



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Regulations to deter cut-through traffic – Spadina Road at Shorncliffe Avenue and at Montclair Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	February 16, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul’s, Wards 21 and 22
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09056te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to prohibit:

- left turns, from 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, by southbound traffic at the intersection of Spadina Road and Shorncliffe Avenue; and
- right turns, from 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, by northbound traffic at the intersection of Spadina Road and Montclair Avenue.

These regulations in combination with implementation of through traffic restrictions at the intersections of Heath Street West/Spadina Road and Avenue Road/Heath Street West, outlined in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council (Reference Number Ts090\_\_te.top.doc), are intended to reduce traffic volumes on Heath Street West, between Spadina Road and Avenue Road.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Prohibit northbound right-turns, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays (bicycles and school buses excepted) at Spadina Road and Montclair Avenue.
2. Prohibit southbound left-turns, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays (bicycles excepted) at Spadina Road and Shorncliffe Avenue.

## Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services interim 2009 Operating Budget	\$500

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Michael Walker, following consultation with local residents, Transportation Services is reporting on implementing turn prohibitions during the 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday rush hour period at the intersections of Spadina Road/Montclair Avenue and Spadina Road/Shorncliffe Avenue. The intent of these regulations is to operate in combination with through movement restriction at the Heath/Spadina intersection to reduce cut-through traffic on Heath Street West, between Spadina Road and Avenue Road.

## COMMENTS

### Road Characteristics

Spadina Road:

Spadina Road is a north-south minor arterial road with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of about 17,000 vehicles. North/south transit service is provided by the “33-Forest Hill” bus. There are near-side transit stops at Heath Street West. The intersection of Spadina Road/Heath Street West is controlled by traffic signals.

Shorncliffe Avenue:

Shorncliffe Avenue is an east-west local street located one block south of Heath Street West, extending east from Spadina Road to Parkwood Avenue. Coupled with Parkwood Avenue, this street provides a convenient link from Spadina Road to Heath Street West. The pavement width is about 6.5 metres and the two-way traffic volume is about 1,000 vehicles a day.

Montclair Avenue:

Montclair Avenue is an east-west local street located one block north of Heath Street West, extending east from Spadina Road to Parkwood Avenue. Coupled with Parkwood Avenue, this street also provides a convenient link from Spadina Road to Heath Street West. The pavement width is about 6.5 metres and the two-way traffic volume is about 1,000 vehicles a day. A school bus travels on Montclair Avenue picking up children in the area.

## **Concerns and suggestions**

Residents of Heath Street West have expressed concern about traffic conditions on their street for many years. They want the City to implement traffic regulations in the neighbourhood that will deter the amount of cut-through traffic on their street.

Prohibiting straight-through movement from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday by eastbound traffic on Heath Street West, at Spadina Road is an option outlined in a staff report (Reference No. Ts09026te.top.doc) that if approved by Toronto and East York Community Council could deter cut-through traffic and reduce traffic volume on the section of Heath Street West, between Spadina Road and Avenue Road.

Despite the straight-through prohibition, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday by eastbound traffic on Heath Street West, at Spadina Road, motorists will be able to find ways to get around this regulation. At Spadina Road, eastbound motorists could travel one block north or south of Heath Street West on Spadina Road to Montclair Avenue or Shorncliffe Avenue, enter the local neighbourhood at either of these streets and circle back to Heath Street West by way of Parkwood Avenue.

Prohibiting all access to Shorncliffe Avenue and Montclair Avenue from Spadina Road is impractical and would inconvenience residents. However, prohibiting northbound right-turns, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday at Spadina Road and Montclair Avenue and southbound left-turns, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday at Spadina Road and Shorncliffe Avenue would eliminate some circulatory traffic. Bicycles would be exempt from these turn prohibitions and we also recommend exempting school buses from the north-right turn prohibition at Montclair Avenue to avoid creating inconvenience for busing operations in the area.

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