

## **Westbound Left Turn Prohibition: Steeles Avenue East and Lillian Street**

<b>Date:</b>	July 12, 2010
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 24 – Willowdale</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny10095</i>

### **SUMMARY**

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

To obtain approval to implement a westbound left turn prohibition at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Lillian Street from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

The implementation of the westbound left turn prohibition at Steeles Avenue and Lillian Street will address concerns related to transient traffic entering Lillian Street during the morning peak period.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Prohibit westbound left turns at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Lillian Street from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

### **Financial Impact**

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

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by Councillor David Shiner, on behalf of area residents to investigate concerns that vehicle speeds and volume on Lillian Street, south of Steeles Avenue, have increased substantially, particularly during the morning peak period. Residents have indicated that there is a high level of non-compliance with stop controls and speeding associated with driving characteristics of the transient motorists. These driving characteristics are of particular concern in front of Lillian Public School located two blocks south of Steeles Avenue.

## **COMMENTS**

Steeles Avenue East is a major arterial roadway with a posted speed limit of 60 km/h. Lillian Street is a local roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Lillian Public School is located two blocks south of Steeles Avenue.

At its meeting of November 30, 2009, City Council approved the installation of southbound and northbound through restrictions during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods, at the intersections of Steeles Avenue and Willowdale and Steeles Avenue and Maxome Avenue, in order to minimize the impact of traffic infiltration through the residential communities south and north of Steeles Avenue.

As the installation of southbound through restrictions during the morning peak period at the intersections of Steeles Avenue at Willowdale Avenue and Maxome Avenue have reduced the overall volume of vehicles infiltrating the residential community south of Steeles Avenue, many of the displaced vehicles travelling westbound on Steeles Avenue appear to be turning left at Lillian Street.

During observations by staff, there were 124 vehicles that conducted westbound left turns from Steeles Avenue to Lillian Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Although the speeds of the vehicles entering Lillian Street were not recorded at this time, staff have verified the residents concerns that there was a high level of non-compliance of the stop controls and motorists appeared to be exceeding the 40 km/h speed limit in the area of Lillian Public School.

In view of the above, the installation of a westbound left turn restriction on Steeles Avenue at Lillian Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, will minimize the impact of traffic infiltration through the residential community south of Steeles Avenue.

Councillor David Shiner supports the recommendations of this report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map –Steeles Ave E and Lillian St (*ny10095\_map*)