Left Turn Prohibitions - 3700 Midland Avenue

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To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 22 – Scarborough-Agincourt & Ward 23 – Scarborough North

SUMMARY

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

This report recommends prohibiting northbound and eastbound left turns at the driveway of 3700 Midland Avenue. Prohibiting northbound and eastbound left turns will prevent vehicle and pedestrian conflicts at this right-in and right-out driveway.

The signs for northbound and eastbound left-turn prohibitions are in place at the subject driveway, but there are no By-law regulations in place to support them. Also, installation of additional signs are recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit northbound and eastbound left turns at all times at Midland Avenue and the private access located approximately 111 metres north of McNicoll Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing additional signs is approximately $400. The funding for the sign is available in the Transportation Services Division’s 2019 Operating Budget.
DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of the right-in and right-out configuration of the driveway at 3700 Midland Avenue, prohibiting northbound and eastbound left turns is required. The driveway of the commercial plaza is located on Midland Avenue and a point 111 metres north of McNicoll Avenue.

Currently, northbound vehicles on Midland Avenue are prohibited from turning left into the plaza at the driveway and eastbound vehicles are prohibited from turning left from the plaza driveway onto Midland Avenue. This driveway is intended to operate as a right-turn in and a right-turn out facility and has been designed accordingly to facilitate these right-turn only movements. Although left-turn prohibition signs are in place at the driveway, the corresponding regulations are not included in Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking.

Northbound and eastbound left-turn prohibitions prevent vehicle and pedestrian conflicts at this right-in and right-out driveway. By-lawing these prohibitions is necessary to allow for enforcement by Toronto Police Services.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe Midland Avenue at this address:

- Midland Avenue is a four lane major arterial road.
- The site on the northwest corner of Midland Avenue and McNicoll Avenue consists of plazas and commercial businesses with several accesses to the site.
- Toronto Transit Commission operates revenue bus service on Midland Avenue.
- The land use in this area consists mainly of commercial and residential uses.

The proposed northbound and eastbound left turn prohibitions at the driveway of 3700 Midland Avenue will be consistent with signs already in place and allow for enforcement by Toronto Police Services.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Location Plan (Left Turn Prohibitions - 3700 Midland Avenue)