



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed Lay-by, Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area and
Speed Limit Reduction – Madison Avenue**

Date:	September 19, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul’s, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval for the construction of a lay-by with a “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” on the west side of Madison Avenue, fronting No. 250 Madison Avenue, and the introduction of a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h on Madison Avenue, from Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue.

The proposed construction of this lay-by will provide an area off the driven portion of the roadway where the parents/guardians of students attending the Alan Howard Waldorf School can park for a maximum period of 10 minutes while accompanying their children to/from the school.

During the course of our investigation it was noted that there is an outdated parking regulation within Chapter 400 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code. To correct this error, Recommendation No. 7 should be approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. That the road be widened from a width of 7.3 metres to a width of 9.3 metres by the construction of a lay-by on the west side of Madison Avenue, from a point 35 metres south of Davenport Road to a point 24 metres further south, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9434, dated September 2008, subject to the

conditions outlined in this report, and in conjunction with the construction of the lay-by the following parking regulations be adopted.

2. That the existing “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the west side of Madison Avenue, from Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue, be rescinded.
3. That parking be prohibited at anytime on the west side of Madison Avenue, from Davenport Road to a point 35 metres further south and from a point 59 metres south of Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue.
4. That parking be allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Madison Avenue, from a point 35 metres south of Davenport Road to a point 24 metres further south.
5. That parking be prohibited from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times on Saturday and Sunday on the west side of Madison Avenue, from a point 35 metres south of Davenport Road to a point 24 metres further south.
6. That the two-hour maximum parking regulation from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Madison Avenue, from a point 45 metres south of Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue, be rescinded.
7. That the speed limit on Madison Avenue, from Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue, be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the work necessary to construct the proposed lay-by, sidewalk and change the parking regulation signage is the responsibility of the Alan Howard Waldorf School.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Traffic Operations staff in consultation with Councillor Michael Walker and representatives of the Alan Howard Waldorf School, are seeking approval to construct a lay-by with a “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” on Madison Avenue and allowing short-term parking within that area for parents/guardians picking-up and dropping-off children attending the school.

COMMENTS

Madison Avenue, between Davenport Road and Macpherson Avenue, is classified as a local roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 7.3 metres and with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Parking on Madison Avenue in the vicinity of the Alan Howard Waldorf School is regulated as follows.

West Side:

- parking is prohibited at anytime.

East Side:

- parking is prohibited from Davenport Road to a point 45 metres further south;
- parking controlled by parking machines is allowed for a maximum period of three hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 45 metres south of Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue; and
- parking is allowed at other times for a maximum period of three hours with no payment required, from a point 45 metres south of Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue.

The location for the proposed lay-by has been identified on the west side of Madison Avenue, from a point 35 metres south of Davenport Road to a point 24 metres further south, fronting No. 250 Madison Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-9434. The proposed lay-by would require a 2.0 metre widening of the roadway and the construction of an adjacent sidewalk. Generally, we do not support the installation of lay-bys as they often result in a reduction in the width of the boulevard and negatively impact pedestrian movement. However, in this particular instance there is no sidewalk on the west side of this section of Madison Avenue. Accordingly, because a sidewalk will be constructed in conjunction with the proposed lay-by, pedestrian safety will be greatly enhanced as passengers would now be dropped off directly at the sidewalk and no longer on the roadway itself. Parking should be allowed within the lay-by for a maximum period of 10-minutes to provide short-term parking opportunities for the parents/guardians of children being picked-up and dropped-off at the school. The construction of the proposed lay-by will also provide a safe and convenient area for temporary parking off the driven portion of the roadway and therefore not adversely affect the flow of two-way traffic on Madison Avenue.

The following conditions will apply:

- (a) the Alan Howard Waldorf School will pay all costs to construct the lay-by and a sidewalk fronting No. 250 Madison Avenue and for any traffic signage changes that are required; and
- (b) the lay-by and the associated “10-minute maximum parking area” may be used by any motorist who wishes to park for a maximum period of 10 minutes at this location and no one, including the applicant has exclusive rights to its use.

In accordance with City Council Speed Limit Policy (Clause 10 contained in Report No. 9 of the Works Committee, adopted by City Council at its meeting July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002), due to the presence of the Alan Howard Waldorf School, which is located on this section of roadway, it would be appropriate to reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Madison Avenue, from Davenport Road to Macpherson Avenue. Also, Recommendation No. 6 would rescind an outdated by-law entry.

In conclusion, the installation of a lay-by with a 10-minute maximum parking designation is feasible fronting No. 250 Madison Avenue. The operators of the Alan Howard Waldorf School are aware of and have agreed to the conditions associated with the construction of the lay-by and the designation of a “10-minute maximum Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area”. Further, the prevailing traffic characteristics and roadway environment on Madison Avenue justify implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit, as noted in Recommendation No. 6, above.

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ATTACHMENTS

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