Construction Staging Area – 55 Avenue Road

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY

Traugott Building Contractor Incorporated is re-facing and adding a 2.5 storey addition to an existing 10 storey mixed use building at No. 55 Avenue Road. To enable construction, Transportation Services must close a section of the east sidewalk and the northbound curb lane of Avenue Road, for a period of 15 months.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the closure of the east side sidewalk and the northbound curb lane of Avenue Road, between Yorkville Avenue and a point 187 metres north, from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016, as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1873 attached to the report dated August, 2015 entitled "Construction Staging Area – 55 Avenue Road" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

2. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Avenue Road, between Yorkville Avenue and a point 158 metres north from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

3. City Council direct that Avenue Road be returned to its pre-construction parking and traffic regulations when the project is completed.
Financial Impact
There is no financial impact on the City. Traugott Building Contractor Incorporated is responsible for all costs, including payment of fees to the City for the occupancy of the right-of-way. Based on the area enclosed and projected duration of the closure, these fees will be approximately $644,000.00.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services has received an application from Traugott Building Contractor Incorporated to close the east sidewalk and the northbound curb lane of Avenue Road, between Yorkville Avenue and a point 187.0 metres further north to use as a construction staging area to facilitate the construction at this site. Chapter 937-2 of the Municipal Code, authorizes staff to issue road closure permits of up to 30 days for private construction. This closure will be in effect for an additional 15 months and needs Council approval.

COMMENTS
Avenue Road normally has of three northbound through lanes and three southbound through lanes within the vicinity of 55 Avenue Road. However, there is an existing construction staging area at 21 Avenue Road that has altered the lane configuration to two northbound through lanes, two southbound through lanes, and one southbound through/left turn lane between Cumberland Street and Yorkville Avenue. Impacts on traffic therefore will be minimal. The TTC bus route Nos. 5 and 142 operate on Avenue Road. TTC Staff have been consulted and have no objections.

The proposed construction staging area will require the temporary closure of the east sidewalk and northbound curb lane fronting the site. A temporary pedestrian walkway will be established in the northbound curb lane beside the construction staging area.

Reasons for the partial road closure
Traugott Building Contractor Incorporated has advised us that the sidewalk occupation is required to complete the revitalization of the façade of 55 Avenue and a 3.5 metre excavation for the addition. The applicant requires a construction staging area within the road allowance on the east side of Avenue Road to enable construction.
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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
1. Drawing No. 421G-1873, dated August, 2015

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