



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Reduction of the Speed Limit to 40 km/h - Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	February 11, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts10018te.top.doc.

#### SUMMARY

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This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. Transportation Services staff have investigated reducing the maximum speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue.

Based on an assessment of the speed profile and neighbourhood environment the maximum speed limit on Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue could be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h to promote lower operating speeds and provide a safer environment for all road users.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council approve:**

1. Reducing the maximum speed limit on Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue, from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

## Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$1000.00

## COMMENTS

### Existing Conditions

At the request of Councillor Janet Davis, on behalf of local residents, we have investigated reducing the speed limit from a maximum of 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue, to promote slower operating speeds and enhance safety for all road users.

Westlake Avenue is classified as a local street and operates two-way, northbound and southbound, on a pavement width of 8.5 metres. The speed limit between Danforth Avenue and its south end is 40 km/h. The current speed limit between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue is 50 km/h. The speed limit between Lumsden Avenue and Cosburn Avenue is 40 km/h. TTC bus service is not operating on this section of Westlake Avenue.

Generally, parking is allowed on the east side of Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue except for alternate side parking between Epsom Avenue and Orley Avenue.

There is resident concern that the current 50 km/h maximum speed limit is excessive and inconsistent for the neighbourhood environment. Staff evaluated Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue against the warrants adopted by City Council in April, 2001 for implementing a 40 km/h maximum speed limit. Westlake Avenue satisfies the warrant criteria based on the narrow road width and the presence of long term parking.

Therefore, the maximum speed limit should be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Westlake Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Lumsden Avenue.

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