Traffic Regulation Amendments – Gladstone Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Ana Bailão to convert the section of Gladstone Avenue, between Bloor Street West and the first public lane north, from a one-way southbound to a two-way operation. The proposed change is recommended and is intended to provide direct access to angled pay-and-display parking located on the west side of Gladstone Avenue, flanking No. 1094 Bloor Street West. In order to allow for two-way operation it is necessary to prohibit stopping on the east side, eliminating four on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the one-way southbound regulation on Gladstone Avenue, from a point 50 metres south of Shanly Street to Bloor Street West.

2. Implement a one-way southbound regulation on Gladstone Avenue, from a point 50 metres south of Shanly Street to the first lane north of Bloor Street West.

3. Amend the "No Parking Except by Permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., all times" regulation on the odd side of Gladstone Avenue, from Bloor Street West to Shanly Street, to be in effect from the first public lane north of Bloor Street West to Shanly Street.

4. Implement a "No Stopping Anytime" parking prohibition on the east side of Gladstone Avenue, between Bloor Street West and the first public lane north of Bloor Street West.
Financial Impact
Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $500.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services has investigated a request from Councillor Ana Bailão, to convert the portion of Gladstone Avenue, between Bloor Street West and the first public lane north of Bloor Street West, from a one-way southbound operation to a two-way traffic operation.

COMMENTS
Gladstone Avenue is a local roadway that operates one-way in a southbound direction from a point 50 metres south of Shanly Street to Bloor Street West and with a pavement width of 6.7 metres. It has a daily one-way traffic volume of approximately 1,200 vehicles and a speed limit of 30 km/h (speed humps installed). There is no TTC service on Gladstone Avenue.

A public east-west lane intersects Gladstone Avenue, approximately 38.6 metres north of Bloor Street West. This lane system provides access for businesses and local residents on Bloor Street West, between Dufferin Street and Dovercourt Road.

On-street parking is allowed for a maximum 3-hour period at all times and days, except from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily, when permit parking is in effect on the east side of Gladstone Avenue, from Bloor Street West to Shanly Street.

In 2009, in partnership with Toronto Parking Authority an angled parking facility providing six spaces was constructed on the west side of Gladstone Avenue, from Bloor Street West to the public lane, flanking No. 1094 Bloor Street West. The parking facility is currently controlled with pay-and-display parking, operating from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays.

Motorists on Bloor Street West are currently disregarding the one-way southbound operation on Gladstone Avenue to enter the street illegally and to park at the angled parking facility. As a result numerous conflicts occur between southbound motorists and motorists illegally entering the street.
To resolve this conflict and provide access to the angled parking facility on the west side of Gladstone Avenue, the section between Bloor Street West and the first public lane could be converted from a one-way southbound direction to a two-way operation. However, to provide a two-way traffic operation on this portion of Gladstone Avenue, having only a 6.7-metre wide pavement width, it will be necessary to remove on-street parking on the east side of the street to the public lane. Removal of on-street parking will result in the loss of four parking spaces. To ensure two-way traffic operation is maintained at all times on this section of Gladstone Avenue it is further recommended that a stopping prohibition at all times be introduced on the east side of the street, between Bloor Street West and the public lane.

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