

U-turn Prohibition - Thirty First Street

Date: February 7, 2022
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit southbound and northbound U-turn movements at all times on Thirty First Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard West and a point 196 metres south.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit southbound and northbound U-turn movements at all times on Thirty First Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard West and a point 196 metres south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services interim 2022 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor, on behalf of James S Bell Junior Middle School, to prohibit U-turn movements within the school limits. The U-turns are generated by motorists during student drop-off/pick-up. Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that a number of northbound and

southbound motorists are completing U-turns on Thirty First Street near the school. In some instances, motorists were required to stop for the U-turning vehicle in order to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity, these movements are not desirable in this sensitive school area.

Existing Conditions

Thirty First Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.9 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1200 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- James S Bell Junior Middle School is located on the west side of Thirty First Street south of Lake Shore Boulevard West
- There is a pedestrian crossover (PXO) in front of the school at the intersection of Thirty First Street and Ash Crescent

James S Bell Junior Middle School is located at 90 Thirty First Street, approximately 76 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West. There is a PXO and a school bus loading zone in front of the school and parking prohibitions in place during school hours on both the east and west side of Thirty First Street. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity, prohibiting north and southbound U-turns would provide additional safety measures in this sensitive area.

Proposed Changes

Based on Transportation Services review of this matter and consultation with the area Councillor, it is recommended to prohibit southbound and northbound U-turn movements at all times, between Lake Shore Boulevard West and a point 196 metres south. The proposed prohibitions will enhance traffic operations and safety in the school area.

A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - U-Turn Prohibition - 90 Thirty First Street

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