

## **Metrolinx Finch West Light Rail Transit: Time Extension of Temporary Traffic Regulations – Finch Avenue West at Elana Drive**

**Date:** September 24, 2019

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 7 - Humber River-Black Creek

### **SUMMARY**

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

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a time extension of temporary traffic regulations currently in effect at the intersection of Finch Avenue West at York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive. These temporary traffic regulations include restriction of the westbound left-turn movement and provision of the southbound through traffic movement.

The extension is being requested from November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Traffic impacts of these temporary traffic modifications will continue to be monitored.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council continue to rescind the existing southbound through traffic prohibition in effect at all times at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive, from November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
2. City Council continue to prohibit the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive, from November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
3. City Council request the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program to report to the June 2020 Etobicoke York Community Council meeting on the impacts of the temporary removal of the southbound through traffic prohibition and the temporary

removal of the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact to the City of Toronto associated with the recommendations in this report. Metrolinx's contractor, Mosaic Transit Group (MTG), will be responsible for all costs related to the traffic monitoring.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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City Council, at its meeting of May 14, 2019, approved temporary removal of the southbound through traffic prohibition and temporary removal of the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive from June 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY5.4>

## **COMMENTS**

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Temporary traffic by-law amendments including restriction of the westbound left-turn movement and provision of the southbound through traffic movement have been implemented at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive. These temporary traffic by-law amendments were implemented to evaluate traffic impacts and make recommendations for permanent traffic by-laws, which will be required for safe operation of the future Finch West Light Rail Transit service through this intersection.

The temporary traffic by-law amendments were implemented as a pilot program from June 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019. Traffic monitoring in the form of turning movement counts, automated traffic recorder counts and origin-destination surveys is being undertaken by Mosaic Transit Group (Project Co. - FWLRT). In order to monitor impacts of seasonal variations on traffic flow and at the request of the area councillor, the pilot program is being requested to be extended from November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Traffic impacts of the traffic amendments will be monitored during this period and reported back to this Community Council in June 2020.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Finch West Light Rail Transit - Location Plan

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