Dedication of the Portion of York Street Abutting the West Limit of The Royal York Hotel

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 28 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
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SUMMARY
Transportation Services recommends that the portion of York Street which was previously closed by By-law No. 20284 on March 31, 1958, be re-dedicated for public highway purposes to form part of York Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council dedicate the portion of York Street, shown as Part 1 on the attached Sketch No. PS-2013-036 (the "Highway"), attached to the report dated April 25, 2013, from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

2. City Council direct the appropriate City officials to take whatever action is necessary to give effect thereto, including the introduction in Council of any bills that might be necessary.

Financial Impact
There are no financial implications from the adoption of this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

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DECISION HISTORY
The portion of York Street closed by By-law 20284 on March 31, 1958, was leased to the abutting owner, The Royal York Hotel, for bus loading facilities. The Royal York Hotel has since terminated the lease for the Highway.

COMMENTS
The need to dedicate the subject portion of York Street as a public road has been identified as part of the Northwest PATH Connection Municipal Class Environmental Assessment ("the NWPC Class EA) report, where streetscape improvements to York Street are required to be consistent with the Union Station District Plan. The overall streetscape concept for York Street is to shift the balance from vehicular to pedestrian traffic as it is better suited for the high volume of pedestrians travelling to and from Union Station on a daily basis.

COMMENTS
Transportation Services staff agrees that the Highway should be dedicated to form part of York Street so that the recommended streetscape improvements set out in the NWPC Class EA can be implemented.

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ATTACHMENTS
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