



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

30 km/h Speed Limit – Shaw Street

Date:	September 23, 2013
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19 and St. Paul's, Ward 21
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SUMMARY

At its meeting of September 10, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item T26.117, directing Transportation Services to report on the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Shaw Street to 30 km/h and amending the parking regulations on Shaw Street, adjacent to Fred Hamilton Park.

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to reduce the speed limit on Shaw Street to 30 km/h. The proposal will complement the Shaw Street Bikeway, providing a consistent speed limit over the length of the street and promoting a safer environment for all road users. The proposed parking amendment on Shaw Street is a delegated item and will be addressed in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council entitled "Parking Amendments – Shaw Street".

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services that:

1. City Council rescind the 30 km/h maximum speed limit on the sections of Shaw Street between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street, between Dundas Street West and Bloor Street West and between Wychcrest Avenue and Marchmount Road.
2. City Council rescind the 40 km/h maximum speed limit on the sections of Shaw Street between Dupont Street and Wychcrest Avenue, between Marchmount Road and Davenport Road, between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West and between Queen Street West and King Street West.
3. City Council approve a 30 km/h maximum speed limit on Shaw Street, between Davenport Road and Douro Street.

Financial Impact

Funding to undertake the signage adjustments on Shaw Street in the estimated amount of \$2,000.00 is available within the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

On July 16, 17 and 18, 2013, City Council adopted Item PW24.8, containing a staff report recommending the installation of bicycle lanes and the associated changes to the traffic regulations over the entire length of Shaw Street.

On September 10, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE26.117, requesting staff to report at its meeting on October 17, 2013 to reduce the speed limit on Shaw Street to 30 km/h and amend the parking regulations adjacent to Fred Hamilton Park. The purpose of the proposed changes is to complement the introduction of the Shaw Street Bikeway.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Layton to investigate and report on the reduction of the speed limit on Shaw Street and an amendment to the parking regulations adjacent to Fred Hamilton Park to complement the Shaw Street Bikeway.

COMMENTS

Shaw Street, between Davenport Road and Douro Street, is a collector roadway. Between Dupont Street and Dundas Street West, Shaw Street operates one-way in the southbound direction. The remaining sections of Shaw Street operate with two-way traffic. TTC service on Shaw Street is provided by the 63 Ossington bus, which travels between Queen Street West and King Street West.

Shaw Street intersects five major east-west bikeways, located at Davenport Road, Hallam Street/Lappin Avenue, Barton Avenue, Harbord Street and College Street. Shaw Street is the only non-arterial roadway that currently provides a continuous southbound route between the Davenport Road bicycle lanes at the north end and Douro Street at the south end. Therefore, to provide a north-south cycling connection to these bikeway facilities, City Council recently designated the entire length of Shaw Street as a bikeway (Item PW24.8).

A number of different speed limits are currently in effect over the length of Shaw Street. Generally, the posted speed limit is either 40 km/h, or, in sections where traffic calming measures have been installed, 30 km/h. The only exception is the short section between King Street West and Douro Street, which has a statutory 50 km/h speed limit.

Transportation Services reviewed the request to reduce the speed limit over the entire length of Shaw Street to 30 km/h. This proposal is intended to complement the introduction of the Shaw Street Bikeway and address resident's reported concerns over speeding on Shaw Street, especially in the section south of Dundas Street West. This proposal will result in the following benefits:

- Provide a consistent speed limit over the entire length of Shaw Street;
- Address residents' speeding concerns on the sections of Shaw Street without traffic calming measures in place;
- Reinforce the designation of the Shaw Street Bikeway; and
- Provide a safer environment for all road users, including motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

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- (1) Drawing No. 421G-1199, dated September 2013

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