Road Alteration – Highbourne Road and Oxton Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: St. Paul's, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to narrow the southwest corner of Highbourne Road and Oxton Avenue, in conjunction with the 2013 construction projects on Highbourne Road and on Oxton Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the narrowing of the southwest corner of Highbourne Road, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0820, dated August 2012, attached to the December 13, 2012 report entitled "Road Alteration – Highbourne Road at Oxton Avenue" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

Funding for this road alteration is available within Transportation Services Capital Program under Project No. 13TE-03WS.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Josh Matlow, on behalf of area residents, has requested that we modify the southwest corner on Highboure Road and Oxton Avenue to improve the pedestrian environment and road operations as part of the planned road resurfacing and watermain work on Highbourne Road and on Oxton Avenue, scheduled for 2013.
COMMENTS
Highbourne Road, between Kilbarry Road and Oxton Avenue, is a local roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres and with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/hr. There is no TTC service on Highbourne Road.

As part of the road reconstruction and watermain replacement on Highbourne Road, Transportation Services recommends narrowing the southwest corner of Highbourne Road and Oxton Avenue to improve roadway operations and the pedestrian crossing environment. The driveway to No. 32 Highbourne Road would also be extended. The owner of the property has been advised and supports this proposal. Highbourne Road would be narrowed generally as shown on the copy of Drawing No. 421G-0820, dated August 2012, that is attached to this report.

This proposed narrowing will provide an extended sidewalk for pedestrians and it will shorten their east/west crossing distance across Highbourne Road. It will also create a calming effect on eastbound right-turning motorists entering Highbourne Road from Oxton Avenue.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-0820, dated August 2012