

**Turn Restrictions: Alness Street at York University  
Busway**

<b>Date:</b>	February 9, 2010
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 8 – York West</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny10030</i>

**SUMMARY**

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To obtain approval to alter the current by-law restricting all turns at the intersection of Alness Street and the York University Busway to allow buses to be exempt from these restrictions.

The installation of the buses excepted tab will permit northbound and southbound buses on Alness Street access to the busway, without conducting illegal left and right turns. This traffic restriction will not have any adverse effect on all other road users in this area.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services Division recommends that City Council:

1. Amend Schedule XV of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York to delete the prohibited northbound and southbound left and right turns at all times, from Alness Street to the York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor);
2. Amend Schedule XV of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York to include prohibited northbound and southbound left and right turns at all times, "Public Transit Vehicles" excepted, from Alness Street to the York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

All costs associated with the modifications to the turn restrictions are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget estimates.

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by the Toronto Transit Commission and by GO Transit to amend the existing turn restrictions for both northbound and southbound left and right turns at the intersection of Alness Street and the York University Busway. The implementation of the Public Transit Vehicles excepted regulation will allow for both TTC and GO Transit vehicles to access the dedicated transit right-of-way.

## COMMENTS

Alness Street is a two-lane minor arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 14,000 vehicles and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Traffic control signals currently exist at Finch Avenue West and Alness Street, located approximately 340 metres south of the intersection of Alness Street and the York University Busway and at Alness Street and Martin Ross Avenue, located approximately 360 metres north of the intersection of Alness Street and the York University Busway. Both TTC and GO Transit have bus routes that utilize Alness Street and thus in order for them to be allowed access to the York University Busway at this location, they would require exemption from the current turning restrictions. Allowing transit vehicles access to the York University Busway at this intersection provides them with another access point to the dedicated busway.

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## SIGNATURE

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## ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Map – Alness Street at York University Busway – Overview  
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- Attachment 2: Map – Alness Street at York University Busway – Traffic Control Plan  
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