



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**St. Clair Avenue West at Robina Avenue - Turn
Prohibition**

Date:	April 20, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 – Davenport
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100077-to

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to introduce a westbound No Right Turn prohibition from St. Clair Avenue West to Robina Avenue. While installing this right turn prohibition, the northbound “Do Not Enter” prohibition located 102 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West will be removed.

These recommendations have been discussed with the area Councillor who concurs with this report.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on these streets, City Council approval of the report is required. TTC staff has been consulted on these matters and concurs but also requests that the proposed right turn prohibition have a “buses exempted” designation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Council approve:

1. Rescinding the northbound “Do Not Enter” prohibition on Robina Avenue, at a point 102 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West.
2. Enacting a westbound “No Right Turn” prohibition from St. Clair Avenue West to Robina Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division was invited to attend a meeting with Councillor Palacio as well as a number of Robina Avenue residents to discuss concerns with the “Do Not Enter” prohibition that exists on Robina Avenue, about 102 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West.

A map of the area is Attachment 1. Photographs of the area are Attachments 2 & 3.

COMMENTS

Robina Avenue is a two-way local road with sidewalks on both sides of the street and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. The road is approximately 10.8 metres wide between St. Clair Avenue West and the TTC turning loop, narrowing to approximately 8.3 metres north of the turning loop. Robina Avenue is used by TTC streetcars and buses to provide access to a loop connecting Robina Avenue to Oakwood Road, north of St. Clair Avenue West.

A “Do Not Enter” prohibition exists immediately north of this loop. This prohibition was installed about 10 years ago to prevent traffic from “short cutting” northbound between St. Clair Avenue West and Oakwood Road.

The majority of the road is residential with homes on both sides of the street. There are commercial businesses at the corner of St. Clair Avenue West, with an apartment building on the west side of the street, south of the streetcar loop. The main access to the parking for this apartment building is from Oakwood Road, with a small parking lot on Robina Avenue.

Prior to the installation of the St. Clair LRT, full turning movements were permitted at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and Robina Avenue; however, the existing raised centre median built for the LRT now limits the intersection to right-in/right-out turning movements only. This has resulted in a situation where residents living south of the “Do Not Enter” prohibition must precede south to St. Clair Avenue West, as this restriction prohibits their northbound travel. When arriving at St. Clair Avenue West they must turn right and travel westbound four blocks to Glenholme Avenue, to perform a U-turn and proceed eastbound.

An option is to remove the existing “Do Not Enter” prohibition; however, this will allow motorists from St. Clair Avenue West to “short cut” and travel northbound on Robina Avenue. To address these concerns, along with removing the “Do Not Enter” prohibition will be the installation of a westbound “No Right Turn” prohibition from St. Clair Avenue West to Robina Avenue.

During a study conducted on Monday, May 3, 2010, between 3:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., forty-three vehicles and 10 bicycles were observed disobeying the northbound “Do Not Enter” prohibition, with 71 vehicles and 10 bicycles performing the westbound to northbound right turn from St. Clair Avenue West to Robina Avenue. In addition, seventeen motorists were observed using the TTC loop from Robina Avenue to Oakwood Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map

Attachments 2 & 3: Photos