

Downtown Streetcar Routes – Extended Peak Period Regulations

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SUMMARY

As part of the Congestion Management Plan and continuing efforts by the City and the TTC to reduce traffic congestion and improve the operations of surface transit, City staff have been analyzing the TTC Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) data to determine where it may be feasible, and supportive of vehicular movement, to change the current 'No Stopping' regulation times.

The proposed changes, which consist primarily of extensions of peak-hour restrictions in several locations, reductions in others, and very limited new left-turn restrictions, are intended to improve streetcar operations and service reliability and to assist vehicular traffic and cyclist flow on these three streets. They also include minor changes to parking and loading restrictions along Ossington Avenue near Dundas Street and near College Street.

The study area included Queen Street, Dundas Street, and College/Carlton Streets, from Roncesvalles Avenue in the west to Parliament Street in the east. The proposed changes arising from this study are based on two major observations supported by the travel time data:

1. High traffic volumes (and associated congestion) extend beyond the currently signed peak hours in many locations; and
2. Peak hour regulations vary widely throughout the downtown; where possible, given the available data, the hours should be made more consistent to improve clarity to motorists.

The full report will be distributed along with the supplementary agenda for Toronto and East York Community Council.

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