15 - Minute Parking – Sherbourne Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to implement a 15-minute parking limit that would operate at all times within the existing lay-bys on Sherbourne Street between Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East. The intent is to provide short-term parking opportunity for area residents, visitors and trades.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the current "No Standing Anytime" regulation on the east side of Sherbourne Street, between a point 123.9 metres north of Dundas Street East and a point 134.9 metres north of Dundas Street East.

2. City Council rescind the current "No Standing Anytime" regulation on the west side of Sherbourne Street, between a point 72.4 metres south of Gerrard Street East and a point 83.4 metres south of Gerrard Street East.

3. City Council enact a "15 minute parking limit" to operate at all times on the east side of Sherbourne Street, from a point 123.9 metres north of Dundas Street East to a point 11 metres further north.

4. City Council enact a "15 minute parking limit" to operate at all times on the west side of Sherbourne Street, from a point 72.4 metres south of Gerrard Street East to a point 11 metres further south.
Financial Impact
The cost of sign installation required to give effect to the recommendations is estimated in the amount of $600.00, funds for which are available in Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of September 12, 2012 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee adopted Item PW17.9 without amendments, which contained a report dated August 20, 2012, from the Acting General Manager of Transportation Services, entitled "By-law Amendments for Sherbourne Street Cycle Tracks". City Council at its meetings of October 2, 2012 adopted this item with amendments.


In doing so, City Council approved the installation of separated bicycle lanes on Sherbourne Street from Front Street East to Bloor Street East. The new design involved the removal of all on-street parking on Sherbourne Street between Queen Street East and Bloor Street East and the implementation of six lay-bys to accommodate the pick-up/drop-off of passengers only (i.e. Wheel-Trans, Taxi Activities).

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Both Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam (Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27) and Councillor Pam McConnell (Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28), on behalf of area residents, have requested Transportation Services to review the feasibility of allowing parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes at all times within the two lay-bys on Sherbourne Street, between Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East. Standing is currently prohibited at all times within these lay-bys, legally allowing for the pick-up/drop-off of passengers only. Residents have requested that a less restrictive parking regulation be implemented within these lay-bys that would allow short-term parking (area residents, visitors, trades) and accommodate such activities as loading/unloading of goods.

COMMENTS
Sherbourne Street (Gerrard Street East to Dundas Street East), is classified as a minor arterial roadway that operates two-way (northbound and southbound), with a pavement width of 12.2 metres. Sherbourne Street accommodates TTC Bus Route 75 and has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h.

As a result of the bicycle lanes, stopping is currently prohibited at all times on both sides of Sherbourne Street, and standing is prohibited at all times within five of the six lay-bys. A taxi stand has been by-lawed for the remaining lay-by located on the east side of Sherbourne Street, north of Carlton Street.
Residents living on Sherbourne Street, between Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East, have expressed concern that the current parking regulations within the lay-bys on this block are too restrictive and do not allow for short-term parking (residents, trades, visitors) or such activities as loading/unloading of goods/furniture.

Amending the current parking regulations within these lay-bys from the current "No Standing Anytime" regulation to a "15-minute" parking limit is technically feasible and would legally allow motorists to park short-term or to load/unload goods. Allowing parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes should deter long-term parking and provide parking turnover. Frequent enforcement is necessary however, as noncompliance of the "15-minute" parking limit can also become problematic at times.

It should be noted that the lay-bys on this section of Sherbourne Street are public facilities, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of short-term parking and/or loading or unloading merchandise and no one has exclusive rights to these areas.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-1471, dated July 2014

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