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STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Bathurst Street and Alcina Avenue – Turn Regulations

Date:	April 10, 2008
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 replace the time restricted "No Entry" regulation onto Alcina Avenue at Bathurst Street with northbound "No Left Turn" and southbound "No Right Turn" regulations, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., Monday to Friday, with bicycles excepted for the northbound left turn movement and the south-right turn movement.

This change is in keeping with current initiatives to clarify traffic regulations and bring traffic signs/signals into compliance with current Provincial practices where a discrepancy may exist at this time. This amendment does not change the current operational characteristics of the intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Rescind the "No Entry, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday (bicycles excepted)" regulation onto Alcina Avenue from Bathurst Street.

2. Prohibit northbound "Left Turns, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday," from Bathurst Street onto Alcina Avenue (bicycles excepted).

3. Prohibit southbound "Right Turns, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday (bicycles excepted)," from Bathurst Street onto Alcina Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget	$5000

COMMENTS

Current Conditions

Bathurst Street is a major arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 29,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the "7 Bathurst South" bus on this section of Bathurst Street.

Alcina Avenue is a local street extending west from Bathurst Street and provides two-way traffic operation with a legal speed limit of 40 km/h. Vehicular entry is prohibited onto Alcina Avenue from Bathurst Street, between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., Monday to Friday (bicycles excepted). This regulation is identified with "Do Not Enter, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday" signs on the corners of the intersection.

Evaluation

The "Ontario Traffic Manual – Book 12, Regulatory Signs," established by the Province of Ontario in 2000 specifically states:

> *"A "Do Not Enter" sign should be used for absolute conditions with no time restrictions. If there are certain time periods for which the sign does not apply, then the condition is no longer absolute, and the special meaning of the sign is compromised. If entry to a restricted area is prohibited during certain time periods only, the appropriate turn control signs should be used."*

Signs identifying the entry prohibition onto a street are posted on each corner of the street to which entry is prohibited, parallel to the curb of the street from which entry is prohibited. In some instances, this alignment makes the signs difficult to see by a driver until such time as they are committed to their turn into the street.

Resolution

Compliance with the Provincial guidelines requires rescinding the current "No Entry, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday" regulation and in place implementing:

- a "No Left Turn, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday" regulation for northbound traffic on Bathurst Street at Alcina Avenue (bicycles excepted); and

- a "No Right Turn, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday, (bicycles excepted)" regulation for southbound traffic on Bathurst Street at Alcina Avenue.

Bicycles will continue to be exempt from the right-turn prohibition, maintaining the current provision of the "No Entry" regulation.

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