Proposed Motorcoach Loading Zone – York Street

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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 introduce a motorcoach loading zone within a lay-by being constructed on the west side of York Street, between Harbour Street and Queens Quay West.

The motorcoach loading zone will allow for short-term bus pick-up and drop-off activities to occur without interrupting southbound traffic flow on York Street.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Designate a "bus loading zone" to be in effect at all times on the west side of York Street, between a point 35.8 metres north of Queens Quay West and a point 50 metres further north.

2. Amend the "No Stopping Anytime" regulation in effect on both sides of York Street, between Queens Quay and Front Street, to be in effect on the east side of York Street, between Queens Quay West and Front Street West, and on the west side of York Street, between Queens Quay West and a point 35.8 metres north and between a point 85.8 metres north of Queens Quay West and Front Street West.
3. Prohibit standing at all times, on the west side of York Street, between a point 35.8 metres north of Queens Quay West and a point 50 metres further north.

**Financial Impact**
The estimated cost of sign fabrication and installation of $750.00 will be covered by Waterfront Toronto.

**DECISION HISTORY**
City Council, at its meeting of March 5, 2012 approved Item TE13.65 entitled "Road Alteration – Queens Quay West", and among other items approved a lay-by on the west side of York Street, between Queens Quay West and Harbour Street.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**
This lay-by is being built as part of the Queens Quay Revitalization Project. The Queens Quay Bus Management Study was completed and established a physical plan for new curb-side lay-by facilities to accommodate busing, taxi and delivery demands along reconfigured Queens Quay and north/south streets, including York Street.

Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto have commenced construction activities on Queens Quay West as part of the implementation of the Queens Quay Revitalization Project. Construction activities have advanced to a point where the first stages of work are being completed on York Street north of Queens Quay West.

To enable the new lay-by to be used as planned in the Queens Quay Bus Management Study, modifications are required to the existing regulatory signage on the west side of York Street.

**COMMENTS**
York Street, between Harbour Street and Queens Quay West, is a two-way minor arterial roadway. The TTC does not offer any service on this section of York Street. Stopping is prohibited on both sides of York Street, between Front Street West and Queens Quay West.

A new 50 metre long lay-by is being constructed on the west side of York Street with an anticipated completion date of late March/early April. It is feasible to designate a motorcoach loading zone within the lay-by on the west side of York Street. This will allow for short-term bus pick-up and drop-off activities to occur without interrupting southbound traffic flow on York Street.
The Ward Councillors and the local BIA concur with this proposal.

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