



REPORT FOR ACTION

U-Turn Prohibition - Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway/Cromwell Road

Date: February 27, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 24 – Scarborough-Guildwood

SUMMARY

This report recommends the installation of a westbound U-turn prohibition on Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway and Cromwell Road. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit westbound U-turns at all times on Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway and Cromwell Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the subject recommended signs is approximately \$400.00. The funding for these signs has been requested in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 Operating Budget, within Cost Centres TP0397.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request from Councillor Paul Ainslie's office, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting westbound U-turns on Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway and Cromwell Road.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe this area of Kingston Road:

- Kingston Road is an east-west major arterial road. The vehicle volume on this section of road is approximately 43,000 vehicles per day.
- This intersection is controlled by traffic control signals.
- Sidewalks are located on all sides of the intersection.
- Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates revenue bus service on Kingston Road.
- The land use in the surrounding area consists mainly of single family residential dwellings, townhouse complexes, and multi-level residential buildings.

Analysis

To identify existing conditions, Transportation Services conducted U-turn studies during the peak eight hours of a day on December 4, 5 and 6, 2018. The results of the review revealed that during the peak eight hour periods, an average of 47 westbound vehicles on Kingston Road made a U-turn at Guildwood Parkway and Cromwell Road to subsequently travel back eastbound on Kingston Road.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records revealed that in the three-year period ending December 31, 2017, there have been zero U-turn related collisions reported at the intersection of Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway and Cromwell Road.

The implementation of the westbound U-turn prohibition on Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway and Cromwell Road is expected to enhance the safety for all road users by minimizing vehicular conflicts and allow for enforcement by Toronto Police Service.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway/Cromwell Road).

Attachment 1 - Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Kingston Road at Guildwood Parkway/Cromwell Road)

