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STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Zone Safety Review – Santamonica Boulevard

Date:	August 10, 2015
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 35 – Scarborough - Southwest
Reference Number:	P:\2015\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1565.docx D15-6756663 Santamonica School Zone

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The report responds to a request for addressing school zone safety concerns near Danforth Gardens Public School located on Santamonica Boulevard, south of Newlands Avenue.

The report recommends the adoption of several parking, standing and stopping regulations in order to improve safe access to and egress from the school for children walking, biking or being driven and to reduce the likelihood of conflicts between various modes of traffic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking restriction of a maximum period of 30 minutes, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east and south side of Santamonica Boulevard, from Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 123 metres south and west.
2. Prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Santamonica Boulevard, from a point 15 metres south of Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 25 metres further south.

3. Prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Santamonica Boulevard, from a point 76 metres south of Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 29 metres further south and west.
4. Rescind the stopping prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Santamonica Boulevard, from Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 116 metres south and west of Newlands Avenue (east intersection).
5. Prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Santamonica Boulevard, from Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 17 metres further south.
6. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays, on the west side of Santamonica Boulevard, from a point 17 metres south of Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 55 metres further south.
7. Prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Santamonica Boulevard, from a point 72 metres south of Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 25 metres further south and west.
8. Restrict parking to a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays, on the south side of Santamonica Boulevard from a point 15 metres east of Huddleston Court (east intersection) to a point 50 metres further east.
9. Restrict parking to a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays, on the south side of Santamonica Boulevard from a point 15 metres east of Huddleston Court (west intersection) to a point 43 metres further east.
10. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays, on the north side of Santamonica Boulevard, from a point 97 metres south and west of Newlands Avenue (east intersection) to a point 126 metres further west.

Financial Impact

The cost of installing the subject stopping standing and parking prohibition signs is approximately \$3,500.00. Funds for these signs are available in the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a public request through 3-1-1 for addressing concerns with children's safety and vehicular traffic conflicts in the vicinity of Danforth Gardens Public School,

staff have conducted an audit of the school zone and reviewed the applicability of several parking, standing and stopping regulations.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe the relevant sections of Santamonica Boulevard.

- Santamonica Boulevard is located south of St. Clair Avenue East, west of Birchmount Road and east of Warden Avenue.
- Santamonica Boulevard is a two-way local roadway with posted speed limit of 40 km/hr.
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of Santamonica Boulevard.
- The land use on Santamonica Boulevard is single family residential and limited institutional (Danforth Gardens Public School).

Currently, there are frequent conflicts between vehicles parking on both sides of Santamonica Boulevard in front of the school within the curved section of the road, inhibiting through traffic and causing safety concerns for children being dropped-off or picked up.

The recommendations in this report will improve sightlines and traffic flow within the curved section of the roadway and were developed in consultation with representatives from the school, parent/teacher committee, Toronto District School Board Transportation Safety Office, Toronto Police Services and impacted local residents.

The adoption of the bylaws recommended in this report will improve safety of children walking, cycling or being driven to and from the school, and improve vehicular traffic flow in the area of the school. It will also enable parking enforcement when required in order to enhance safe access to the school.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map (School Zone Safety Review - Santamonica Boulevard)