



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Traffic and Parking Regulations – Christie Street

Date:	August 3, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity – Spadina, Ward 20 Trinity – Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the existing parking regulations on Christie Street, between Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue, as well as within the channelizing island north of Bloor Street West. Traffic and parking amendments are deemed necessary to facilitate the safe and efficient operation of traffic and TTC service within the vicinity of Christie Station.

A "passenger loading zone" will also be implemented on the east side of Christie Street, fronting the Christie Subway Station to facilitate the pick-up/drop-off of passengers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council amend the no stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the east side of Christie Street, between a point 91 metres north of Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue to be in effect between a point 94.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue.

2. City Council amend the no parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Christie Street, between a point 91 metres north of Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue to be in effect between a point 94.5 meters north of Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue.
3. City Council rescind the existing no stopping prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Christie Street, between Bloor Street West and a point 75 metres north.
4. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Christie Street, between a point 29 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 37.5 metres further north.
5. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Christie Street (east branch), between a point 66.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 28 metres further north.
6. City Council designate a passenger loading zone to operate at all times on the east side of Christie Street, between a point 66.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 28 metres further north.
7. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on both sides of the channelizing island on Christie Street, north of Bloor Street West, between Christie Street (west branch) and Christie Street (east branch).
8. City Council designate the channelizing island on Christie Street, north of Bloor Street West, between Christie Street (west branch) and Christie Street (east branch), as one-way for eastbound traffic only.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to investigate operational and safety concerns for TTC buses on Christie Street, north of Bloor Street West. Traffic and parking amendments are deemed necessary to facilitate the safe and efficient operation of traffic within the vicinity of Christie Station.

COMMENTS

Christie Street, between Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue is a north-south minor arterial roadway that splits to become one-way northbound and one-way southbound as it passes the channelizing island just north of Bloor Street West. This section of Christie Street has a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 10,000 vehicles and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Transit service on Christie Street is provided by the '126 Christie' bus.

The following parking by-laws are currently posted on this section of Christie Street:

West side:

- "No Stopping Anytime", between Bloor Street West and a point 70 metres north;
- "No Parking Anytime, except by permit, 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.", between Barton Avenue and Bloor Street West; and
- "Pay & Display Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday", between Barton Avenue and Bloor Street West.
- "No Parking Anytime", between a point 91 metres north of Bloor Street and Barton Avenue.

East side:

- "No Stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays", between a point 91 metres north of Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue;
- "No Stopping from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays", between Bloor Street and a point 29 metres north;
- "Taxicab Stand Anytime, except 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday", between a point 15 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 14 metres further north; and
- "No Standing Anytime", between a point 29 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 65 metres further north (TTC bus stop).

TTC staff have reported concerns involving motorists who frequently park their vehicles within the U-turn channel obstructing traffic flow. As a result, TTC buses have difficulty entering and exiting this U-turn channel to pick-up/drop-off passengers at Christie Station. In addition, TTC staff have reported frequent illegal parking on the east side of Christie Street (north of Bloor Street West) fronting Christie Station, and impeding passenger pick-up and drop-off activities.

In order to enhance TTC bus service, and improve traffic flow in the vicinity of Christie Station, TTC requested that Transportation Services implement the following:

- Prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Christie Street, fronting Christie Station;
- Establish a passenger loading zone on the east side of Christie Street, just north of Christie Station;
- Prohibit stopping at all times on both sides of the u-turn channel; and
- Establish a one-way eastbound operation within u-turn channel.

This passenger loading zone will be signed "No Standing Anytime Passenger Loading Zone" and will accommodate approximately five vehicles. The passenger loading zone will allow motorists to stop their vehicle only while actively engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

Councillor Joe Cressy has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2218, dated August 2016

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