

Accessible Loading Zone - St. Clair Avenue West

Date: April 3, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 12, Toronto - St. Paul's

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement an accessible loading zone on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, west of Christie Street, fronting the St. Matthew's Bracondale House (No. 707 St. Clair Avenue West). The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curb side access for Wheel-Trans vehicles and patrons.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, between a point 66 metres west of Christie Street and a point 15 metres further west.
2. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate all times, except from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, between a point 66 metres west of Christie Street and a point 15 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested to install an accessible loading zone on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, between Rushton Road and Christie Street, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans at St. Matthew's Bracondale House.

St. Clair Avenue, between Rushton Road and Christie Street, is major arterial roadway that operates two-way, east-west, with a 50km/h speed limit. TTC streetcars operate on dedicated tracks on St. Clair Avenue West. The following parking regulations are in effect on this portion of St. Clair Avenue West:

South Side

- No stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between Rushton Road and Christie Street;
- No parking, anytime, between a point 66 metres west of Christie Street and a point 15 metres further west; and
- Pay-and-display Parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, between a point 30 metres west of Christie Street and a point 36 metres further west, and between a point 81 metres west of Christie Street and a point 15 metres east of Rushton Road.

Transportation Services has been advised by the Manager of St. Matthew's Bracondale House that Wheel-Trans vehicles have difficulty accessing the curb fronting their facility due to the presence of parked vehicles in "No Parking" zone. To facilitate curb-side access an accessible loading zone could be designated fronting the St. Matthew's Bracondale House in the current "No Parking" zone at all times, except for the weekday morning peak period.

In addition to Wheel-Trans vehicles, the accessible loading zone can be used by any vehicle displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a person with accessible requirements.

Councillor Josh Matlow has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3348, dated April 2019.

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