



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Buses Excepted Regulation: Alness Street and York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor)

Date:	May 26, 2009
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 8 – York West
Reference Number:	<i>ny09046</i>

SUMMARY

To obtain approval for the installation of a “Buses Excepted” regulation for the existing southbound left turn prohibition at Alness Street and York University Busway, operating between York University Keele Campus and Downsview Station.

The installation of above-noted traffic control measures will ensure that 117 Alness transit buses will be permitted to access the York University Busway on their return trip to Downsview Station.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that City Council:

1. Rescind the existing southbound left turn restriction at all times, from Alness Street to the York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor); and
2. Prohibit southbound left turns, “Public Transit Vehicles” excepted, at all times, from Alness Street to the York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the implementation of the York University Busway including the roadway improvements, installation of all new traffic control signals and the modifications to existing traffic control signals, will be borne by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In March 2003 the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), in conjunction with the City of Toronto, commenced the undertaking of an Environmental Assessment on the feasibility of constructing a surface transit connection from the Spadina Subway (Downsview Station) to York University. The construction of the Busway is well underway and scheduled for completion later this year.

Subsequent to this divisions report adopted by Council, May 26 and 27 of 2008, the Toronto Transit Commission Route Planning staff, has now requested that the existing southbound left turn prohibition at the intersection of Alness Street and the York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor) be amended excepting Public Transit Vehicles.

COMMENTS

Alness Street is designated as a minor arterial roadway servicing the industrial community. The pavement width on this section of roadway is approximately 12 metres wide and consists of a two lane cross section.

To assess the existing conditions this division has undertaken a review of the Toronto Transit Commissions request with regards to the impact that the proposed movement would have on the movement of traffic and have determined that the existing pavement width is sufficient to permit southbound left turn and through movement traffic.

In view of the above, given that the intent of the proposed amendment is to reduce transit delays, this division does not have any objection to the proposed by-law amendment.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Buses Excepted Amendment, Alness Street and York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor) (*ny09046_map1*)

Attachment 2: Map – Traffic Control Signals, Alness Street and York University (Finch Hydro Corridor) (*ny09046_map2*)