# Left-Turn Prohibition Exception – Victoria Park Avenue near Gerrard Street East

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## SUMMARY

This report responds to a concern about large delivery trucks being unable to manoeuvre in the gas station located on the northwest corner of Victoria Park Avenue and Gerrard Street East, forcing them to exit against an eastbound left-turn prohibition at the driveway of 600 Victoria Park Avenue.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install a tab indicating "Except Delivery Vehicles" attached to the eastbound Left-turn Prohibition at the driveway on Victoria Park Avenue located 52 metres north of Gerrard Street East.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the left turn prohibition, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. City Council enact the left turn prohibitions, as identified in the Appendix 2 of this report.

## Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing the turn prohibition signs with the "Except Delivery Vehicles" tabs is approximately $375.00. Funding for the signs has been included in the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
As a result of a request from a constituent, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of providing an exception for delivery vehicles to allow an Eastbound left-turn against the current left turn prohibition at the driveway on Victoria Park Avenue at 600 Victoria Park Avenue. The driveway is approximately 52 metres north of Gerrard Street East. The northbound left turn into the same driveway will not be changed.

COMMENTS
Key characteristics describing the subject portion of Victoria Park Avenue include:

- The land uses along Victoria Park Avenue (600 Victoria Park Avenue) on the northwest corner of Gerrard Street East is a self serve gas bar with a seasonal garden centre, surrounded by retail.
- Victoria Park Avenue adjacent to the subject location is a four-lane north-south major arterial road with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour and a traffic volume of approximately 21,000 vehicles per day.
- An eastbound Left-turn Prohibition, is in place on Victoria Park Avenue (installed in 1983) at the driveway 52 metres north of Victoria Park Avenue in order to mitigate traffic trying to by-pass the intersection of Victoria Park Avenue and Gerrard Street East.

We do not recommend a change to the northbound left turn prohibition. Allowing trucks to enter at this driveway would affect traffic operations and limit capacity.

We observed a delivery tanker truck with a pup trailer servicing the subject gas station. The truck made the eastbound left turn from the driveway, as it was unable to manoeuvre in the parking lot.

Installing a tab to the existing eastbound left turn prohibition "Except Delivery Vehicle" will continue to discourage by-pass traffic, but allow delivery vehicles to legally turn left onto Victoria Park Avenue from this driveway.

We anticipate that there will be no change in general motorist traffic patterns, but the tab will allow delivery trucks to exit legally onto Victoria Park Avenue from the subject gas station.

There will be no change in regards to the northbound left turn prohibition.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (Rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (Enact)
3. Location Plan (Left-Turn Prohibition Exception - Victoria Park Avenue near Gerrard Street East)
Appendix 1

"Prohibited Turns"
Regulation to be Rescinded

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Appendix 2

"Prohibited Turns"
Regulation to be Enacted

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