



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Highway Alteration – Runnymede Road, south of Glenwood Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	September 11, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc120123-to

#### **SUMMARY**

Transportation Services is requesting City Council authority to alter Runnymede Road, just south of Glenwood Avenue, by installing a "bump out" on the west side of the street, narrowing the road at this location from 14 metres to 11.8 metres.

The proposed highway alteration will permit the installation of a traffic pole to allow enhancement of the pedestrian crossover located on Runnymede Road, just south of Glenwood Avenue.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:**

- (1) The alterations and modifications on Runnymede Road, to introduce a "bump out" of the curb on the west side of Runnymede Road, between a point 8 metres south of Glenwood Avenue to a point 13 metres further south, as indicated in Appendix "A", and generally shown on the attached sketch, Attachment 1.

#### **Financial Impact**

The installation of a "bump-out", estimated at \$5,000.00, can be accommodated within the Transportation Services 2012 Capital Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

As part of the City-wide pedestrian crossover (PXO) enhancement program on minor arterial roadways, the PXO on Runnymede Road, just south of Glenwood Avenue, still needs to be enhanced to include the installation of road-side mounted flashing beacons. To accommodate these upgrades, Toronto Hydro would need to replace their existing poles in the subject area. However, to eliminate the need for Toronto Hydro to replace their poles, an alternative option is to introduce a "bump out" of the curb and install a traffic pole to allow for the enhancement of the PXO.

This highway alteration is shown on the attached map and described in Appendix "A".

## **COMMENTS**

Runnymede Road, in the area of Glenwood Avenue, is a minor arterial road with a two lane (with parking) cross-section. In addition, there is a designated bike lane located between the curb (parking) lane and through lane in each direction. The existing road width is 14 metres. The legal speed limit on this section of road is 40 km/h.

A "bump-out" will narrow the road by up to 2.2 metres over a 13 metre long section. There will be no loss of parking as the proposed area is currently signed with a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation.

Since this project is on a transit route operated by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), TTC staff was consulted on these matters and are in agreement with the proposals. The authorization of the road alteration to the City of Toronto Act, 2006, will mitigate the City's legal liability as the road authority. Therefore, it is recommended the Council authorize this road alteration.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix "A"  
Attachment 1      Map

## Appendix "A"

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### Location Requiring a Highway Alteration

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
13	Runnymede Road	A point 8 metres south of Glenwood Avenue	A point 13 metres further south	A "bump-out" of the curb, up to 2.2 metres, on the west side of the road.	To install a traffic pole to allow enhancement of the existing pedestrian crossover