

Clarification of Council Direction – Steeles Avenue East at Tapscott Road and at Staines Road

Date:	May 27, 2010
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards:	Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge River
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\PWIC\pw1071 D10-3785018 Steeles Avenue and Tapscott/Staines Roads

SUMMARY

This report seeks clarification from City Council on an earlier Resolution about turning prohibitions at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at Tapscott Road and at Staines Road relating to the Markham By-Pass.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the installation of weekday AM Peak westbound to southbound left-turning prohibitions and PM Peak northbound to eastbound right-turning prohibitions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East at Tapscott Road and direct that these installations be implemented once the Markham By-Pass extension from Highway 407 to Steeles Avenue East is approved and opened to public traffic.
2. City Council approve the installation of weekday AM Peak westbound to southbound left-turning prohibitions and PM Peak northbound to eastbound right-turning prohibitions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East at Staines Road and direct that these installations be implemented once the Markham By-Pass extension from Highway 407 to Steeles Avenue East is approved and opened to public traffic.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these turning-prohibition signs is approximately \$2,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of October 22 and 23, 2007, City Council in considering Item PW9.1 from the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee, passed motion A. 6. that states:

“City Council approve the installation of “No Left-Turn” signs for the morning rush hour and “No Right Turn” signs for the evening rush hour at the intersections (i.e. Staines Road and Tapscott Road) located between 9th Line and Markham Road.”

The context of this motion was the mitigation of future impacts of the Markham By-Pass Extension.

At its meeting of May 18, 2010, the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee referred Item PW33.15 (a Member Motion from Councillor Raymond Cho seeking to clarify the intent of the 2007 motion A. 6.) to the General Manager, Transportation Services, for a report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on June 15, 2010.

The purpose of this report is to clarify the original motion already adopted by City Council so as to be able to enact the intended by-laws.

COMMENTS

The original 2007 motion does not have sufficient clarity to be implemented; however, the 2009 motion from the ward Councillor, who originally moved the 2007 motion, indicates his intent as follows:

- a) Clarify that the installation of weekday AM Peak westbound to southbound left-turning prohibitions be considered at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at both Tapscott Road and Staines Road.
- b) Clarify that the installation of weekday PM Peak northbound to eastbound right-turning prohibitions be considered at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at both Tapscott Road and Staines Road.
- c) The above installations be considered and implemented once the Markham By-Pass extension from Highway 407 to Steeles Avenue East is approved and opened to public traffic.

Once the Markham By-Pass extension is opened, traffic patterns may reveal that some or none of the above installations may actually be required, especially considering that by that time, the connection between Tapscott Road and the Morningside Heights Community via Passmore Avenue may be closed. The final start and end time limits of any necessary AM and PM Peak turn prohibitions can also be determined at that time.

However, the ward Councillor also feels that it is prudent for community reasons to implement prohibitions at this time to protect the Morningside Heights area from existing transient traffic from York Region which would require City Council to:

- d) Approve the installation at this time of weekday AM Peak (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) westbound to southbound left-turning prohibitions and PM Peak (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) northbound to eastbound right-turning prohibitions at the intersection of Steeles Avenue East and Staines Road.
- e) Pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

The staff recommendations simply provide sufficient clarity as to form to implement the original motions as intended by City Council in 2007. Therefore, should the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee wish to recommend to City Council concurrence with the local Councillor's short-term intention then Recommendation 2 would need to be deleted and replaced with clauses d) and e) above.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Steeles Avenue East – Tapscott Road and Staines Road)