

Turn Prohibition Removals – The Pond Road and James Gillies Street/York University Busway

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 7 –Humber River-Black Creek

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on The Pond Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to remove the existing turn prohibitions at the intersection of The Pond Road and James Gillies Street/York University Busway.

The deletions of all turn prohibitions at the intersection of The Pond Road and James Gillies Street/York University Busway is a result of the existing closure of York University Busway and future modifications at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing westbound right-turn-on-red-signal prohibition in effect at all times at the intersection of The Pond Road and James Gillies Street.
2. City Council rescind the existing eastbound right-turn prohibition in effect at all times at the intersection of The Pond Road and York University Busway.
3. City Council rescind the existing westbound left-turn prohibition in effect at all times at the intersection of The Pond Road and York University Busway.
4. City Council rescind the existing northbound and southbound right-turn-on-red-signal prohibition on effect at all times at the intersection of The Pond Road and York University Busway (Finch Hydro Corridor).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the removal of signs are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was contacted by BA Consulting Group Ltd, on behalf of York University, to remove all existing turn prohibitions at the intersection of The Pond Road and James Gillies Street/York University Busway, as the intersection is being reconfigured and the York University Busway access is now closed. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

The Pond Road is a two-lane collector road that operates in an east-west direction. James Gillies Street is classified as a local road intersecting onto the north side of The Pond Road, just west of the York University Busway north approach. James Gillies Street and York University Busway are parallel and divided by a median. The York University Busway was an exclusive north-south transit route with one lane in each direction and is now closed.

The York University Busway is inactive due to the subway now operating in the area and ownership has been transferred from the Toronto Transit Commission to York University. The intention of York University is to reconfigure the intersection into a 3-legged T intersection and with the York University Busway closure the turn prohibitions are no longer necessary.

Transportation Services supports the removal of the existing turn prohibitions in effect at the intersection of The Pond Road and James Gillies Street/York University Busway.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Area Map – The Pond Road and James Gillies Street/York University Busway

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