



REPORT FOR ACTION

U-Turn Prohibition - Pharmacy Avenue, between Dawes Road and St. Bede's Road

Date: September 12, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 20 – Scarborough Southwest

SUMMARY

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

This report recommends a U-turn prohibition on Pharmacy Avenue, between Dawes Road and St. Bede's Road. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of Pharmacy Avenue, which is in the vicinity of Regent Heights Public School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Pharmacy Avenue, between Dawes Road and St. Bede's Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing required signage is approximately \$3,000.00. 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 an area resident, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on Pharmacy Avenue, in the vicinity of Regent Heights Public School.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe Pharmacy Avenue, between Dawes Road and St. Bede's Road:

- Pharmacy Avenue is a four-lane minor arterial road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h complete with sidewalks on both sides.
- The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Pharmacy Avenue.
- The land use in the surrounding area consists mainly of single family residential homes, commercial plaza.
- Regent Heights Junior Public School is located at 555 Pharmacy Avenue, between Bolster Avenue and Dawes Road.

Collision Analysis

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

U-Turn Prohibition

This school zone on Pharmacy Avenue, between Dawes Road and St. Bede's Road, was recently designated as a community safety zone. In order to complement the existing parking regulations already in place in advance of the school, prohibiting U-turns on Pharmacy Avenue, between Dawes Road and St. Bede's Road, is recommended and will improve overall safety for all road users by minimizing vehicular conflicts, allowing for enforcement by Toronto Police Service, and bring this community one step closer to the City-wide "Vision Zero" initiative.

Councillor Gary Crawford has been advised of the recommendation of this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Location Plan U-Turn Prohibition - Pharmacy Avenue, between Dawes Road and St. Bede's Road

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