



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Old Stock Yards Road and West Toronto Street – Right Turn Prohibition

Date:	February 10, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100050-to

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to propose removing the right-turn prohibition for southbound traffic on Old Stock Yards Road at West Toronto Street.

Removing the right turn prohibition will allow trucks to turn at this intersection providing access to the industrial area to the west of the Old Stock Yards/West Toronto Street intersection. This will discourage trucks from using Ryding Avenue to access the industrial properties east of Gourlay Crescent, and avoids a constrained southbound right turn manoeuvre from Keele Street at West Toronto Street due to restricted turning radii.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Removing the “No Right-Turn Anytime” prohibition for southbound traffic on Old Stock Yards Road at West Toronto Street.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$200.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from Maple Leaf Foods, through Councillor Nunziata, to have the existing southbound right turn prohibition removed at the north approach to the Old Stock Yards Road /West Toronto Street intersection.

A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Old Stock Yards Road and West Toronto Street are industrial roads located west of Keele Street, south of St. Clair Avenue West. Industrial and commercial development exists in the immediate area with residential properties located near Cobalt Avenue and Ryding Avenue. Maple Leaf Foods is located at 116 Ryding Avenue.

Traffic control signals are installed at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue and Old Stock Yards Road, as well as at Keele Street and West Toronto Street. An All-Way STOP control exists at the intersection of Old Stock Yards Road at West Toronto Street, and at Ryding Avenue and Cobalt Avenue.

In 2003, a number of turn prohibitions were installed to discourage traffic generated by the industrial/commercial establishments from diverting to residential areas. Specifically, the following turn prohibitions were installed:

- a. a southbound right turn prohibition from Old Stock Yards Road to West Toronto Street;
- b. a northbound left turn prohibition from the driveway opposite Old Stock Yards Road (RONA) to West Toronto Street; and
- c. a southbound right turn prohibition at both driveways from the rear of the premises of 2133 St. Clair Avenue West.

Staff have observed tractor semi-trailers attempting to turn southbound from Keele Street onto West Toronto Street, their only legal route to access the industrial properties to the east of Old Stock Yards Road from the north. To complete the right turn, vehicles waiting at the signals on West Toronto Street must reverse to allow trucks to perform this manoeuvre, resulting in congestion at the intersection. Since the right turn movement is difficult for large trucks, operators will ignore either the southbound right turn prohibition at Old Stock Yards Road and West Toronto Street, or divert through the residential area via Cobalt Avenue and Ryding Avenue.

Traffic studies at the Old Stock Yards Road /West Toronto Road intersection in 2010 show that over the two hour study period (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.), 24 vehicles ignored the right turn prohibition; eight of which were heavy trucks.

This issue was discussed at a recent public meeting attended by residents of Cobalt Avenue and Ryding Avenue. It was agreed that the southbound right turn prohibition

from Old Stock Yards Road to West Toronto Street is not successful and should be removed. Transportation Services staff will continue to monitor this area following the removal of the signs.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map
Attachment 2: Aerial Photograph