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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
Re: Turn restrictions at Church and Wood Street

Summary:

The construction staging area at 411 Church Street has resulted in the closure of the northbound curb lane from Carlton Street to a point immediately south of Wood Street. This closure is anticipated to continue until May 31, 2019. Parents of children attending Church Street Junior Public School, located to the east of Church Street between Wood Street and Alexander Street, have expressed concerns with respect to the congestion that has been created and the aggressive movements by some motorists as a result of this congestion. Specifically, northbound motorists queued to turn left onto Wood Street block, or partially block, all northbound traffic resulting in some motorists squeezing to the right of a left turning vehicle in the vicinity of the crosswalk at the intersection.

Proposed is a northbound left-turn prohibition during the morning and afternoon school peak admission and dismissal hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This turn prohibition will be removed following the completion of the construction staging for 411 Church Street.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Church Street, City Council approval of this proposal is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. City Council prohibit northbound left-turns from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Church Street at Wood Street.
2. City Council direct that the northbound left-turn prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, be rescinded upon completion of the construction staging project at 411 Church Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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