

U-Turn Prohibition - Oasis Boulevard

Date: February 24, 2020
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 23 – Scarborough North

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report recommends a U-turn prohibition on Oasis Boulevard between Seasons Drive/Hummingbird Drive and Grosbeak Crescent. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of Oasis Boulevard located adjacent to Brookside Public School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Oasis Boulevard, between Seasons Drive/Hummingbird Drive and Grosbeak Crescent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing the required signs is approximately \$2,000. Funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2020 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request from Councillor Cynthia Lai's office on behalf of school and Parent Teacher Association representatives, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on Oasis Boulevard near Brookside Public School.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe this area of Oasis Boulevard:

- Oasis Boulevard is located south of Steeles Avenue East and west of Staines Road.
- Oasis Boulevard is a two-lane local road with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h.
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of Oasis Boulevard.
- Brookside Public School is located at 75 Oasis Boulevard on the east side of Oasis Boulevard, north of Seasons Drive, adjacent to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School.
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School is located at 8 Seasons Drive on the north side of Seasons Drive, east of Oasis Boulevard.
- The land use in the surrounding area consists mainly of single-family residential dwellings, schools, and parks.

At a school meeting in January 2020, school and Parent Teacher Association representatives expressed concerns that many northbound vehicles on Oasis Boulevard are making U-turns in front of Brookside Public School to subsequently travel back southbound on Oasis Boulevard and vice versa.

A collision analysis conducted for the five-year period ending December 31, 2018 revealed there were no reported collisions associated with vehicles making U-turn manoeuvres on Oasis Boulevard near Brookside Public School.

Given that this area of Oasis Boulevard is a school zone, the prohibition of northbound and southbound U-turns on Oasis Boulevard between Seasons Drive/Hummingbird Drive and Grosbeak Crescent is expected to provide a safer environment for all road users, enhance traffic conditions and allow for enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation in this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Oasis Boulevard)

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