

Left-Turn Prohibition - 2621 Midland Avenue

Date: November 8, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 22, Scarborough-Agincourt and Ward 23, Scarborough North

SUMMARY

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

This report recommends that westbound left turns be prohibited from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times on Saturday at the Agincourt Collegiate Institute driveway at 2621 Midland Avenue, located on the east side of Midland Avenue, 50 metres north of Lockie Avenue.

Prohibiting westbound left turns is anticipated to prevent conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, reduce congestion and maintain traffic flow in the vicinity of the driveway during the school's busiest times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit westbound left turns from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times Saturday at the Agincourt Collegiate Institute driveway at 2621 Midland Avenue, located on the east side of Midland Avenue, 50 metres north of Lockie Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing additional signs is approximately \$600. The funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Further to a request from the Toronto District School Board on behalf of staff at the Agincourt Collegiate Institute, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting westbound left turns from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times on Saturday from the school driveway located on the east side of Midland Avenue, 50 metres north of Lockie Avenue.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe this section of Midland Avenue located north of Sheppard Avenue and south of Finch Avenue East.

- Midland Avenue is major arterial road with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h.
- Midland Avenue consists of two northbound and two southbound travel lanes.
- a municipal sidewalk separated by grass boulevard is located on both sides of the road.
- TTC operates revenue bus service on Midland Avenue.
- "No Standing Anytime" signs are posted marking off the TTC transit stop zones in front of the school, and on-street parking is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- surrounding land-use mainly consists of single family residential units. Agincourt Collegiate Institute School is connected to Midland Avenue on the east side of the road, and Agincourt Junior Public School is on Lockie Avenue.
- the driveway connecting Agincourt Collegiate Institute to Midland Avenue currently operates as a full moves access allowing right turns in, right turns out, left turns in and left turns out.

Staff at Agincourt Collegiate Institute expressed concerns about turning movements at this driveway and requested that westbound left turns exiting at the north driveway be prohibited during the school's busiest times from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times on Saturday.

The proposed westbound left turn prohibition is anticipated to prevent conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, reduce congestion and maintain traffic flow in the vicinity of the driveway during the school's busiest times.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Location Plan (Left Turn Prohibition at 2621 Midland Avenue)

(Attachment 1 - Location Plan of Left Turn Prohibition at 2621 Midland Avenue)

