



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Left-Turn Prohibition – Runnymede Road at Maria Street

Date:	March 11, 2016
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 13 – Parkdale–High Park
Reference Number:	p:\2016\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc160051-to

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to prohibit southbound left-turns from Runnymede Road onto Maria Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

This proposed turn restriction addresses concerns from area residents with respect to transient (short-cut) traffic on Maria Street.

As Runnymede Road is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff has been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve enacting a “No Left Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” restriction for southbound traffic on Runnymede Road at Maria Street.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost for the supply and installation of the related signage is \$200.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received signed petitions, through the office of the Ward 13 Councillor, to review the feasibility of prohibiting southbound left turns on Runnymede Road at Maria Street from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. These petitions were signed by 109 households of Maria Street. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Runnymede Road in the vicinity of Maria Street is a two-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Minor Arterial" road. The roadway has an urban cross-section (curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the street. Dedicated bicycle lanes are present for both northbound and southbound cyclists. The Toronto Transit Commission operates daily service with bus stops located just south of the intersection of Runnymede Road and Maria Street. The legal speed limit on Runnymede Road is 50 km/h.

Maria Street is a two-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. This street extends east and west between Runnymede Road and Clendenan Avenue. The roadway has an urban cross-section with sidewalks on both sides of the street. The legal speed limit on Maria Street is 40 km/h.

Concerns have been raised by area residents in regards to transient (short-cut) traffic diverting, to avoid delays at the intersection of Dundas Street West and Runnymede Road. In order to quantify the extent of traffic diverting we conducted studies during the morning and afternoon peaks at the intersection of Runnymede Road and Maria Street. During these studies we recorded a total of 123 southbound left turns to Maria Street between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., and 120 vehicles between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Prior to the installation of any turn prohibition it is important to note the following:

- This turn prohibition is a regulatory sign that will have an equally adverse effect on travel routes for local residents, as there are no exceptions to the prohibition for residents.
- Any prohibition installed to eliminate traffic on a road may transfer this traffic to other roads in the area.
- This petition represents the majority of properties on Maria Avenue. It does not include other area residents on local roads who use Maria Street as the most convenient access to their homes.

Based upon our studies and community support, staff can support the implementation of a "No Left Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" restriction for southbound traffic on Runnymede Road at Maria Street.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1

Map