



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed Bicycle Exemption –
Victoria Park Avenue at Sweeney Drive**

Date:	April 15, 2016
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 34 – Don Valley East Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre
Reference Number:	P:\2016 \Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1638.docx D14-6547341 Victoria Park Avenue at Sweeney Drive

SUMMARY

This report recommends an amendment of the existing by-law to exempt bicycles from the current southbound right-turn prohibition on Victoria Park Avenue at Sweeney Drive, in order to allow cyclist access to Sweeney Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council exempt bicycles from the existing southbound right-turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, buses excepted, on Victoria Park Avenue at Sweeney Drive.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing the subject recommended stop control is approximately \$250.00. The funding for the sign is available in the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a request from the Cycling Infrastructure and Programs Unit, staff have reviewed this location to determine the feasibility of including a bicycle exception at this intersection where southbound right-turns are currently prohibited.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe the intersection of Victoria Park Avenue at Sweeney Drive:

- Victoria Park Avenue is a four lane major arterial road.
- Sweeney Drive is a two lane local road controlled by an eastbound stop sign at this three-way intersection. In order to minimize traffic infiltration into the neighbourhood to the west from southbound right turning vehicles on Victoria Park Avenue, a right-turn prohibition (buses excepted) was implemented at this intersection during the a.m. peak period.
- This area is comprised on commercial, industrial and single family residential dwellings.

Bicycles Excepted regulations in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Council on an as needed basis.

This recommended bicycle exception will enhance cyclist access to the Sweeney Drive neighbourhood, provide routing alternatives in the area and provide a more convenient and direct connection to travel west on Eglinton Avenue East.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Proposed Bicycle Exemption – Victoria Park Avenue at Sweeney Drive)