



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Accessible Loading Zone – Bathurst Street, South of Nassau Street (Toronto Western Hospital)

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is recommending the designation of an accessible loading zone on the east side of Bathurst Street, from a point 41 metres south of Nassau Street to a point 11 metres further south, in the vicinity of the Toronto Western Hospital. The accessible loading zone will operate at all times except from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday when stopping is prohibited. This accessible loading zone will facilitate Wheel-Trans buses and other vehicles picking up/dropping off persons with accessibility issues at this location.

Implementation of the accessible loading zone will result in the loss of 2 on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the installation of an on-street accessible loading zone to operate at all times except from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Bathurst Street, from a point 41 metres south of Nassau Street to a point 11 metres further south.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of signs to delineate an on-street accessible loading zone in the estimated amount of \$400.00 is available within Transportation Services Division 2011 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Transit Commission has advised staff that Wheel-Trans buses are experiencing difficulties gaining access to the curb when arriving to pick-up/drop-off passengers at the Toronto Western Hospital and are requesting designation of an on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Bathurst Street, south of Nassau Street to address their needs.

COMMENTS

Parking and Road Operation

Bathurst Street, south of Nassau Street operates two-way on a pavement width of 9.1 metres. Parking is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday and stopping is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Bathurst Street beside Toronto Western Hospital. Parking is otherwise permitted for a maximum period of three hours and is controlled by parking machines. Signs giving effect to the parking regulations are posted and clearly visible. The "511- Bathurst" streetcar operates on Bathurst Street.

Investigation

A significant number of people with accessibility issues regularly visit Toronto Western Hospital. Vehicles frequently stop or park both legally and illegally at times on the east side of Bathurst Street in front of the hospital. This periodically prevents Wheel-Trans buses from pulling up against the curb to load/unload passengers. With no convenient area in which to stop momentarily drivers often resort to double-parking. This creates a potentially hazardous situation that delays streetcars and other road users. The only alternative is to stop some distance away from the entrance to the hospital, which presents a greater inconvenience for passengers of the Wheel-Trans bus.

Resolution

Designating an on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Bathurst Street from a point 41 metres south of Nassau Street to a point 11 metres further south is will resolve the issue and is recommended. This will result in the loss of 2 parking spaces on the east side of Bathurst Street and the parking revenue generated by these spaces.

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