

**St. Clair Avenue West, west of Tweedsmuir Avenue –
Rescind the ‘No Stopping Anytime’ regulation**

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul’s, Ward 21
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting City Council’s approval to rescind the “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, from Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 37 metres west thereof.

This change will provide additional parking spaces for local residents, visitors and persons attending a nearby church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Rescind the “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, from a point 30.5 metres east of Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 37 metres west of Tweedsmuir Avenue.
2. Prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, from a point 30.5 metres east of Tweedsmuir Avenue to Tweedsmuir Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget.	\$200

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, Transportation Services' staff investigated rescinding the current "No Stopping Anytime" regulation in effect on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, from Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 37 metres west thereof to increase parking opportunities for local residents, visitors, and persons attending a nearby church.

COMMENTS

Current Conditions

St. Clair Avenue West, between Tweedsmuir Avenue and Bathurst Street is a major arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 20,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the "512 - St. Clair Avenue West" streetcar service on a raised track bed along this section of St. Clair Avenue West. The parking regulations on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West in this area are:

- No Stopping, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- No Parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
- No Stopping Anytime, from a point 30.5 metres east of Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 37 metres west of Tweedsmuir Avenue; and
- Three-hour maximum parking at other times.

The north side of St. Clair Avenue West, from the west curb of Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 37 metres further west is located beside the westbound streetcar loading platform. It is within an area of the street normally considered a "transit safety zone." The "No Stopping Anytime" regulation (noted above) was introduced in conjunction with the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project and was intended to enhance safety for transit users crossing from the north side of St. Clair Avenue West to the streetcar platform.

The T.T.C. recently installed a metal railing along the north edge of the platform. This prevents pedestrians from crossing between the platform and the north curb of St. Clair Avenue West at any point within 37 metres of Tweedsmuir Avenue. Transit riders enter/exit the loading platform at its easterly end and cross St. Clair Avenue West at the pedestrian traffic signal located at the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue.

Resolution

The "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, west of Tweedsmuir Avenue is no longer required as a safety measure. Rescinding this stopping prohibition from Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 37 metres west thereof is recommended.

Adoption of the recommendations contained in this report will enable motorists to park in the area west of Tweedsmuir Avenue for a maximum period of three hours outside of the morning and afternoon rush hour periods, Monday to Friday, providing additional parking spaces for local residents, visitors, and persons attending a church on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, west of Tweedsmuir Avenue.

The “No Stopping Anytime” regulation, from Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 30.5 metres east thereof, is retained to enhance operational safety in advance of Tweedsmuir Avenue and the pedestrian traffic control signal at the west side of the St. Clair/Tweedsmuir intersection.

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