

Heavy Vehicles Prohibition - Bloor Street West between Aukland Road and a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 2 - Etobicoke Centre and Ward 3 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Bloor Street West between Aukland Road and a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending that Community Council amend the existing heavy vehicles prohibition in effect at all times on Bloor Street West, between Jopling Avenue and a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive, to be in effect from Aukland Road to a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive.

This proposed amendment changes the east limit of the existing heavy vehicles prohibition on Bloor Street West, from Jopling Avenue to Aukland Road, thus allowing westbound heavy vehicles on Bloor Street West to legally proceed to turn left onto Aukland Road to proceed southbound to Dundas Street West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council amend the existing heavy vehicles prohibition in effect at all times on Bloor Street West, between Jopling Avenue and a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive, to be in effect from Aukland Road to a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of removing the existing "No Heavy Trucks" sign on Bloor Street West, just west of Jopling Avenue, is approximately \$100.00. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services were recently requested by both area Councillors to review the existing heavy vehicles prohibition on Bloor Street West, from Jopling Avenue to the Toronto/Mississauga border at the Etobicoke Creek. This request was made as a result of concerns from area residents with respect to heavy vehicle use on Bloor Street West, west of Jopling Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Bloor Street West, between Jopling Avenue and Aukland Road, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, major arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 17 metres
- The daily two way traffic volume is approximately 22,000 vehicles
- The regulatory speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times from Jopling Avenue to the Mississauga/Toronto border at the Etobicoke Creek while are allowed at all times east of Jopling Avenue
- The TTC provides service on the section of Bloor Street West, west of Aukland Road
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- Traffic control signals are located at the intersection of Bloor Street West and Aukland Road
- There is an existing "No Heavy Trucks" sign for westbound traffic on Bloor Street West, just west of Jopling Avenue
- "No Heavy Trucks" signs were recently installed on both sides of Bloor Street, at Aukland Road, facing westbound traffic at the west leg of the intersection

A map of the area is presented in Attachment 1. A map of the section of Bloor Street West, between Aukland Road and Jopling Avenue, which includes locations of signs, is shown in Attachment 2.

Proposed Heavy Vehicles Prohibition Amendment

The current east limit of the heavy vehicles prohibition on Bloor Street West at Jopling Avenue is not practical given drivers of heavy vehicles, westbound on Bloor Street West, need to proceed to Aukland Road to access roadways (i.e. Aukland Road and Dundas Street West) where heavy vehicles are allowed at all times. Based on the aforementioned, Transportation Services recommends amending the existing heavy vehicles prohibition on in effect at all times on Bloor Street West, between Jopling Avenue and a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive, to be in effect from Aukland Road to a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive.

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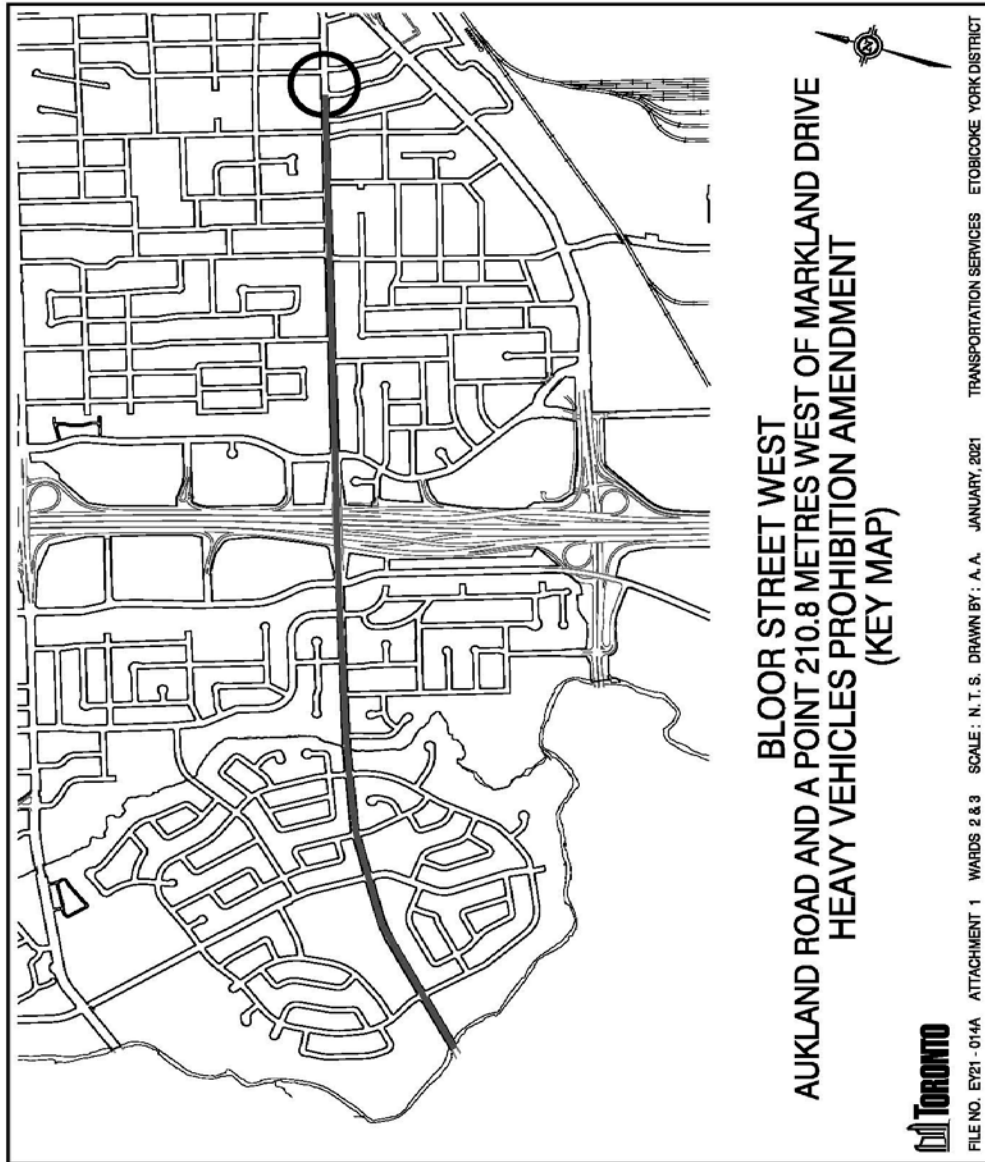
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1. Key Map - Bloor Street West, Aukland Road to a point 210.8 metres west of Bloor Street West

Attachment 2: Map - Heavy Vehicles Prohibition Amendment - Bloor Street West between Aukland Road and Jopling Avenue

Attachment 1. Key Map - Bloor Street West, Auckland Road to a point 210.8 metres west of Bloor Street West



Heavy Vehicles Prohibition – Bloor Street West, between Auckland Road and a point 210.8 metres west of Markland Drive.

Attachment 2 Heavy Vehicles Prohibition Amendment - Bloor Street West, between Auckland Road and Jopling Avenue

