



## REPORT FOR ACTION

### U-Turn Prohibition - Ellesmere Road

**Date:** August 19, 2019  
**To:** Scarborough Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 24 – Scarborough-Guildwood

#### SUMMARY

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

This report recommends an eastbound U-turn prohibition on Ellesmere Road between Military Trail/Orton Park Road and a point 450 metres east. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of Ellesmere Road.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit eastbound U-turns at all times on Ellesmere Road, between Military Trail/Orton Park Road and a point 450 metres east.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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The cost of installing the required signs is approximately \$800. Funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 Operating Budget.

#### DECISION HISTORY

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

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At the request of Councillor Paul Ainslie, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting eastbound U-turns on Ellesmere Road, east of Military Trail/Orton Park Road.

### Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe this area of Ellesmere Road:

- Ellesmere Road is an east-west major arterial road. The vehicle volume on this section of road is approximately 23,500 vehicles per day.
- Sidewalks are located on all sides of the intersection.
- Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates revenue bus service on Ellesmere Road.
- The land use in the surrounding area consists mainly of mixed use residential dwellings, park land, commercial businesses, and a health care facility.

Currently, the intersection of Ellesmere Road and Military Trail/Orton Park Road is controlled by traffic control signals. Eastbound left turns are prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. Northbound traffic on Orton Park Road is prohibited from travelling through the intersection from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. The traffic prohibitions were implemented to reduce traffic infiltration from Ellesmere Road to the nearby residential neighbourhoods and school zones on Military Trail.

To further reduce traffic infiltration, Transportation Services recommends prohibiting eastbound U-turns on Ellesmere Road, between Military Trail/Orton Park Road and the bridge over East Highland Creek. This will deter motorists from by-passing the existing intersection through and left-turn prohibitions by making a U-turn east of the intersection and travelling back westbound and making a right turn onto Military Trail.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records revealed that in the three-year period ending December 31, 2018, there were no eastbound U-turn related collisions reported for Ellesmere Road, east of Military Trail/Orton Park Road.

An eastbound U-turn prohibition on Ellesmere Road, between Military Trail/Orton Park Road and a point 450 metres east (bridge over East Highland Creek), will enhance safety for all road users and allow for enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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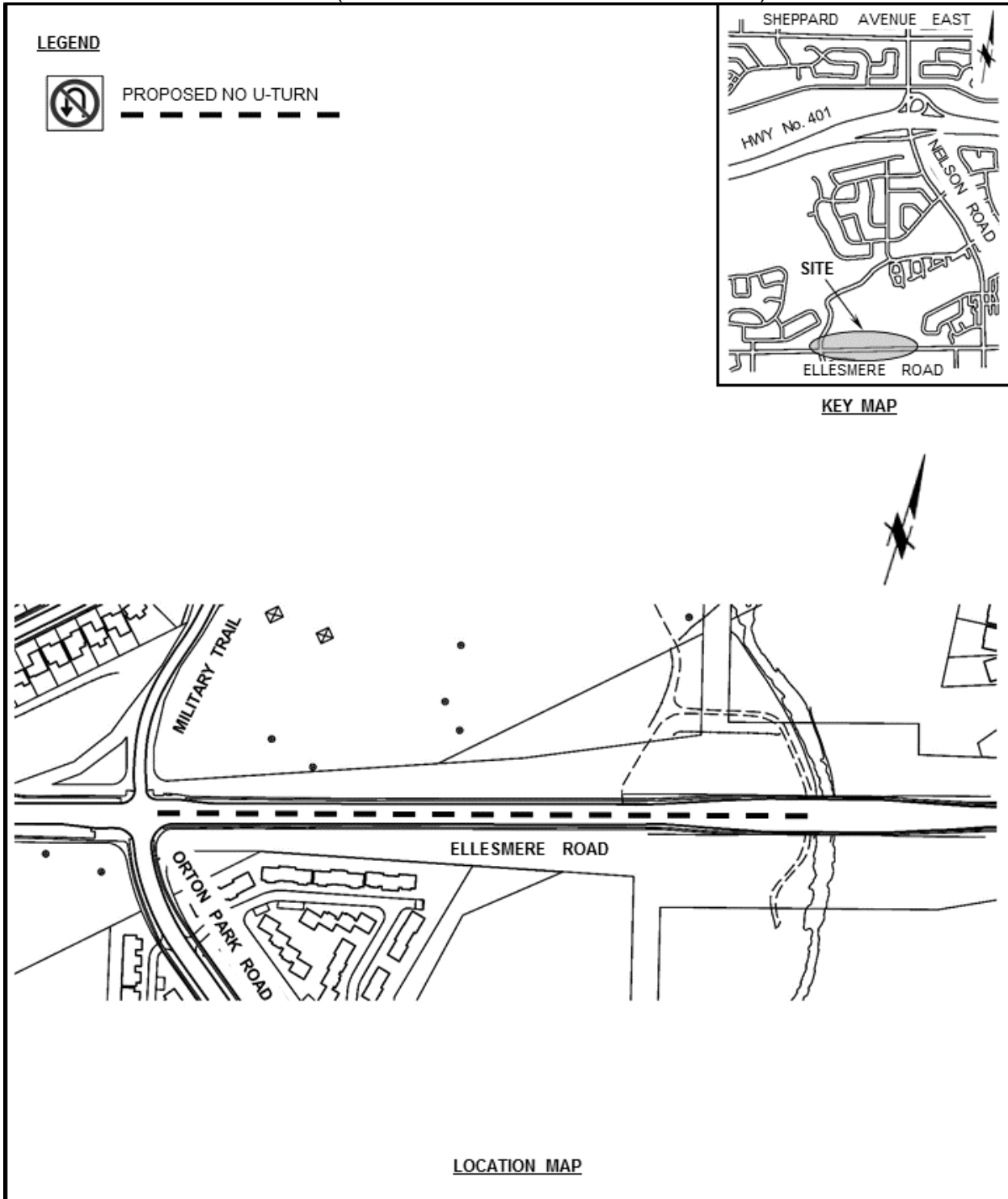
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Attachment 1: Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Ellesmere Road)

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