

Road Alteration – Dundas Street West, between Markham Street and Bathurst Street

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| To: | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From: | General Manager, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District |
| Wards: | Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19 |
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to narrow the north and south sides of Dundas Street West, between Markham Street and Bathurst Street for the purpose of widening the sidewalks.

The proposal is to narrow Dundas Street West, from a width of 14.7 metres to a width of 12.9 metres by widening the sidewalks a further 0.9 metres on the north and south sides of Dundas Street West, from Markham Street to Bathurst Street.

This road alteration coupled with narrowed sections of eight local streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Shaw Street and Bathurst Street (addressed in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council) will enhance pedestrian safety. These initiatives are in conjunction with on-going road and sidewalk restoration work associated with the Dundas Street West streetcar track reconstruction, completed in 2008. Work will be undertaken as part of the planned road and sidewalk restoration scheduled in this area for 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. Approve the narrowing of Dundas Street West, from a width of 14.7 metres to a width of 12.9 metres by widening the sidewalks on the north and south sides of Dundas Street West, between Markham Street and Bathurst Street, generally as shown in the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-9974, dated March 2010.

Financial Impact

| Type of funding | Source of funds | Amount |
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| Available within the Capital Budget | Transportation Services Capital Program under Project No. 10TSP-3RD | Minimal incremental cost |

ISSUE BACKGROUND

TTC track replacement work along Dundas Street West commenced in 2007. In conjunction with the track replacement, road and sidewalk restoration work on Dundas Street West is scheduled to be undertaken in 2010. As part of this work, Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone requested staff to consider narrowing Dundas Street West to widen the sidewalks on the north and south sides, between Markham Street and Bathurst Street West to improve the pedestrian environment.

COMMENTS

Dundas Street West, between Markham Street and Bathurst Street, is a major arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic flow of approximately 20,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. Public transit service is provided on Dundas Street West by the “505-Dundas” streetcar, which operates in a mixed traffic environment.

Streetcar track replacement work was completed in 2008 along this section of Dundas Street West. As part of the roadway and sidewalk restoration on Dundas Street West associated with the track replacement, Transportation Services recommends narrowing Dundas Street West, between Markham Street and Bathurst Street to improve the pedestrian environment. The following roadway alteration is proposed.

- Narrow the width of Dundas Street West, from Markham Street to Bathurst Street, from a width of 14.7 metres to a width of 12.9 metres.

This work will be undertaken as part of the scheduled road and sidewalk restoration plans for 2010 on Dundas Street West, between Shaw Street and Bathurst Street.

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