



REPORT FOR ACTION

Through Highway Designation - Railway Lane

Date: December 7, 2020

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 5 York South - Weston

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending that Railway Lane be designated as a through highway, which will require all intersecting streets to stop at Railway Lane. The proposed designation will clearly define the right-of-way and enhance driver and pedestrian safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council designate Railway Lane, from Nickle Street to Victoria Boulevard, as a through highway.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is \$1,000. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services interim Operating and Capital Budgets.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on April 4, 2018, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted without amendments Item EY29.28 (entitled "Naming of Public Lane, and Renaming of portion of Public Street located between Nickle Street and Ray Avenue"). The report is provided in the following link.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.EY29.28>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor, to enhance safety of drivers and pedestrians entering Railway Lane with stop controls on four intersecting streets. The streets intersecting Railway Lane with no control are Mahoney Avenue, Craydon Avenue, Rutherford Avenue and Victoria Boulevard.

Existing Conditions

Railway Lane is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a single-lane, public lane, between Nickle Street and Victoria Boulevard and a public highway, between Victoria Boulevard and Ray Avenue
- It operates one-way southbound traffic on a pavement width of approximately 4.5 metres
- It is equipped with speed bumps and bump outs
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- Parking is prohibited at all times

There are four streets that intersect Railway Lane (Mahoney Avenue, Craydon Avenue, Rutherford Avenue and Victoria Boulevard) to form T-intersections with no stop control.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Through Highway Designation

Collision statistics provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending December 31, 2019, disclosed that there were no reported collisions on Railway Lane.

The recommended through highway designation would require all four intersecting streets (Mahoney Avenue, Craydon Avenue, Rutherford Avenue and Victoria Boulevard) to stop before entering Railway Lane. This will clearly define the right-of-way and enhance driver and pedestrian safety.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Through Highway Designation - Railway Lane

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