



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendments – East Liberty Street

Date:	May 12, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
Reference Number:	Ts2016128te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit standing on the north side of East Liberty Street, around the horizontal curve located between Pirandello Street and Lynn Williams Street. The proposed parking amendments will improve sightlines and traffic operations for motorists and will result the loss of about 27 on-street parking spaces on East Liberty Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the north side of East Liberty Street, between Pirandello Street and Lynn Williams Street.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of parking signs are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Mike Layton to investigate safety concerns resulting from parked vehicles on the north side of East Liberty Street, around the horizontal curve located between Pirandello Street and Lynn Williams Street.

COMMENTS

East Liberty Street, between Pirandello Street and Lynn Williams Street, is a collector roadway. It operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 10.6 to 10.7 metres. It has a daily two-way traffic volume of about 10,000 vehicles and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. TTC service on East Liberty Street is provided by the '63 Ossington' bus, which travels westbound between Strachan Avenue and Atlantic Avenue. There is a far-side transit stop located at Pirandello Street and a near-side transit stop located at Lynn Williams Street.

On this section of East Liberty Street, the following parking regulations are generally in effect:

North Side

- "No Standing, Anytime" at the east and west ends of the block for the TTC stops; and
- Three-hour maximum parking, all other times, mid-block (unsigned, statutory).

South Side

- "No Standing, Anytime".

This section of East Liberty Street undergoes a change in the horizontal alignment between Pirandello Street and Lynn Williams Street. Vehicles parked on the north side, around the outer curve of East Liberty Street, may cause potential sightline and operational concerns for motorists. Due to parked vehicles in the curve, westbound motorists may be required to move towards the centre of the roadway and they cannot view approaching traffic or crossing pedestrians.

A review of Toronto Police Service records on this section of East Liberty Street for the three-year period ending December 31, 2015, did not disclose any collisions that could be attributed to vehicles parked within the curve. Field observations have confirmed that conflicts could potentially occur when larger vehicles, including TTC buses, are travelling west-east through the curve, although none were observed.

In order to improve sightlines and traffic operations for westbound motorists travelling around the subject curve on East Liberty Street, Transportation Services recommends prohibiting standing at all times on the north side of East Liberty Street, between Pirandello Street and Lynn Williams Street. The proposed change will prevent motorists from parking along the curve and will result in the loss of about 27 parking spaces on this section of Eastern Liberty Street. There will be no impacts to permit parking, as it does not operate on this section of East Liberty Street.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2147, dated May 2016

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