



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**U-Turn Prohibition – Islington Avenue at Lemsford Road / Westhampton Drive**

<b>Date:</b>	May 15, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2015\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc150107-to

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to prohibit southbound U-turns anytime on Islington Avenue at Lemsford Road / Westhampton Drive.

As Islington Avenue is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff has been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

To address safety concerns and congestion in the area, it is recommended that southbound U- turns be prohibited anytime on Islington Avenue at the intersection of Lemsford Road / Westhampton Drive.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Enact a “No U-Turn, Anytime” restriction for southbound traffic on Islington Avenue at Lemsford Road/Westhampton Drive.

**Financial Impact**

The estimated cost for the installation of the of the U-turn prohibitions signs is \$400.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services investigated a request from the area Councillor, on behalf of area residents, regarding safety concerns on Islington Avenue in the area of Lemsford Road/ Westhampton Drive. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

## **COMMENTS**

Islington Avenue, in the subject area, is classified as a 'Major Arterial' roadway. It has a five lane cross-section in which two lanes are dedicated for northbound traffic, two lanes for southbound traffic and a single lane designated for left-turn lanes at the intersection with Lemsford Road/Westhampton Drive.

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates daily bus service (Islington 37) in the area with a northbound bus stop located on the east side just north of Lemsford Road. A southbound bus stop is located on the southwest corner of Islington Avenue and Westhampton Drive. Both of these bus stops are serviced with bus lay-bys. Traffic control signals are located on Islington Avenue approximately 53 metres north of Lemsford Road at Monogram Place and 420 metres south at St. Andrews Boulevard.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that some southbound motorists are completing U-turns in the area. We speculate that many of these U-turns are occurring to avoid delays and backups from the Highway 401 Eastbound On-Ramp. In some instances, other motorists were required to stop for the U-turning vehicle in order to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity, these movements are not desirable in this high traffic area.

To address the concerns, staff recommends a 24-hour southbound U-turn prohibition on Islington Avenue at the intersection of Lemsford Road/Westhampton Drive. This proposed prohibition will help deter southbound U-turn manoeuvres, enhancing traffic safety and operations in the area.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1:           Map – Islington Avenue