



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

East Liberty Street – proposed “No Standing Anytime” regulation

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting authority from Toronto and East York Community Council to prohibit standing at all times on the north side of East Liberty Street, from Hanna Avenue to Lynn Williams Street.

This section of East Liberty Street is too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the street and maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic operation. Prohibiting standing at all times on the north side of East Liberty Street, between Hanna Avenue and Lynn Williams Street is recommended. This will improve two-way traffic operation and provide a safer environment for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of East Liberty Street, from Hanna Avenue to Lynn Williams Street.

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

Transportation Services, at the request of the Toronto Police Service and in consultation with Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone has investigated concerns about two-sided parking on East Liberty Street, west of Lynn Williams Street, impeding traffic operation and creating safety concerns.

COMMENTS

Roadway Conditions

East Liberty Street is a two-way collector road with a speed limit of 40 km/h and a pavement width varying between 8.2 and 10.8 metres. The narrowest section of roadway is between Hanna Avenue and Lynn Williams Street. There is a bend in the alignment East Liberty Street, west of Lynn Williams Street, which somewhat reduces advance visibility along the street. There is no TTC service on this street.

Parking is allowed on both the north and south sides of East Liberty Street, between Hanna Avenue and Lynn Williams Street, for a maximum period of three hours at anytime. There are several new residential and commercial developments located along this section of East Liberty Street.

Investigation and Analysis

Observations indicate when parking occurs on both sides of the street, the roadway is reduced to a traveled width of about 4 metres. The width is further reduced during winter months if/when windrows of snow accumulate along the curbs. The narrow width generally produces a single lane operation. Two-way traffic operation is impeded, emergency service vehicles are delayed (the Toronto Police Service – Traffic Support Services is located nearby on Hanna Avenue), and an unsafe condition results for all road users.

Resolution

The installation of a “No Standing Anytime” regulation on the north side of East Liberty Street, between Hanna Avenue and Lynn Williams Street, is recommended. This will enhance safety for all road users and provide for unobstructed two-way traffic operation along this section of the street. Parking will still be maintained on the south side of the road and the loss of parking on the north side should not significantly inconvenience nearby residents or businesses.

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