

U-Turn Prohibition – Kipling Avenue, North of Olivewood Road

Date: October 12, 2016
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke Lakeshore

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to propose installing a U-turn prohibition for southbound traffic on Kipling Avenue between Olivewood Road and a point 54.0 meters north of Olivewood Road.

To address safety concerns and congestion in the area, it is recommended that southbound U- turns be prohibited anytime on Kipling Avenue between Olivewood Road and a point 54.0 meters north of Olivewood Road.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Kipling Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit U-turn movements at all times for southbound traffic on Kipling Avenue between Olivewood Road and a point 54.0 metres north of Olivewood Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the signage is approximately \$500.00. The funding for these signs and pavement markings is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2016 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services investigated a request from an area resident, regarding safety concerns on Kipling Avenue north of Olivewood Road. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Kipling Avenue is a 19.7 metres wide five-lane roadway designated in the City's Road Classification System as a 'Major Arterial' road. The roadway has an urban cross-section (curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the street. The legal speed limit on this section of Kipling Avenue is 60 km/h. Traffic control signals are located on Kipling Avenue and Olivewood Road.

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates daily bus service in the area with a southbound bus stop located on the west side just north of Olivewood Road. A northbound bus stop is located on the southeast corner of Kipling Avenue and Olivewood Road. The TCC Kipling Station south parking lot is located west of Kipling Avenue, accessed via Munster Avenue. The south intersection of Kipling Avenue and Munster Avenue is restricted to right-in and right-out access only.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that some southbound motorists on Kipling Avenue are completing U-turns north of Olivewood Road. The majority of these U-turns are occurring by those motorists that exit the TCC Kipling Station south parking lot destined to northbound Kipling Avenue. Motorists proceed south to the intersection of Kipling Avenue and Munster Avenue where movements are physically restricted to right-in/right-out only. They then cross two southbound lanes to enter the left turn lane for Olivewood Road where they perform a U-turn in the opening in the island. In some instances, some motorists were required to stop for a U-turning vehicle to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes, southbound (to northbound) U-turn movements are not desirable in this high traffic area. During our two hours study, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 21 U-turns were recorded.

To address potential conflicts between southbound u-turning vehicles and northbound vehicles, staff recommends introducing a U-turn prohibition anytime for southbound traffic on Kipling Avenue between Olivewood Road and a point 54.0 metres north of Olivewood Road. This proposed prohibition will help deter U-turn manoeuvres, enhancing traffic safety on this portion of road.

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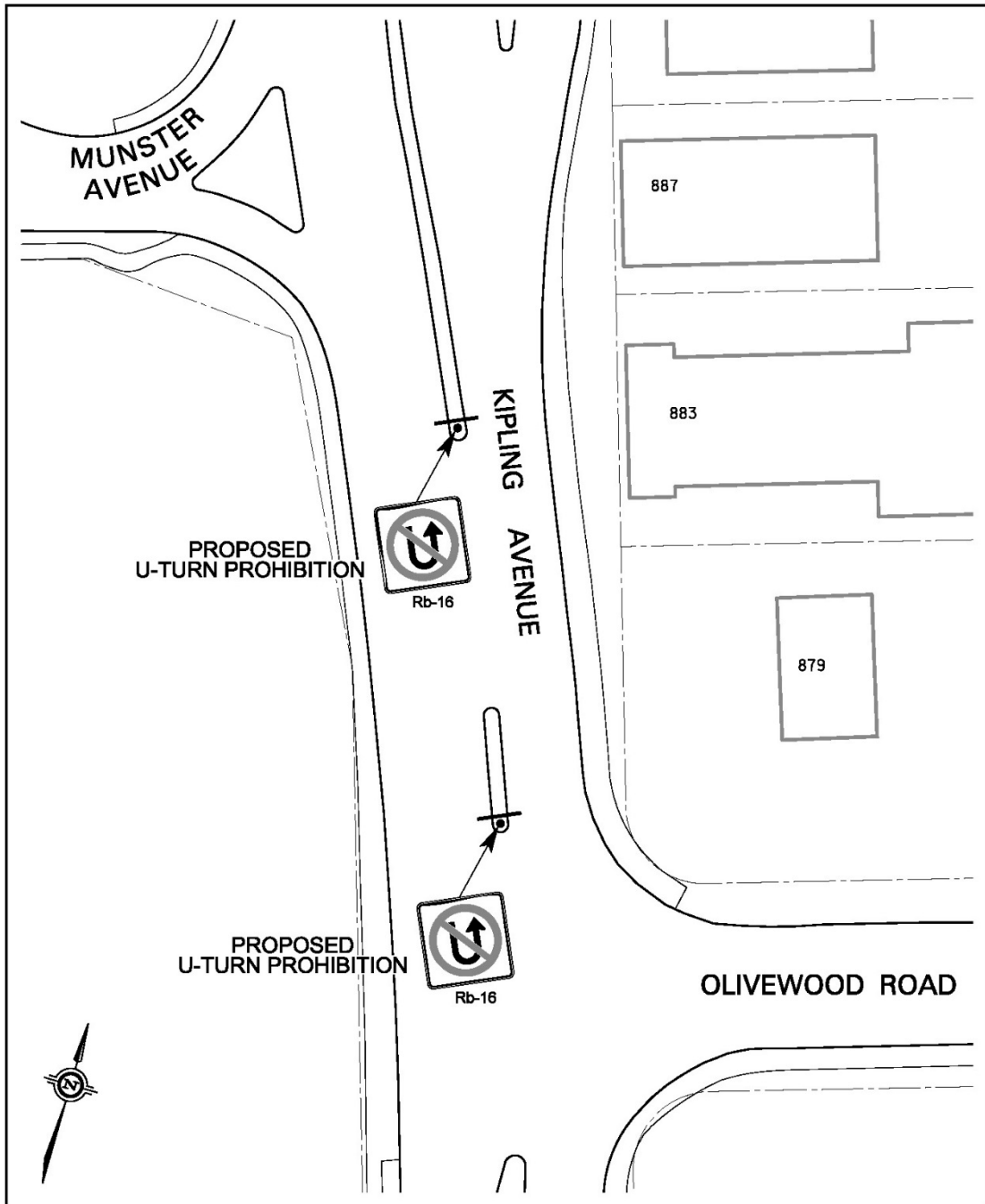
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Kipling Avenue - U-Turn Prohibition)



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