

## Traffic Concerns - Riverview Heights

**Date:** June 5, 2018  
**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council  
**From:** Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District  
**Wards:** Ward 2 – Etobicoke North

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to share the findings of the pilot "Do Not Enter, Buses Excepted" prohibition for vehicles travelling on St Phillips Road to Riverview Heights. Based on the results of our studies, feedback from the community and consultation with the local councillor, we are recommending that the "Do Not Enter, Buses Excepted" signs be removed.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on St Phillips Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council approve the removal of the "Do Not Enter, Buses Excepted" signs for traffic on St Phillips Road accessing Riverview Heights.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The financial cost of removing the signage on St Phillips Road at Riverview Heights is approximately \$ 100.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2018 Operating Budget.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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City Council, at its meeting of October 2, 3 and 4, 2017, in considering a request from the Local Councillor (Item EY24.53) approved the installation of "Do Not Enter, Buses Excepted" for a two month pilot. In addition, it was requested that the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, investigate and report to the Etobicoke York Community Council in the Spring 2018 with the results and impacts of the pilot project.

## COMMENTS

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Transportation Services, at the request of City Council, installed "Do Not Enter, Buses Excepted" signs for traffic entering Riverview Heights from St Phillips Road for a two month pilot project. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Riverview Heights is designated as a one-way road southbound from St Phillips Road and a point 7.5 metres southeast. As a result vehicles are unable to exit from Riverview Heights to St Phillips Road. In addition to the "Do Not Enter, Buses Excepted" signage that was installed, southbound traffic on St Phillips Road is prohibited from turning left into Riverview Heights. Furthermore, through traffic from the golf course driveway opposite Riverview Heights is also prohibited.

The intersection of Riverview Heights and St Phillips Road is designed to accommodate right, in-bound turns only from St Phillips Road. During the pilot, the only vehicles that were legally allowed to enter Riverview Heights from St Phillips Road were buses that made a right turn from northbound St Phillips Road. This exemption was to accommodate a number of school buses that we observed entering Riverview Heights from St Phillips Road in order to pick-up and drop-off students in the community.

Prior to the implementation of the pilot we observed, over a four-hour period, six vehicles enter Riverview Heights from St Phillips Road which then exited at the intersection of Riverview Heights at Dixon Road/Scarlett Road. Of the six vehicles, two were recorded as school buses. During our follow-up studies we recorded a four-hour total of four vehicles that entered Riverview Heights from St Phillips Road and exited at Dixon Road/Scarlett Road, where one was recorded as a school bus.

Since the installation of the "Do Not Enter" signs both Transportation Services and the Local Councillor have heard from area residents that are opposed to the signs, including a petition signed by a number of area residents expressing the same view.

In consultation with the Local Councillor, Transportation Services recommends that the pilot project end and the "Do Not Enter, Buses Excepted" signs be removed.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1: Area Map - Riverview Heights

