REPORT FOR ACTION

Road Alteration - Busy Street

Date: October 26, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 30, Toronto Danforth

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is seeking approval to install a concrete planter box on the south side of Busy Street, west of Verral Avenue, in order to deter heavy vehicles from performing sharp right-turns and mounting the sidewalk on the southwest corner of Busy Street and Verral Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the installation of a planter box on the south side of Busy Street, west of Verral Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421G-2703, dated October 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the concrete planter box and the necessary signage and pavement markings are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget.
This report addresses a new initiative.

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Paula Fletcher and area residents, to investigate the feasibility of installing a concrete planter box on the south side of Busy Street, west of Verral Avenue to deter heavy vehicles from performing sharp right turns from Busy Street onto Verral Avenue and mounting the sidewalk.

Busy Street is a two-way local roadway which operates with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. The pavement width is 7.3 metres and a sidewalk is provided on the north side. There is no TTC service on Busy Street. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Busy Street, between Danforth Avenue and Harcourt Avenue:

**South Side**
- Parking is prohibited, at all times, between Logan Avenue and a point 52 metres east.
- Parking is permitted for 10 minutes, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday between a point 9 metres west of Verral Avenue and a point 11 metres further west. Parking is prohibited outside of these hours.
- Permit parking from 12:00 midnight of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the following day, daily, from Logan Avenue to Verral Avenue.
- Pay and Display parking is in effect from a point 52 metres east of Logan Avenue to a point 20 metres west of Verral Avenue.

**North Side**
- Parking is prohibited, at all times, between Logan Avenue and Verral Avenue.

A review of Toronto Police Service collision records for a three-year period ending December 31, 2016 disclosed that no collisions occurred in the vicinity of the intersection of Busy Street and Verral Avenue.

Transportation Services conducted a site visit to investigate the existing conditions and feasibility of installing a concrete planter box on Busy Street, southwest of its intersection with Verral Avenue. Since this location lies within the corner parking prohibition area, no on-street parking amendments will be required on Busy Street, nor would the number of parking spaces be affected by this installation. Installation of a concrete planter box will have minimal effect on winter services, street cleaning and garbage collection. This installation will also maintain the desired 6 metre minimum road width on Busy Street in order to accommodate two-way unobstructed traffic flow at its intersection with Verral Avenue.

In view of the above, the installation of a concrete planter box on the south side of Busy Street, west of Verral Avenue, is recommended.
Councillor Paula Fletcher has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2703, dated October 2017

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