

## **Left Turn Prohibition: Bathurst Street at Raeburn Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	December 5, 2011
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 10 – York Centre</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny12008</i>

### **SUMMARY**

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As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Bathurst Street, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval to amend the southbound "No Left Turn" prohibition by implementing a southbound "No Left Turn, School Buses excepted" prohibition at the intersection of Bathurst Street at Raeburn Avenue.

The implementation of the left turn prohibition, with school buses excepted will provide school bus access to the community and improve the traffic operations on Bathurst Street and the pedestrian environment of the intersection.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the removal of the southbound left turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Saturday, Sundays and Public Holidays prohibition on Bathurst Street at Raeburn Avenue; and

2. Approve the installation of a southbound left turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, school buses excepted prohibition on Bathurst Street at Raeburn Avenue.

### **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the installation of the turn restriction are included within the Transportation Services, North York District's 2012 Operating Budget estimates.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, North York District was requested by the Ward Councillor to review the feasibility of amending the existing southbound left turn prohibition at Bathurst Street and Raeburn Avenue, to allow for school buses to enter the community.

The Ward Councillor has indicated that the existing left turn prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday prevents southbound school buses on Bathurst Street from turning eastbound onto Raeburn Avenue to drop off students in front of their school located at the southeast corner of the intersection.

### **COMMENTS**

Bathurst Street is classified as a major arterial road with a regulatory speed limit of 60 km/h. Raeburn Avenue is a local road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. The intersection of Bathurst Street and Raeburn Avenue/Laurelcrest Avenue form a far right offset intersection and is controlled by a traffic control signal.

Currently, southbound left turns from Bathurst Street to eastbound Raeburn Avenue are prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. The left turn prohibition prevents school buses from turning onto Raeburn Avenue to drop off students in front of their school located at the southeast corner of the intersection. The school buses are currently stopping in the southbound lanes on Bathurst Street to drop off the students and requiring that they cross Bathurst Street. Furthermore, this activity requires that all traffic come to a stop when the school bus flashing lights have been activated, resulting in delays to northbound and southbound traffic.

Given the above information, this Division has determined that the amendment to the existing southbound left turn prohibition exempting school buses would be appropriate.

The implementation of the above noted turn restriction at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Raeburn Avenue will permit the school bus operators to turn left onto Raeburn Avenue and drop off the students in front of their school. This will also improve the traffic operations and the pedestrian environment of the intersection.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Bathurst St at Raeburn Ave: Southbound Left Turn Prohibition