



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Left Turn Prohibition Removal – John Street at Weston Road and Weston Road at Lawrence Avenue West**

<b>Date:</b>	February 22, 2016
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2016\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc160035-to

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to remove the "No Left Turn" prohibition for westbound traffic on John Street at Weston Road and for southbound traffic on Weston Road at Lawrence Avenue West.

The deletions of the westbound left turn prohibition on John Street at Weston Road and southbound left turn prohibition on Weston Road at Lawrence Avenue West will provide residents living on and near John Street, signalized access to the major arterial roads of Lawrence Avenue West and Weston Road, without unduly impacting the operation of the intersections.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) provides service on Weston Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the westbound left-turn prohibition in effect at all times at John Street and Weston Road.
2. City Council rescind the southbound left-turn prohibition in effect at all times at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue West.

**Financial Impact**

The estimated cost for removal of the turn prohibition is \$200.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Prior to August 2012, westbound left turns were prohibited from John Street onto Weston Road and southbound left turns were prohibited from Weston Road to Lawrence Avenue West. A review of our records has not been able to determine the purpose/reasoning for the installation of the turn prohibitions at these intersections. Although these movements were prohibited, if residents wanted signalized access to Lawrence Avenue West, they had the option to travel east to Rosemount Avenue and onto Lawrence Avenue from Ralph Street. However, as a part of the Metrolinx construction, John Street was closed at the railway tracks. Therefore, in order to provide the property owners of John Street signalized access to arterial roads, in August 2012, the left turn prohibitions were temporarily covered at these two locations.

## **COMMENTS**

Weston Road is a 13.7 metre wide four-lane road. It operates two-way with a north-south alignment. The stretch of Weston Road, from Lawrence Avenue West (to the south) to John Street (to the north) is classified in the City's Road Classification System as "Minor Arterial" roadway. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street.

John Street is a 10.0 metre wide two-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as "Collector" roadway. It operates two-way with an east-west alignment. John Street runs east of Weston Road. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street.

The land on either side of Weston Road and John Street consists primarily of commercial properties. John Street at Weston Road is a "T" intersection and Weston Road at Lawrence Avenue West is a "four legged" intersection. Both intersections are signalized and the distance between the two intersections is 139 metres.

Since the Metrolinx construction at this location is now complete, staff reviewed the operation of the two aforementioned intersections and determined that there has been no significant negative impact on vehicles and pedestrians as a result of the temporary traffic regulation amendment.

A review of the Toronto Police Services collision data indicates that since the traffic regulation amendment in 2012 up to December 31, 2014 there have been no collisions involving westbound left turn at Weston Road and John Street. There has been one southbound left turn collision at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue West, where a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle making a southbound left turn (the vehicle failed to yield "right of way"). Minimal injuries to the pedestrian were reported.

In view of the above study, staff support the removal of the westbound left turn and southbound left turn prohibitions at John Street and Weston Road and at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue West, respectively. This will provide motorists living in the area with signalized access to arterial roads. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1:           Map