

U-Turn Prohibition - Kingston Road and Falaise Road

Date: February 2, 2021

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 24 - Scarborough-Guildwood

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 requesting approval to prohibit eastbound U-turns on Kingston Road at Falaise Road. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. City Council prohibit eastbound U-turns at all times on Kingston Road at Falaise Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is \$400. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services interim 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor and a neighbourhood petition to prohibit eastbound U-turns on Kingston Road at Falaise Road.

Existing Conditions

Kingston Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a six-lane, east-west, major arterial road
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 27 metres including the centre median
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 44,000 vehicles
- The posted regulatory speed limit is 60 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC bus service on this road
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- The surrounding area consists mainly of commercial businesses, plazas, single family residential dwellings, and multi-level residential buildings

Falaise Road intersects with Kingston Road to form a "T" type intersection and is stop-controlled at Kingston Road.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed U-Turn Prohibition

Collision history provided by Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending December 31, 2019, disclosed there were no eastbound U-turn related collisions reported for Kingston Road at Falaise Road.

Prohibiting eastbound U-turn movements on Kingston Road at Falaise Road is expected to provide safe and efficient traffic operations, reduce the number of vehicle conflicts, and reduce the collision hazard.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - U-Turn Prohibition: Kingston Road and Falaise Road

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