



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

The West Mall between North of Waulron Street and South of Paxman Road – Highway Alteration By-law

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the enactment of the highway alteration by-law related to the road reconstruction of The West Mall between The Queensway and a point 150 metres north of Paxman Road. The proposed highway alteration by-law pertains specifically to the widening of The West Mall from a point 45 metres north of Waulron Street to a point 70 metres south of Paxman Road to accommodate designated bike lanes.

The proposed road alteration will improve traffic operations and enhance cyclist safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The alterations and modifications on The West Mall between a point 45 metres north of Waulron Street and a point 70 metres south of Paxman Road, as indicated in Appendix “A”, and generally as shown on the attached drawing No’s P2604-010, P2604-011 and P2604-012.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the alterations and modifications on The West Mall, as indicated in Appendix “A”, will be available by a relocation of funds. The Budget Committee approved the necessary funding for this project at its meeting held on May 19, 2009. City Council is expected to consider the matter at its meeting on July 7, 2009. Should funds not be made available at that time, provisions are already in place to accommodate this project as a priority for 2010.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, requires by-laws for the alteration of highways. This is not a new requirement under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, in that it was required under the previous Municipal Act, notwithstanding that many pre-amalgamation municipalities had varied practices relating to highway alterations. City Legal staff has advised that any District in Transportation Services needing to make an alteration to a highway, would require the passage of a by-law by City Council. Alterations requiring approval typically include road narrowing and widening, the installation of a lay-by, the installation of sidewalks, the installation of medians and the realignment of intersections.

COMMENTS

The West Mall is being planned for reconstructed between The Queensway and a point 150 metres north of Paxman Road (south of Dundas Street West), in 2009. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

The existing road pavement width (curb-face to curb-face) for the subject section of The West Mall ranges between 15.25 metres and 22.7 metres. The following table summarizes the existing road pavement widths at various locations on The West Mall between The Queensway and north of Paxman Road.

Location on The West Mall	Existing Road Width
North approach of The West Mall and The Queensway	22.7 metres
CPR Bridge	15.25 metres
West approach of The West Mall and Westside Drive	15.25 metres
East approach of The West Mall and Westside Drive	18.25 metres
A point 45 metres north of Waulron Street	18.25 metres
A point 213 metres south of Paxman Road	15.25 metres
A point 70 metres south of Paxman Road	18.25 metres
North approach of The West Mall and Paxman Road	18.25 metres

As part of the City Council approved Toronto Bike Plan, bike lanes have been proposed on The West Mall, between The Queensway and Bloor Street West. In order to incorporate the bike lanes in the road reconstruction to enhance cyclist safety and implement the Toronto Bike Plan, a road pavement widening of up to three metres will be required on The West Mall between a point 45 metres north of Waulron Street to a point 70 metres south of Paxman Road. This proposed highway alteration, as indicated in Appendix A and generally shown in Attachments 2A to 2C will create a uniform road width of 18.25 metres on The West Mall from the east approach of the intersection of The West Mall and Westside Drive to north of Paxman Road to accommodate the bike lanes.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix “A”

Attachment 1:	Area Map
Attachment 2A:	Drawing P-2604-010
Attachment 2B:	Drawing P-2604-011
Attachment 2C:	Drawing P-2604-012

Appendix "A"

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Location Requiring a Highway Alteration By-Law

Ward	Street	From	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
5	The West Mall	A point 45 metres north of Waulron Street	A point 70 metres south of Paxman Road	Widening of the road up to 3 metres	To accommodate proposed designated bike lanes and enhance traffic operations