

School Bus Loading Zone - Vaughan Road Academy

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District

Wards: Ward 15 - Eglinton - Lawrence

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting City Council to authorize the extension of the existing school bus loading zone on the northeast side of Vaughan Road, fronting Vaughan Road Academy.

The proposed changes to the school bus loading zone are feasible and the length can be extended 29 metres to 70 metres. The proposed changes are required to accommodate the temporary relocation of students from Davisville Public School to Vaughan Road Academy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing school bus loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily, on the northeast side of Vaughan Road, between a point 29 metres southeast of Alameda Avenue and a point 29 metres further southeast.
2. City Council authorize a school bus loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily, on the northeast side of Vaughan Road, between a point 15 metres southeast of Alameda Avenue and a point 70 further southeast.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Toronto District School Board to extend the existing school bus loading zone on Vaughan Road, fronting Vaughan Road Academy. This request was made to accommodate the temporary relocation of students from Davisville Public School to Vaughan Road Academy, where there will be twelve large school buses transporting over 700 students to Vaughan Road Academy.

Vaughan Road Academy is located on the northeast side of Vaughan Road. The section of Vaughan Road, between Alameda Avenue and Winona Drive, is a two-way minor arterial street. It has a pavement width of approximately 10 metres, a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 14,000 vehicles. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street and heavy vehicles are prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily. TTC bus service on Vaughan Road is provided by the 90 Vaughan bus. There is a westbound transit stop located approximately 32 metres northeast of Winona Drive and an eastbound transit stop located west of Jesmond Avenue.

The following parking regulations are currently by-lawed on Vaughan Road, between Alameda Avenue and Winona Drive:

North side

- No parking, anytime, for entire length;
- No stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for entire length; and
- School bus loading zone, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, between a point 29 metres southeast of Alameda Avenue and a point 29 metres further southeast.

South side

- No parking, anytime, for entire length.

In addition to the above-noted regulations, there are also statutory standing prohibitions signed adjacent to the noted transit stops.

The expansion of the existing school bus loading zone will assist in accommodating the increase in capacity of new students that will be attending Vaughan Road Academy in 2018/19. These changes are feasible and can be rescinded upon the return of the displaced students from Davisville Public School.

The TTC has been consulted on the proposed changes and do not have objections, given there will be sufficient space to allow westbound buses to maneuver around stopped school buses from a stopped position.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - School Bus Loading Zone - Vaughan Road Academy