street West, this area will revert to on-street parking under the provisions of the general parking regulations in effect on this section of the street. The net result is no parking spaces will be eliminated in the block.

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