

Accessible Loading Zone - Kingston Road

Date: August 24, 2020
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 19, Beaches - East York

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending designation of an on-street accessible loading zone on Kingston Road. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access to TTC Wheel-Trans service for local residents.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all days of the week, on the south side of Kingston Road, between point 45 metres east of Waverley Road and a point 11 metres further east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2020 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

In response to an inquiry received from an accessible parking permit holder through 311 call centre, Traffic Operations staff investigated the feasibility of establishing an accessible loading zone on the south side of Kingston Road, as Wheel-Trans drivers have had difficulties while picking-up/dropping-off passengers at this location due to the presence of parked vehicles.

Kingston Road, in the vicinity of 485 Kingston Road, is classified as a major arterial roadway. It operates two-way with an average daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 24,000 vehicles. Kingston Road has a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h and a pavement width of approximately 14 metres. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the road and TTC service on Kingston Road is provided by the "502 Downtowner" and "503 Kingston Road" streetcar routes, and the "22 Coxwell" bus route.

The following parking regulations are currently in effect on the south side of Kingston Road, in the vicinity of 485 Kingston Road:

- No parking from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, between Queen Street East and Malvern Avenue,
- No stopping from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Queen Street East and Malvern Avenue, and
- Maximum three-hour parking at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

Transportation Services has been advised by a resident of 485 Kingston Road that Wheel-Trans vehicles have difficulty accessing the curb fronting their facility due to the presence of parked vehicles. During our investigation, staff were advised that in the past Wheel-Trans vehicles and accessible taxi-cabs used to pick-up/drop-off residents with accessible permits in the parking lot situated at the back of 485 Kingston Road. Recently, the management/owner of the building has blocked the side ramp going to the rear parking lot due to safety reasons. As a result, residents of the building with accessible permits are facing problems during pick-up/drop-off times because of parked vehicles and snow in front of the building.

The resident has obtained a "no objection certificate" from the building management. Since the request is outside of rush hour timings, Transportation Services has no objection to allocating an accessible loading zone operating between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the south side of Kingston Road, between a point 45 metres east of Waverley Road and a point 11 metres further east.

In addition to Wheel-Trans vehicles, the accessible loading zone may 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 Brad Bradford has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3718, dated June 2020

