Proposed Traffic Island/Planter Box – Fern Avenue

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**SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is requesting authority to install a modular traffic island/planter box on the south side of Fern Avenue, immediately east of the first lane east of Weston Road.

The modular traffic island/planter box will serve as a physical deterrent to eastbound vehicles on Fern Avenue travelling against the entry prohibited regulation on this street. Installation of the modular traffic island/planter box will not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces on Fern Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The narrowing of Fern Avenue, from a width of 7.9 metres to a width of approximately 5.6 metres by the installation of a modular traffic island/planter box, on the south side of the street, between a point approximately 4.0 metres east of the first lane east of Weston Road and a point 7.0 metres further north, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawings EY14-118, dated June, 2014.

**Financial Impact**

All costs, estimated to be $11,000, associated with the alterations and modifications of Fern Avenue, will be charged to the Transportation Safety and Local Improvements Program.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
The Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents following a community meeting, requested Transportation Services to report on the feasibility of installing a traffic island with a planter box on the south side of Fern Avenue, immediately east of the first lane east of Weston Road, to deter entry that is prohibited for eastbound motorists on Fern Avenue.

COMMENTS
Fern Avenue is a local road with a pavement width of 7.7 metres with a legal speed limit of 50 km/h. Traffic operates two-way on Fern Avenue, however, eastbound entry is prohibited on Fern Avenue from a point 40 metres east of Weston Road.

Local residents have expressed concern about vehicles disobeying the "Do Not Enter" signs that are clearly posted and in good condition.

Installation of a modular traffic island/planter box on the south side of Fern Avenue, immediately east of the first lane east of Weston Road would enhance motorists' awareness of the entry prohibited regulation and deter motorists from disobeying the regulation.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map