

## **Right-turn-on-red Prohibition - Jane Street at Pritchard Avenue**

**Date:** November 3, 2021

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** Director, Project Design and Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** 5 York South - Weston

### **SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting authority to prohibit right-turn-on-red movements for northbound and southbound motor vehicle traffic on Jane Street at Pritchard Avenue. This prohibition is recommended to improve safety of the intersection for people walking, cycling, taking transit, or driving.

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

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Project Design and Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit northbound right-turns on a red signal at all times on Jane Street at Pritchard Avenue (north intersection).
2. City Council prohibit southbound right-turns on a red signal at all times on Jane Street at Pritchard Avenue (south intersection).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All cost associated with the necessary signage changes are included within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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One focus action in the Vision Zero 2.0 Road Safety Plan approved by Council in July 2019 is addressing turning collisions at signalized intersections. This can be addressed through the utilization of several tools, including the strategic application of right-turn-on-red prohibitions. Right-turn-on-red (RTOR) prohibitions may improve safety for some people at signalized intersections by restricting drivers facing a red signal from turning right across the path of people walking or cycling with the right-of-way. In Toronto in the last five years about 2% of serious injury or fatal collisions with people walking and 4% of serious injury or fatal collisions with people cycling have been with a right-turning vehicle turning on a red signal.

In 2021, Transportation Services reviewed opportunities to improve safety and connectivity for people walking and cycling from Scarlett Road to Runnymede Road. The intersection of Jane Street and Pritchard Avenue is an off-set intersection and the west leg to the south is not included in the existing traffic control signal for the east leg of Pritchard Avenue. To improve safety and connectivity, Transportation Services is proposing to include the west leg of the intersection as part of the traffic signal.

As an off-set signalized intersection, there exists potential for right-of-way confusion and collisions between northbound and southbound right-turning vehicles on a red signal and vehicles conducting through movements from Pritchard Avenue during a green indication. In order to reduce this potential and improve safety for all road users, the restriction of northbound and southbound right-turns-on-a red traffic signal is recommended.

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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