Road and Sidewalk Alterations – Front Street East

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SUMMARY

As a result of the proposed revitalization of the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts to upgrade and restore the sidewalk and pavers on the exterior of the Sony Centre, Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to alter the road and sidewalk on the south side of Front Street East, between Yonge Street and Scott Street, to improve the pedestrian environment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the road and sidewalk alteration on the south side of Front Street East, between Yonge Street and Scott Street, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1609 dated December 2014, attached to the January 12, 2015, report entitled "Road and Sidewalk Alterations – Front Street East", from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

The cost for the road and sidewalk modifications on Front Street East, between Yonge Street and Scott Street in the estimated amount of $250,000.00 will be funded through combined funds from Facilities and Real Estate, Urban Forestry, TSLIP, the BIA and Pedestrian projects.
**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

On July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2014, City Council authorized the City to restore the sidewalk and pavers on the exterior of the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts. As a result, the opportunity arose to extend the existing sidewalk fronting the Sony Centre, to improve the pedestrian environment.

**COMMENTS**

**Existing Conditions**

The subject section of Front Street East is generally 12 metres wide between Yonge Street and Scott Street. It is a three lane minor arterial roadway, with mainly commercial land use, which runs eastbound in this vicinity. In general, there is pay-and-display parking on both sides of Front Street East, east of Scott Street, subject to peak period parking or stopping prohibitions. There is TTC service fronting the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts and a stop is located on this block.

**Proposal**

The Sony Centre revitalization is being undertaken by Facilities and Real Estate and is to be completed before the Pan Am Games. The work will extend into the City Right-of-Way. The sidewalk along Front Street East, in this vicinity, is very narrow to accommodate large groups waiting to board TTC vehicles and sight-seeing tour buses. The curb lane in this location is very wide. There is an opportunity with the revitalization of the Sony Centre, to extend the sidewalk into the roadway without impacting the existing number of lanes and capacity on Front Street East. The proposal, as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1649, dated January 2015, would widen the sidewalk by 1.9 metres on the south side of Front Street East, fronting the Sony Centre.

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**ATTACHMENT**

Drawing No. 421G-1649, dated January 2015
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