



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Request for Leaside Area-Wide Traffic Study

Date:	April 17, 2013
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 26 – Don Valley West
Reference Number:	ny13059 P:\2013\Cluster B\TRA\NorthYorkDistrict

SUMMARY

City Council, at its meeting of March 21, 2013, adopted the following in considering item NY22.40:

"City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the North York Community Council meeting on May 14, 2013 on the necessary process to conduct a comprehensive Leaside area-wide traffic study.

This report outlines the necessary process to conduct a comprehensive Leaside area-wide transportation study.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services North York District recommends that Community Council:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

Financial Impact

The actual cost of undertaking a comprehensive Leaside Area-Wide Traffic Study is unknown pending the submission of proposals and quotations for services. Transportation Services is estimating that the cost of the study will be in the order of \$300,000.00. The source of the funding is unknown at this time.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

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COMMENTS

In reviewing the request from City Council Transportation Services provides the following:

Process

Council must give authority to the General Manager, Transportation Services to issue a request for proposal (RFP) to undertake the comprehensive Leaside Area-Wide Traffic Study. A source of funding must be found. A preliminary outline of the study is described below.

Study Area

The suggested primary area of focus for the comprehensive Leaside Area-Wide Traffic Study is approximately bounded by Glenvale Boulevard to the north, Leslie Street and the rail corridor to the east and south, and Bayview Avenue to the west. A section near Overlea Boulevard should also be included due to development potential and connectivity in the area. See Attachment 1 for a map of the study area.

Focus of Study

The study will focus on operational solutions to accommodate safe, efficient movement of people and goods. While obviously influenced by the many competing priorities, road user demands, transit infrastructure and development initiatives at the broader scale, this review will provide specific emphasis on measures for shorter term implementation that are sustainable and will optimize the use and capacity of existing infrastructure.

In addition, the study should also identify and review broader scale changes that are likely to influence Leaside traffic operations within the time frame of the Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown LRT and identify opportunities for other medium and long term priorities.

Project Team

A comprehensive Leaside Area-Wide Traffic study steering committee will be formed. The committee will consist of City of Toronto staff, representatives from the Toronto Transit Commission, Metrolinx, and Emergency Services. The City will designate a Project Manager, who will be the consultant's primary point of contact during the study. There will also be a community committee made up of local area groups and residents.

Deliverables

The deliverables that the consultant will be expected to provide as part of the study are listed but not limited to:

- A study design that will include a detailed work plan and schedule;
- An inventory of existing and planned/future conditions;
- Identification of factors that influence traffic operations in the study area;
- Assess and recommend short term measures to optimize the use of existing infrastructure;
- Establish a screening or evaluation framework;
- Evaluation of recommendations including cost estimates;
- Ensure there are significant opportunities for public and stakeholder consultations to provide input on transportation issues and potential resolutions; and
- A record of consultation that took place.

The list of deliverables will be further refined during the RFP review process with other City Staff.

The City will provide or make available to the consultant background material and services such as base mapping, traffic and transit data and policy/operational manuals, etc. to assist in developing the Action Plan.

Scheduling

The detailed schedule for the Leaside Area-Wide Traffic Study will be developed during the preparation of the Study Design. It is estimated that the study could take between 6 months and a year.

Previous Reports

Below is a list of studies conducted in the Leaside Area:

- Leaside Traffic Study 1975-1976;
- Bayview Avenue Traffic Operations Corridor Study – 1979;
- Leaside – Thorncliffe Park Traffic Study – 1982-1983;
- Leslie Street Extension 1981-1995;
- Leaside Traffic Study Update – 1989-1990;
- Through Traffic Control Plan for the Leaside Area 1990-1991;
- McRae Drive Traffic Calming 1994-1995;
- North Leaside Traffic Committee 1995-1997;
- Southvale Drive Curb Extensions 1996-1997;
- Redway Road Extension 1999-2000;
- Leaside Traffic Study 2002;
- Don Valley Corridor Review 2005;

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Attachment 1: Study Area