



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

King Street at George Street – Turn Prohibitions

Date:	February 20, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
Reference Number:	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090022-to

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request to prohibit eastbound left turns and westbound right turns from King Street to George Street, during the morning and afternoon peak periods of the school year (buses excepted).

The proposed turn prohibitions will alleviate traffic congestion on King Street and on George Street where two schools are in operation and will provide for a safer environment for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Authorizing the City Clerk to conduct a poll of residents on George Street and Fern Avenue to determine whether residents support eastbound left turn and westbound right turn prohibitions between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from King Street to George Street, from September 1 of one year to June 30 of the following year.
2. The installation of turn prohibitions subject to favourable poll results.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Operating Budget	\$2,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Frances Nunziata on behalf of area residents of Fern Avenue and George Street and the administration of the two schools located on George Street north of King Street, requested Transportation Services staff to determine the feasibility of peak period turn prohibitions from King Street to George Street during the school year.

COMMENTS

George Street between Church Street and King Street and King Street between Weston Road and Rosemount Avenue, are 8.5 metre wide two-way local residential roads with posted speed limits of 40 km/h. There are two schools on George Street between King Street and Fern Avenue, H. J. Alexander School located on the west side of George Street and St. John the Evangelist School located on the east side of George Street.

During the morning and afternoon peak periods, eastbound and westbound King Street motorists wishing to access George Street have been observed waiting for long time periods to negotiate their turns, due to the traffic generation and congestion on George Street in the vicinity of the two schools. The vehicle turning delays have resulted in traffic congestion on King Street as well.

In order to mitigate these concerns, Transportation Services staff examined the possibility of week-day turn prohibitions from King Street to George Street, during the morning and afternoon peak hours, and during the school year. These turn prohibitions would prohibit eastbound left turns and westbound right turns from King Street to George Street between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from September 1 of one year to June 30 of the following year. Buses would be exempted from this prohibition.

These proposed turn prohibitions would require motorists to use the intersections of Weston Road and Church Street and Rosemount Avenue and Church Street, to gain vehicular access to the area, rather than the local road network. Approval of these turn prohibitions would provide for a safer overall environment for all road users.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Map