Parking Regulation Amendments - Royal York Road, north of Bloor Street West

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to amend the current parking regulations on the east side of Royal York Road, north of Bloor Street West, by creating an additional taxi stand for one taxicab to be located 26 metres north of Bloor Street West.

The proposed taxi stand space will assist in meeting the increased demand for the pick-up/drop-off of taxi patrons accessing Royal York Subway Station.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Royal York Road, City Council approval of this report is required. The TTC has been consulted on this item and they do not object to these proposed parking regulation amendments.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. The removal of the "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the east side of Royal York Road between Bloor Street West and Varley Lane.

2. The installation of a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the east side of Royal York Road between Bloor Street West and a point 26 metres north of Bloor Street West.

3. The installation of a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the east side of Royal York Road between the second laneway north of Bloor Street West and Varley Lane.

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4. The installation of a “Taxi Stand” for one taxicab on the east side of Royal York Road between a point 26 metres north of Bloor Street West and the first laneway north of Bloor Street West.

Financial Impact

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ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from the office of Councillor Peter Milczyn, on behalf of area merchants and representatives of the taxi industry, to investigate the feasibility of expanding the current taxi stand located on the east side of Royal York Road, south of Royal York Subway Station entrance (955 Royal York Road). The current taxi stand has sufficient occupancy for one vehicle. Due to increased demand in pick-up/drop-off of taxi patrons, taxis have been stopping and queuing in the "No Stopping" area on Royal York Road south of first laneway north of Bloor Street West as well as parking in the laneway.

A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Royal York Road, north of Bloor Street West is classified in the City's road system as a "Minor Arterial". There are two northbound lanes north of Bloor Street West, with the curb lane terminating at the north limit of the TTC Royal York Subway Station property.

Currently, stopping is prohibited anytime on the east side of Royal York Road between Bloor Street West and Varley Lane and on the west side of Royal York Road between Bloor Street West and White Oak Boulevard (just north of Varley Lane). There is an existing designated taxi stand for one taxicab located on the east side of Royal York Road, just north of the first laneway north of Bloor Street West. The laneway north of Bloor Street West is one-way eastbound.

Staff recommends that an additional taxi stand for one space be designated on the east side of Royal York Road between a point 26 metres north of Bloor Street West and the first laneway north of Bloor Street West.

The proposed designation of an additional taxi stand on the east side of Royal York Road, will help alleviate the congestion of taxi cabs standing in the first laneway north of Bloor Street West and provide for an additional legal zone for taxi cabs to stand on Royal York Road, in the general area of the TTC Royal York Subway Station.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map