Summary

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to designate an accessible loading zone on the south side of East Liberty Street, fronting the Village Family Health Team (Unit 102 - 171 East Liberty Street). The accessible loading zone will operate at all times and will allow vehicles at this location to pick-up and drop-off persons with disabilities.

Implementation of the accessible loading zone will help keep the curb area in front of No. 171 East Liberty Street clear and will result in the loss of three on-street parking spaces.

Recommendations

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council designate an Accessible Loading Zone to be in effect at all times on the south side of East Liberty Street, between a point 50.2 metres east of Hanna Avenue and a point 15 metres further east.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of $400.00 is available within the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

Issue Background

At the request of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and Councillor Mike Layton, Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of installing an accessible loading zone, fronting Unit 102 - 171 East Liberty Street, to facilitate pick-up and drop-off of patrons of the health centre by Wheel-Trans.
COMMENTS
East Liberty Street, east of Hanna Avenue, is a two-way roadway with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Standing is prohibited at all times on the north side and there is statutory three-hour time limit parking at all times on the south side. There is TTC service on East Liberty Street provided by the 63 Ossington bus.

Transportation Services was advised by the TTC that they require a permanent Wheel-Trans bus stop to load and unload disabled persons at the Village Family Health Team. Currently, there is no space designated at this location for pick-up and drop-off. Therefore, designating an on-street accessible loading zone on the south side of East Liberty Street, between a point 50.2 metres east of Hanna Avenue and a point 15 metres further east, is recommended. There will be a loss of three parking spaces on the south side of East Liberty Street resulting from this designation.

Councillor Layton has been advised about this proposal.

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