

Removal of Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition: Lake Shore Boulevard East and Parliament Street

Date: October 17, 2016
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Lake Shore Boulevard East, City Council approval for this report is required.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to rescind the pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east side of the intersection at Lakes Shore Boulevard East and Parliament Street. The removal of the pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east side of the intersection is required to facilitate the Accessible Pedestrian Signal operation at this location and to allow for pedestrian crossing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the pedestrian crossing prohibition on Lake Shore Boulevard East, between the west curb line of Parliament Street and a point 30.5 metres east of the east curb line of Parliament Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation and traffic control signal modifications are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report is a new request being presented to Toronto and East York Community Council.

COMMENTS

The intersection of Parliament Street and Lake Shore Boulevard East is controlled by traffic signals. Parliament Street is a north-south minor arterial road, that operates two-way (northbound and southbound) with a 50 km/h speed limit. Lake Shore Boulevard East is an east-west major arterial road with two-way traffic and a posted speed limit of 60 km/h. TTC service is provided by the '72 Pape' bus route on this section of Lake Shore Boulevard East.

Currently, pedestrian crossings are only permitted on the north, south, and west side of the intersection. As part of the Waterfront Toronto's revitalization of the area, it was identified that a pedestrian crossing should be installed on the east side of the intersection. The inclusion of the east leg will also allow for the implementation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals. Zebra markings as well as pedestrian curb cuts and tactile walking surface indicators have been installed along the east side of the intersection by Waterfront Toronto. Jersey barriers have been installed to prevent pedestrian crossing on this side of the intersection. Further by-law and signal modification are required before the pedestrian crossing can be opened.

Councillor Pam Mc Connell has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2292, dated October 2016

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