SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to prohibit left-turns in and out of the access to No. 621 King Street West during peak periods. These turn prohibitions are a condition of the development agreement for No. 621 King Street West and are intended to enhance safe and efficient traffic operations on King Street West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit left-turns in and out of the King Street West access serving No. 621 King Street West, located on the south side of King Street West, at a point 26 metres west of Waterloo Terrace, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City. All costs associated with the installation of signs to give effect to this regulation are the responsibility of the developer.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a condition of Site Plan approval for No. 621 King Street West (Application No. 10 101311468 STE 20 SA), staff required signing to prohibit inbound and outbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, of the driveway onto King Street West.
COMMENTS
No. 621 King Street West is located on the south West side of the King Street West, between Portland Street and Bathurst Street. King Street West is a major arterial roadway with a 50 km/h speed limit and TTC streetcar service.

One of the conditions of Site Plan Approval, for No. 621 King Street West, required the introduction of a left-turn prohibition in and out of the access onto King Street West during the peak periods. At the time of site plan approval the peak period on this section of King Street West, was from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. However, as part of the Downtown Traffic Operation Study approved in 2014, the times of all turn prohibition on this section of King Street West were extended to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The construction is nearing completion on the building and the developer has contacted staff to have the necessary by-law enacted to implement the required turn restriction. The developer has been advised of the revised times of the turn prohibitions.

CONCLUSION
Transportation Services recommends that left-turns be prohibited in and out of the access to 621 King Street West during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods.

Councillor Joe Cressy, Ward 20 has been advised of this matter.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G- 1683, dated March 2015-03-09
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