



REPORT FOR ACTION

Turn Prohibitions - East Avenue

Date: June 6, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 25 – Scarborough-Rouge Park

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services recommends prohibiting U-turns on East Avenue, between Baronial Court and Golders Green Avenue. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of East Avenue, which is located adjacent to William G. Davis Junior Public School.

This report also recommends prohibiting eastbound left turns at the south driveway of William G. Davis Junior Public School. Prohibiting eastbound left turns will prevent pedestrian and vehicle conflicts, reduce congestion and maintain traffic flow in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on East Avenue, between Baronial Court and Golders Green Avenue.
2. City Council prohibit eastbound left turns at all times on East Avenue and the private access located 60 metres north of Golders Green Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing required signage is approximately \$1,400.00. 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

At the request of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, school representatives, and community group representatives, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on East Avenue near William G. Davis Junior Public School and prohibiting eastbound left turns at the south driveway of the school.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe East Avenue:

- East Avenue is located south of Highway 401, north of Lawrence Avenue East, and east of Port Union Road.
- East Avenue is a two-lane collector road with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h.
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of East Avenue.
- William G. Davis Junior Public School is located at 128 East Avenue on the west side of East Avenue, opposite Maberley Crescent (north intersection).
- A pedestrian crossover is located on East Avenue on the north side of Maberley Crescent (north intersection).
- There are two driveways at William G. Davis Junior Public School. The north driveway is posted one-way enter only and the south driveway is posted one-way exit only.
- The land use in the surrounding area consists of single family residential dwellings and schools.
- Toronto Transit Commission operates revenue bus service on East Avenue.

At a community meeting, school representatives and community group representatives expressed concerns that many northbound vehicles on East Avenue are making U-turns in front of William G. Davis Junior Public School to travel back southbound on East Avenue 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 school and there were no reported collisions involving a vehicle exiting the south driveway of the school.

Given that this area of East Avenue is a school zone, prohibiting northbound and southbound U-turns on East Avenue, between Baronial Court and Golders Green Avenue, will provide a safer environment for all road users, enhance traffic conditions and allow for enforcement by Toronto Police Service.

The proposed left turn prohibition at the south driveway of 128 East Avenue (William G. Davis Junior Public School) will prevent pedestrian and vehicle conflicts, reduce congestion and maintain traffic flow in the area.

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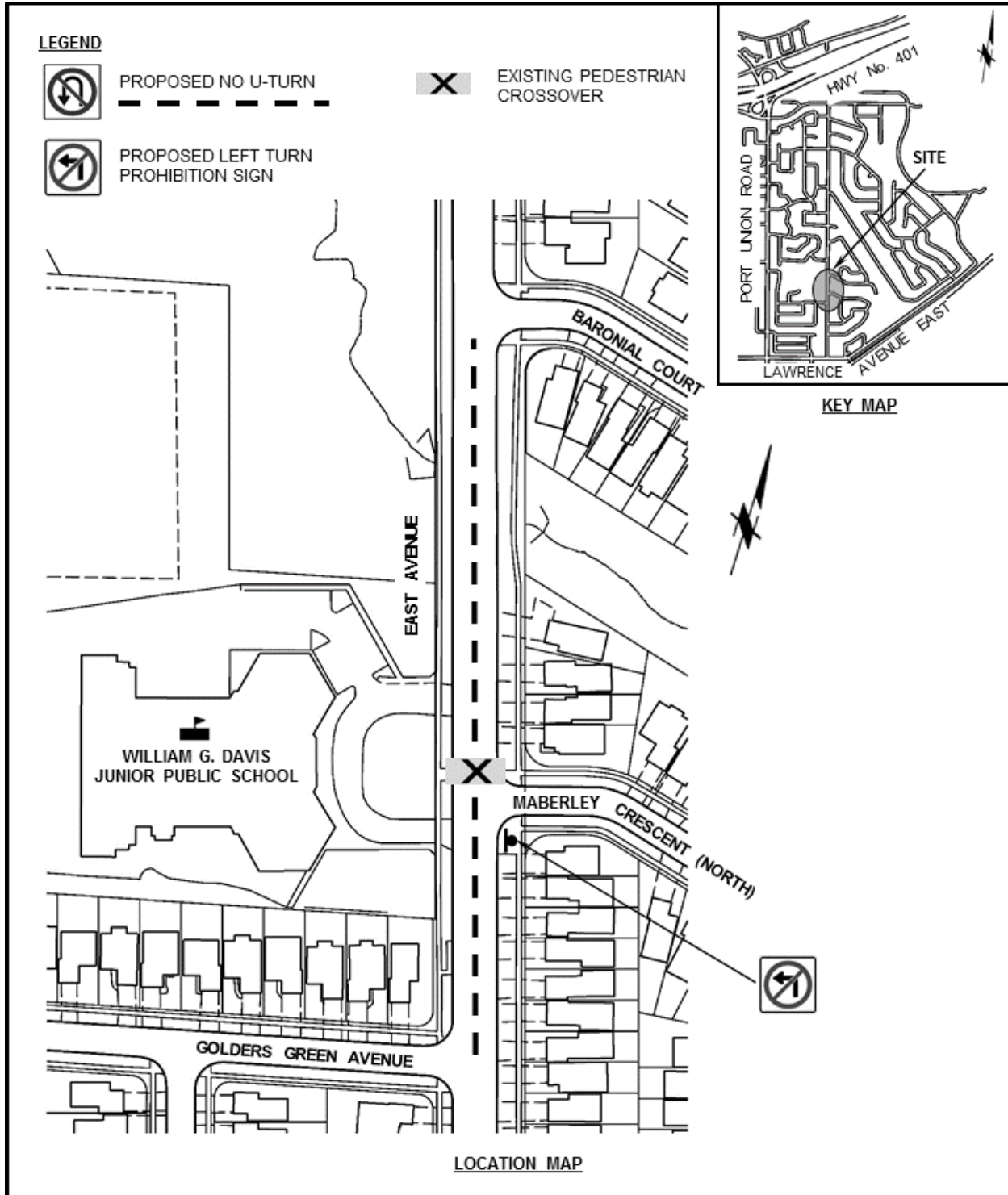
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Location Plan Turn Prohibitions - East Avenue

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