

Construction Staging Area - 25 Richmond Street East - Supplementary Report

Date: November 4, 2016
To: City Council
From: Acting General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 28: Toronto Centre - Rosedale

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request from City Council on October 5, 2016 to report back to City Council directly on the possibility of removing the construction staging on the arterial road and an analysis of the traffic impact that the lane closure on the arterial road will have on all road users.

In order to fully address the request by City Council, Transportation Services is requesting additional time to allow the developer to have the opportunity to investigate additional options.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council defer consideration of this item until the December 13, 2016 meeting of City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of October 5, 2016, City Council considered item TE18.56 which was recommending the closure of the south curb lane on Richmond Street East, between Church Street and Victoria Street for the development of 25 Richmond Street East.

After consideration, City Council deferred the item and requested the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services to report directly to Council on November 8, 2016 on:

- a. a revised construction staging proposal from the developer which eliminates the arterial lane closures; and
- b. a full analysis of the transportation impacts of any proposed arterial lane closures, in both directions, by time of day, of the lane closure requested in Item TE18.56, for all modes of transportation including pedestrians, cyclists, transit and vehicles.

The Council decision can be viewed at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.TE18.56>

COMMENTS

Tucker HiRise Construction Inc. is constructing a 45-storey residential building at 25 Richmond Street East, on the southeast corner of Richmond Street East and Victoria Street. They need to close the south side sidewalk and a south side curb lane of Richmond Street East to accommodate their construction staging area.

Transportation Services staff have met with the developer, their transportation consultant and contractor to discuss what potential options could be considered to mitigate the impact that their requested curb lane closure will have on all road users.

The developer has agreed to and is willing to further investigate the feasibility of:

- Moving the staging to Victoria Street, but will need to consult with TTC as Victoria Street is used by streetcars;
- Reducing the length of time needed for the construction staging on the arterial road if Victoria Street is not an option; and
- In conjunction with the reduced time limit, removing the requirement of the pedestrian walkway to allow for off peak lane closures

Given the amount of work required to review the above, it is not feasible to have the information provided in time for the November 8, 2016 City Council meeting.

Accordingly, staff recommend that consideration of this item be deferred to the December 13, 2016 meeting of City Council, at which time a supplementary report will be brought forward.

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