



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Highway Alterations – The West Mall and Evans Avenue

Date:	January 21, 2015
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	p:\2015\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc150038-to

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting City Council authority to alter the southeast corner of the intersection of The West Mall and Evans Avenue by removing the northbound to eastbound right-turn channel, thus including the northbound (to eastbound) right-turn movements into the existing traffic control signals. In addition, a sidewalk is to be constructed on the south side of Evans Avenue between The West Mall and the private driveway access opposite Sherway Gate.

This proposed road alterations will provide for a more pedestrian friendly environment and help reduce the speed of vehicular traffic travelling north from the QEW off-ramp and turning right (east) onto Evans Avenue and eliminate the need for pedestrians to cross this ramp.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Evans Avenue and The West Mall, City Council approval of this report is required. TTC staff has been consulted on the matter and has not objected to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. The alterations and modifications at the southeast corner of the intersection of The West Mall and Evans Avenue, as indicated in Appendix "A", and generally as shown on the attached Drawing P-1575-026, dated January 8, 2015.
2. The alterations and modifications on the south side of Evans Avenue between The West Mall and the private driveway access opposite Sherway Gate, as indicated in Appendix "A", and generally as shown on the attached Drawing P-1575-026, dated January 8, 2015.

Financial Impact

The proposed road alterations are part of Technical Services' Contract 15EY-03RD and can be accommodated within the Transportation Services 2015 Capital Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As part of Technical Services' Contract 15EY-03RD, the southeast corner of the intersection of The West Mall and Evans Avenue will be modified. The proposed road alterations are the basis of this report. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Evans Avenue, in the area of The West Mall, is classified as "major arterial" in the City's road system. The West Mall, in the area of Evans Avenue, is classified as a "minor arterial." The south leg of the intersection of The West Mall and Evans Avenue consist of the on/off ramps to/from the QEW.

The intersection of The West Mall and Evans Avenue is controlled by traffic signals; however, the northbound to eastbound right-turn movement is currently channelized and free-flow. Sidewalks exists on both sides of either roadway, except for a section on the south side of Evans Avenue between The West Mall and a point west of the private driveway access opposite Sherway Gate.

To help reduce the speed of vehicular traffic travelling north from the QEW off-ramp and turning right (east) onto Evans Avenue, the northbound to eastbound right-turn channel will be eliminated, thus tying the northbound (to eastbound) right-turn movements into the existing traffic control signals. In addition, a sidewalk is to be constructed on the south side of Evans Avenue between The West Mall and the private driveway access opposite Sherway Gate. This new sidewalk will create a more pedestrian friendly environment on this section of Evans Avenue and eliminate the need for pedestrians to cross this high speed ramp. Landscaping will be added to the green space that will be created with the removal of the ramp.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends the alterations and modifications at the southeast corner of The West Mall and Evans Avenue, and on the south side of Evans Avenue between The West Mall and the private driveway access opposite Sherway Gate, as indicated in Appendix "A", and generally as shown on Drawing P-1575-026 (Attachment 2), dated January 8, 2015.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A"

Attachment 1 Existing Configuration

Attachment 2 Proposed Configuration

Appendix “A”

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Locations Requiring a Highway Alteration

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
6	The West Mall	Evans Avenue		Removing the northbound to eastbound right-turn channel thus tying the northbound (to eastbound) right-turn movements into the existing traffic control signals.	To help reduce the speed of vehicular traffic travelling north from the QEW off-ramp and turning right (east) onto Evans Avenue. Pedestrian safety.
6	Evans Avenue	The West Mall	Private driveway access opposite Sherway Gate	Constructing a 1.8 metre wide sidewalk on the south side.	Pedestrian accessibility and safety.