

U-Turn Prohibition: Bayview Avenue, between Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews Lane.

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 23 - Willowdale, Ward 24 - Willowdale
Reference Number:	<i>ny10021</i>

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to prohibit U-turns in both directions on Bayview Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews Lane.

The prohibition of U-turns on Bayview Avenue, between Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews lane, will address concerns that vehicles conducting U-turns are creating a dangerous situation for motorists on Bayview Avenue and for motorists exiting Mallingham Court and Teagarden Court.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Bayview Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that City Council

1. Prohibit U-turns in both directions on Bayview Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews Lane.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the U-turn prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget estimate.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor John Filion, on behalf of local residents, to review the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on Bayview Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews Lane.

COMMENTS

This division has reviewed concerns that northbound and southbound U-turns on Bayview Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews Lane are interfering with motorists exiting from Mallingham Court and Teagarden Court. In addition, it has been reported that motorists are conducting U-turns on Bayview to avoid the right-in right-out median control at the Arc Development on the east side of Bayview Avenue.

An investigation of these concerns by staff has verified that motorists were observed conducting U-turns on Bayview Avenue. The U-turns appear to be conducted by motorists avoiding the westbound left turn delays at Bayview Avenue and Sheppard Avenue and also to avoid the right-in and right-out median control at the Arc Development on the east side of Bayview Avenue. Northbound U-turns on Bayview Avenue are particularly dangerous for motorists exiting Mallingham Court and Teagarden Court when unexpectedly encountered with northbound U-turns on Bayview Avenue.

As the median on Bayview Avenue located immediately south of Spring Garden Avenue to control right-in right-out movements to/from the Arc Development was installed in early 2009 there are no Toronto Police Service's collision records for incidents involving U-turns.

The prohibition of U-turns on Bayview Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews Lane will improve traffic operations on Bayview Avenue and for motorists exiting at Mallingham Court and Teagarden Court.

Councillors John Filion and David Shiner have been advised of the recommendations contained in this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Map – Bayview Avenue from Sheppard Avenue East and Bayview Mews Lane (*ny10021_map*)