



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Road Alteration – Danforth Avenue, between Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	March 7, 2014
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York, Ward 31, Ward 32
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2014040te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to extend the sidewalk on the south side of Danforth Avenue, between Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue, in conjunction with Danforth Avenue boulevard enhancements project, between Westlake Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue.

Extending the sidewalk at this location will provide opportunities to enhance the pedestrian environment and improve the public realm, streetscaping initiatives to create a unique identity for the Danforth BIA in this vicinity. The work will be undertaken as part of the 2014 Capital Works Program.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Approve the road alteration on the south side of Danforth Avenue, between Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0991, dated February 2013, attached to the March 7, 2014 report entitled "Road Alteration – Danforth Avenue, between Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue ", from Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

**Financial Impact**

Funding for this road alteration, in the estimated amount of \$150,000.00, is available within Transportation Services, Transportation Safety and Local Improvements Program.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

In conjunction with planned boulevard enhancements on Danforth Avenue scheduled for 2014, staff was requested to consider the feasibility of extending the sidewalk on the south side of Danforth Avenue, between Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue, to provide a wider boulevard and an improved public realm.

## **COMMENTS**

Danforth Avenue is a four-lane major arterial road operating east-west with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Both Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue are two-way local streets. TTC Blue Night 300 Bloor-Danforth, 20 Liffside, 113 Danforth and the 406 Variety Village bus routes operate on this section of Danforth Avenue. This section on the south side of Danforth Avenue, between Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue, is unique in that the sidewalk is recessed approximately three metres from the rest of Danforth Avenue.

As part of the boulevard enhancements planned on Danforth Avenue, Transportation Services recommends extending the sidewalk on this section to be in line with the rest of Danforth Avenue. Currently, the sidewalk width on Danforth Avenue, between Kelvin Avenue and Lutrell Avenue, is two metres in width. With the proposed widening the sidewalk width will be extended to 5.4 metres. The proposed extension is shown on a copy of Drawing No. 421G-0991, dated February 2013, that is attached to this report. This proposal will not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces, nor will it have any impacts on Danforth Avenue traffic flow.

This sidewalk extension will provide opportunities to enhance the pedestrian environment and to improve the public realm, in this vicinity.

Councillor McMahon and Councillor Davis have been advised and support this proposal.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0991, dated February 2013  
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