STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Westbound Left-turn Prohibition – Liberty Street and Dufferin Street

Date: June 13, 2013
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
Reference Number: Ts2013135te.top.docx

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 seeking authority to prohibit westbound left turns at all times from Liberty Street to Dufferin Street during the Dufferin Street Bridge closure.

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

1. Prohibit westbound left turns from Liberty Street to Dufferin Street at all times during the Dufferin Street Bridge closure.

Financial Impact
Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of $400.00 will be covered under the Dufferin Street Bridge project.

BACKGROUND
Effective June 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. the City of Toronto closed the Dufferin Street Bridge over the GO Transit/Metrolinx Rail Corridor, south of Springhurst Avenue. The bridge was closed to all vehicular traffic for safety reasons. While the existing structure has been found to be unsafe for vehicular traffic, it is safe for pedestrians and cyclists, who will continue to have access to the bridge until further notice.
The existing bridge will be demolished and a temporary bridge providing access for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists will replace it as soon as possible.

**COMMENTS**
As part of the traffic management plan for the bridge closure Transportation Services was asked to review the feasibility of prohibiting westbound left turns from Liberty Street to Dufferin Street at all times during the Dufferin Street Bridge closure. The purpose of this proposal is to reduce traffic on local roadways south of Liberty Street, and in particular Springhurst Avenue.

There is no TTC service on Liberty Street. TTC service on Dufferin Street is provided by the 29 Dufferin bus route. Liberty Street is a two-lane collector roadway that intersects Dufferin Street in a “T-type” signalized intersection. Dufferin Street is a four-lane minor arterial roadway. During the busiest eight-hour period of a typical weekday approximately 2,000 westbound left turns are made at this intersection.

With the Dufferin Street Bridge closed westbound left turns should be prohibited at all times from Liberty Street to Dufferin Street. The only routes vehicles from Liberty Street would be able to use are local roadways, and in particular Springhurst Avenue. Traffic from Liberty Street will be able to use Dufferin Street and King Street West to proceed west.

Councillor Perks has been advised about this proposal.

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