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Date: May 11, 2022
To: Members of Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Councillor Mark Grimes
Subject: Convert PXO to Traffic Control Signal – Cordova Avenue and Central Park Roadway

SUMMARY

Islington Junior Middle School is located on the west side of Cordova Avenue, south of Dundas Street West, opposite Central Park Roadway. The school is in close proximity to the Islington Subway Station at the busy intersection of Islington Avenue and Bloor Street West. Students and pedestrians cross Cordova Avenue by way of an existing Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) at Central Park Roadway, immediately in front of the school.

The City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) encourage active transportation modes to and from school whenever possible. To that end, Islington Junior Middle School and the Toronto Lands Corporation have been pursuing the conversion of the existing PXO to a Traffic Control Signal (TCS) operation to improve safety for students.

A 2019, Transportation Services study found that the warrants for the installation of traffic control Signals at Cordova Avenue and Central Park Roadway were very nearly met. Given the recent and ongoing development and redevelopment activities in the vicinity of the Islington Subway Station and the Etobicoke City Centre, this area will see an increase in vehicular traffic.

This motion seeks to convert the existing PXO at the intersection of Cordova Avenue and Central Park Roadway to a Traffic Control Signal to enhance pedestrian and student safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City Council authorize the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Cordova Avenue and Central Park Roadway/Private Access.
2. Subject to approval of Recommendation 1, City Council authorize removal of the existing pedestrian crossover on Cordova Avenue immediately northwest of Central Park Roadway in conjunction with the installation of traffic control signals at of Cordova Avenue and Central Park Roadway/Private Access.
3. City Council prohibit southbound right turns and northbound left turns at all times at the intersection of Cordova Avenue and Central Park Roadway/Private Access.
4. City Council prohibit westbound through traffic entry at all times at the intersection of Cordova Avenue and Central Park Roadway/Private Access.



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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing traffic control signals at the intersection of Cordova and Central park Roadway is \$270,000. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2022 Capital Budget.

Sincerely,

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