



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Commercial Loading Zone – Bloor Street West

<b>Date:</b>	April 17, 2013
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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### SUMMARY

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Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to establish a commercial loading zone on the south side of Bloor Street West, west of Concord Avenue. The commercial loading zone will provide for curb side deliveries to businesses in the area.

The proposed commercial loading zone will operate at all times outside of the existing 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday stopping prohibition and will have a 30-minute time limit. It will replace an existing taxicab stand that is no longer in use and will not result in the loss of any Pay-and-Display parking spaces.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council designate a Commercial Loading Zone on the south side of Bloor Street West, between a point 34.1 metres west of Concord Avenue and a point 6.5 metres further west, to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, and Anytime, Saturday and Sunday, for a maximum period of 30 minutes.

### Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of \$200.00 is available within the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

### ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Layton to investigate and report on replacing a taxicab stand that is no longer in use on Bloor Street West with a commercial loading zone to benefit area businesses.

## COMMENTS

Bloor Street West is an east-west, four-lane major arterial roadway with a speed limit of 50 km/h and a daily two-way traffic flow of about 23,000 vehicles. Surface transit service is provided by the 161 Rogers Road and the 300 Bloor-Danforth bus routes. Concord Avenue is a local road that is "Stop" controlled at Bloor Street West.

The following parking regulations are currently signed on the south side of Bloor Street West, west of Concord Avenue:

- "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday" over the entire section;
- "No Standing, Anytime", between Concord Avenue and a point 34.1 metres west, providing a loading/unloading area for the existing transit stop;
- "Taxicab Stand", between a point 34.1 metres west of Concord Avenue and a point 6.5 metres further west, providing space for one vehicle; and
- "Pay-and-Display parking, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday" between a point 40.6 metres west of Concord Avenue and a point 13.9 metres east of Delaware Avenue.

The above-noted taxicab stand was installed prior to 1965 and operates at all times outside of the peak period stopping prohibition. It originally served a bar/dance club. However, the property adjacent to the stand is no longer used for this purpose. Further, local businesses advise that the stand is not being used by taxis and there is no by-law for the stand. Therefore, staff have no objections to converting the taxicab stand into a commercial loading zone, using the same location and dimensions. The commercial loading zone will operate with a 30-minute time limit to encourage turnover. As there will be no changes to the existing Pay-and-Display parking on Bloor Street West, there will be no loss of parking spaces or potential revenue resulting from this designation.

A commercial loading zone is a public facility, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading people or merchandise. Additionally, no one has exclusive rights to the commercial loading zone or is permitted to park a vehicle at anytime in such a facility. Accordingly, should any vehicle appear to be parked, it would be subject to immediate tagging and/or towing.

Councillor Layton supports this proposal.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-1057, dated April 2013

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