

Traffic Management Plan - Playter Estates Community

Date: June 12, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services, on behalf of Councillor Mary Fragedakis and the Playter Area Residents Association, is reporting on a number of parking and traffic amendments as part of a comprehensive review of traffic conditions within the Playter Estates community. The study area is bounded by Danforth Avenue to the south, Broadview Avenue to the west, Browning Avenue to the north and Jackman Avenue to the east.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council adopt the regulations outlined in Appendix A, attached to the June 12, 2018 report entitled "Traffic Management Plan - Playter Estates Area", from the Director, Transportation Service, Toronto and East York District.

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, in consultation with Councillor Mary Fragedakis, the Playter Area Residents Association and area residents, has conducted a comprehensive review of a number of concerns related to parking and the safe and efficient movement of traffic within the community. The following report outlines the residents' concerns and proposals to amend existing traffic regulations within the Playter Estates study area.

Study Area

The Playter Estates community refers to the area bounded by Danforth Avenue to the south, Broadview Avenue to the west, Browning Avenue to the north, and Jackman Avenue to east. This area is primarily comprised of local roadways, with surrounding residential land uses. Broadview Avenue and Danforth Avenue are designated as arterial roadways that predominantly have retail/commercial land uses along their frontage.

Furthermore, the study area also contains Jackman Public School (No.79 Jackman Avenue), Eastminster United Church (No.310 Danforth Avenue), Broadview Transit Station and retail shops along Broadview Avenue and Danforth, which serve as the major generators for motorist and pedestrian traffic. TTC service is provided on Broadview Avenue, for north/south travel, by the "8 Broadview", "62 Mortimer", "87 Cosburn", "100 Flemington Park", and "322 Coxwell" night bus.

Concerns

Through various community consultation meetings, the Playter Estates Traffic Management Working Group (PETMWG) has developed a list of concerns related to parking, vehicle and pedestrian loading activity, traffic volumes, speeds, and infiltration. The following list of proposals was developed by the PETMWG to address the concerns raised by residents, and requires approval by Toronto and East York Community Council to enact.

1. Request for Standing Prohibitions

A primary concern for residents throughout the Playter Estates study area is the obstructed flow of two-way traffic within the community. Most of the local roads through the neighbourhood operate two-way traffic, have a road width of seven to eight metres, and only permit parking on one side of the road at any given time. As observed by residents and City staff, vehicles are parking and/or idling on both sides of these local roadways, and therefore inhibit the roads ability to maintain two-way traffic. In order to maintain the flow of two-way traffic, the PETMWG has requested standing prohibitions at the locations detailed below:

a) Jackman Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Hurndale Avenue

Jackman Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Hurndale Avenue, is designated as a local roadway that operates two-way north/south traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. Flanking the west side of this segment is the Eastminster United Church and on the east side is the Carrot Common, a retail plaza containing several small shops. Both are significant pedestrian and motorist traffic generators. The daily average traffic volume is about 2,500 vehicles, and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. TTC does not provide service on Jackman Avenue, and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times.

Residents have raised several concerns regarding loading activity on Jackman Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Hurndale Avenue. Currently, within the above noted segment, parking is prohibited on the east side of Jackman Avenue, while maximum one-hour parking is in effect on the west side between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily. Trucks bound for the Carrot Common often idle on the east of Jackman Avenue, as the current configuration of the Carrot Common's parking lot and loading area does not allow multiple trucks to enter the lot. The idling trucks, along with the parked vehicles on the west side of Jackman Avenue, narrows the road width significantly and has been observed inhibiting two-way traffic flow. Trucks are currently permitted to wait in this area, as the existing parking prohibition does not prohibit the standing of vehicles and the refrigerated nature of the trucks exempt them from the idling by-law. In response to this, the residents of Jackman Avenue have submitted a petition requesting the prohibition of stopping at all times on the east side of Jackman Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and a point 11 metres south of Hurndale Avenue. Transportation Services is continuing to examining the feasibility of providing the Carrot Common with a designated on-street loading area, as well as investigating the property's compliance with their site plan in order to further examine the idling trucks concern.

During consultation with the Eastminster United Church, the Church had proposed a designated area for pick-up and drop-off activity fronting its entrance, in order to allow for vehicle turnover while preventing motorists from remaining in the space for prolonged periods of time, either parked or unloading goods. This suggestion was brought forward to the PETMWG and adopted as a proposal. As such, PETMWG recommends the prohibition of standing at all times on the west side of Jackman Avenue, between a point 33 metres south of Hurndale Avenue and a point 6 metres further south.

b) Playter Boulevard, between Danforth Avenue and Hurndale Avenue

Playter Boulevard, between Danforth Avenue and Hurndale Avenue, is designated as a collector roadway that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. The daily average two-way traffic volume is about 2,600 vehicles, and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. TTC does not provide service on Playter Boulevard and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times.

On March 22, 2018, an open house was held by City Staff and provided an opportunity for residents of Playter Estates to review and provide feedback on the PETMWG proposals. Repeated concerns of road width narrowing within the segment of Playter Boulevard between Danforth Avenue and Hurndale Avenue were noted within the feedback forms returned by residents of this segment. Residents stated that illegally parked vehicles, accessible parking permit holders, and idling delivery trucks often park along both sides of Playter Boulevard just north of Danforth Avenue, resulting in a single travel lane. As the road width is only 7.3 metres, parked or idling vehicles can significantly obstruct traffic flow. Residents further stated that the single lane causes congestion within the segment and along Danforth Avenue, as motorists turning left and right from Danforth Avenue must wait for congestion to clear prior to entering Playter Boulevard. Staff observations have noted the presence of congestion within this segment. For this reason, Transportation Services recommends prohibiting standing at all times, on both sides of Playter Boulevard, between Danforth Avenue and a point 38.5 metres north.

c) Pretoria Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Ellerbeck Street

Pretoria Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Ellerbeck Street, is designated as a collector roadway that operates two-way east-west traffic on a pavement width of 7.3 metres. The daily average two-way traffic volume is about 2,000 vehicles, and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. TTC does not provide service on Pretoria Avenue, and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times.

Similar to the residents of Erindale Avenue, residents of Pretoria Avenue have concerns regarding narrow road width, caused by on-street parking. Currently, parking is permitted on the north side and prohibited on the south side of Pretoria Avenue, from Broadview Avenue to Ellerbeck Street. Resident observations have noted accessible parking permit holders parking on the south side of this segment, resulting in a single lane for a two-way road operation. In response to this, residents of Pretoria Avenue submitted a petition requesting the prohibition of standing at all times on the south side of Pretoria Avenue, between Ellerbeck Street and Broadview Avenue.

2. Request for Amendments to Permit Parking

A consistent concern raised by residents was the inability to find on-street parking. As many properties within the Playter Estates community do not possess off-street parking, residents depend on the availability of on-street parking. A number of proposals were discussed in regards to the availability of parking, however, the following was supported amongst the PETMWG and area residents:

a) Ellerbeck Street, between Laneway north of Danforth, west of Ellerbeck and Hurndale Avenue

Ellerbeck Street, between the laneway north of Danforth Avenue, west of Ellerbeck Street and Hurndale Avenue, is a local roadway that operates one-way northbound traffic on a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. The daily average one-way traffic volume is about 900 vehicles, and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. TTC does not provide service on Ellerbeck Street, and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times.

Residents of Ellerbeck Street, between the laneway and Hurndale Avenue, have voiced concerns over their inability to find on-street parking due to prolonged parking by motorists presumably visiting shops along Danforth Avenue and Broadview Avenue. A petition was submitted requesting the prohibition of parking, except by permit, at all times on the west side of Ellerbeck Street, between the laneway and Hurndale Avenue. This will result in the removal of four to five on-street pay and display parking spaces, however, will provide permit parking holder residents of Ellerbeck Street dedicated on-street parking.

b) Jackman Avenue, between Playter Crescent and Hurndale Avenue

Jackman Avenue, between Playter Crescent and Hurndale Avenue, is designated as a local roadway that operates one-way southbound traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. The daily average traffic volume is about 1,500 vehicles, and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. TTC does not provide service on Jackman Avenue, and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times.

Residents of the subject segment of Jackman Avenue have voiced concerns regarding their inability to find parking during the evening hours as they arrive from work. They stated that parking turnover does not occur during the evening hours as the maximum one-hour time limit of on-street parking ends at 6:00 p.m., subsequently allowing motorists to park for up to a maximum of three-hours. In response to this, residents have submitted a petition requesting the prohibition of parking, except by permit, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Jackman Avenue, between Playter Crescent and Hurndale Avenue. Traffic Operations does not have any objections to this proposal, however it should be noted that the maximum one-hour time limited parking that is effect within the same limits would have to have its hours reduced from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3. Request for Monthly Alternate Side Parking

Browning Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Jackman Avenue

Browning Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Jackman Avenue, is designated as a local roadway that operates one-way eastbound traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. The daily average traffic volume is about 2,250 vehicles, and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. TTC does not provide service on Browning Avenue, and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times.

The residents of Browning Avenue have raised concerns regarding their existing alternate side parking arrangement. Currently, parking alternates on a bi-weekly basis, with parking remaining on the north side during the winter months. Residents stated that they find it difficult to alternate sides so often and have submitted a petition requesting parking to alternate on a monthly basis. As snow clearing operations would be affected if parking was alternating sides during winter months. Following discussions with the PETMWG, it was agreed to keep parking on the north side during the winter months. The implementation of monthly alternate side parking will result in decrease in street sweeping services. Sweepers currently must wait two weeks to have access to the inside curb. A monthly alternate side parking arrangement would result in sweepers having to wait one month to have access to the inside curb.

4. Request for Curb Extensions

The following section outlines proposed curb extensions supported amongst the PETMWG and residents of Playter Estates:

a) Browning Avenue at Ellerbeck Street, North-West Corner

The intersection of Browning Avenue and Ellerbeck Street is a "T"-type intersection, where Ellerbeck Street meets the south side of Browning Avenue. Both Browning Avenue and Ellerbeck Street are one-way roadways, being eastbound and northbound respectively. Residents of Browning Avenue raised concerns regarding vehicles conducting an illegal left turn from Ellerbeck Street onto Browning Avenue and travelling the wrong-way on Browning Avenue, towards Broadview Avenue. In response to this, the street representative had requested the installation of a bullnose traffic island on the north side of Browning Avenue, just west of Ellerbeck Street. Although the most recent count for this intersection, from 2016, indicates that no vehicles were noted conducting the illegal left turn, the PETMWG has agreed to proceed with this proposal. The installation of this traffic island will result in the removal of one to two on-street parking spaces on Browning Avenue.

b) Jackman Avenue at Hurndale Avenue, North-East Corner

The intersection of Jackman Avenue and Hurndale Avenue is a four-leg intersection where Hurndale Avenue meets the west side of Jackman Avenue and a private access for the Carrot Common meets the east side of Jackman Avenue. Jackman Avenue is a one-way southbound roadway north of Hurndale Avenue and a two-way north/south roadway south of Hurndale Avenue. Currently, there is a planter box just north of this intersection, on the east side of Jackman Avenue. Residents have submitted a petition requesting a curb extension at the north/east corner of Jackman Avenue and Hurndale Avenue, just south of its current location. The installation of this curb extension will result in the residents of No. 19 Jackman Avenue being unable to access their driveway via northbound Jackman Avenue, from Danforth Avenue.

In summary, staff in consultation with the area residents has developed a parking management plan that addresses the area residents' concerns with regards to obstructed two-way traffic flow, lack of available on-street overnight and drop-off and pick-up parking, and wrong-way driving on one-way streets. As such, staff recommends the installation of the proposed traffic amendments as noted in Appendix "A".

In addition to the recommendations of this report, there is also a companion report being submitted to City Council, entitled "Parking Amendments - Erindale Avenue" recommending amendments, developed in consultation with the PETMWG, to the existing parking regulations on Erindale Avenue.

Councillor Mary Fragedakis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix A - Regulations to be Enacted, Amended or Rescinded
2. Drawing No. 421G-3087, dated June 2018.
3. Drawing No. 421G-3084, dated June 2018.
4. Drawing No. 421G-3085, dated June 2018.
5. Drawing No. 421G-3086, dated June 2018.
6. Drawing No. 421G-3068, dated June 2018.
7. Drawing No. 421G-3069, dated June 2018.
8. Drawing No. 421G-3070, dated June 2018.

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APPENDIX A

Regulations to be Enacted, Amended or Rescinded

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking prohibition in effect from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, on the north side of Browning Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Arundel Avenue, to be in effect from Jackman Avenue to Arundel Avenue.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect anytime from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1st to December 1st, inclusive, on the north side of Browning Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Arundel Avenue.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking prohibition in effect from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, on the south side of Browning Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Arundel Avenue, to be in effect from Jackman Avenue to Arundel Avenue.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect anytime from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1st to December 1st, inclusive, on the south side of Browning Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Arundel Avenue.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking prohibition in effect anytime from December 1st of one year to March 31st of the next following year, inclusive, on the south side of Browning Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Arundel, to be in effect from Jackman Avenue to Arundel Avenue.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking during the months of May, July, September and November, on the north side of Browning Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Jackman Avenue.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October and December, on the south side of Browning Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Jackman Avenue.

8. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking, in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., except for no parking from 8:00 a.m. on the first day of each month to 8:00 a.m. on the 16th day of each month, inclusive, and no parking anytime from December 1st of one year to March 31st of the next following year, inclusive, and no parking anytime from Broadview Avenue to a point 30.5 metres east, on the south side of Browning Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Jackman Avenue, to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., except for no parking during the months of January, February, March, April, Jun, August, October and December, and no parking anytime from Broadview Avenue to a point 30.5 metres further east.

9. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking, in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., except for no parking from 8:00 a.m. on the 16th day of each month to 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the next month, inclusive, from April to November 30th, inclusive, and no parking anytime from Broadview Avenue to a point 30.5 metres further east, on the north side of Browning Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Jackman Avenue, to be in effect, at all time, except no parking during the months of May, July, September and November, from Broadview Avenue to a point 30.5 metres further east.

10. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking machines operating from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour, on the west side of Ellerbeck Street, between Danforth Avenue and Erindale Avenue to be in effect from Danforth Avenue to a point 74 metres north.

11. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking except by permit at all time on the west side of Ellerbeck Street, from a point 74 metres north of Danforth Avenue to Erindale Avenue/Hurndale Avenue.

12. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Jackman Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and a point opposite the south limit of Hurndale Avenue.

13. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking, in effect at all times, except for no parking from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, from Browning Avenue and a point 235 metres south of it; and no stopping 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 85 metres south of Browning Avenue to a point 15 metres further south, on the east side of Jackman Avenue, between Hurndale Avenue to a point 43.7 metres north of Fulton Avenue, to be in effect between 12:01 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

14. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the west side of Jackman Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Hurndale Avenue, to be in effect from Hurndale Avenue to a point 33 metres south of Hurndale Avenue and from Danforth Avenue to a point 39 metres south of Hurndale Avenue.

15. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one-hour from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Jackman Avenue, between Playter Crescent and Hurndale Avenue.

16. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking except by permit from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Jackman Avenue, between Playter Crescent and Hurndale Avenue.

17. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping, at all times, on the east side of Jackman Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and a point 11 metres south of Hurndale Avenue.

18. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Jackman Avenue, between a point 33 metres south of Hurndale Avenue and a point 6 metres further south.

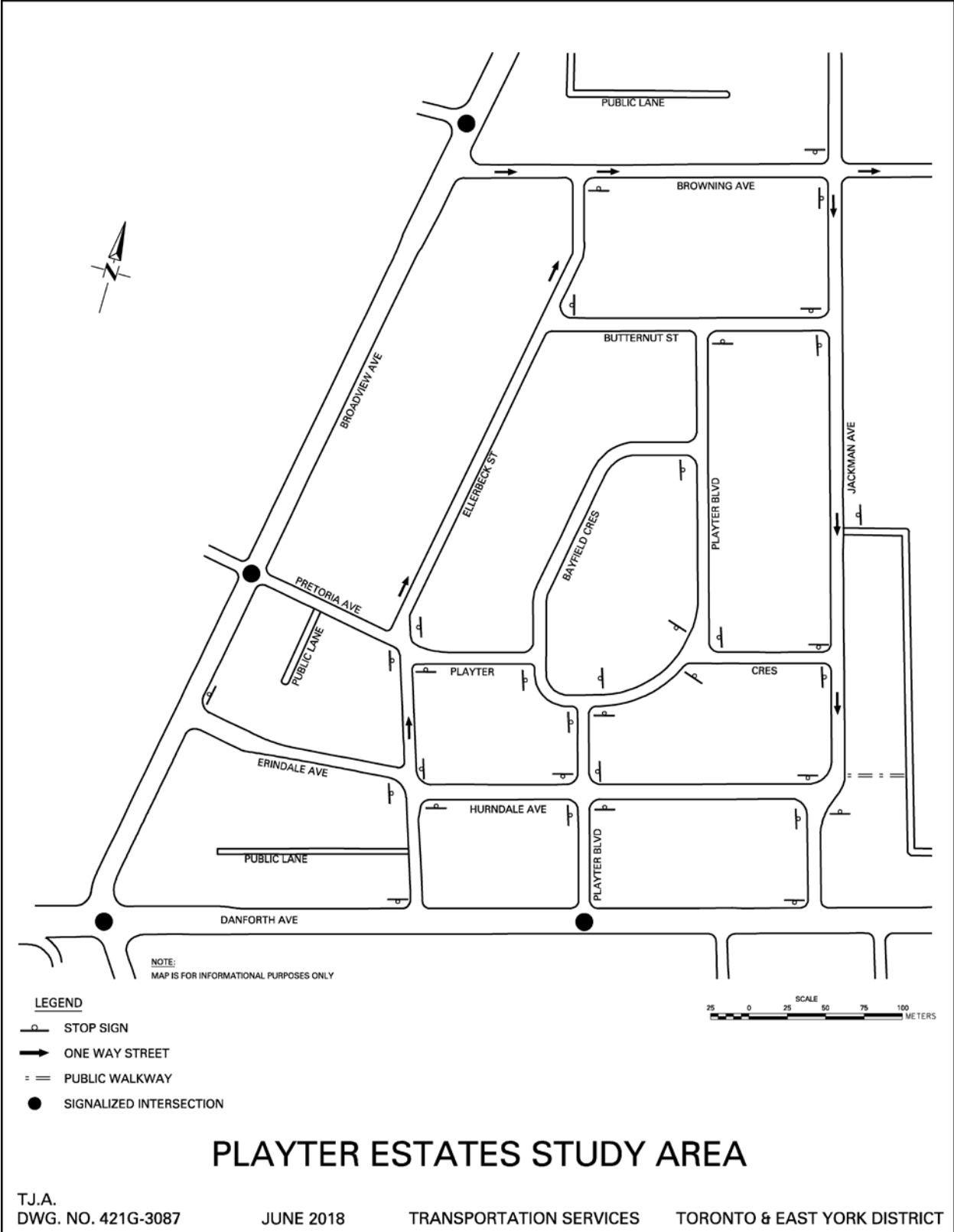
19. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the west side of Playter Boulevard, between Danforth Avenue and Playter Crescent, to be in effect from a point 38.5 metres north of Danforth Avenue to Playter Crescent.

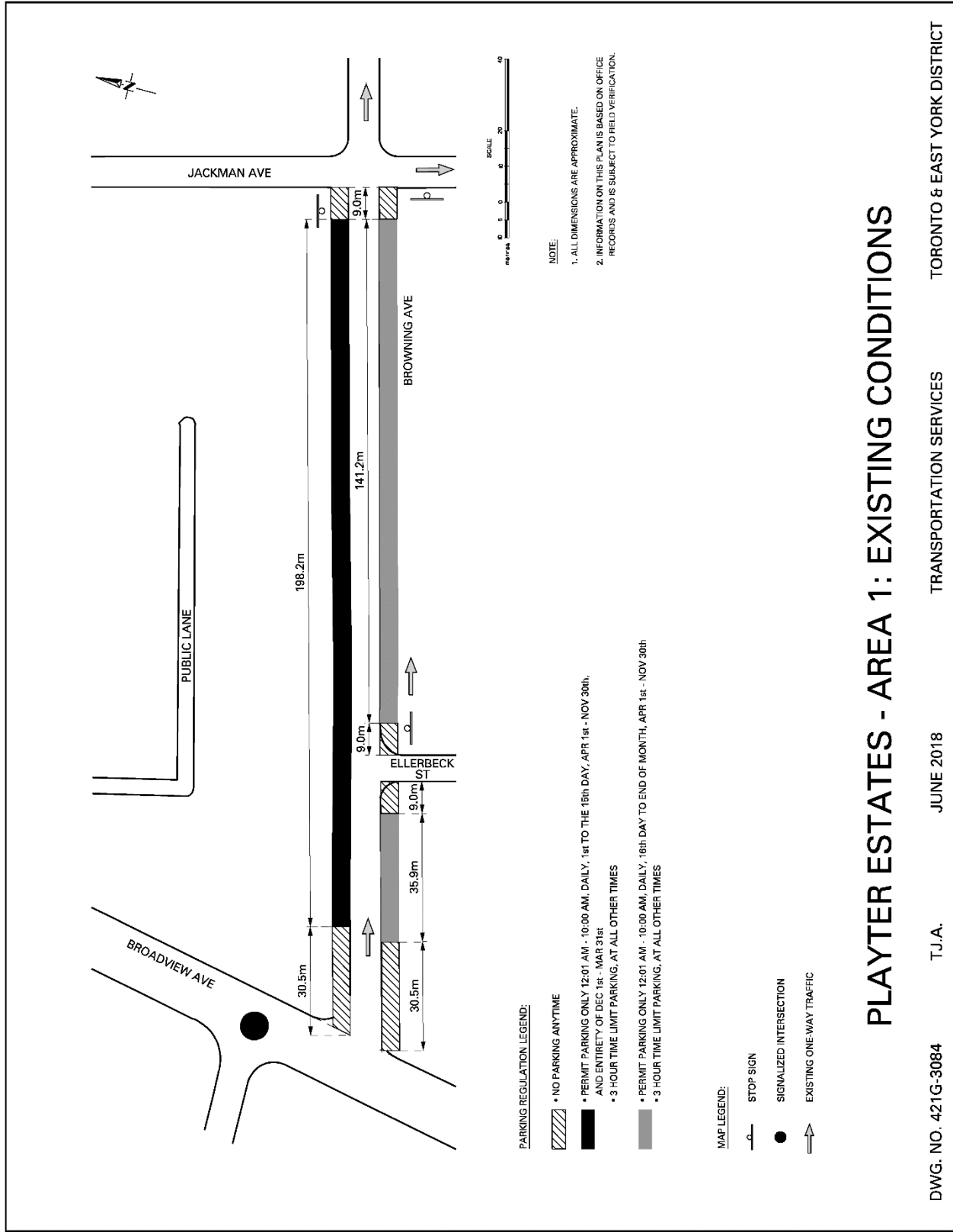
20. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Playter Boulevard, between Danforth Avenue and Playter Crescent (west intersection), to be in effect from a point 38.5 metres north of Danforth Avenue to Playter Crescent (west intersection).

21. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on both sides of Playter Boulevard, between Danforth Avenue and a point 38.5 metres north.

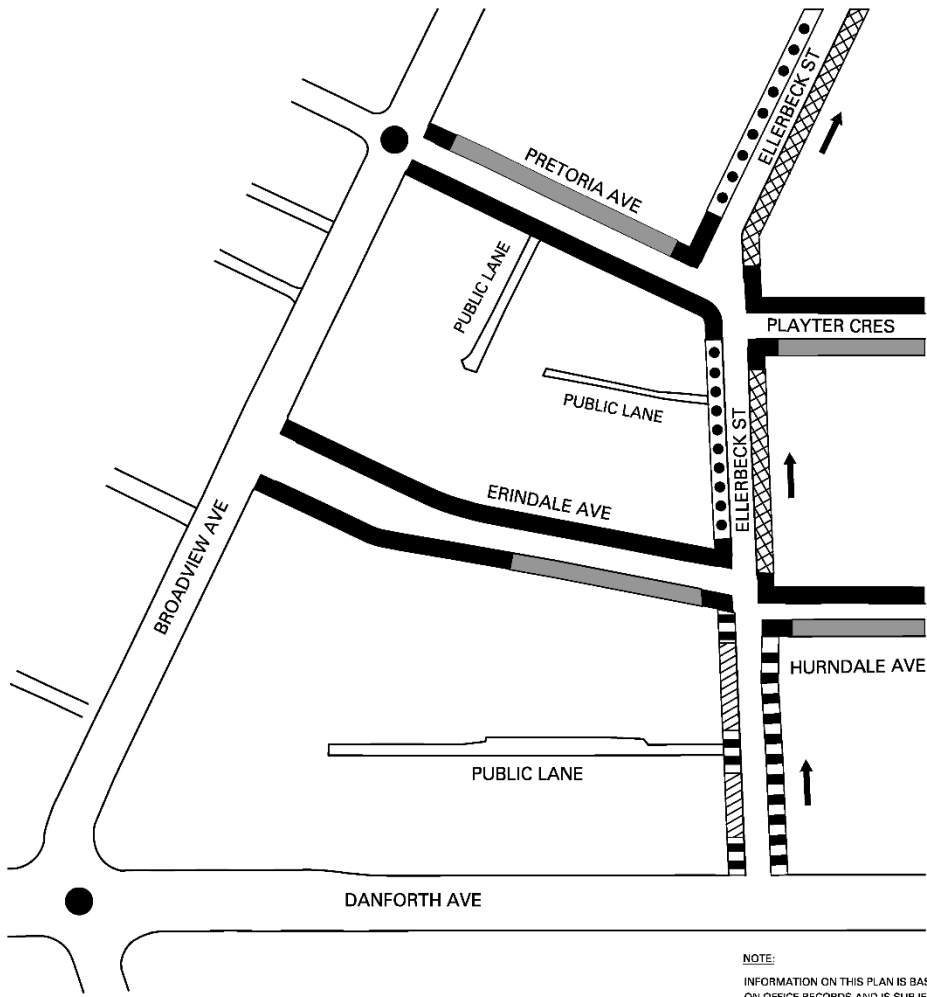
22. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the south side of Pretoria Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Ellerbeck Street.

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PLAYTER ESTATES - AREA 1: EXISTING CONDITIONS



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PLAYTER ESTATES AREA 2: EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



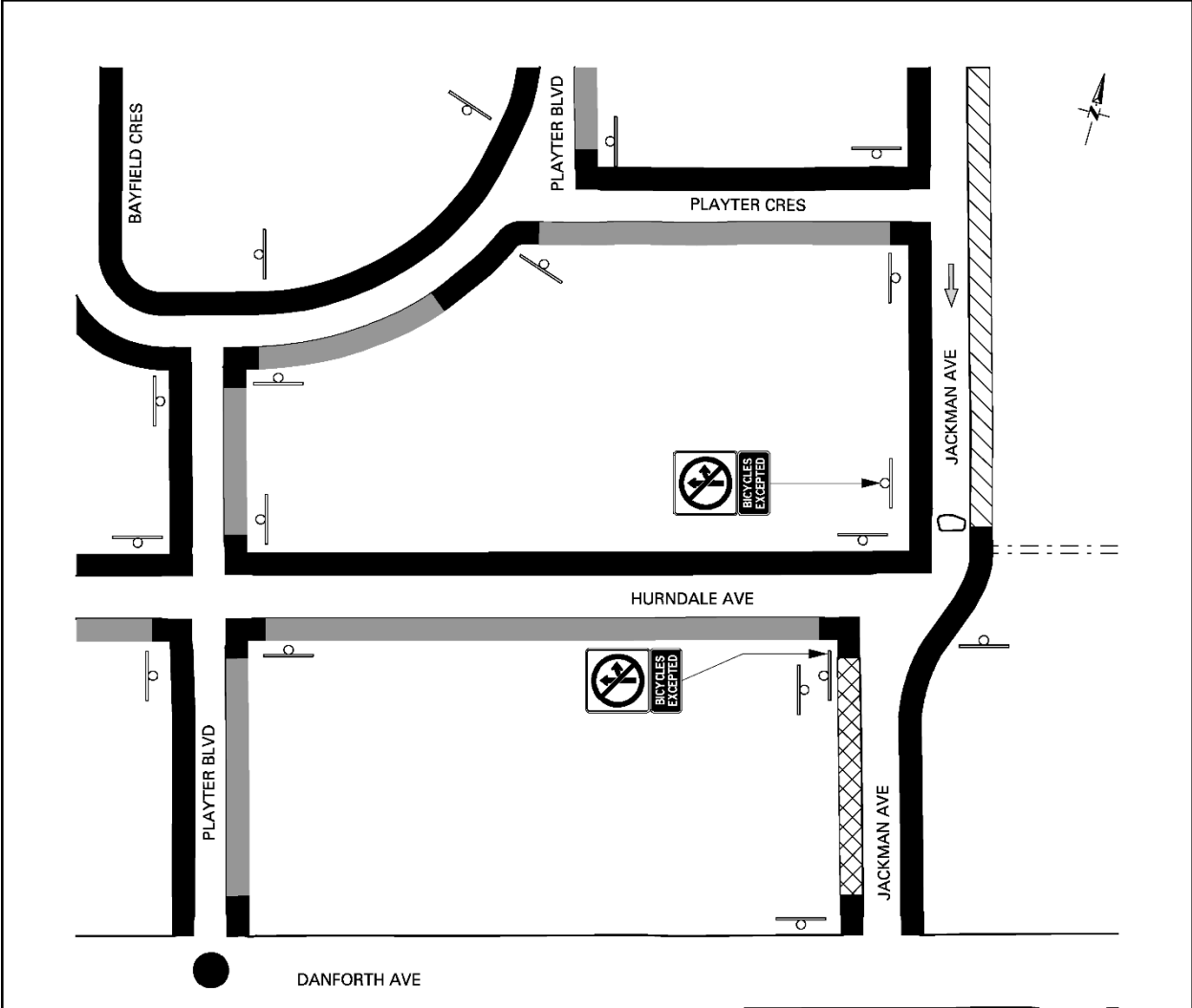
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


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




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PARKING REGULATION LEGEND

-  NO PARKING ANYTIME
-  • PERMIT PARKING ONLY, 3:30 PM - 10:00 AM, DAILY
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-  • 1 HOUR TIME LIMIT PARKING, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, MON - FRI
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-  • 1 HOUR TIME LIMIT PARKING, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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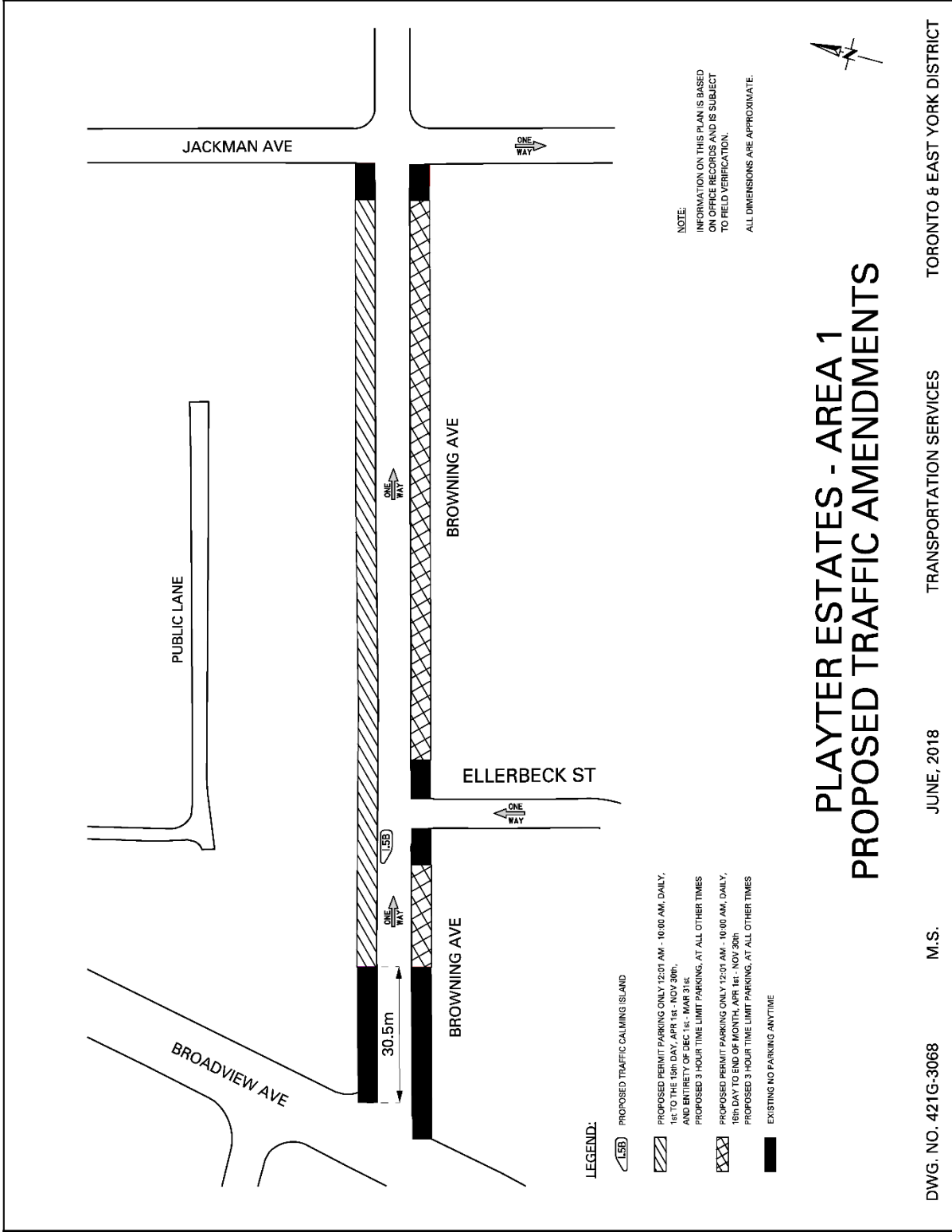
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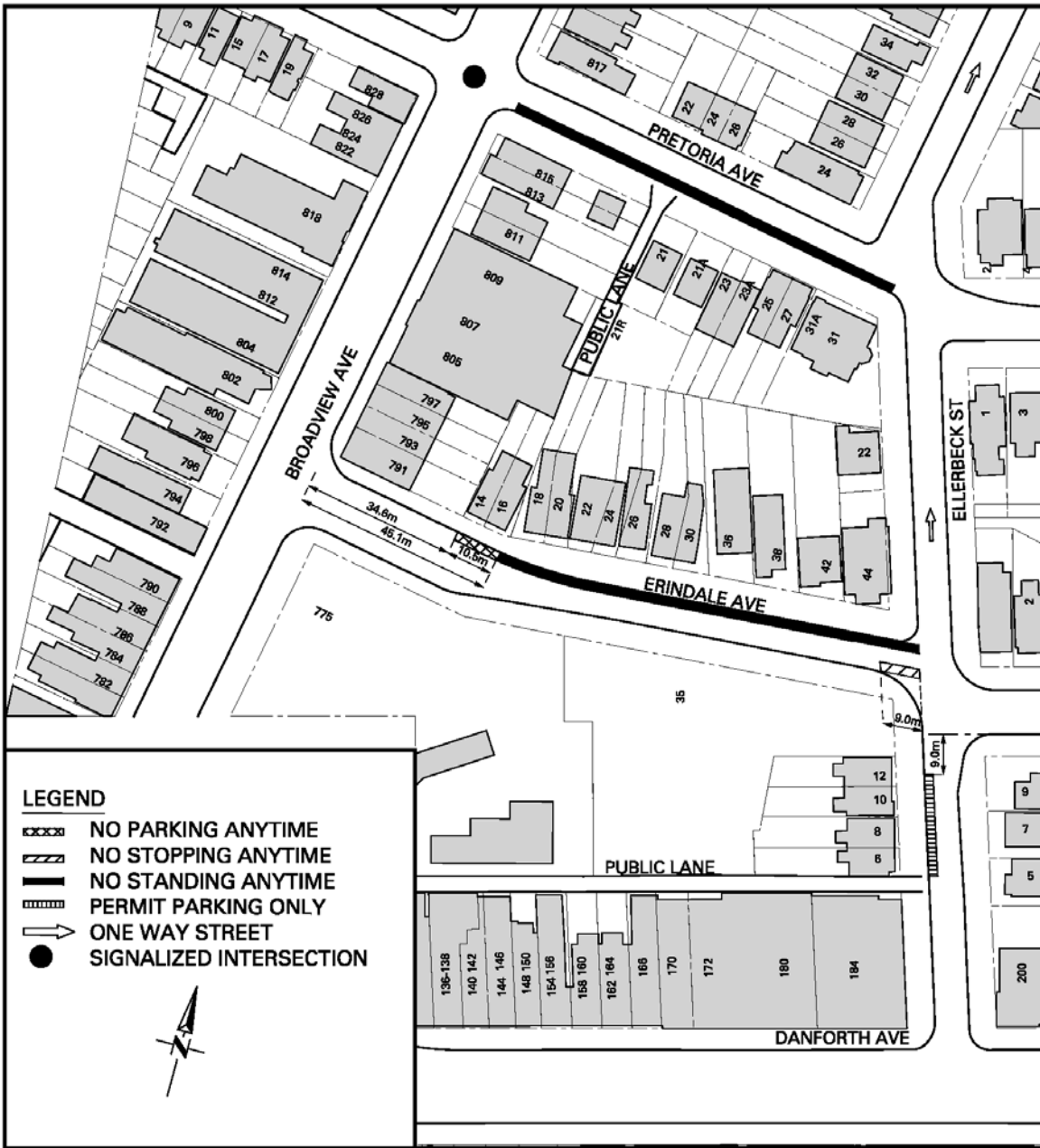
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-  TRAFFIC CALMING ISLAND

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