

## **Metrolinx Finch West Light Rail Transit: Time Extension of Temporary Traffic Regulation – Finch Avenue West at Elana Drive**

**Date:** June 19, 2020

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 7 - Humber River-Black Creek

### **SUMMARY**

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

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a time extension of temporary traffic regulations currently in effect at the intersection of Finch Avenue West at York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive. These temporary traffic regulations include restriction of the westbound left-turn movement and provision of the southbound through traffic movement.

The temporary traffic regulations are requested to be extended till October 31, 2020.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council continue to rescind the existing southbound through traffic prohibition in effect at all times at the intersection of Finch Avenue West at York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive till October 31, 2020.
2. City Council continue to prohibit the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Finch Avenue West at York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive till October 31, 2020.
3. City Council request the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program to report to the October 7, 2020 Etobicoke York Community Council meeting on the impacts of the temporary removal of the southbound through traffic prohibition and the temporary removal of the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Finch Avenue West at York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact to the City of Toronto associated with the recommendations in this report. The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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City Council, at its meeting of October 29 and 30, 2019, approved the time extension of temporary removal of the southbound through traffic prohibition and temporary removal of the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive from November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY9.7>

City Council, at its meeting of May 14, 2019, approved temporary removal of the southbound through traffic prohibition and temporary removal of the westbound left-turn movement at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive from June 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY5.4>

## **COMMENTS**

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Temporary traffic by-law amendments including restriction of the westbound left-turn movement and provision of the southbound through traffic movement have been implemented at the intersection of Finch Avenue West at York Gate Boulevard/Elana Drive. These temporary traffic by-law amendments were implemented to evaluate traffic impacts and make recommendations for permanent traffic by-laws, which will be required for safe operation of the future Finch West Light Rail Transit service through this intersection.

The temporary traffic by-law amendments were originally implemented as a pilot program from June 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019 and later extended from November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Traffic monitoring in the form of turning movement counts, automated traffic recorder counts and origin-destination surveys was undertaken by Mosaic Transit Group (Project Co. - FWLRT) during the pilot program.

In order to address any concerns by area residents and at the request of the local councillor, the temporary traffic by-law amendments are requested to be extended till October 31, 2020. Traffic impacts of the temporary traffic by-law amendments will be reported back to this Community Council meeting in October 2020.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Finch West Light Rail Transit - Location Plan

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