



REPORT FOR ACTION

U-Turn Prohibition - Alexmuir Boulevard

Date: March 27, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 23 - Scarborough North

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report recommends the installation of a U-Turn prohibition on Alexmuir Boulevard, between Valdor Drive and Carolbreen Square. The prohibition will reduce conflicts between all users and improve safety along this section of Alexmuir Boulevard which is a collector road in the vicinity of Alexmuir Junior Public School and St Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Alexmuir Boulevard, between Valdor Drive and Carolbreen Square.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the U-Turn prohibition signs on Alexmuir Boulevard is approximately \$1000.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request through Councillor Cynthia Lai's office, Transportation Services staff were asked to review the feasibility of prohibiting U-Turns along Alexmuir Boulevard, between Valdor Drive and Carolbreen Square.

The following characteristics describe this section of Alexmuir Boulevard:

- Alexmuir Boulevard is two-way, two lane collector road with pavement width of approximately 9.3 metres, and 40 km/h posted speed limit.
- Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the road.
- The surrounding land-use consists mostly of detached single-family residential-units and there are two schools, Alexmuir Junior Public School and St Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School located on the east side of Alexmuir Boulevard, between Valdor Drive and Carolbreen Square.
- Within the vicinity of the two schools, on the east side of Alexmuir Boulevard vehicles and school busses are permitted to park and/or stop for the purpose of picking-up and dropping-off students. On the west side of Alexmuir Boulevard, in the vicinity of the school, vehicle stopping is prohibited during schools hours.

Staff at Alexmuir Junior Public School, St Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School, and Toronto Police Services expressed concerns and requested that U-Turn maneuvers be prohibited in the vicinity of the schools. This is a consequence of observed conflicts between motorists and pedestrians when vehicles attempt to make three-point-turns in front of the school in order to go back in the opposite direction.

A five year collision history review ending December 31, 2018 revealed there were no reported collisions associated with vehicles making a U-turn manoeuvre near the school zone.

The installation of a U-Turn prohibition signs on Alexmuir Boulevard, between Valdor Drive and Carolbreen Square encompassing Alexmuir Junior Public School and St Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School will improve overall safety of all road traffic, including vulnerable road users, by minimizing vehicle conflicts. Prohibiting U-Turns at this location will also allow for stricter enforcement by Toronto Police Services, and bring this community one step closer to the City wide Vision Zero initiative.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Proposed U-Turn Prohibition Alexmuir Boulevard)

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