



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Left turn prohibition – Eastern Avenue at Lewis Street

Date:	July 14, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts10117te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to prohibit eastbound left turns from Eastern Avenue to Lewis Street between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, in order to reduce non-resident traffic infiltration.

The eastbound left-turn prohibition will reduce non-resident traffic on Lewis Street during the weekday afternoon peak period. Lewis Street residents and customers of area businesses, may need to take alternate routes during that time period. An increase in traffic volume on adjacent northbound streets could be expected as a result of the turn prohibition.

Cyclists and TTC bus service will not be negatively impacted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibits eastbound left turns from Eastern Avenue to Lewis Street between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays (bicycles excepted).

Financial Impact

The estimated cost of installing a sign and pole is \$300.00. Funds have been allocated in the Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting eastbound left turns from Eastern Avenue to Lewis Street between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, in response to a request from Toronto and East York Community Council to submit a report on this matter to its August 17, 2010, meeting (Item TE35.93 of TEYCC Decision Document – June 22, 2010). A letter dated June 17, 2010, had been submitted by Councillor Paula Fletcher to Toronto and East York Community Council advising that she had been contacted by Lewis Avenue residents concerned about non-resident traffic infiltration on their street during the p.m. peak period.

COMMENTS

Eastern Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue, is a four-lane east/west major arterial road. Lewis Street, located one block east of Broadview Avenue, is a local road operating two-way from Eastern Avenue to a point 30.5 metres north, then one-way northbound from that point to Queen Street East. The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates the 143 Downtown / Beach Express bus route along Eastern Avenue during the weekday morning and afternoon peak periods.

It is feasible to implement an eastbound left-turn prohibition from Eastern Avenue to Lewis Street between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Traffic volume on Lewis Street during the weekday late afternoon/early evening period would be reduced, however, Lewis Street residents would also be subject to the turn prohibition and as a result, may be required to take a longer route home.

The left-turn prohibition could also have a negative impact on the businesses located at the northeast and northwest corners of Eastern Avenue and Lewis Street. These commercial properties have access driveways from Lewis Street and their customers may need to find alternate routes during the weekday afternoon peak period.

The left-turn prohibition will not negatively impact TTC bus service along Eastern Avenue and cyclists will be exempted from it.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-0100, dated July 2010

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