



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Left-Turn Prohibitions – 3200 Kennedy Road and 2000 McNicoll Avenue

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 39 – Scarborough - Agincourt
Reference Number:	P:\2016\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1620.docx D16-7486557 - 3200 Kennedy Road – Eastbound Left Turn Prohibition D16-7486572 - 2000 McNicoll Avenue – Southbound Left Turn Prohibition

SUMMARY

This report recommends that eastbound exiting left turns (buses excepted) from the access at 3200 Kennedy Road and southbound exiting left turns from the access at 2000 McNicoll Avenue be prohibited, between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. Currently, there are no prohibitions at these two accesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit eastbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, buses excepted, from the private access located approximately 135 metres north of McNicoll Avenue to Kennedy Road.
2. City Council prohibit southbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, from the private access located approximately 200 metres west of Kennedy Road to McNicoll Avenue.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing the recommended left-turn prohibition signs at both driveways is approximately \$2,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Representatives of Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School through Councillor Karygiannis' office, have requested that Transportation Services Division review the operation of the school driveways on both Kennedy Road and McNicoll Avenue. They have requested eastbound and southbound left turn prohibitions during the morning peak period, with a bus exception at the Kennedy Road access. This is a large site shared between the school at 3200 Kennedy Road and the L'Amoreaux Community Recreation Centre at 2000 McNicoll Avenue.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe the driveways at 3200 Kennedy Road and 2000 McNicoll Avenue:

- This section of Kennedy Road is a four-lane major arterial road with a shared left turn lane, a signed speed limit of 60 km/h, and a traffic volume of approximately 36,000 vehicles per day (vpd).
- McNicoll Avenue is a four-lane minor arterial road with an eastbound left turn lane at Kennedy Road and at the driveway to 2000 McNicoll Avenue. McNicoll Avenue is a signed 50 km/h speed limit road, with approximately 26,000 vpd.
- Toronto Transit Commission bus routes operate on Kennedy Road and McNicoll Avenue. A southbound bus stop is located south of the Kennedy Road driveway. There are no bus stops in the vicinity of the McNicoll Avenue driveway.
- During the morning peak period the southbound traffic queue from the intersection of Kennedy Road and McNicoll Avenue extends past the school driveway. Some conflicts were observed with exiting eastbound left turning vehicles and this queue.
- Toronto Police Service collision records revealed two exiting left turn collisions at each driveway over the past three years of available data (2012-2014).

In view of staff observations and the collision review, Transportation Staff recommend the prohibition of eastbound left turns at 3200 Kennedy Road and southbound left turns at 2000 McNicoll Avenue between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. A "Buses Excepted" tab will also be installed at the 3200 Kennedy Road exit to allow school buses to go north along Kennedy Road.

The proposed prohibitions will provide a safer environment for motorists by mitigating the number of conflicts with oncoming northbound/southbound traffic at the Kennedy Road driveway and eastbound/westbound traffic along McNicoll Avenue. The signage will also allow for enforcement by the Toronto Police Services.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Left-Turn Prohibitions - 3200 Kennedy Road and 2000 McNicoll Avenue)