

February 21, 2020

To Infrastructure and Environment Committee Chair and Members,

**Re: Right-turns-on-red in Toronto**

There has been a growing call in many neighbourhoods across the City for restricting right-turns-on-red (RTOR), as one of many measures we can undertake through Vision Zero to make roads safer.

Motor vehicle RTOR are a common type of collision in Toronto and is responsible for 13% of the city's pedestrian injuries and/or fatalities. In the majority of these collisions, pedestrians had the right of way. Allowing RTOR compromises the safety of vulnerable road users, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities.

Prohibiting RTOR is a simple way to reduce collisions between drivers and pedestrians. While the City currently has a warranting system in place to address requests for RTOR prohibitions, there is an opportunity to proactively review the restrictions and how they will apply to selected intersections to make the road safer for all road users.

Staff are scheduled to report back on a strategy on speed limit reductions in fourth quarter of 2020 which would be a good time to include ROTR considerations.

**Recommendation:**

1. The General Manager, Transportation Services provide an update on the status, and strategy to, proactively use right-turns-on-red prohibitions when reporting back on the effectiveness of speed limit reductions planned for the fourth quarter of 2020.

Thank you,

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