

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM17.8	ACTION			Ward: 8
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Re-opening and Amending Item 2023.TE7.91- Altering Turning Restrictions at Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue West - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item 2023.TE7.91. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council amend its previous decision on Item 2023.TE7.91 by deleting Parts 4 and 5:

Parts to be deleted:

4. City Council rescind the northbound left turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, bicycles excepted at the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Old Forest Hill Road.
5. City Council prohibit northbound left-turns in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted at the intersection of Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue West.

and adding the following Parts:

2. City Council reinstate the northbound left turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, bicycles excepted at the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Old Forest Hill Road.
3. City Council include Old Forest Hill Road from the intersection at Eglinton Avenue West to Glenarden Road/Westover Hill Road in the study area for Neighbourhood Infiltration Data Collection as part of the Eglinton Today Complete Street plan to monitor and address neighbourhood traffic infiltration in consultation with the community.

Summary

City Council approved Item 2023.TE7.91 in October 2023, including recommendation 5. that City Council prohibit northbound left-turns in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted at the intersection of Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue West.

The ongoing and still incomplete Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit being managed by Metrolinx has had a disastrous impact on traffic in a very wide area surrounding the Eglinton Avenue West corridor and especially in the vicinity of the Allen Road and Bathurst Street.

The impacts felt by residents from overwhelming traffic infiltration on local roads has been unbearable including greater risk to pedestrians and cyclists and even backing up commuter traffic so that residents are unable to exit their driveways for 20 minutes or longer.

While recommendation 5. of 2023.TE7.91 may have provided some relief to residents of Old Forest Hill Road south of Eglinton Avenue West, it has had the unintended consequence of diverting all north and westbound commuter traffic along Old Forest Hill in an effort to reach the Allen Road creating local neighbourhood traffic chaos that hasn't been seen since the height of construction.

It has long been recognized that in this precinct of unique traffic chaos, one small change will have an impact on the sensitive balance on the traffic patterns elsewhere in the precinct.

This motion should therefore be considered an urgent item in order to address the dramatic and unforeseen traffic safety impact on the local community while additional studies are conducted.

Requires Re-opening

Item 2023.TE7.91 (October 11 and 12, 2023 City Council Meeting)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM17.8