

Short-Term Parking: Gateway Boulevard

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 26 – Don Valley West
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to designate short-term parking in the vicinity of both entrances to Gateway Public School on Gateway Boulevard. Approval is also requested to prohibit parking in the vicinity of the school driveway to address concerns with parked school buses obstructing access.

The proposed amendments to the parking regulations will facilitate convenient student drop-off and pick-up activity at Gateway Public School and improve traffic operations in the vicinity of the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend the "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of Gateway Boulevard, between Don Mills Road and a point 189 metres east to be in effect between Don Mills Road and a point 145 metres east.
2. City Council approve parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Gateway Boulevard, between a point 145 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 77 metres further east.

3. City Council prohibit parking from 4:00 p.m., to 8:00 a.m. the next day, Monday to Friday and all times Saturday and Sunday on the north side of Gateway Boulevard, between a point 145 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 77 metres further east.
4. City Council approve parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on the west side of Gateway Boulevard, between a point 40 metres north of Grenoble Drive (south intersection) and a point 28 metres further north.
5. City Council approve parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on the west side of Gateway Boulevard, between a point 105 metres north of Grenoble Drive (south intersection) and a point 28 metres further north.
6. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Gateway Boulevard, between Grenoble Drive (south intersection) and a point 40 metres further north.
7. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Gateway Boulevard, between a point 68 metres north of Grenoble Drive (south intersection) and a point 37 metres further north.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the parking amendments are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Gateway Public School to amend the parking regulations on Gateway Boulevard to accommodate short-term student drop-off and pick-up activity.

COMMENTS

Gateway Boulevard is a 13.5 metre wide minor arterial road that operates with one lane in each direction and forms a crescent east of Don Mills Road. The speed limit is 40 km/h on Gateway Boulevard and there are municipal sidewalks on both sides of the road. The TTC operates a bus route on Gateway Boulevard.

Gateway Public school is located at 55 Gateway Boulevard on the north/west side of the road at the bend opposite Grenoble Drive (south intersection). The school accommodates students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade Six. There are two entrances to the school. Students in senior kindergarten to grade six use the north entrance and junior kindergarten students are required to be escorted to/from the south entrance. There is a circular driveway at the north end of the school property used by only school buses.

In the vicinity of the south entrance, parking, standing or stopping is prohibited on the school side of Gateway Boulevard so parents have no convenient area to park while escorting their children to/from the school. Near the north entrance parking is allowed for up to three hours but this area is not available to parents because buses from other schools regularly park in the area long-term. These buses frequently obstruct access to the north entrance to the circular driveway.

To facilitate convenient student drop-off and pick-up activity it is feasible to designate short-term parking on Gateway Boulevard in the vicinity of both entrances to the school. In these areas parking would be allowed for up to 10 minutes between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. At other times the existing regulations would remain in effect (three-hour parking at north entrance and No Parking at south entrance).

To address concerns with parked school buses obstructing the north entrance to the circular driveway it is proposed to prohibit parking in the vicinity of this driveway.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Short-Term Parking: Gateway Boulevard