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Date: June 9, 2022
To: Members of Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Councillor Mark Grimes
Subject: Improving Safety and Enhancing the Public Realm in Long Branch

SUMMARY

Lake Shore Boulevard West, is classified as a "major arterial" in the City of Toronto road system. There are two through lanes in each direction with Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) streetcars sharing the inside with other traffic, and bike lanes designated on both sides of the road. Currently, the south side of Lake Shore Blvd. W is configured to allow angled parking, which protrudes onto the sidewalk and makes reversing out of parking spots into traffic potentially dangerous due to other parked vehicles restricting visibility of oncoming vehicular and bicycle traffic.

The streetscape along Lake Shore Boulevard West in Long Branch is changing, with new low and mid-rise residential development and new commercial operations at ground level. The public realm along Lake Shore Boulevard West would be greatly improved by replacing the angled parking with parallel parking spots and widening the sidewalk to allow more room for pedestrians, streetscape beautification, and restaurant patios. Given that there is no major capital construction scheduled for this area in the next five years, having a conceptual plan in place would allow for the work to be undertaken through potential future private development.

In 2017, Etobicoke York Community Council approved a report for item EY23.58 Parking and Streetscape Pilot Project on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Thirty Sixth Street and Thirty Seventh Street, with a conceptual design, cost and parking supply implications. The pilot project was never implemented.

DECISION HISTORY

[Parking and Streetscape Project on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Thirty Sixth Street and Thirty Seventh Street \(toronto.ca\)](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Sincerely,

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Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Request the General Manager, Transportation Services, report back in Q1 2023 with a conceptual design to replace the angle parking between 3809 and 3285 Lake Shore Boulevard West, on the south side, with parallel parking and a widened sidewalk in consultation with the local City Councillor, and report back in Q4 2023 with a more detailed design and funding sources.

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