



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Amendment to Taxicab Stand – Front Street West,
between York Street and Bay Street**

Date:	December 10, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

In March 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council approved an extension of the taxicab stand on the south side of Front Street, between York Street and Bay Street, in order to serve Union Station passengers more effectively during construction.

The construction on that section of Union Station is now complete. As a result, Transportation Services is seeking authority to reinstate the pre-construction parking regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Amend the existing Taxi Stand regulation on the south side of Front Street West, between a point 24.8 metres east of York Street and a point 132.3 metres east of York Street, to operate on the south side of Front Street West, between a point 24.8 metres east of York Street and a point 110.3 metres east of York Street.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Interim 2010 Operating Budget	\$ 500

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting of March 26, 2009 (Item TE24.99), approved the extension of the taxicab stand on the south side of Front Street, between York Street and Bay Street.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In early 2009, the west entrance of Union Station was under construction. As part of that work, hoarding was installed across the westernmost frontage of Union Station on the south side of Front Street. The hoarding impeded the visibility of taxis by patrons exiting Union Station. As a result, Transportation Services recommended that the easterly end of the taxicab stand be relocated so that it is visible to passengers exiting the main doors of Union Station during construction.

The extension of the taxicab stand provided four additional taxicab spaces with a corresponding decrease in available spaces for pick-up and drop-off activities.

COMMENTS

Front Street West, between York Street and Bay Street, is a 4-lane two-way major arterial road. There is no TTC service on Front Street West, between York Street and Bay Street. The intersections of Front Street West and York Street/University Avenue, and Front Street West and Bay Street, are controlled by traffic control signals. The following parking controls are in effect on the south side of Front Street West, between York Street and Bay Street (from east to west):

- No Standing (Corner Prohibition) – to a point 24.8 metres east of York Street;
- Taxi Stand (15 vehicles) – from 24.8 metres east of York Street to a point 132.3 metres east of York Street;
- Union Station Passenger Drop-off and Pick-up – from 132.3 metres east of York Street to a point 155.3 metres east of York Street;
- Disabled Loading Zone – from 155.3 metres east of York Street to a point 166.3 metres east of York Street;
- Union Station Bus Passenger Drop-off and Pick-up – from 166.3 metres east of York Street to a point 203.3 metres east of York Street;
- Taxi Stand (5 vehicles) – from 203.3 metres east of York Street to a point 234.8 metres east of York Street; and
- No Standing (Corner Prohibition) – from 234.8 metres east of York Street to Bay Street.

The hoarding at Union Station has recently been relocated to a point further east on the south side of Front Street East allowing for the reinstatement of the pre-construction regulations. The proposed reinstatement of the pre-construction regulations will reduce the length of the taxicab stand by approximately 22 metres (4 taxicab spaces), and consequently increase the length of the 'Union Station Passenger Drop-off and Pick-up' area by approximately the equivalent distance.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9872, dated December 2009

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