



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Turn Prohibition – Wellesley Street East at Homewood Avenue

Date:	August 1, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
Reference Number:	Ts08135te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to prohibit westbound left turns and eastbound right turns from Wellesley Street East to Homewood Avenue from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Monday to Sunday to discourage vehicle circulation related to undesirable activity in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Prohibit westbound left turns and eastbound right turns from Wellesley Street East onto Homewood Avenue from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. of the next.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 operating budget	\$1000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services recently attended a community meeting with local area residents and staff from Councillor Kyle Rae’s office to discuss on-going drug and prostitution activity on Homewood Avenue at Maitland Place. Specifically, Homewood Avenue residents inquired if it would be feasible to implement a turn prohibition at Wellesley

Street East that would operate from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Monday to Sunday to discourage transient vehicle activity related to these problems.

COMMENTS

Wellesley Street East is classified as a minor 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 “94 Wellesley” bus on this section of Wellesley Street East. Homewood Avenue is a local street extending south from Wellesley Street East and provides two-way traffic operation with a legal speed limit of 40 km/h. Maitland Place is a local street operating one-way westbound between Homewood Avenue and Jarvis Street.

The proposed turn prohibition would discourage motorists from circling the area looking to engage in illegal activities. The loop motorists currently frequent is as follows: southbound on Homewood Avenue from Wellesley Street East to Maitland Place, west on Maitland Place to Jarvis Street, north on Jarvis Street to Wellesley Street East, and east on Wellesley Street back to Homewood Avenue.

It is feasible to prohibit westbound left turns and eastbound right turns from Wellesley Street East onto Homewood Avenue between 11:00 p.m. of one day and 5:00 a.m. of the next day, to discourage transient motorists from accessing this section of Homewood Avenue and Maitland Place. This will create some inconvenience for area residents by forcing them to take a circuitous route to access their street overnight.

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