



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

U-Turn Prohibition: Don Mills Road

Date:	July 25, 2013
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 25 – Don Valley West
Reference Number:	<i>ny13092</i>

SUMMARY

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

To obtain approval to prohibit southbound U-turns on Don Mills Road at Clock Tower Road.

The prohibition of U-turns on Don Mills Road at Clock Tower Road will improve the level of safety for vehicle traffic at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the prohibition of southbound U-turn traffic on Don Mills Road at Clock Tower Road.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the implementation of the U-turn prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by Toronto Police Services to review the feasibility of prohibiting southbound U-turns on Don Mills Road at Clock Tower Road.

COMMENTS

Don Mills Road is classified as a six lane major arterial road with a posted speed limit of 60 km/h and municipal sidewalks located on both sides of the road. It has been reported that motorists are conducting U-turns on Don Mills Road at Clock Tower Road to avoid queuing in the left turn lane at the intersection of Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue East, which is located one block north of this intersection.

A site investigation of the aforementioned concern has been verified by staff. Motorists have been observed conducting U-turns around the centre median on Don Mills Road at Clock Tower Road to proceed in the opposite direction of travel. The U-turns are particularly dangerous because southbound motorists in the left lane do not have a designated left turn lane to safely perform a U-turn. As such, northbound motorists are unexpectedly encountered with southbound U-turns on Don Mills Road. On occasion, motorists have to perform quick and unsafe lane changes to avoid the stopped vehicle.

A review of the Toronto Police Services collision history over a three year period indicates that there have been no reported incidents at this location. However, staff observations have identified that due to the high volume and speed of northbound and southbound traffic, the potential for serious collisions do exist.

The prohibition of U-turns on Don Mills Road at Clock Tower Road will improve southbound traffic operations on Don Mills Road.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – U-Turn Prohibition – Don Mills Rd