



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Crescent Town Road - School Bus Loading Zone

<b>Date:</b>	April 10, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2015057te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval to establish a School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Crescent Town Road to provide and enhance safety for children, minimize conflicts between bicycles, private vehicles, and improve loading operations during peak arrival, lunch and dismissal times in the vicinity of Crescent Town School.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council designate a School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Crescent Town Road from a point 30.5 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue to a point 29.5 metres further west, to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1733, dated April 2015.

#### Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage and pavement marking adjustments in the estimated amount of \$1,800.00 are contained in the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of the Toronto District School Board, the Principal, Crescent Town School, and in consultation with Councillor Janet Davis, Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of establishing a School Bus Loading Zone, on the north side of Crescent Town Road, from a point 30.5 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue to a point 29.5 metres further west.

## **COMMENTS**

Crescent Town Road connects Dawes Road and Victoria Park Avenue, and operates two-way with a 40 km/h regulatory speed limit. The pavement width of Crescent Town Road, west of Victoria Park Avenue varies from 14 to 16 metres. Stopping is prohibited on both sides of the street. TTC buses and bike lanes operate on Crescent Town Road. There are no formal loading areas for school buses transporting children to/from the school.

## **Investigation**

At the present time, school buses pick-up and drop-off students on the north side of Crescent Town Road, just west of Victoria Park Avenue. The loading/unloading of students takes place at the curb adjacent to the school's playground. Students are not required to cross the street, but buses must activate their red flashing lights, effectively stopping all traffic flow on Crescent Town Road in both directions. The school does not have a school bus loading zone near the main entrance.

After consulting with Councillor Davis, the Principal of Crescent Town School, Toronto District School Board, and our Cycling Infrastructure staff, Transportation Services is recommending the installation of a school bus loading zone on the north side of Crescent Town Road, from a point 30.5 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue to a point 29.5 metres further west, as per the attached drawing. School buses will be allowed to have exclusive use of the delineated area between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Impacts to TTC vehicles would be very minimal as there would be two loading periods, daily.

These measures will enhance safety for children, minimize conflicts between bicycles, private vehicles, and improve loading operations during peak arrival, lunch and dismissal times at this school.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G- 1733, dated April 2015

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