
City Council

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

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Amendment to the operational period of the Right-turn Prohibition on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road; Vesta Drive; and Gardiner Road (Ward 21) - Moved by Councillor Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Stintz

- Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

1. That City Council amend the "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (bicycles excepted)" regulation by eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road to apply from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (bicycles excepted).
2. That City Council amend the "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)" regulation by eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Vesta Drive to apply from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted).
3. That City Council rescind the "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)" regulation by eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Gardiner Road.
4. That City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council, upon completion of the beltline bridge work, to reinstate the original hours of the right turn prohibitions on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road, Vesta Drive and Gardiner Road.

Summary

This motion is to request City Council to temporarily rescind the right turn prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday by eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road; Vesta Drive; and Gardiner Road for the duration of the bridge restoration work on Eglinton Avenue West, between Spadina Road and Chaplin Crescent. Due to the significant impact of the construction on public transit and traffic, particularly during the

winter, it is urgent that City Council addresses this matter at the January 2009 session.

Reconstruction of the Eglinton Avenue West bridge over the former beltline rail corridor located between Spadina Road and Chaplin Crescent has required restricting eastbound traffic operation on Eglinton Avenue West into one lane between a point west of Spadina Road and Chaplin Crescent. This causes significant traffic congestion between Bathurst Street and Spadina Road and delays to bus service in the morning rush hour period. Many eastbound vehicles on Eglinton Avenue West are trying to get to Spadina Road where they can turn right and head south. Right-turn prohibitions at Old Forest Hill Road, Vesta Drive and Gardiner Road prevent motorists from turning off Eglinton Avenue West and using local streets to get to Spadina Road. I support the need for these turn prohibitions under normal operating conditions. However, temporarily rescinding the right-turn prohibitions from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday will provide alternative routes to Spadina Avenue and relieve traffic congestion and delay on Eglinton Avenue West, between Spadina Road and Bathurst Street. I am requesting that City Council adopt the Recommendations indicated below to bring about this change. I have spoken with Transportation Services' staff about this matter and they concur.

City Council - January 27, 2009