**Turn Prohibitions – Queen Street West and Lisgar Street**

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**SUMMARY**

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Queen Street West, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to rescind the westbound left-turn prohibition at the intersection of Queen Street West and Lisgar Street that operates between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. This regulation was enacted to assist TTC streetcars that may be delayed by left-turning motorists, as they operate in a shared lane with general traffic. Lisgar Street, between Sudbury Street and Queen Street West, will be changed to operate one-way in the northbound direction and the westbound left-turn prohibition will no longer be required.

This report will address the turn prohibitions at Queen Street West and Lisgar Street. The one-way northbound operation on Lisgar Street will be addressed in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled "Traffic Regulations – West Queen West Neighbourhood".

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the westbound left-turn prohibition in effect from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Queen Street West at Lisgar Street.
Financial Impact
All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Ana Bailão to report on changes to the traffic regulations in the West Queen West Neighbourhood.

COMMENTS
Queen Street West is an east-west minor arterial road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of about 19,000 vehicles. TTC service on Queen Street West is provided by the '501 Queen' streetcar, which travels in the median lanes on a shared right-of-way with general traffic.

Lisgar Street intersects Queen Street West in a Stop sign controlled intersection. Lisgar Street is a local road that operates one-way in the southbound direction, north of Queen Street West. South of Queen Street West, Lisgar Street operates two-way traffic.

At the intersection of Queen Street West and Lisgar Street, westbound left turns are prohibited between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. This turn prohibition was enacted to improve the streetcar operations on this section of Queen Street West. TTC streetcars may be delayed by westbound left-turning motorists, as they operate in a shared lane with general traffic.

Lisgar Street will be modified to operate a one-way northbound, between Queen Street West and Sudbury Street. The intended purpose of this change is to prevent this street from being used by non-local, cut-through traffic. Transportation Services has no objections to this change, which will preclude the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Queen Street West and Lisgar Street. Accordingly, the westbound left-turn prohibition that currently operates between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, can be rescinded.
Councillor Ana Bailão has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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