

Parking Amendment - East Liberty Street

Date: August 10, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina

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 south side of East Liberty Street, between Hanna Avenue and a point 88.7 metres west of Lynn Williams Street. The proposed parking amendments will improve traffic operations and sight lines between motorists and pedestrians in this area. This change will result in the loss of about 13 on-street parking spaces on East Liberty Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council amend the “No Standing, Anytime” regulation on the south side of East Liberty Street, between a point 88.7 metres west of Lynn Williams Street and a point 130 metres west of Pirandello Street, to operate between Hanna Avenue and a point 50.2 metres east of Hanna Avenue and a point 65.2 metres east of Hanna Avenue and a point 130 metres west of Pirandello Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of parking signs are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on December 9 and 10, 2015, City Council adopted item TE12.58, requesting approval to prohibit standing on the south side of East Liberty Street, around the horizontal curve located west of Lynn Williams Street. The proposed parking amendments were implemented to improve sight lines and traffic operations for motorists. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.TE12.58>

Councillor Mike Layton requested to extend the existing standing prohibition on the south side of East Liberty Street further west to Hanna Avenue.

COMMENTS

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

East Liberty Street, between Lynn Williams Street and Hanna Avenue, is a collector roadway. It operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 7.8 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.

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

North Side

- "No Standing, Anytime".

South Side

- "No Standing, Anytime", between a point 88.7 metres west of Lynn Williams Street and a point 130 metres west of Pirandello Street;
- "Accessible Loading Zone", between a point 50.2 metres west of Hanna Avenue and a point 15 metres further west; and
- three-hour maximum parking, between Hanna Avenue and a point 50.2 metres east of Hanna Avenue and a point 65.2 metres east of Hanna Avenue and a point 88.7 metres west of Lynn Williams Street (unsigned, statutory).

This section of East Liberty Street undergoes a change in the horizontal alignment between Hanna Avenue and Lynn Williams Street. Vehicles parked on the south side, between Hanna Avenue and the horizontal curve, west of Lynn Williams Street, may

cause potential sightline and operational concerns for motorists. The reported concerns indicate that due to parked vehicles on this section of the roadway, eastbound motorists 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, 2016, did not disclose any collisions that could be attributed to vehicles parked within this section of the roadway. Field observations have confirmed that conflicts could potentially occur when larger vehicles, including TTC buses, are travelling on this section of the roadway.

In order to improve sightlines and traffic operations for eastbound motorists travelling along this section on East Liberty Street, Transportation Services recommends extending the existing "No Standing, Anytime" regulation on the south side of East Liberty Street further west to Hanna Avenue. The proposed change will prevent motorists from parking along this section of the roadway and will result in the loss of about 13 parking spaces on this section of East Liberty Street. The existing accessible loading zone, located approximately 50 metres east of Hanna Avenue will remain in place as it provides a needed service and does not create any operational concerns.

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

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