

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Left-Turn Prohibition – 2993-3011 Sheppard Avenue East

Date:	March 9, 2016
То:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 40 – Scarborough Agincourt
Reference Number:	P:\2015 \Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1622.docx D15-7015651 No Lefts at 2993 Sheppard Avenue East

SUMMARY

It is recommended that westbound left-turns be prohibited between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, at the Sheppard Avenue East access to the premises at 2993-3011 Sheppard Avenue East, in order to mitigate traffic infiltration through this private property by motorists avoiding the southbound through prohibition at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and Pharmacy Avenue further to the east.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit westbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, from Sheppard Avenue East to the private access located approximately 55 metres west of Pharmacy Avenue.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing the appropriate signs would be approximately \$600.00. The funding for signage is available in the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a request from Councillor Norm Kelly on the behalf of the owners/tenants of 2993-3011 Sheppard Avenue East, Transportation Services staff has reviewed the feasibility of enacting a westbound left-turn prohibition in the weekday morning peak periods at the Sheppard Avenue East access to this property.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe Sheppard Avenue East at this address:

- Sheppard Avenue East is a six-lane major arterial road with a regulatory speed limit of 60 km/h.
- Pharmacy Avenue is classified as a minor arterial road north of Sheppard Avenue East and a collector road south of Sheppard Avenue East.
- The plaza driveway is located on the south side of Sheppard Avenue East approximately 55 metres west of Pharmacy Avenue.
- Some motorists have been observed making a westbound left-turn at this private access in the weekday morning rush periods to cut-through the site to go southbound on Pharmacy Avenue, in order to circumvent the current morning peak southbound through prohibition on Pharmacy Avenue at Sheppard Avenue East.

The proposed westbound left-turn prohibition into 2995-3011 Sheppard Avenue East in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, will mitigate traffic infiltration through this site as it will be enforceable by the Toronto Police Service. The commercial businesses and Toronto Police Services both support the proposed westbound morning prohibition into the plaza.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Left-Turn Prohibition – 2993-3011 Sheppard Avenue East)