

Left Turn Prohibition: No. 1280 Finch Avenue West

Date:	December 8, 2009
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 8 – York West
Reference Number:	<i>ny10007</i>

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to implement a southbound “No Left Turn” prohibition and an eastbound “No Left Turn” prohibition at the driveway access to 1280 Finch Avenue West located on the north side of Finch Avenue West, west of Tangiers Road.

The implementation of the prohibited left turns will support the right in/right out requirements of the site development approval granted to Nor-Arm Development Ltd in 1988 and result in the safe and smooth egress and entry onto the commercial property on Finch Avenue West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that City Council:

1. Prohibit southbound left turns at anytime from the driveway at 1280 Finch Avenue West located on the north side of Finch Avenue West east of Tangiers Road; and
2. Prohibit eastbound left turns at anytime to the driveway at 1280 Finch Avenue West located, east of Tangiers Road.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of the turn restrictions are included within the Transportation Services Division’s 2010 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by a resident to review the traffic operations at the right-in/right-out driveway at 1280 Finch Avenue West, located on the north side of Finch Avenue West west of Tangiers Road.

The resident has indicated that the lack of signage at the existing driveway leads to driver confusion.

Observations by City of Toronto staff revealed motorists are making southbound left turns from the driveway and eastbound left turns into the driveway.

COMMENTS

Finch Avenue West is a five-lane arterial road with a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 43,000 vehicles and a regulatory speed limit of 60 km/h. Located approximately 150 meters to the west of the driveway access is Keele Street and 70 meters to the east is Tangiers Road. Both intersections are controlled by traffic control signals.

The commercial property of 1280 Finch Avenue West is located between Keele Street and Tangiers Road and was developed in the early 1990's. Site access to the property is obtained from Keele Street, Finch Avenue West and Tangiers Road. The two access points on Tangiers Road, north of Finch Avenue West are full movement access points and the two access points on Keele Street have restricted access movements.

A review of the site plan application documentation for this site has indicated that the access point on Finch Avenue West was to be restricted to right-in/right-out movements. A site review has confirmed that the driveway access has been constructed to permit right-in/right-out only movements; however, left turn prohibition signage has not been installed.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records revealed that over a five-year period ending December 31, 2007, there were a total of 11 southbound left turn collisions and one eastbound left turn collision involving either eastbound or westbound motorists.

This division's review has indicated that in order to ensure that the right-in/right-out driveway is used as intended and are recommending that southbound left turns and eastbound left turns be prohibited at all times, and that the appropriate signage be installed accordingly.

The proposed turn prohibitions would have no adverse effects on access and egress at this location as it was constructed and intended to operate as a right-in/right-out access only.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Map – 1280 Finch Avenue West Access: Southbound and Eastbound
Left -Turn Prohibitions (*ny10007*)
- Attachment 2: Map – 1280 Finch Avenue West: Site Plan (SPC-88-97) (*ny10007_map2*)