

**U-Turn Prohibition – Islington Avenue, south of  
Evans Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	October 15, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc120146-to

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to propose installing a U-turn prohibition for southbound traffic on Islington Avenue between Evans Avenue and a point 80 meters south of Evans Avenue.

This proposed U-turn prohibition will help to reduce potential vehicle conflicts on Islington Avenue south of Evans Avenue. The increase in U-turns on Islington Avenue is due to the recent implementation of a fully protected southbound left turn signal phase at the intersection of Islington Avenue and Evans Avenue. As a result, some motorists are avoiding having to make the southbound left-turn movement exclusively on the protected phase and are proceeding south on Islington Avenue and making u-turns on Islington Avenue just south of the south approach of the intersection of Islington Avenue and Evans Avenue.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Islington Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:**

1. Enacting a U-turn prohibition anytime for southbound traffic on Islington Avenue between Evans Avenue and a point 80 metres south of Evans Avenue.

## Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$200.00

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of some concerned constituents, to have a southbound U-turn prohibition installed on Islington Avenue, south of Evans Avenue. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

## COMMENTS

Islington Avenue is classified as a major arterial road having two lanes in each direction. The intersection of Islington Avenue and Evans Avenue is not a typical right angle intersection as the north approach and south approaches do not intersect Evans Avenue at the same angle. The legal speed limit on Islington Avenue in the area of Evans Avenue is 60 km/h. The roadway has an urban cross-section which includes curb and gutter. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street except on the east side south of Evans Avenue.

There is currently a fully protected southbound left-turn signal phase that is callable 24 hours by a stop-bar vehicle detector loop. Given that this is a fully protective phase, southbound left turns are only permitted on the southbound left-turn arrow phase. This phase was introduced earlier this year as a result of safety concerns regarding southbound left-turning traffic and northbound through traffic. These safety concerns were linked to the collision history with respect to the aforementioned conflicting movements.

Since the introduction of the southbound left-turn fully protected phase, some motorists are now avoiding having to make the southbound left-turn movement exclusively on the protected phase and are proceeding south on Islington Avenue and making u-turns on Islington Avenue just south of the south approach of the intersection of Islington Avenue and Evans Avenue.

To address potential conflicts between southbound u-turning vehicles and northbound vehicles, staff recommends introducing a U-turn prohibition anytime for southbound traffic on Islington Avenue between Evans Avenue and a point 80 meters south of Evans Avenue. This proposed prohibition will help deter U-turn manoeuvres, enhancing traffic safety on this portion of road.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1:           Map