Left-Turn Prohibition – Bushby Drive east of McCowan Road

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To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 38 – Scarborough Centre
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SUMMARY

This report describes the need to install a left-turn prohibition at the driveway of the Toronto Parking Authority parking lot located on Bushby Drive, 47 metres east of McCowan Road.

It is recommended that a northbound left turn restriction from the driveway be implemented 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. A left-turn prohibition is technically justified. Prohibiting left turns will provide a safer environment for road users and allow enforcement by Toronto Police Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council enact the prohibited turns regulation, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.

Financial Impact
The financial cost of installing the appropriate signage is approximately $500.00. Funding for the signs has been requested from the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
As a result of an operational review, Transportation Services staff identified temporary left-turn prohibition signs at the driveway of the Toronto Parking Authority parking lot located on Bushby Drive, 47 metres east of McCowan Road. The temporary signage was installed during the construction of the Grangeway Avenue extension from Bushby Drive south to Ellesmere Road about a decade ago. Currently, there is a temporary left-turn prohibition for northbound vehicles exiting the parking lot 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

COMMENTS
The following characteristics describe the area and land use near Bushby Drive, 47 metres east of McCowan Road:

- Bushby Drive is a collector road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h.
- A parking lot operated by Toronto Parking Authority is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of McCowan Road and Bushby Drive.
- Access to the parking lot is from Bushby Drive.
- A Toronto Transit Commission SRT station is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of McCowan Road and Bushby Drive.
- Toronto Transit Commission operates regular bus service on Bushby Drive.
- Sidewalks are located on both the south and north side of Bushby Drive.

Temporary northbound, peak period left-turn prohibitions were installed to improve sightlines for motorists exiting the driveway, and to reduce peak period congestion in the area due to motorists picking-up/dropping off passengers in the vicinity of the nearby SRT station; however, it is not enforceable.

The left-turn prohibition does not have a significant impact on parking lot users since they can still reach their destination by making a right turn from the driveway and using adjacent roads such as Grangeway Avenue, Ellesmere Road, Progress Avenue, Consilium Place or Corporate Drive.

The adoption of the traffic by-law regulations identified in Appendix 1 of this report is expected to improve safety for all road users by minimizing vehicular conflicts and also allowing for enforcement by Toronto Police Service under the Highway Traffic Act.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment, Enact
2. Location Plan (Left Turn Prohibition – Bushby Drive east of McCowan Road)
**Appendix 1**

“Prohibited Turns”
Regulation to be Enacted

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