Road Alteration – Concord Avenue at Bloor Street West

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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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 west side of Concord Avenue, south of Bloor Street West, in conjunction with Bloor Street West road resurfacing and boulevard enhancements project, between Lansdowne Avenue and Bathurst Street. This enhancement will provide opportunities to enhance the pedestrian environment, to improve the public realm, create a public piazza and create a unique identity for the Bloorcourt BIA. The work will be undertaken as part of the 2013 Capital Works Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the road alteration of Concord Avenue, south of Bloor Street West, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0904, dated November 2012, attached to the November 13, 2012 report entitled "Road Alteration – Concord Avenue at Bloor Street West", from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

2. Rescind the "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the east side of Concord Avenue, from Bloor Street West to the first lane south.

3. Rescind the "Pay-and-Display" regulation, which operates from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for a maximum period of three hours, at a rate of $1.50
per hour, on the west side of Concord Avenue, between Bloor Street West and the first lane south of Bloor Street West.

4. Implement a "No Stopping Anytime" prohibition on the east and west sides of Concord Avenue, from Bloor Street West to a point 44 metres further south.

Financial Impact
Funding for this road alteration is available within Transportation Services Capital Program under Project No. 13TE-18RD.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
In conjunction with planned road resurfacing and boulevard enhancements work on Bloor Street West scheduled for 2013, staff has considered narrowing Concord Avenue, south of Bloor Street West, to provide a wider boulevard and an improved public realm.

COMMENTS
Bloor Street West is a four-lane major arterial road. Concord Avenue is a local street operating one-way northbound from Hepbourne Street to Bloor Street West. There is no TTC service on Concord Avenue. As part of the road resurfacing and boulevard enhancements planned on Bloor Street West, Transportation Services recommends narrowing Concord Avenue, south of Bloor Street West, to provide an expanded boulevard, which will provide opportunities to enhance the public realm. Concord Avenue would be narrowed from Bloor Street West to a point 35.4 metres further south, from 7.0 metres to 6.0 metres. The proposed narrowing is shown on a copy of Drawing No. 421G-0904, dated November 2012, that is attached to this report. This proposal will result in the loss of five on-street parking spaces.

This narrowing will provide opportunities to enhance the pedestrian environment, to improve the public realm, to create a public piazza and create a unique identity for the Bloorcourt BIA. The road narrowing will also re-enforce the one-way northbound operation on Concord Avenue.

Also, the existing modular island/planter box located on the west side of Concord Avenue, immediately south of the public lane, that was installed to enforce the one-way northbound operation on Concord Avenue is no longer required. As a result, Concord Avenue will be widened from 4.3 metres to 7.0 metres in this area. The proposed widening is shown on a copy of Drawing No. 421G-0904, dated November 2012, that is attached to this report. This will provide an additional two on-street parking spaces.
Councillor Layton has been advised and supports this proposal.

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**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**
(1) Drawing No. 421G-0904, dated November 2012