

All-Way Stop Control - Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 7 - Humber River-Black Creek

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to install all-way stop control at the intersection of Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue. Based on the assessment undertaken, the installation of all-way stop control is recommended and should enhance safety for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize all-way compulsory stop control at the intersection of Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated costs associated with the proposed amendment is \$1,000.00. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

At the request of the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of installing all-way stop control at the intersection of Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Assiniboine Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 700 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 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

Haynes Avenue 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 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 800 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 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

These two streets intersect to form a right-angled four-leg intersection, with right-of-way controlled by stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic on Haynes Avenue.

The York University campus is located on the north side of Assiniboine Road, with detached and semi-detached housing located on the south side.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Study Results

In order for all-way stop control to be warranted at an intersection established criteria must be satisfied. The warrants consist of four components, including collision history, total vehicle volume, combined vehicle and pedestrian volumes crossing the major road and the percentage of traffic on the major road.

Collision history provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending December 31, 2022, disclosed that five reported collisions occurred at this intersection and one of these collisions involved a pedestrian. Four of these collisions were considered potentially preventable by the installation of all-way stop control.

Transportation Services conducted an all-way stop control study on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the subject intersection. The results of the study were evaluated against the warrant criteria for all-way stop control as adopted by City Council. The evaluation is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: All-Way Stop Control Study at Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue

No.	Warrant Type	Actual	Required	Satisfied (Yes/No)
A	Number of Potentially Preventable Collisions (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022)	4	6	No
B1	Average Vehicle Volumes	145/hour	250/hour	No
B2	Combined Vehicle & Pedestrian Volumes Crossing Major Road (Average)	210 /hour	100/hour	Yes
B3	Percentage of Traffic on Major Street	25%	≤70%	Yes

In order for the all-way stop control to be technically warranted, either Warrant A must be met or Warrant B1 or B2 combined with Warrant B3 must be achieved. Based on the study results, the technical warrants for the installation of all-way stop control are satisfied. Therefore, it is recommended that all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue.

Furthermore, the existing north/south stop signs on Haynes Avenue are stopping the approaches with the greater traffic volume. Typically, stop signs are placed to stop traffic on the street with the lesser traffic volume. An option in these situations is to reverse the control and stop the street with the lesser traffic volume (Assiniboine Road). As this may create driver confusion due to established habits, it is safer to implement all-way stop control at the intersection.

Considering the above, the installation of all-way stop control is recommended at the intersection of Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue to appropriately assign the right of way.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - All-Way Stop Control - Assiniboine Road and Haynes Avenue

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