

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Road Alterations – Wellington Street East and Church Street and Front Street Intersection

| Date: | October 27, 2016 |
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| To: | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services |
| Wards: | Ward 28 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale |
| Reference Number: | |

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is seeking approval to repurpose the north lane of Wellington Street East between Yonge Street and Church Street to include widened sidewalks, curbside TTC loading and a parking lay by as part of the planned construction on this segment. The widened boulevard will provide an opportunity for significant tree infrastructure to be incorporated in the boulevard with widened pedestrian clearways and space for patios and street furniture. Some on-street parking on the north side of Wellington Street East, between Church Street and Yonge Street will be removed but added in other locations. The net result will be a loss of three parking spaces.

Modifications to the intersection of Church/Front/Wellington will improve pedestrian safety by reducing pedestrian crossing distances and times through this complex intersection. This proposal aligns with the 2015 St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area (BIA) MasterPlan to guide public realm improvements within its boundaries. The BIA has been requesting the boulevard widening since 2007.

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