

Temporary School Bus Loading Zone and Parking Amendments - 1700 Keele Street

Date: May 13, 2022
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 5, York South-Weston

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Keele Street, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending the temporary designation of a school bus loading zone on the west side of Keele Street near George Harvey Collegiate Institute (1700 Keele Street), and associated parking amendments, to provide a safe pick-up/drop-off area for students. The temporary school bus loading zone and parking amendments are required for a period of 18 months, from November 11, 2022 to May 1, 2024, as the permanent school bus loading zone on Bicknell Avenue will not be accessible during construction of the Fairbank Silverthorn Storm Trunk Tunnel and Micro-Tunneled Storm Collectors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council designate a school bus loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily, on the west side of Keele Street, between a point 91.6 metres north of Nashville Avenue and a point 25.1 metres further north, from November 11, 2022 to May 1, 2024.
2. City Council rescind the existing no parking prohibition in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the west side of Keele Street, between a point 91.6 metres north of Nashville Avenue and a point 25.1 metres further north, from November 11, 2022 to May 1, 2024.
3. City Council rescind the existing no parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the west side of Keele Street, between a point 91.6 metres north of Nashville Avenue and a point 25.1 metres further north, from November 11, 2022 to May 1, 2024.

4. City Council rescind the existing maximum two-hour parking regulation in effect at all times on the west side of Keele Street, between a point 91.6 metres north of Nashville Avenue and a point 25.1 metres further north, from November 11, 2022 to May 1, 2024.

5. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Keele Street between a point 91.6 metres north of Nashville Avenue and a point 25.1 metres further north, from November 11, 2022 to May 1, 2024.

6. City Council direct that Keele Street be returned to its pre-construction traffic and parking regulations when the Fairbank Silverthorn Storm Trunk Tunnel and Micro-Tunneled Storm Collectors project is complete.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included in the 2022 Approved Capital Budget and 2023-2031 Approved Capital Plan for Toronto Water under the Basement Flooding Relief Account Code.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on July 14, 15 and 16, 2021, adopted Item IE23.9, entitled "Award of Contract Number 21ECS-LU-01TT to EBC Bessac Canada (FSPSTT) Joint Venture for the Construction of the Fairbank Silverthorn Storm Trunk Tunnel and Micro-Tunneled Storm Collectors for Basement Flooding Protection Program Study Area 3". [Agenda Item History - 2021.IE23.9 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

COMMENTS

Engineering and Construction Services has advised Transportation Services that the existing school bus loading zone located on the east side of Bicknell Avenue (in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily), between a point 77.5 metres south of Rotherham Avenue and a point 36.5 metres further south, will not be accessible during construction associated with the Fairbank Silverthorn Storm Trunk Tunnel and Micro-Tunneled Storm Collectors for Basement Flooding Protection Project.

To provide a safe pick-up/drop-off area for students attending George Harvey Collegiate Institute, located at 1700 Keele Street, an alternative school bus loading zone will be required during the construction period.

Existing Conditions

Keele Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, north-south, Major Arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 14 metres

- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- TTC service is provided by the 41 and 941 Keele bus routes
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- George Harvey Collegiate Institute is located at 1700 Keele Street

The parking regulations on Keele Street, within the subject section are as follows:

East side

- No parking from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays
- Maximum two-hour parking anytime.

West side

- No parking from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- No parking from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays
- Maximum two-hour parking anytime.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Changes

In consultation with Engineering and Construction Services, TDSB and George Harvey Collegiate Institute, Transportation Services recommends the temporary designation of a school bus loading zone and parking amendments to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily on the west side of Keele Street, between a point 91.6 metres north of Nashville Avenue and a point 25.1 metres further north. Transportation Services also recommends prohibiting stopping during all times within the proposed temporary school bus loading zone.

Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, school buses within a designated school bus loading zone are not required to have their red flashing lights and stop arm activated during the boarding and alighting of passengers, thus reducing vehicle delay and traffic congestion on a given street.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Proposed Temporary School Bus Loading Zone and Parking
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