



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**TTC Queue Jump Lane – Finch Avenue East West of
Markham Road**

Date:	January 16, 2015
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 41 – Scarborough-Rouge River
Reference Number:	P:\2015 \Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1515.docx D14-6242265 TTC Queue Jump Lane

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek authorization to install an eastbound transit queue jump lane for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) on Finch Avenue East West of Markham Road. The TTC is seeking this reserved lane as a means to expedite their public transit vehicles (PTV) along this portion of Finch Avenue East.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council designate the southerly eastbound lane on Finch Avenue East, between a point 50 metres west of Markham Road and a point 460 metres further west, as a reserved lane for public transit vehicles (PTVs).
2. City Council designate the southerly eastbound lane on Finch Avenue East, between Markham Road and a point 50 metres west, for eastbound right turns only (buses excepted).

Financial Impact

The financial cost for this PTV lane will be borne by the TTC, with the cost for the appropriate pavement markings and signage being approximately \$15,000.00.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

For route efficiency purposes, staff at the TTC has requested a signed, marked and by-lawed eastbound reserved queue jump lane for their revenue service vehicles along a portion of Finch Avenue East on the bridge over the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) marshalling yard.

A public transit vehicles (PTV) is any vehicle, operated in connection with a regular passenger transportation service for or on behalf of the City, any other municipality including a regional municipality, a transit commission, a Board of Education, GO Transit, or any other person holding a public vehicle licence issued pursuant to the Public Vehicles Act.

COMMENTS

The road portion of Finch Avenue East cited for the queue jump lane has the following characteristics:

- The portion of Finch Avenue East for the queue jump lane is approximately 460 metres long located west of Markham Road.
- Finch Avenue East is a four major arterial road with a width of approximately 24 metres on the bridge over the CPR marshalling yard.
- Finch Avenue East currently has the default 60 km/h speed limit (posted).
- As a part of the recent bridge reconstruction project, a contiguous sidewalk has been constructed along the south side of this road, joining Markham Road to Scottfield Drive and points west.

Once installed, this eastbound reserved queue jump lane will expedite eastbound TTC vehicles along this section of Finch Avenue East.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (TTC Queue Jump Lane – Finch Avenue East west of Markham Road).