

**Prohibited Entry: Finch Avenue East at Seneca College
Bus Loop**

Date:	May 17, 2010
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 24 - Willowdale
Reference Number:	<i>ny10065</i>

SUMMARY

As the TTC operates a transit service on Finch Avenue East, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval to restrict access to buses only at the Seneca College Bus Loop on the north side of Finch Avenue East, east of Au Large Boulevard.

General traffic vehicles including cars and taxis that access the Seneca College Bus Loop limit the ability for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to operate this facility as an effective transit stop and bus loop.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Amend the appropriate by-law to prohibit entry at anytime to the bus loop access on the north side of Finch Avenue East 105 metres east of Au Large Boulevard; and
2. Amend the appropriate by-law to prohibit entry at anytime, buses excepted, to the bus loop access on the north side of Finch Avenue East 140 metres east of Au Large Boulevard.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of the entry prohibitions on Finch Avenue East are included in the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The TTC in partnership with Seneca College have recently made improvements to the existing bus loop on the north side of Finch Avenue East, east of Au Large Boulevard (Seneca College), in order to enhance transit operations at this location. In order to restrict vehicles other than buses from utilizing the bus loop, the TTC has requested that entry prohibitions be installed, buses excepted.

COMMENTS

Currently, general traffic including cars and taxis are permitted to use the bus loop. The Transportation Services Division has verified that general traffic vehicles cause disruption of transit operations when parked in the bus loop for pick-up and drop-off activities. The no entry restrictions at the westerly access to the bus loop combined with the entry restrictions, buses excepted, at the easterly entrance will result in buses operating in one direction only within the loop.

In view of the above, Transportation Services Division recommends that entry be prohibited at anytime, buses excepted, to the Seneca College Bus Loop on the north side of Finch Avenue, east of Au Large Boulevard.

Councillor Shiner has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Map – Prohibited Entry, Seneca College Bus Loop (*ny10065_map*)