Turn Prohibition – Wellesley Street East at Homewood Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards: Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY
Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to prohibit westbound left turns, eastbound right turns and southbound through movements from Homewood Avenue to Wellesley Street East from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., daily to discourage vehicle circulation related to undesirable activity in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit westbound left turns, prohibit eastbound right turns, and introduce southbound compulsory turns from Wellesley Street East onto Homewood Avenue daily from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 6:00 a.m. of the next following day.

Financial Impact
The estimated cost of sign fabrication and installation is $1,000.00. These funds are contained in the Transportation Services 2011 Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of September 9, 2008 Toronto and East York Community Council referred Item TE18.88 entitled "Turn Prohibition – Wellesley Street East at Homewood Avenue" back to the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto East York District, for further consideration.

BACKGROUND
Transportation Services recently attended a community meeting with local area residents and staff from Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam's office to further discuss this turn
prohibition as a means of deterring on-going undesirable activity on Homewood Avenue at Maitland Place. At this meeting it was decided to prohibit westbound left turns, eastbound right turns, and southbound through movements from Wellesley Street East onto Homewood Avenue from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 6:00 a.m. of the next following day.

COMMENTS
Wellesley Street East is classified as a minor arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 20,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the “94 Wellesley” bus on this section of Wellesley Street East. Homewood Avenue is a local street extending south from Wellesley Street East and provides two-way traffic operation with a legal speed limit of 40 km/h. Maitland Place is a local street operating one-way westbound between Homewood Avenue and Jarvis Street.

The proposed turn prohibitions and compulsory turns would discourage motorists from circling the area looking to engage in illegal activities. The loop motorists currently frequent is as follows: southbound on Homewood Avenue from Wellesley Street East to Maitland Place, west on Maitland Place to Jarvis Street, north on Jarvis Street to Wellesley Street East, and east on Wellesley Street East back to Homewood Avenue.

It is feasible to prohibit westbound left turns, eastbound right turns and southbound through movements from Wellesley Street East onto Homewood Avenue between 11:00 p.m. of one day and 6:00 a.m. of the next day, to discourage transient motorists from accessing this section of Homewood Avenue and Maitland Place. This will create some inconvenience for area residents by forcing them to access Homewood Avenue from Carlton Street.

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