



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Highway Alteration – The Queensway east of Dorchester Avenue and west of Parker Avenue

Date:	July 31, 2015
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization for a roadway alteration related to the installation of traffic islands, with planters (2), on the The Queensway to the east and to the west of Islington Avenue. These islands will be installed as part of the 2015 resurfacing of The Queensway between a point 120 metres west of Kipling Avenue and Lady Bank Drive.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on The Queensway, 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:

1. City Council approve the alterations and modifications to install centre median islands on The Queensway, east of Dorchester Avenue and on The Queensway, west of Parker Avenue as indicated in Appendix “A”, and generally shown on Attachment 1 and 2, dated August 2015.

Financial Impact

Funds for installing the centre median islands with planters are part of Engineering & Construction Services Project 15ECS-TI-19SP Major Road Resurfacing of The Queensway from 120 metres west of Kipling Avenue to Lady Bank Road and can be accommodated within the Transportation Services 2015 Capital Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As part of the road resurfacing of The Queensway from 120 metres west of Kipling Avenue to Lady Bank Road, the area Councillor requested that Transportation Services look for locations to install landscaped centre medians. A map of the area is Attachment 1 and 2.

COMMENTS

The Queensway, between Kipling Avenue and Islington Avenue, is a six lane major arterial road with centre turn lanes and a posted 60 km/h speed limit. East of Islington, the road narrows and becomes a four lane cross-section with a centre turn lane at Lady Bank Road. The speed limit is 50 km/h east of Islington Avenue. The street is mainly commercial in this area.

The installation of the landscaped medians at the two locations proposed will not limit turning movements in or out of area driveways or intersections and have been chosen to be installed in areas where the resultant reduction of the centre left turn lane length can be accommodated with minimal traffic impact or overflow. The proposed road alterations (landscaped medians), as shown in Attachment 1 and 2, and described in Appendix A, also add to the appearance of the area which is the goal of the area Councillor and the Business Improvement Area (BIA).

The authorization of the road alteration to the City of Toronto Act, 2006, will mitigate the City's legal liability as the road authority. Therefore, it is recommended that City Council authorize this road alteration.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A"
Attachment 1 and 2 Drawings

Appendix “A”

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Location Requiring a Highway Alteration

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
5	The Queensway	Dorchester Avenue	Parker Avenue	Constructing two landscaped centre medians to the west of Parker Avenue and to the east of Dorchester Avenue.	To improve the appearance of the area by providing an area to plant vegetation in the centre medians.