

Turn Prohibition - 1738 Islington Avenue

Date: March 19, 2024

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 2 - Etobicoke Centre

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit eastbound left turn movements between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. from the driveway of 1738 Islington Avenue (Richview Collegiate Institute) to Islington Avenue, located approximately 157.2 metres south of Eglinton Avenue West. Richview Collegiate Institute principal has requested the existing left turn prohibition, in effect between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., be amended to encompass the afternoon peak between 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., as well. The intended purpose of these additional times will allow for better traffic flow during the afternoon peak period for the school's driveway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing eastbound left-turn prohibition on Islington Avenue and the driveway, located on the west side a point 157.2 metres south of Eglinton Avenue West, in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday., except public holidays, to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday., except public holidays.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is \$200.00. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2024 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Richview Collegiate Institute principal to prohibit eastbound left-turn movements from their Islington Avenue access between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Currently, this movement is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays. The proposed regulation will assist in better traffic flow at the school's driveway during the afternoon peak period as the driveway is limited to one inbound and one outbound lane. During peak times one eastbound left turning vehicle can create significant queuing and delays for motorists exiting the driveway while waiting for a suitable gap in traffic to exit the driveway.

Access to Richview Collegiate Institute is via two driveways. There is a full movement driveway access located on the south side of Eglinton Avenue, approximately 150 metres west of Islington Avenue. The other driveway access is the subject driveway located on the west side of Islington Avenue, approximately 157.2 metres south of Eglinton Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Islington Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane north/south, major arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 15 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 26,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 37 Islington bus.
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The driveway for Richview Collegiate Institute is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east/west, private roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7 metres

Islington Avenue intersects with the Richview Collegiate Institute driveway to form a "T" type intersection.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Turn Prohibition

Collision history provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending December 31, 2023, disclosed that no collisions had occurred at Islington Avenue and Richview Collegiate Institute driveway located on Islington Avenue.

The Richview Collegiate Institute driveway access to Islington Avenue is full movements aside from the current eastbound left turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays. Prohibiting eastbound left turns during the afternoon peak will improve traffic flow in the area of the school driveway.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Turn Prohibition - Islington Avenue and 1738 Islington Avenue
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