

Parking Amendments - Front-York-University Interim Streetscape Modifications

Date: February 12, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina) Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale)

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 in a manner that varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services in partnership with the Financial District Business Improvement Area (BIA) and the Entertainment District BIA received authority to implement an interim streetscape plan on York Street on June 14, 2016. The project has been partially implemented along York Street and has significantly improved the pedestrian crowding issues previously experienced by rush hour commuters. The Front Street improvements and the final street painting have been deferred until the road surface and sidewalk repairs scheduled for the spring 2018 can be completed.

The partial installation of this project has allowed staff to review the operations and curbside activities for more than a year. Some minor adjustments are recommended as a result of that review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing taxi stand designated for six taxis at all times except from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., on the west side of York Street, immediately north of Front Street West, to be designated five taxis at all times on the west side of York Street, from Front Street West to Heenan Place.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of York Street, between Front Street West and Wellington Street West.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the west side of York Street, between Front Street West and Wellington Street West.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the surface treatments are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Capital and Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

York Street, between Front Street West and Wellington Street was slated for streetscape improvements as part of the Union Station revitalization project completed in 2015. The proposed streetscape enhancements included curb extensions, wider sidewalks, trees and reduced pedestrian crossing distances across intersections and were approved as part of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (Schedule "C") for a New Northwest PATH Connection (Union Station to Wellington Street) in 2008 which was subsequently integrated into the Front Street Realignment Municipal Class Environmental Assessment in 2012.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2008.PW14.6>

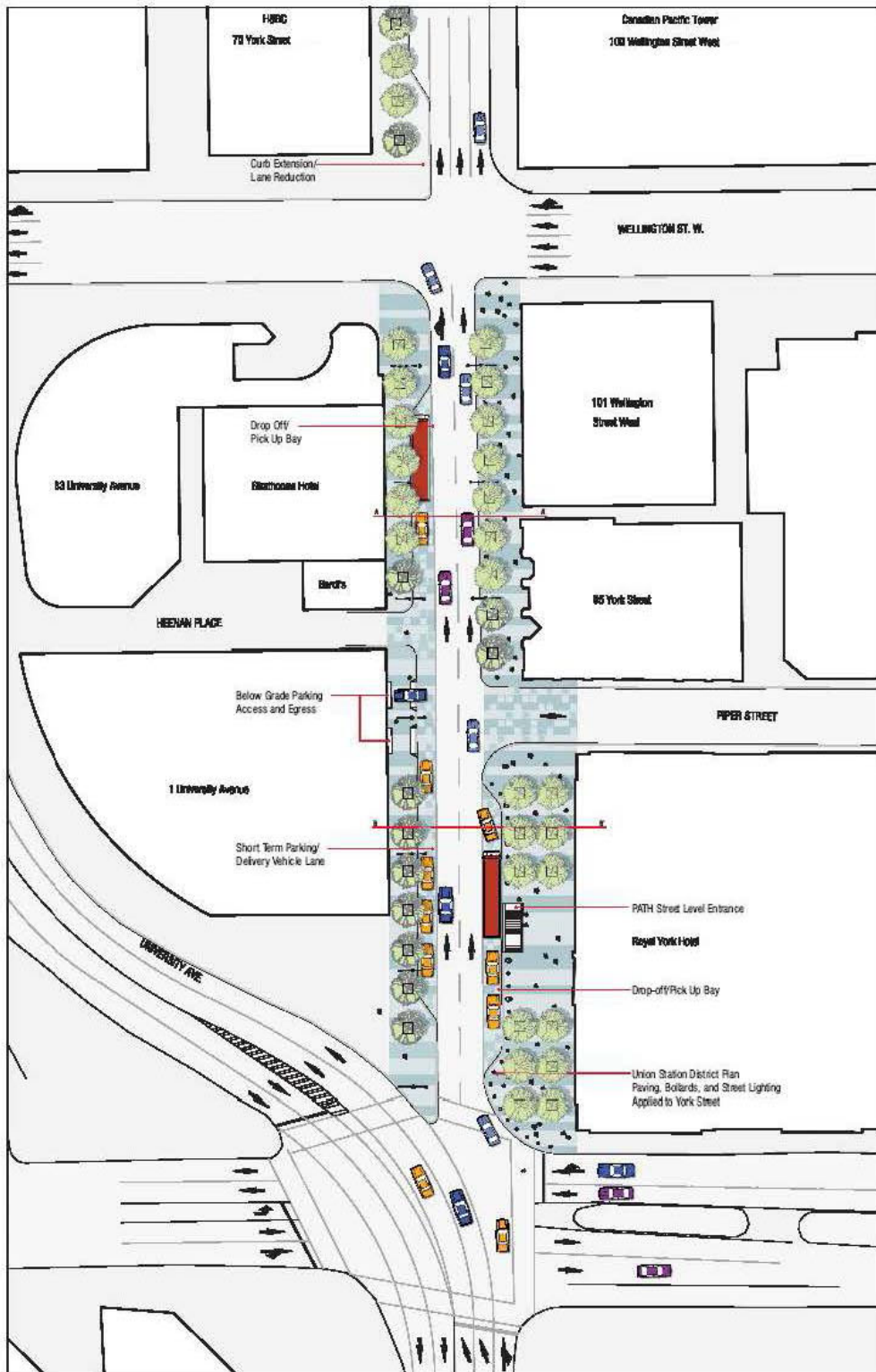
The original Front-York-University Interim Streetscape Plan adopted in 2016 was implemented in the fall of 2016, except for the full surface treatment and widening of the Front Street portion which was deferred until the road surface could be repaired in 2017. This work will be completed in spring 2018.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.TE17.103>

COMMENTS

The partial installation of the Front-York-University Interim Streetscape Plan (TE17.103) has allowed staff to review the operations and curbside activities for more than a year. Some minor adjustments are recommended as a result of this review. These include revised lane markings and the installation of all-day parking and loading permission on the west curb lane on York Street, between Front Street and Wellington Street as shown on Appendix 1.

The modified design is consistent with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (Schedule "C") for a New Northwest PATH Connection (Union Station to Wellington Street) completed March 13, 2008 (PW14.6) as shown in Exhibit 1 and is referenced in the Municipal Class EA for the Front Street reconstruction dated April 2012.



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Exhibit 1 - New Northwest PATH Connection (Union Station to Wellington Street) completed March 13, 2008 (PW14.6)

The Financial District BIA supports this initiative and Councillors Joe Cressy (Ward 20) and Lucy Troisi (Ward 28) have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing 1 - Front-York-University Interim Streetscape Plan

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