



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

U-Turn Prohibition – Renforth Drive near Michael Power/St Joseph High School

Date:	July 14, 2014
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre
Reference Number:	p:\2014\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc140111-to

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to prohibit northbound U-turns anytime on Renforth Drive between Lafferty Street and a point 80 metres north of Eringate Drive/Elmbrook Crescent.

To address safety concerns and congestion in the area of Michael Power/St Joseph High School, it is recommended that northbound U- turns be prohibited anytime on Renforth Drive in the area of Michael Power/St Joseph High School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Prohibiting northbound U-turns anytime on Renforth Drive between Lafferty Street and a point 80 metres north of Eringate Drive/Elmbrook Crescent.

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 investigated a request from the area Councillor, on behalf of an area resident, regarding safety concerns on Renforth Drive in the area of Michael Power/St Joseph High School. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Renforth Drive, in the subject area, is classified as a 'Minor Arterial' roadway. It has a four lane cross-section in which two lanes are dedicated for northbound traffic and two lanes for southbound traffic. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h and the intersection of Renforth Drive and Eringate Drive/Elmbrook Crescent is controlled by traffic control signals. A "No Parking Anytime" regulation exists on both sides of Renforth Drive between Rathburn Road and Eglinton Avenue. Michael Power/St. Joseph High School is located on the southeast corner of Renforth Drive and Eringate Drive.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that some northbound motorists are completing U-turns in the area of the school. During the morning peak we recorded 41 vehicles completing a northbound to southbound U-turn. In some instances, other motorists were required to stop for the U-turning vehicle in order to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity, these movements are not desirable in this sensitive school area.

To address the concerns, staff recommend a 24-hour northbound U-turn prohibition on Renforth Drive between Lafferty Street and a point 80 metres north of Eringate Drive/Elmbrook Crescent. This proposed prohibition will help deter northbound U-turn manoeuvres, enhancing traffic operations in the area.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map