



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

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

<b>Date:</b>	January 15, 2016
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Davenport, Ward 18
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2016048te.top.doc

#### **SUMMARY**

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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**

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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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

1. Drawing No. 421G-2029, dated January 2016

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