



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Extension of corner stopping prohibition – Greenwood Avenue

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| Date: | May 16, 2008 |
| To: | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District |
| Wards: | Toronto –Danforth, Ward 30 |
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to extend the existing stopping prohibition on the east side of Greenwood Avenue at Mountalan Avenue. The extended “No Stopping” zone will improve sightlines at the intersection and enhance safety for cyclists; however, it will result in the loss of one on-street parking space.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Prohibit stopping on the east side of Greenwood Avenue between Mountalan Avenue and a point 15 metres south.

Financial Impact

| Type of Funding | Source of Funds | Amount |
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| Available within current budget | Toronto Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget | \$100 |

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Paula Fletcher, in response to a complaint from an area resident regarding vehicles parking on Greenwood Avenue close to Mountalan Avenue, has asked Transportation Services staff to investigate improving sightlines for motorists exiting Mountalan Avenue by extending the stopping prohibition on the east side of Greenwood Avenue south of Mountalan Avenue.

COMMENTS

Greenwood Avenue, between Dundas Street East and Danforth Avenue, is a minor arterial road operating two-way on a pavement width of 14 metres, with one vehicle lane and one bicycle lane in each direction. The posted maximum speed limit is 40 km/h. Parking is generally allowed on both sides of the street along this section of Greenwood Avenue. The TTC operates a bus service on Greenwood Avenue, south of Danforth Avenue.

Mountalan Avenue is a two-way local roadway, situated three blocks south of Danforth Avenue, which forms a “T-type” intersection at Greenwood Avenue on the east side. A “Stop” sign for westbound traffic on Mountalan Avenue controls right-of-way at the intersection.

To provide clear visibility and ease traffic flow at the intersection, a stopping prohibition is in place on the east side of Greenwood Avenue between Mountalan Avenue and a point 9 metres south. On-street parking is allowed south of that point.

To improve visibility across the southeast corner of the intersection, the stopping prohibition on the east side of Greenwood Avenue could be extended to a point 15 metres south of Mountalan Avenue. The extended stopping prohibition will enhance the view of northbound vehicles and cyclists for drivers turning onto Greenwood Avenue from Mountalan Avenue.

Extending the stopping prohibition from 9 to 15 metres from the corner will eliminate one on-street permit parking space. The loss of one parking space should not significantly impact area residents. As of May 8, 2008, 2003 permits have been issued against 2363 available parking spaces in permit parking Area 8B.

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