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**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Speed Limit and Stopping Regulation on Finch Avenue East – From Neilson Road to Morningside Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	April 6, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 42 - Scarborough Rouge River
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1036 D09-3502884 Finch Ave East - speed stopping regulation

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council does not have delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision due to the TTC bus route on the subject roadway.

This report on Finch Avenue East details the changes to the distance of the east boundary of existing unsigned 60 Km/h speed limit and also a reduction of the speed limit to 50 Km/h, related to the recent railway grade separation and roadway widening/realignment. In addition, due to the new bicycle lanes, the existing on-street No Parking Anytime regulations will need to be rescinded and replaced with a No Stopping Anytime regulation.

Community Council's approval of the No Stopping Anytime regulations and the 50 Km/h speed limit amendments will allow enforcement by the Toronto Police Service and may improve roadway operation and safety.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services, Scarborough District staff recommends that Scarborough Community Council recommend that City Council:**

1. Rescind the speed limit and parking regulation(s), as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the stopping regulation(s), as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
3. Pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

### **Financial Impact**

The financial cost of installing and replacing parking / stopping signage as well as speed signs is approximately \$9,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The subject portion of Finch Avenue East from Neilson Road to Morningside Avenue was widened / realigned and had bike lanes installed as part of the of the 2008 / 2009 C.P.R. railway grade separation project. Due to the resulting new road realignment the existing 60 Km/h speed limit bylaw dimensions are no longer accurate. Rather than bylaw this portion of roadway at 60 Km/h we recommend that a 50 Km/h speed limit be installed. The 50 Km/h limit is recommended due to recent changes to the roadway characteristics, specifically, the new bike lanes as well as the new downhill road grade and curve in the area of the grade separation.

In addition, due to the new bicycle lanes, the existing on-street no parking regulations will need to be rescinded and replaced with a no stopping regulation. The current City practice is to enact a No Stopping Anytime zone where a bicycle lane abuts a curb. In conjunction with the No Stopping Anytime signage installation we will also sign the TTC bus stop locations with “default” no standing signage.

### **COMMENTS**

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Finch Avenue East include:

- The land use on Finch Avenue East is mix of industrial and reverse frontage single family homes.
- Finch Avenue East is a four-lane east/west minor arterial road.
- The area is located in Rouge neighbourhood and Malvern neighbourhood.
- There are existing “default” No Stopping Anytime regulations on Finch Avenue East at the railway underpass.

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Traffic Operations staff anticipates that the proposed No Stopping Anytime regulations on the subject portion of Finch Avenue East will enhance sight lines in the area, keep the existing bike lanes free of parked/stopped vehicles and encourage safe and efficient traffic flow in this area. The proposed posting of 50 Km/h speed limit signs, should provide a safer roadway environment for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, particularly in the curved and downhill portion at the new grade separation.

In summary, the amended speed limit and stopping regulations will allow such regulations along this portion of Finch Avenue East to be enforceable.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendments (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendments (enact)
3. Location Plan (Proposed 50 Km/h Speed Limit and No Stopping Anytime Regulations – On Finch Avenue East – From Neilson Road to Morningside Avenue)

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## Appendix 1

### “Maximum Rate of Speed – 60 Kilometres Per hour” Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) From	To
Finch Avenue	Markham Road	A point 548.5 Metres east of Neilson Road

### “No Parking” Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To	(In Column 5) Times or Days
Finch Avenue	Both	Markham Road	Morningside Avenue	Anytime

### Appendix 2

#### “Maximum Rate of Speed – 60 Kilometres Per hour” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) From	To
Finch Avenue East	Markham Road	Neilson Road

#### “No Parking” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To	(In Column 5) Times or Days
Finch Avenue East	Both	Markham Road	Neilson Road	Anytime

#### “No Stopping” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To	(In Column 5) Times or Days
Finch Avenue East	Both	Neilson Road	Morningside Avenue	Anytime