Right-Turn Prohibition Amendment – Royal York Road
at Leland Avenue

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to amend the existing southbound "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday" regulation for southbound traffic on Royal York Road at Leland Avenue, to exclude bicycles.

As Royal York 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 recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing right turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, for southbound traffic on Royal York Road at Leland Avenue, to exclude bicycles.

Financial Impact
All costs associated with the installation of the "bicycles excepted" signage estimated in the amount of $100.00 are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
The Transportation Services Division received a request from the Ward Councillor on behalf of area residents to exclude bicycles from the recently installed southbound right-turn prohibition on Royal York Road and Leland Avenue. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS
Royal York Road in the vicinity of Leland Avenue 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 north of the traffic control signals at Norseman Street. The legal speed limit on Royal York Road is 50 km/h.

A southbound right-turn prohibition at Royal York Road and Leland Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, was approved at City Council on April 2, 2015. The turn prohibition was recommended to address the concerns of area residents regarding traffic infiltration onto Leland Avenue and Sevenoaks Avenue on weekday mornings to avoid backups and delays on Royal York Road.

Given that the existing regulation applies to all traffic and there are designated bicycle lanes on this section of Royal York Road, staff recommends that bicycles be exempted from the existing southbound right-turn prohibition on Royal York Road at Leland Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1 Map