

DATE: April 28, 2009

TO: Councillor Adam Giambrone
Councillor – Davenport, Ward 18

FROM: Ron Hamilton
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Re: Suggested proposal to install “No Standing Anytime” regulations, left turn prohibitions, and extend rush hour stopping prohibitions – Dundas Street West, various locations between Dovercourt Road to College Street

City Council, at its meeting of September 26 and 27, 2007, in considering Item TE8.114, of the Toronto and East York Community Council, in respect to a request by the local BIA to provide more parking along Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road during rush hour periods, adopted the recommendation of the Toronto and East York Community Council and by doing so:

- rescinded the parking prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side, and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road and implemented eastbound; and
- westbound left-turn prohibitions during rush hour periods on Dundas Street West at Brock Avenue, Gladstone Avenue, Rusholme Drive, St. Clarens Avenue and Sheridan Avenue to deter left-turn queuing and enhance streetcar operations.

These changes were intended as an interim measure until the Toronto Parking Authority could acquire land in the area to provide an off-street parking facility. The review by the Toronto Parking Authority is still ongoing. In addition, the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District and the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission were directed to report to the September 2008 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council on the impact of the parking regulation changes on TTC operations. That report, Item TE20.65, “Parking Regulations – Dundas Street West, Dovercourt Road to Sterling Road – One Year Review”. This matter is still to be considered by Council.

Service delivery is a critical element in providing a sustainable surface public transit system. In achieving this goal Council has adopted in principle various sustainable transportation initiatives intended to enhance TTC operations. These initiatives incorporate extending the morning and evening peak period parking/stopping prohibitions, and implementing turn prohibitions on arterial roadways to reduce vehicular queuing. These initiatives were implemented on sections of College Street and Queen Street West, in Ward 18 in 2008.

To expand on these sustainable transportation initiatives, minimize the negative impacts on streetcars of operating in a mixed traffic environment, and reduce delays experienced by streetcars that have resulted from rescinding the parking prohibitions in the off-peak direction, on Dundas Street West, from College Street to Dovercourt Road, the TTC recently suggested a proposal that would reduce their service delay.

The proposal suggests extending the duration of the current stopping prohibition (from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday) to apply from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Dundas Street West and extend the current stopping prohibition (from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday) to apply from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and College Street. A “No Left Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily” regulation would be implemented for eastbound and westbound traffic on Dundas Street West at Dufferin Street and a “No Left Turn Anytime (TTC vehicles excepted)” regulation would be implemented for eastbound traffic at Lansdowne Avenue, to minimize left-turn queuing on the streetcar tracks. The operational period of the current left-turn prohibitions at several intersections along Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue will be adjusted to conform to the rush hour stopping regulations. To further expedite clearance of queued traffic close to signalized intersections/transit stops, “No Standing Anytime” regulations would be implemented on sections of Dundas Street West ranging between 60 metres and 90 metres in advance of Brock Avenue, Dovercourt Road, Dufferin Street, Lansdowne Avenue, and Sheridan Avenue.

Transportation Services has undertaken an initial review and supports the proposal in principle given the expected reduction in service delay experienced by streetcars. The specific aspects of the proposal are outlined in greater detail below. Further consideration of this proposal at the Toronto and East York Community Council or Public Works and Infrastructure Committee level is possible if City Council adopts the recommendations noted below.

On a related matter, Transportation Services has identified a means of promoting parking turnover and in doing so enhance parking opportunity for patrons of local businesses on the commercial flankage of several streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue. This initiative can be addressed further in a report to Toronto and East York Community Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council refer Item 20.65, “Parking Regulations – Dundas Street West, Dovercourt Road to Sterling Road – One Year Review”, back to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for further consideration;
2. That City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the proposal by the Toronto Transit Commission to:
 - a. Extend the duration of the current stopping prohibition from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to apply from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Dundas Street West; and
 - b. Extend the duration of the current stopping prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday to apply from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dundas Street West.
 - c. Prohibit left turns from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., daily by eastbound and westbound traffic on Dundas Street West at Dufferin Street;
 - d. Prohibit left turns at all times (TTC vehicles excepted) by eastbound traffic on Dundas Street West at Lansdowne Avenue;
 - e. Adjust the operational periods of the existing left-turn prohibitions on Dundas Street West at Brock Avenue, Gladstone Avenue, Rusholme Drive/Beaconsfield Avenue, St. Clarens Avenue and Sheridan Avenue to conform to the extended rush hour parking regulations outlined in Recommendations 2a and 2b, as applicable.

- f. Implement “No Standing Anytime” regulations on Dundas Street West at the following locations to expedite clearance of queued traffic close to signalized intersections/transit stops:
- north and south sides, from Brock Avenue to a point 60 metres east;
 - south side, from Brock Avenue to a point 60 metres west;
 - north side, from Brock Avenue to a point 74 metres west;
 - north and south sides, from Dovercourt Road to a point 60 metres west;
 - south side, from Dufferin Street to a point 90 metres east;
 - north side, from Dufferin Street to a point 88 metres east;
 - north and south sides, from Dufferin Street to a point 90 metres west;
 - north and south sides, from a point 90 metres east to a point 90 metres west of Lansdowne Avenue; and
 - north and south sides, from a point 60 metres east to a point 60 metres west of Sheridan Avenue.
3. Report separately to Toronto and East York Community Council on enhancing parking opportunity for patrons of local businesses on the commercial flankage of streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue.

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