



REPORT FOR ACTION

U-Turn Prohibition - Orton Park Road

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

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 a U-turn prohibition on Orton Park Road, between a point 108 metres south of Ellesmere Road and a point 75 metres north of Slan Avenue. This prohibition will reduce conflicts between all users and improve safety along this section of Orton Park Road, which is a minor arterial road in the vicinity of Henry Hudson Senior Public School, a dog park, and Botany Hill Park.

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 Orton Park Road, between a point 108 metres south of Ellesmere Road and a point 75 metres north of Slan Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the U-turn prohibition signs on Orton Park Road is approximately \$1,000.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

At the request of the Toronto Police Services, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns along Orton Park Road, in the vicinity of Henry Hudson Senior Public School.

The following characteristics describe this section of Orton Park Road located south of Ellesmere Road, north of Brimorton Drive, east of Scarborough Golf Club Road.

- Orton Park Road is a two-way, minor arterial road with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h.
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission bus services on this portion of Orton Park Road.
- Orton Park Road pavement width is 12.5 metres and consists of one northbound, and one southbound travel lane, and there are painted edge lines on both sides of the road to help reduce traffic speeds.
- Orton Park Road travels primarily north to south however, in front of the school, there is a gradual reverse curve.
- Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the road.
- The surrounding land-use consists mostly of single family residential units, as well as Henry Hudson Senior Public School, a dog park, and Botany Hill Park.

Toronto Police Services staff expressed concerns and requested that U-turn manoeuvres be prohibited in the vicinity of the school.

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.

Considering that this is a school zone with a park nearby and there are curves in the road, a U-turn prohibition on Orton Park Road, between a point 108 metres south of Ellesmere Road and a point 75 metres north of Slan Avenue, encompassing Henry Hudson Senior Public School, a dog park, and Botany Hill Park, will improve overall safety of all road traffic including vulnerable road users by minimizing vehicle conflicts.

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ATTACHMENTS

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

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

