

Accessible Loading Zone - Shaw Street

Date: December 4, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 11, University - Rosedale

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to install an accessible loading zone on the east side of Shaw Street, north of Garnet Avenue. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and provide curb side access for Wheel-Trans. This designation will not eliminate any overnight permit parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an on-street accessible loading zone operating from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Shaw Street, between a point 27.5 metres north of Garnet Avenue and a point 8 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All cost associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, have been requested to install an accessible loading zone on the east side of Shaw Street, north of Garnet Avenue, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans.

Shaw Street is a collector roadway that operates one-way in the southbound direction for motorists. A northbound contra-flow bike lane has been installed on the east side of the street. Shaw Street generally has a width of 6.4 metres and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. The posted speed limit is 30 km/h as traffic calming has been installed.

On the east side of Shaw Street, permit parking is in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours at other times. Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side of the street. There is no TTC service provided on Shaw Street.

Wheel-Trans buses frequently have difficulty accessing space on this section of Shaw Street as a result of parked cars. When curb-side access is blocked by a parked vehicle, the bus must “double park”, thus, impeding the flow of traffic.

Wheel-Trans service is required between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. To facilitate curb-side access, installation of an accessible loading on this section of Shaw Street is recommended. The designated area may also be used during the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. operational period by any vehicle displaying a valid Accessible Parking Permit, while actively engaged in pick-up or drop-off activities. Parking will be maintained outside of that time, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits. This designation will not result in the loss of any overnight permit parking spaces.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3227, dated November 2018

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