



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Road Alteration – Dufferin Street, north of Bloor Street West

<b>Date:</b>	July 21, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Davenport, Ward 18
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts10126te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

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Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to widen the east and west sides of Dufferin Street, north of Bloor Street West, for the purpose of providing a longer taper and wider curb lane for TTC buses picking-up/dropping-off passengers at Dufferin Subway Station.

The proposal is to widen Dufferin Street, from a width varying between 17 and 19 metres to a width ranging between 19.15 to 19.7 metres by narrowing the sidewalk on the west side of Dufferin Street, from Bloor Street West to a point 47.1 metres further north; and on the east side of Dufferin Street, from Bloor Street West to a point 44.1 metres further north. This initiative will be undertaken as part of the planned Dufferin Subway Station Improvements by TTC scheduled in 2010.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council approve the widening of Dufferin Street, from a width varying between 17 and 19 metres to a width ranging between 19.15 and 19.7 metres by narrowing the sidewalk on west side, from Bloor Street West to a point 47.1 metres north and on the east side, from Bloor Street West to a point 44.1 metres north, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421G-0116, dated July, 2010, attached to the report dated July 21, 2010 entitled “Road Alteration – Dufferin Street, north of Bloor Street West”, from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This road alteration is part of the planned and approved improvements to the Dufferin Subway Station scheduled in 2010 by the Toronto Transit Commission.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The TTC as part of its Dufferin Subway Station improvements scheduled to be undertaken in 2010 is requesting approval to widen the west side of Dufferin Street, from Bloor Street West to a point 47.1 metres north, and the east side, from Bloor Street West to a point 44.1 metres north. These road alterations are to provide a longer taper and wider curb lane to accommodate TTC buses picking-up/dropping-off passengers at Dufferin Subway Station.

## **COMMENTS**

Dufferin 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. Dufferin Street, in the vicinity of Dufferin Subway Station, ranges in width from 17 metres to 19 metres. Public transit service is provided on Dufferin Street by the "29-Dufferin" bus, which operates in a mixed traffic environment. The frequent bus service, particularly during rush hour periods often results in buses queuing to off-load/load passengers. This sometimes impedes the northbound and southbound curb lanes of Dufferin Street, adding to traffic delays and causing congestion.

Transportation Services recommends widening the west side of Dufferin Street, from Bloor Street West to a point 47.1 metres north and the east side of Dufferin Street, from Bloor Street West to a point 44.1 metres north, as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421G-0116, dated July, 2010, attached to the report. This will widen Dufferin Street, from a width varying between 17 and 19 metres to a width ranging between 19.15 and 19.7 metres. If approved, this work will be undertaken as part of the scheduled TTC improvements to the Dufferin Subway Station in 2010 and will help to reduce queuing impacts in the curb lanes.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421G-0116, dated July, 2010

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