

Accessible Loading Zone - Queen Street East

Date: January 10, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending the designation of an on-street accessible loading zone on the south side of Queen Street East, east of Laing Street. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access for the residents of 1327 Queen Street East.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate at all times except from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Queen Street East, between a point 18 metres east of Laing Street and a point 11 metres further east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All cost associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2023 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 19, 2021, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted item TE25.57 (1327-1331 Queen East: Ensuring Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility) directing Transportation Services to address safety and accessibility along Queen Street East in relation to the completed development application at 1327-1331 Queen Street East.

The TEYCC decision can be found at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.TE25.57>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor to review the feasibility of establishing an accessible loading zone on the south side of Queen Street East, fronting 1327 Queen Street East, which is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Queen Street East and Laing Street.

Existing Conditions

Queen Street East between Laing Street and Knox Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, roadway that is classified as a minor arterial
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 13 metres
- There are streetcar tracks in both directions that operate on a shared right-of-way with general traffic
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 12,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- The TTC service is provided by 501 streetcars and 301 bus routes
- There are sidewalks provided on both sides of the street

The current parking regulations on the south side of Queen Street East, in front of 1327 Queen Street East, are as follows:

- No stopping from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays
- Pay-and-display parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday.

The installation of the proposed accessible loading zone will remove two on-street parking spaces from within the above-noted segment of Queen Street East. As such, this installation will have minimal impact on the public right-of-way and local traffic/parking operations.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Area Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone, 1327 Queen Street East

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