



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Northbound and Southbound Through Restrictions:
Lawrence Avenue West at Corona Street**

Date:	October 29, 2013
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	<i>P:\2013\ClusterB\TRA\North York\ny13119</i>

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Lawrence Avenue West, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval to prohibit northbound and southbound through movements at any time at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Corona Street.

The installation of the northbound and southbound through prohibitions at this intersection will address the concerns of the local residents with respect to the increasing traffic volumes within the neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the removal of the northbound 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, buses excepted, through traffic restriction at Corona Street and Lawrence Avenue West;
2. Approve the removal of the southbound 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, buses excepted, through traffic restriction at Corona Street and Lawrence Avenue West;
3. Approve the installation of a northbound through prohibition, buses and cyclists excepted, at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Corona Street; and
4. Approve the installation of a southbound through prohibition, buses and cyclists excepted, at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Corona Street.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the amendments to the through traffic prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportations Services, North York District obtained Council approval for the installation of new traffic lights at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Corona Street. As part of this approval, the installation to prohibit through traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday was also approved.

Over the last several months, the local residents have expressed the need to have the through traffic restriction during peak hours changed, in order to prohibit through traffic at all times.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Lawrence Avenue West is classified as an arterial roadway with a regulatory speed limit of 50km/h. The development site, which is located on the northwest corner of Lawrence Ave West and Corona Street, will have approximately 1,500 condominium suites and approximately 60,000 square feet of office space.

Currently, northbound and southbound through traffic are prohibited at this intersection during the peak periods to discourage traffic infiltration into the community, which was implemented based on the initial public consultation process.

However, since the implementation of the time of day restriction, the residents have expressed concerns that those restrictions would not be enough to address their concerns. As such, staff have recommended the implementation of a northbound and southbound through prohibition, buses and cyclists excepted, at all times.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Lawrence Avenue and Corona Street; Development Site
Plan