



REPORT FOR ACTION

U-Turn Prohibition - Dean Park Road

Date: April 24, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 25 – Scarborough-Rouge Park

SUMMARY

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

This report recommends a U-turn prohibition on Dean Park Road between Kenscott Road and Braymore Boulevard (east intersection). Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of Dean Park Road which is located adjacent to St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School and John G. Diefenbaker Public School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council prohibit eastbound and westbound U-turn movements at all times on Dean Park Road, between Kenscott Road and Braymore Boulevard (east intersection).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the subject recommended signs is approximately \$2,000.00. The funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request from Councillor Jennifer McKelvie and a community meeting, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on Dean Park Road near St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School and near John G. Diefenbaker Public School.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe Dean Park Road:

- Dean Park Road is located south of Sheppard Avenue East, north of Highway 401, and west of Meadowvale Road.
- Dean Park Road is a two-lane collector road with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h.
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of Dean Park Road.
- St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School is located at 101 Dean Park Road on the north side of Dean Park Road, east of Kenscott Road.
- John G. Diefenbaker Public School is located at 70 Dean Park Road on the south side of Dean Park Road, opposite Red River Crescent (west and east intersections).
- The land use in the surrounding area consists of single family residential dwellings, townhouse complexes, multi-level residential buildings, a park, and two schools.

At the community meeting, school representatives and community group representatives expressed concerns that many eastbound vehicles on Dean Park Road are making U-turns in front of St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School and in front of John G. Diefenbaker Public School to subsequently travel back westbound on Dean Park Road and vice versa.

A collision analysis conducted for a five-year period ending December 31, 2018 revealed there were no reported collisions associated with vehicles making a U-turn manoeuvre near the schools.

Given that this area of Dean Park Road is a school zone, the prohibition of eastbound and westbound U-turns on Dean Park Road between Kenscott Road and Braymore Boulevard (east intersection) is expected to provide a safer environment for all road users, enhance traffic conditions and allow for enforcement by Toronto Police Services.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Dean Park Road)

Attachment 1 - Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Dean Park Road)

