

U-turn Prohibition - Aukland Road and St. Albans Road

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Aukland Road and St. Albans Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Aukland Road, between Dundas Street West and St Albans Road. In addition, Transportation Services is also requesting approval to prohibit eastbound and westbound U-turn movements at all times on St. Albans Road, between Aukland Road and Access Road from southbound Kipling Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Aukland Road, between Dundas Street West and St. Albans Road.
2. City Council prohibit eastbound and westbound U-turn movements at all times on St. Albans Road, between Aukland Road and the access road from southbound Kipling Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2024 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by a resident, to prohibit U-turn movements on Auckland Road between Dundas Street West and St. Albans Road. The U-turns are generated by motorists dropping off people for the Kipling Transit Station. Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that a number of southbound motorists are completing U-turns on Auckland Road near the transit hub. In some instances, oncoming motorists were required to stop for the U-turning vehicles in order to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity, these movements are not desirable in this sensitive area. Additionally, prohibiting U-turns on Auckland Road may push motorists to conduct their U-turns on St. Albans Road. As a result, Transportation Services is also recommending prohibiting eastbound and westbound U-turns on St. Albans Road between Auckland Road and Access Road from southbound Kipling Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Auckland Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a variable pavement width of 9-12 metres
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by routes 111, 112, 123, 300 and 900
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

St. Albans Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 10 metres
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by routes 44, 45, 944 and 945
- There is a sidewalk located on the south side of the street

Kipling Station is located at the southern limit of Auckland Road and the south side of St. Albans Road. There is a mid-block pedestrian signal on Auckland Road approximately 100 metres south of Dundas Street West.

Proposed Changes

Based on Transportation Services review of this matter, it is recommended that northbound and southbound U-turn movements be prohibited, at all times on Auckland Road, between Dundas Street West and St Albans Road. As well as eastbound and westbound U-turn movements be prohibited, at all times on St Albans Road, between Auckland Road and the access road from southbound Kipling Avenue. The proposed prohibitions will enhance traffic operations and safety in the transit area.

A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - U-Turn Prohibition - Aukland Road and St. Albans Road

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