



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Left-turn Prohibition – Kingston Road and Tomkins Mews

Date:	May 15, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches – East York, Ward 32
Reference Number:	Ts2015082te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to rescind the weekday peak period northbound left-turn prohibition at the intersection of Kingston Road and Tomkins Mews.

This prohibition is no longer required as the TTC loading platform in the median on Kingston Road that made the turn potentially unsafe has been removed. Rescinding this prohibition will have negligible impact on traffic operations on Kingston Road, including TTC service. This change will also improve access to Tomkins Mews.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the northbound left-turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Kingston Road at a point 41.6 metres north of Dundas Street East (the former driveway to No. 112 Kingston Road, now Tomkins Mews).

Financial Impact

Funding for the removal of signs in the estimated amount of \$200.00 is available within the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor McMahon to report on the feasibility of rescinding the weekday peak period northbound left-turn prohibition at the intersection of Kingston Road and Tomkins Mews.

COMMENTS

Kingston Road in the vicinity of Tomkins Mews is a north/south major arterial road with two lanes in each direction and a 50 km/h regulatory speed limit. The TTC operates a streetcar service on this section of Kingston Road. Tomkins Mews is a private road that runs west from Kingston Road, approximately 45 metres north of the signalized intersection of Kingston Road and Dundas Street East.

Tomkins Mews was constructed in 2006 as part of a development comprising of 33 townhouses. It was formerly the driveway to No. 112 Kingston Road. As a condition of the site plan agreement for this development, City Council prohibited northbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Kingston Road to Tomkins Mews. This prohibition was necessary because there was a TTC loading platform in the median on Kingston Road that extended from Dundas Street East to halfway across the intersection with Tomkins Mews. The platform forced motorists to execute a partial 'u-turn' when turning left from Kingston Road to Tomkins Mews, which was potentially unsafe during weekday peak periods. Also, eastbound left-turns from Tomkins Mews onto Kingston Road were prohibited at all times since this movement crosses northbound and southbound traffic on Kingston Road within 45 metres of the intersection of Kingston Road and Dundas Street East.

In 2013, the intersection of Kingston Road and Dundas Street East was reconstructed and the TTC median loading platform at the intersection was eliminated. Therefore, the weekday peak period northbound left-turn prohibition from Kingston Road to Tomkins Mews can be rescinded since a normal turn can now be completed. Also, the left-turn volume, anticipated to be less than 10 vehicles during the peak hours, would have a negligible impact on traffic operations on Kingston Road, including TTC service. This change will improve access to Tomkins Mews.

The eastbound left-turn prohibition from Tomkins Mews to Kingston Road is still necessary since this movement would require motorists to cross both directions of traffic on Kingston Road in close proximity to the intersection of Kingston Road and Dundas Street East.

CONCLUSION

Transportation Services recommends that the northbound left-turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Kingston Road at Tomkins Mews (formerly driveway to No. 112 Kingston Road) be rescinded.

The TTC has been advised of this matter and has not provided comments. Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon has also been advised of the recommendation.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-1772, dated May 2015

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