

Through Restrictions (Bicycles Excepted): Steeles Avenue East at Willowdale Avenue and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue

Date:	July 16, 2010
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 24 – Willowdale
Reference Number:	<i>ny10108</i>

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission operates a transit service on Steeles Avenue East, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval to allow bicycles to proceed during the times that northbound and southbound through restrictions are in place at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at Willowdale Avenue and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue.

The implementation of bicycles excepted at the existing through restrictions on Steeles Avenue East at Willowdale Avenue and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue will permit the north and south movement for bicycles at the subject intersections.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Amend the existing by-law to delete the prohibited southbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Willowdale Avenue between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
2. Amend the existing by-law to delete the prohibited northbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Willowdale Avenue between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;

3. Amend the existing by-law to delete the prohibited southbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
4. Amend the existing by-law to delete the prohibited northbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
5. Amend the existing by-law to prohibit southbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Willowdale Avenue between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted;
6. Amend the existing by-law to prohibit northbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Willowdale Avenue between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted;
7. Amend the existing by-law to prohibit southbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted; and
8. Amend the existing by-law to prohibit northbound through restrictions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of bicycles excepted for the existing through restrictions are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor David Shiner to amend the existing northbound and southbound through restrictions at both the intersection of Steeles Avenue East at Willowdale Avenue and at Steeles Avenue East at Maxome Avenue /Henderson Avenue in order to exempt bicycles from the restrictions.

The implementation of bicycles excepted at the existing through restrictions on Steeles Avenue East at Willowdale Avenue and Maxome Avenue/Henderson Avenue will permit the north and south movement for bicycles at the subject intersections.

COMMENTS

City Council, at its meeting on November 30, December 1, 2, and 4, 2009, approved the installation of the northbound and southbound through restrictions at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at Willowdale Avenue and at Maxome Avenue/ Henderson Avenue during peak volume periods. The through restrictions were installed in order to address the impact on the residential communities from traffic infiltration by vehicles travelling both north and south of Steeles Avenue East.

Since bicycles by definition are classified as vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act, the restricted through movements also apply to cyclists riding their bicycles through the intersections during the prohibited times.

As the installation of the through restrictions were intended to reduce the impact on the adjacent communities from traffic infiltration caused by vehicles, there would be no impact on the adjacent communities from bicycles conducting northbound and southbound through movements.

In view of the above, this division supports the amendment of the by-law to exempt bicycles from the existing through restrictions.

Councillor David Shiner supports the recommendations contained within this report.

CONTACT

Ann S. Khan, P.Eng.
Manager, Traffic Operations
Transportation Services Division, North York District
Tel: 416-395-7463 Fax: 416-395-7544
Email: akhan5@toronto.ca

SIGNATURE

Myles Currie, B.A.
Director

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Steeles Av E at Willowdale Av, Maxome Av/Henderson (*ny10108_map*)