



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Remove Traffic Prohibitions – Sheppard Avenue East and Lamont Avenue

Date:	December 15, 2014
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 41 – Scarborough Rouge River
Reference Number:	P:\2014\Cluster B\TRA\sc1505.docx D14-6527341 Lamont Avenue – Remove Northbound Left & Through Prohibition

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek authorization to remove the northbound left-turn and through prohibition on Lamont Avenue at Sheppard Avenue East upon activation of the new traffic control signals. With the installation of such signals, the current sight line concerns for northbound and through vehicular movements will be mitigated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the northbound Prohibited Turn and Compulsory Turn regulations in effect at all times at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Lamont Avenue in conjunction with the activation of traffic control signals at this intersection.

Financial Impact

The financial cost for removing prohibitions is to be borne by the City. The financial cost for removing the existing regulation controls is approximately \$300.00. The funding for the sign has been requested in the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of November 13, 14, 15 and 18, 2013, City Council approved the installation of Traffic Control Signals at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Lamont Avenue. City Council also requested the Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District, to consider changing the gore area beside the right curb on Sheppard Avenue East into a right-turn lane onto Lamont Avenue and report back to Scarborough Community Council. Here is the link to the Decision:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.SC27.13>

COMMENTS

Characteristics describing this intersection include:

- The intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Lamont Avenue is located west of Midland Avenue and north of Highway 401.
- Sheppard Avenue East is a four-lane major arterial road with a posted 60 km/h speed limit.
- Lamont Avenue is a local two-lane road with an unposted 50 km/h speed limit.
- The intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Lamont Avenue is controlled by a northbound stop sign.
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of Sheppard Avenue East.
- There are no paved sidewalks on Lamont Avenue.
- Currently (prior to the pending installation of traffic control signals at this intersection), the northbound and through movements out of the Lamont Avenue cannot be safely made by all road uses due to the location of the south side retaining wall which was designed for the proposed Light Rail Transit (LRT) line being in place with only right turns being feasible. This retaining wall abutting a Place of Worship obstructs full sight-lines for northbound through or left-turn movements.

The left-turn and north through prohibitions were needed to prevent outbound motorists from Lamont Avenue from potentially coming into conflict with eastbound motorists on Sheppard Avenue East.

Notwithstanding the negative staff recommendation to install the technically unjustified traffic control signals, City Council approved their installation in November 2013.

At the time, City Council requested staff to consider the installation of a new eastbound right-turn lane from Sheppard Avenue East to Lamont Avenue. However, it is not physically feasible to install such a lane at present or with the coming Sheppard Light Rapid Transit (LRT) line due to the proximity of the south-side retaining wall.

Once authority has been granted by City Council to remove the turn and through restrictions at this intersection, the signs will be removed coincident with the installation/activation of the new traffic control signals in 2015.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Remove Traffic Prohibitions –Sheppard Avenue East and Lamont Avenue)