

**Taxicab Stand – Strathmore Boulevard, between
Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue**

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From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
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SUMMARY

At the request of Councillor Janet Davis, Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of expanding the existing Taxicab Stand on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue.

The proposed extension of the Taxicab Stand on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard will provide patrons of Woodbine Subway Station with access to additional taxis. There will be minimal impact to traffic operations on Strathmore Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing “No parking anytime” regulation on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue.
2. City Council rescind the existing “No stopping anytime” regulation on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue.
3. City Council extend the existing Taxicab Stand on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, from a point 9.0 metres east of Woodbine Avenue to a point 29.0 metres further east thereof, to a point 44 metres further east.

4. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, from a point 44 metres east of Woodbine Avenue to a point 81 metres further east.
5. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, from a point 81 metres east of Woodbine Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue.
6. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost for installing poles and signs would be \$1,000.00. Funds have been allocated in the Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions

Strathmore Boulevard, east of Woodbine Avenue is a local road operating two-way eastbound and westbound on a pavement width of 11 metres with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Woodbine Subway Station is located on the east side of Woodbine Avenue immediately south of Strathmore Boulevard. TTC buses enter the station via Woodbine Avenue and exit on to Strathmore Boulevard.

A stand for 2 taxicabs is currently provided on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, east of Woodbine Avenue. Otherwise, parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard from Woodbine Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue. On the north side, signs are posted that prohibit no stopping at all times, from Woodbine Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue.

The existing Taxicab Stand on Strathmore Boulevard is for two taxicabs, but, we observed seven taxicabs parked on the entire south side flanking the Subway Station. This occurs on a regular basis. Expanding the taxicab stand on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, from a point 9 metres east of Woodbine Avenue to a point 44 metres further east, will not interfere with TTC operations. To further enhance the sightlines and turning radius of turning TTC vehicles, stopping should be prohibited for 9 metres on both sides of the entrance/exit of the Subway Station.

While reviewing the parking regulations on Strathmore Boulevard, we discovered that a discrepancy exists between the parking regulation indicated on the street and the regulation outlined in the (former) Borough of East York Traffic By-law. The by-law indicates stopping is prohibited at all times on the south side of the street, from Woodbine Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue, but “No Stopping” signs are posted on the north side of the street. Approval of the recommendations contained in this report will prohibit stopping on the north side of the street at all times (as implied with the signs posted on this side of the street) and resolve the current by-law discrepancy.

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