

Right-Turn and Left-Turn Prohibition Amendment – Weston Road at Little Avenue

Date: December 11, 2017
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 11 – York South-Weston

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to amend the existing southbound "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation for southbound traffic and the existing northbound "No Left Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" for northbound traffic on Weston Road at Little Avenue, to exclude bicycles.

As Weston Road is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff has been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing right turn 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, for southbound traffic on Weston Road at Little Avenue, to exclude bicycles.
2. City Council amend the existing left turn 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, for northbound traffic on Weston Road at Little Avenue, to exclude bicycles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the "bicycles exempted" signage estimated in the amount of \$300.00 are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Transportation Services Division received a request from the Ward Councillor, after discussions with the Toronto Police Service, 12 Division, to exclude bicycles from the existing turn prohibitions, for northbound and southbound traffic, during rush hours on Weston Road at Little Avenue. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Weston Road in the vicinity of Little Avenue is a four-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Minor Arterial" road. The roadway has an urban cross-section (curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the street. The Toronto Transit Commission operates daily bus service on Weston Road. The legal speed limit on Weston Road is 50 km/h.

The southbound "No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation for southbound traffic and the existing northbound "No Left Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" for northbound traffic on Weston Road at Little Avenue, was approved at City Council on September 23, 2003. The turn prohibition was recommended to address the concerns of area residents regarding traffic infiltration onto Little Avenue during weekday rush hours to avoid backups and delays on Weston Road.

Given that the existing regulation applies to all traffic, staff recommends that bicycles be exempted from the existing southbound right-turn prohibition and northbound left-turn prohibition on Weston Road at Little Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Area Map (Weston Road at Little Avenue)

