



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

40 km/h speed limit – Harriet Street

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to reduce the existing speed limit on Harriet Street from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. A 40 km/h speed limit would promote slower operating speeds and enhance safety for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve a 40 km/h speed limit on Harriet Street.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary sign installations in the estimated amount of \$500.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2015 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of a local resident and in consultation with Councillor Paula Fletcher, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of reducing the maximum speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Harriet Street.

COMMENTS

Harriet Street is a 7.3 metre wide local road operating two-way east/west between Leslie Street and its east end terminus, approximately 45 metres east of Hastings Avenue, one block north of Gerrard Street East. There is no TTC service on Harriet Street.

Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Harriet Street and on the north side of the street between Leslie Street and a point approximately 55 metres east. Parking is otherwise allowed on the north side of Harriet Street for a maximum period of three-hours outside of the hours of permit parking operation, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records for a three-year period ending October 31, 2014, revealed one collision on Harriet Street. Speeding was not indicated as a factor in this collision and no pedestrians or cyclists were involved.

In July 2002, City Council approved "Warrants for Implementing 40 km/h Speed Limit" which considers various traffic conditions, such as roadway width, pedestrian conditions (presence of elementary or junior high school, absence of sidewalks) and road and traffic environment (collision patterns, safe stopping distance).

Transportation Services has evaluated Harriet Street against the warrant criteria and found that a 40 km/h speed limit is justified. The results of this review revealed the following aspects of the technical warrant criteria were satisfied:

- (a) The pavement width is less than 10.5 metres in width; and
- (b) Where long-term parking (more than 3 hours) is permitted on one or both sides, and the remaining travelled portion of the road is less than 5.7 metres for two-way operation, or 4.0 metres for one-way operation.

Based on these factors the technical warrant criteria are satisfied and a reduction of the maximum speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h is recommended on Harriet Street.

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