



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

U-Turn Prohibition – Humberwood Boulevard between Upper Humber Drive and Topbank Drive

Date:	April 15, 2014
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	p:\2014\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc140061-to

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to prohibit northbound U-turns on Humberwood Boulevard between Upper Humber Drive and Topbank Drive.

To address safety concerns and congestion in the area of Humberwood Downs Junior Middle School/Holy Child elementary school, it is recommended that northbound U-turns be prohibited on Humberwood Boulevard in front of the schools.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on Humberwood Boulevard, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto City Council approve:

1. Prohibiting northbound U-turns on Humberwood Boulevard between Upper Humber Drive and Topbank Drive.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the implementation of the U-turn prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$800.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff attended a meeting with the Ward 1 Councillor, staff from the Ward 2 Councillor's office, the Toronto District School Board Area Trustee, and principals from both Humberwood Downs Academy and Holy Child schools to discuss traffic concerns in the area of the schools. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Humberwood Boulevard is a two-lane road and is classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "collector" roadway. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street. The legal speed limit within the subject road section is 40 km/h. TTC operates bus service on Humberwood Boulevard.

Within the building located at 850 Humberwood Boulevard are two schools, Humberwood Downs Junior Middle Academy and Holy Child elementary school, as well as a Toronto Public Library, City of Toronto Community Centre and Humberwood Child Care Centre.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that some northbound motorists are completing U turns in the area of the school. Although the number of vehicles observed completing a U turn does not represent a significant number of U turns, due to traffic volumes and pedestrian activity in the area of the school, these movements are not desirable in this sensitive school area

To address the concerns, staff recommends a 24-hour northbound U-turn prohibition on Humberwood Boulevard between Upper Humber Drive and Topbank Drive. This proposed prohibition will help deter northbound U-turn manoeuvres, enhancing traffic operations in the area.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Map