



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Road Alteration – Richmond Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Peter Street

Date:	July 28, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
Reference Number:	Ts10136te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to narrow the south side of Richmond Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Peter Street, for the purpose of installing a permanent sidewalk and for widening the existing sidewalks near Spadina Avenue and Peter Street. The existing 12.1-metre section would be narrowed to 9.9 metres and the existing 17.9-metre section would be narrowed to 12.9 metres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the narrowing of Richmond Street West, from a width ranging between 12.1 metres and 17.9 metres to a width ranging between 9.9 metres and 12.9 metres by installing and realigning the south curb from Spadina Avenue to Peter Street, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421G-0115, dated July 2010, attached to the report dated July 28, 2010 entitled, “Road Alteration – Richmond Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Peter Street”, from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for this road alteration in the estimated amount of \$900,000.00 is available within Transportation Services Capital Program under Project No. 10TE-45RD.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A continuous permanent sidewalk is not provided on the south side of Richmond Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Peter Street. Until 2005 sidewalks were only provided in the vicinity of Spadina Avenue and Peter Street. In 2005 a jersey wall was

installed on the south side of Richmond Street West to create a temporary pedestrian sidewalk which connected the two permanent sections of sidewalk near Spadina Avenue and Peter Street.

COMMENTS

Richmond Street West is a major arterial roadway with a daily traffic flow of approximately 15,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. It operates as a three-lane road in the westbound direction. Also, a left-turn lane is provided at Spadina Avenue. TTC service is provided by the 145 Downtown/Humber Bay Express bus route. The proposed project will not have any effect on TTC service or general traffic as the existing number of traffic lanes will be maintained on Richmond Street West.

The proposed project would replace the existing temporary pedestrian sidewalk with a permanent sidewalk. Also, the sidewalks on the south side of Richmond Street West near Spadina Avenue and Peter Street would be widened. This would provide for a safer and more aesthetically pleasing pedestrian environment.

Current parking regulations on the south side of Richmond Street West generally prohibit parking at all times, stopping from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, and standing from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday to Monday. A loading zone used by several businesses is provided near Spadina Avenue within a parking lay-by. Councillor Vaughan has requested that this parking lay-by and loading zone be removed. Delivery vehicles may use a rear lane to service these businesses. The above-noted parking regulations would apply to the entire section of Richmond Street West and no changes to the existing parking by-laws are required. If approved, this work will be undertaken in late summer and early fall of this year.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421G-0115, dated July 2010

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