

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Bike Lanes on Shaughnessy Boulevard – Sheppard Avenue East to GlentworthRoad/Delverton Place

Date:	February 22, 2012
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	Acting General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards:	Ward 33 (Don Valley East)
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend approval of bicycle lanes on Shaughnessy Boulevard, from Sheppard Avenue East to Glentworth Road/Delverton Place. Shaughnessy Boulevard is a two-lane, north-south collector road situated between Leslie Street and Don Mills Road. It extends from Havenbrook Boulevard at the south end, through Sheppard Avenue East and terminating at Van Horne Avenue at the north end. Shaughnessy Boulevard is designated as a bicycle route (#51) in the City's bicycle route network plan.

North York Community Council, at its meeting of February 14, 2012, in considering a report titled "Shaughnessy Boulevard Road Safety Improvements" (NY13.15) approved safety and operational improvements to Shaughnessy Boulevard, from Sheppard Avenue East to Esterbrooke Avenue. These improvements included, among other things, the widening of the median islands north of Sheppard Avenue East, and the introduction of a flush median between Glentworth Road/Delverton Place and Esterbrooke Avenue.

These improvements also accommodate the implementation of the bicycle lanes between Sheppard Avenue East and Glentworth Road/Delverton Place. The safety and operational improvements are matters that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. However, the implementation of the bicycle lanes requires consideration by Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and City Council approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

- 1. Approve the installation of bicycle lanes on Shaughnessy Boulevard, from Sheppard Avenue East to a point approximately 175 metres northerly to the Glentworth Road/Delverton Place intersection; and
- 2. Authorize staff to take whatever action is necessary, including the submission of the necessary bills, to implement Recommendation 1.

Financial Impact

The funds for the signage and pavement markings required to implement the bicycle lanes described in this report are contained within the Transportation Services Approved 2012 Capital Budget for Cycling Infrastructure.

DECISION HISTORY

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COMMENTS

Route 51 of the Bikeway Network encompasses the full length of Shaughnessy Boulevard, connecting the Betty Sutherland Trail in the south end to Duncan Creek park in the north end (see Appendix 1). The Technical Services Division will undertake a full curb-to-curb reconstruction of the affected portion of Shaughnessy Boulevard in 2012. The reconstruction plan provides an opportunity to reconfigure Shaughnessy Boulevard north of Sheppard Avenue East.

The safety and operational improvements approved by Community Council include the widening of the existing median islands north of Sheppard Avenue East, the creation of one wide lane in each direction between Sheppard Avenue East and Glentworth Road / Delverton Place, and the introduction of a flush median north of Glenworth Road/Delverton Place. Integral to the improvements envisioned for Shaughnessy Boulevard, is the introduction of bicycle lanes on the roadway from Sheppard Avenue East to north of the Glenworth Road / Delverton Place intersection, a distance of approximately 175 m (see Appendix 2). Shaughnessy Boulevard northerly from Delverton Place is 8.5m wide, which is not sufficient to accommodate bicycle lanes without a pavement widening. As a result, it will remain as a signed on-street bike route.

North York Community Council has approved the prohibition of stopping at any time on both sides of Shaughnessy Boulevard, from Sheppard Avenue East to a point north of the Glentworth Road/Delverton Place intersection, subject to the approval of these bicycle lanes by City Council.

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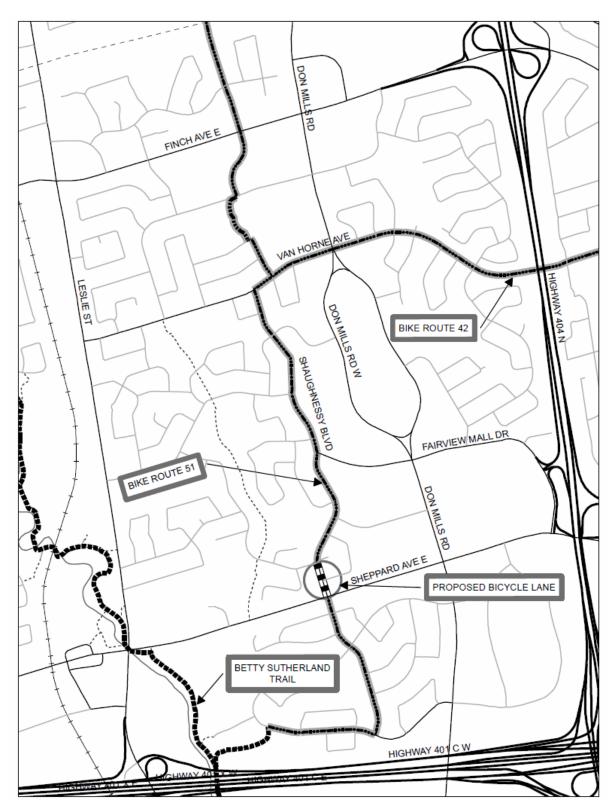
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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – Shaughnessy Boulevard Location Plan

Appendix 2 – Proposed Shaughnessy Boulevard Bike Lanes

Appendix 1 Shaughnessy Boulevard Location Plan



Appendix 2 Proposed Shaughnessy Boulevard Bike Lanes

