



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Toledo Road – Speed Limit Amendment

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre
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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 obtain approval to extend the existing 40 km/h limit on Toledo Road, in the area of Bloordale Middle School, to include the section of road between Arbroath Crescent and Mill Road.

The proposed speed limit amendment will provide for a uniform speed limit on Toledo Road and will be consistent with the speed limit on similar roads in the Markland Wood Community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the 40 km/h speed limit on Toledo Road between Renforth Drive and Arbroath Crescent.
2. Enacting a 40 km/h speed limit on Toledo Road between Renforth Drive and Mill Road.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received correspondence from an area resident expressing confusion as to what the speed limit is on Toledo Road. Staff reviewed the traffic schedules and related by-laws and determined that the speed limit on Toledo Road is 40 km/h between Renforth Drive and Arbroath Crescent, and 50 km/h between Arbroath Crescent and Mill Road. The current signage in the field conforms to the traffic schedules and by-laws. However, given the confusion expressed by the area resident, staff reviewed the need for a uniform speed limit on Toledo Road. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Toledo Road is an 8.5 metre wide two-way local road built to urban standards (curb and gutter). There are sidewalks located on both sides of the road. The speed limit on Toledo Road is 40 km/h between Renforth Drive and Arbroath Crescent, and 50 km/h between Arbroath Crescent and Mill Road.

Daytime parking and stopping restrictions exists on Toledo Road in the area of Bloordale Middle School, 10 Toledo Road. Parking is allowed on all other sections of the road, subject to the city-wide un-posted three hour limit parking by-law.

In addition to Bloordale Middle School, Millwood Junior School is located in the immediate area at 222 Mill Road, opposite Toledo Road.

The most recent traffic studies conducted on Toledo Road between Markland Drive and Mill Road reveal an 85th percentile or operating speed of 55 km/h. The 85th percentile is the speed at or below which the majority of motorists feel comfortable travelling under the existing roadway conditions.

Under the current Council Policy, 40 km/h speed limits may be implemented on streets where the Road Width and either Pedestrian or Road and Traffic Environment criteria are met. In the Markland Wood Community, several roads have a warranted 40 km/h speed limit, including Markland Drive, Mill Road and Toledo Road between Renforth Drive and Arbroath Crescent.

The overall area study review concluded that the 40 km/h speed limit on Toledo Road should be extended to include the section of road between Markland Drive and Mill Road to give drivers the same consistent message throughout the neighbourhood. The proposed speed limit amendment on Toledo Road will provide for a safer road environment for all road users, in an area that is predominately residential in character and signed 40 km/h. The concentration of schools (three) in the immediate vicinity makes the need for this change in speed limit for this section of Toledo Road more relevant.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map