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REPORT FOR ACTION

Right-Turn Prohibition Amendment – Bloor Street West at Riverside Drive

Date: October 13, 2016

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District

Wards: Ward 13 – Parkdale - High Park

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend amending the existing eastbound "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday" regulation for eastbound traffic on Bloor Street West at Riverside Drive, to "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday".

As Bloor Street West 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

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District 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, except public holidays (bicycles excepted) for eastbound traffic on Bloor Street West at Riverside Drive, to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays (bicycles excepted).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the signage is approximately \$200.00. 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.

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COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to extend the duration of the existing eastbound right-turn prohibition on Bloor Street West at Riverside Drive. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Bloor Street West is a four lane major arterial road with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Riverside Drive is a local street. The intersection is currently controlled by "Stop" sign on Riverside Drive. Traffic control signals are located approximately 185 metres to the east at South Kingsway and approximately 590 metres to the west at Old Mill Trail.

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates daily bus service on Bloor Street West with stops located on the east approach to Riverside Drive.

An eastbound right-turn prohibition at Bloor Street West at Riverside Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, was approved at City Council a number of years ago. The turn prohibition was recommended to address the concerns of area residents regarding traffic infiltration onto Riverside Drive on weekday mornings to avoid backups and delays on Bloor Street West. Based on recent staff observations, it appears that the traffic infiltration issue is extending past 9:00 a.m. with 82 right turns recorded between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Based upon our studies and community support, staff recommends amending the existing right turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, for eastbound traffic on Bloor Street West at Riverside Drive, to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Bloor Street West at Riverside Drive – Right Turn Prohibition Amendment)

