

U-turn Prohibition - Lillian Street

Date: May 16, 2024

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 18 – Willowdale

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit southbound and northbound U-turn movements at all times on Lillian Street, between Otonabee Avenue and Abitibi Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council prohibit southbound and northbound U-turn movements at all times on Lillian Street, between Otonabee Avenue and Abitibi Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,000.00. 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 Ward Councillor, on behalf of Lillian Public School, to review the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on Lillian Street in the vicinity of the school due to safety concerns.

Existing Conditions

Lillian Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north/south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,019 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h with traffic calming (speed humps)
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on the east side of the street

The land use in the area consists of detached residential dwellings. Lillian Public School is located on the east side of Lillian Street, between Otonabee Avenue and Abitibi Avenue. Lillian Street, between Newton Drive and Nipigon Avenue is a designated Community Safety Zone.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff on April 9, 2024 revealed seven U-turns on Lillian Street in front of the school during the afternoon dismissal period. All the U-turns were completed by parents picking up their children. In some instances, other motorists were required to stop for the U-turning vehicle in order to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity in front of the school, U-turns are not desirable in this sensitive school area.

Proposed Changes

Based on Transportation Services review of this matter, it is recommended that southbound and northbound U-turn movements be prohibited at all times on Lillian Street, between Otonabee Avenue and Abitibi Avenue. The proposed prohibitions will enhance traffic operations and safety in the school 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 - Lillian Street

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