

Lane Designation Amendment – Lake Shore Boulevard West at Windermere Avenue

Date: April 10, 2018
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to exempt buses from the existing right turns only designation for the northerly westbound lane on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Windermere Avenue and a point 106 metres east.

The exemption will allow westbound buses to legally proceed into the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard West and Windermere Avenue and merge into the adjacent traffic lane.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing designation of the northerly westbound lane on Lake Shore Boulevard West, from Windermere Avenue to a point a point 106 metres east, for westbound right turns only, to exempt buses.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for the installation of the lane designation signage is \$100.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services' 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the TTC to exempt buses from the existing right turns only designation for the northerly westbound lane on Lake Shore Boulevard West at Windermere Avenue. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Lake Shore Boulevard West and Windermere Avenue are classified as "Major Arterial" and "Collector" roads, respectively. The intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard West and Windermere Avenue is controlled by traffic control signals. There are three westbound through lanes, a left-turn and right turn lane at the east approach of the intersection. West of the intersection, there are three westbound receiving lanes. The westbound right turn lane is currently by-lawed for right turns only with no exemptions.

This section of Lake Shore Boulevard West is part of the TTC's 66 PRINCE EDWARD and 145 DOWNTOWN/HUMBER BAY Express bus routes. There is a westbound nearside bus stop located at the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard West and Windermere Avenue.

Based on staff's review of this matter and the need for TTC buses to proceed into the intersection from the westbound curb lane, it is recommended that buses be exempted from the existing right turn only designation for the northerly westbound lane on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Windermere Avenue and a point 106 metres east. This proposed amendment will allow westbound buses to legally proceed into the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard West and Windermere Avenue and merge into the adjacent traffic lane.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Area Map (Lake Shore Boulevard West and Windermere Avenue)

