

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# **Vehicle Width Restriction – Public Lane, south of Bloor Street West**

Date:	September 9, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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# SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to prohibit vehicles greater than 2.0 metres in width from travelling in the public lane, south of Bloor Street West, between Delaware Avenue and Dovercourt Road. Prohibiting vehicles over 2.0 metres in width from travelling in the subject lane would be beneficial in reducing the incidence of damage to adjacent private property.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Prohibit vehicles over 2.0 metres in width from travelling in the first lane, south of Bloor Street West, between Delaware Avenue and Dovercourt Road.

## **Financial Impact**

Funds to post the required regulatory signs in the estimated amount of \$200.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2015 Operating Budget.

# **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, in consultation with Councillor Mike Layton, investigated concerns from property owners adjacent to the public lane, south of Bloor Street West, between Delaware Avenue and Dovercourt Road, regarding large vehicles using the public lane and causing damages to their properties.

#### COMMENTS

The subject lane runs east-west and is located south of Bloor Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Delaware Avenue. It operates with one-way traffic in the westbound direction and has a width of about 2.7 metres. This lane also connects to a dead-end, north-south lane that intersects the south side in a 'T'-type intersection. This lane network provides rear access to properties on Bloor Street West, Delaware Avenue, Hepbourne Street and Dovercourt Road. Speed bumps have been installed within the lane network and there is no TTC service provided.

Given the relatively narrow width of the lane and the potential for damages to abutting properties from large vehicles, Transportation Services is recommending a 2.0 metres maximum vehicle width restriction be implemented for the subject lane.

The vehicle width restriction will help reduce the potential incidences of damage to private properties.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendation in this report.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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#### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-1898, dated September 2015