



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Turn Regulations – Austin Terrace and Walmer Road**

<b>Date:</b>	August 5, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul’s, Wards 21 and 22
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08146te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to replace the time restricted “No Entry” regulation onto northbound Walmer Road from Austin Terrace, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday (bicycles excepted) with appropriate turn restrictions from eastbound and westbound Austin Terrace.

This change would be 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. This amendment does not change the current operational characteristics of the intersection.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the eastbound left-turn prohibition between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Austin Terrace onto northbound Walmer Road.
2. Rescind the “No Entry from 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday” (bicycles excepted) regulation from Austin Terrace onto northbound Walmer Road.

3. Prohibit eastbound left-turns between 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday (bicycles excepted) from Austin Terrace onto northbound Walmer Road.
4. Prohibit westbound right-turns between 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday (bicycles excepted) from Austin Terrace onto northbound Walmer Road.

### Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget	\$1000

### COMMENTS

#### Current Conditions

Austin Terrace, from Walmer Road to Spadina Road, is a minor arterial roadway operating two-way on a pavement width of 7.3 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. Casa Loma is located on the south side of this section of Austin Terrace. There is no TTC service on this section of Austin Terrace.

Walmer Road, from Austin Terrace to Castle View Avenue, is a local roadway operating two-way on a pavement width of 8.6 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h.

The existing entry prohibition (“No Entry from 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday - bicycles excepted”) onto northbound Walmer Road from Austin Terrace was introduced as part of the Traffic Management Plan designed by the Casa Loma Committee for the area bounded by Austin Terrace, Spadina Road, Castle View Avenue and Walmer Road.

The entry prohibition combined with the other traffic management recommendations were outlined in a Departmental report dated May 28, 1996, approved by the former City of Toronto Council at its meeting held on July 2, 1996 (Clause No. 10, City Services Committee Report No. 9). These changes were implemented to deter tour buses and other traffic generated by Casa Loma from circling through the community.

On a further issue, Chapter 400 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code indicates that left-turns are prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., from eastbound Austin Terrace onto northbound Walmer Road. This regulation is not signed in the field and conflicts with the entry restrictions. We recommend deleting this regulation (described in Recommendation No. 1) to resolve the conflict.

## **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.”*

## **Resolution**

Compliance with the Provincial guidelines requires rescinding the current “No Entry, from 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday, (bicycles excepted) regulation and in place implementing the following:

- “No right-turn, from 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday (Bicycles Excepted)” for westbound Austin Terrace traffic onto northbound Walmer Road; and
- “No left-turn, from 9:00 a.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday, (Bicycles Excepted), eastbound Austin Terrace traffic onto northbound Walmer Road.

Bicycles will continue to be exempt from the turn prohibitions, thereby maintaining the provision of the current “No Entry” regulation.

As previously stated, these amendments do not change the current operational characteristics of this intersection.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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