



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Turn Prohibition: Marlee Avenue at Glencairn Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	July 17, 2014
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 10 – Eglinton Lawrence</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>p:/2014/ClusterB/TRA/NorthYork/ny14098</i>

#### **SUMMARY**

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

To obtain approval to remove the northbound left turn prohibition, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the intersection of Marlee Avenue and Glencairn Avenue.

The deletion of the northbound left turn prohibition will provide the community to the west of Marlee Avenue an alternate access route to their homes without unduly impacting the operations of the intersection.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. City Council approve the deletion of the northbound left turn, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday prohibition at Glencairn Avenue and Marlee Avenue.

#### **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the removal of the Turn Prohibition are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, North York District, has been requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the area residents to remove the existing northbound left turn prohibition at the intersection of Marlee Avenue and Glencairn Avenue.

## **COMMENTS**

Marlee Avenue between Eglinton Avenue West and Lawrence Avenue West is classified as a minor arterial roadway having an approximate pavement width of 13 metres and consists of one northbound and one southbound lane, a two-way centre left turn lane and bicycle lanes for both directions. The regulatory speed limit for this roadway is 50 km/h. Pedestrian sidewalks exist on both sides of the roadway. The intersection of Marlee Avenue and Glencairn Avenue is controlled by traffic control signals. Northbound and southbound left turn lanes are provided at this intersection. However, the northbound left turn movement is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Glencairn Avenue is also classified as a minor arterial roadway.

The lands on either side of Marlee Avenue and Glencairn Avenue consist primarily of residential properties (single family homes) and commercial plaza's exist on all four corners of the intersection. It should be noted that the Toronto Transit Commission also operates a surface transit route on both Marlee Avenue and Glencairn Avenue.

A review of our records has not been able to determine the purpose/reasoning for the installation of the northbound left turn prohibition. All that can be ascertained from our review is that the prohibition was implemented prior to 1978.

Staff, has reviewed the operation of the intersection and determined that due to the presence of the northbound left turn lane motorists are conducting illegal northbound left turns during the prohibited times. A review of the historical turning movement counts for this intersection has indicated that more than 26 motorists are conducting this maneuver.

A review of the Toronto Police Services collision data, has indicated that for the preceding five years there has been a total of one northbound left turn collision, which occurred during the off peak period.

In view of the above study results and the Communities request, staff support the removal of the northbound left turn, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. should address the resident's concerns and ease the level of congestion at the intersection of Marlee Avenue and Lawrence Avenue West.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1:           Map – Marlee Ave at Glencairn Ave – Northbound Left Turn