

School Bus Loading Zones - Wilmington Avenue

Date: February 4, 2022
To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 6 – York Centre

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending the extension of the existing school bus loading zone on the west side of Wilmington Avenue, in the vicinity of 200 Wilmington Avenue, to accommodate additional school buses that load and unload students at The Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing designated school bus loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Wilmington Avenue, between a point 32.6 metres south of Overbrook Place and a point 60.2 metres further south, to be in effect between a point 32.6 metres south of Overbrook Place to a point 90 metres further south.
2. City Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Wilmington Avenue, between Kennard Avenue and Overbrook Place, to be in effect at all times.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for signage installation related to the proposed school bus loading zone is approximately \$1000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services interim 2022 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting on December 15, 2021 adopted item IE26.10 (Cycling Network Plan - 2021 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Fourth Quarter Update and the Future of the 2020 ActiveTO Cycling Network Projects) with amendments, and in so doing, authorized the designation of bicycle lanes on Wilmington Avenue from Finch Avenue West to Sheppard Avenue West.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IE26.10>

City Council at its meeting November 7, 2017 adopted Item NY25.32 (Parking Amendments - Wilmington Avenue) with amendments and, in so doing, authorized the designation of a school bus loading zone to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Wilmington Avenue, between a point 32.6 metres south of Overbrook Place to a point 60.2 metres further south.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.NY25.32>

COMMENTS

The Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto has advised Transportation Services that the existing 60.2 metre school bus loading zone located on Wilmington Avenue does not provide sufficient space for the amount of school buses servicing the school with loading/unloading of students. The Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto has requested that the school bus loading zone be extended an additional 30 metres to enhance the safety of students accessing the school.

Existing Conditions

Wilmington Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, Minor Arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 10.9 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 12,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 104 Faywood bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- Traffic control signals are located at the intersection of Wilmington Avenue and Overbrook Place
- There are designated bicycle lanes on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on Wilmington Avenue, within the subject section are as follows:

East side

- No Parking anytime, from a point 64 metres south of Overbrook Place and a point 102 metres south of Overbrook Place
- No parking anytime, from a point 102 metres south of Overbrook Place and a point opposite the northerly limit of Kennard Avenue
- No parking anytime, from Overbrook Place and a point 64 metres south
- No Stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 102 metres south of Overbrook Place and a point opposite the northerly limit of Kennard Avenue

West side

- No Stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Overbrook Place to Kennard Avenue
- No parking anytime, from Overbrook Place to Sheppard Avenue West
- School Bus Loading Zone from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 32.6 metres south of Overbrook Place to a point 60.2 metres further south

Proposed Changes

In consultation with the Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Transportation Services recommends the designation of school bus loading zones to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on the west side of Wilmington Avenue, between a point 32.6 metres south of Overbrook Place and a point 90 metres further south. 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.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - School Bus Loading Zone - Wilmington Avenue

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