

Metrolinx Finch West LRT - Traffic Control Signals Changes at the Albion Centre

Date: August 30, 2023

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 1 - Etobicoke North

SUMMARY

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

As part of the Finch West LRT project, the construction of the Stevenson Stop will restrict the existing Albion Centre driveway on Finch Avenue West to right-in/right-out traffic operations. Metrolinx will construct a new driveway approximately 100 metres east of the existing driveway. The new signalized driveway will permit all inbound and outbound vehicular movements from the Albion Centre and safe pedestrian connections across the LRT guideway.

This report seeks City Council approval to amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking for installation of traffic signals at the new entrance and removal of traffic signals at the existing entrance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and a point 300 metres west of Kipling Avenue.
2. Subject to approval of Recommendation 1 above, City Council authorize removal of the existing traffic signals on Finch Avenue West and a point 400 metres west of Kipling Avenue/Private Access in conjunction with the installation of traffic signals at Finch Avenue West and a point 300 metres west of Kipling Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City of Toronto associated with the recommendations in this report. Metrolinx's contractor, Mosaic Transit Group (MTG) is required to implement all recommendations as conditions of permit approval, funded from the Finch West Light Rail Transit project budget.

The Chief Financial officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of May 14 and 15, 2019, amended Section 937-3.8 of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delete the date of March 31, 2020 and replace it with the date of August 31, 2023 such that the General Manager, Transportation Services will be delegated the authority to temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days, until August 31, 2023, with the exception of those highways listed in Section 937-4 of Chapter 937, as required for the purposes of the construction of the Metrolinx Finch West Light Rail Transit corridor, and to exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services in carrying out this extended delegation from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.

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COMMENTS

The at-grade Finch West LRT Stevenson Stop will restrict inbound and outbound left-turn movements from the signalized Albion Centre driveway on Finch Avenue West between Kipling Avenue and Albion Road. As a result, the existing driveway will operate with right-in/right-out traffic operations only, and Metrolinx will construct a new signalized full-moves driveway approximately 100 metres east of the existing driveway. The new driveway will allow all inbound and outbound turning movements and safe pedestrian connections across the LRT guideway. Metrolinx has coordinated with The Albion Centre management for review and implementation of these changes to the driveways. Figure 1 shows the location of the Albion Centre, and Figure 2 shows the location of the new driveway.



Figure 1 – The Albion Centre Location

Source: Toronto iView

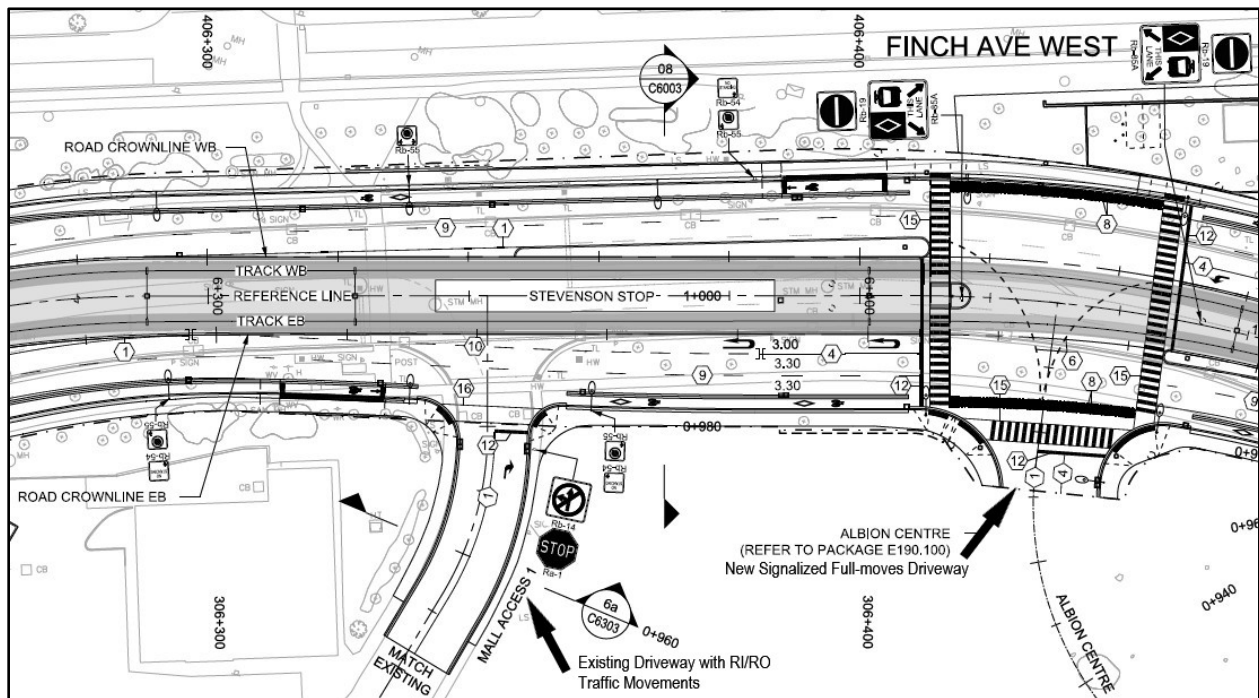


Figure 2 – New Albion Centre Driveway

Source: Metrolinx

This staff report seeks City Council approval to remove traffic signals at the existing Albion Centre driveway on Finch Avenue West, 400 metres west of Kipling Avenue, and Metrolinx FWLRT - Traffic Control Signals Changes at the Albion Centre

install traffic signals at the new Albion Centre driveway located approximately 300 metres west of Kipling Avenue.

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