



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Right Turn on Red Prohibition – Lower Jarvis Street at the westbound F. G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp**

<b>Date:</b>	June 7, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2012135te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

Transportation Services is requesting authority from City Council to introduce a "Right Turn on Red" prohibition on the westbound on-ramp from Lower Jarvis Street to the F.G. Gardiner Expressway.

This prohibition is recommended to improve the pedestrian crossing environment by clarifying right-of-way at the crosswalk.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council prohibit right turns on a red signal at all times on the westbound on-ramp from Lower Jarvis Street to the F.G. Gardiner Expressway.

**Financial Impact**

Funds for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of \$500.00 are available within Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget.

**DECISION HISTORY**

City Council, at its meeting of April 6, 2009 (Item TE24.9), authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services to install a traffic control signal for pedestrians on the westbound on-ramp from Lower Jarvis Street to the F.G. Gardiner Expressway by the end of 2009. The traffic control signal was installed in July 2010.

## **COMMENTS**

The traffic control signal for pedestrians on the westbound on-ramp from Lower Jarvis to the F. G. Gardiner Expressway provides a safe crossing of the right turn channel/on-ramp to westbound F. G. Gardiner Expressway. This right-turn channel/on-ramp is located at the northwest corner of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Lower Jarvis Street intersection. Both Lake Shore Boulevard East and Lower Jarvis Street are major arterials with speed limits of 50 km/h.

The TTC operates the "6-Bay" bus and the "75-Sherbourne" bus through the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Lower Jarvis Street.

Observations revealed that some southbound motorists on Lower Jarvis Street disobey the red signal for the southbound right turn channel/on-ramp to westbound F. G. Gardiner Expressway. This includes motorists fully stopping, then proceeding through the red indication or not stopping at all. It is possible that drivers perceive this movement as a right turn on red movement. As a result of this behaviour, pedestrians safety is compromised at this crosswalk.

In order to clarify right-of-way and improve the pedestrian environment, we recommend that right turns on red be prohibited at Lower Jarvis Street and the westbound F. G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp and signs be installed to this effect.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0742, dated June 2012

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