

## **Turn Prohibition - Lawrence Avenue West and Rosewell Avenue**

**Date:** February 5, 2024

**To:** North York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 8 - Eglinton Lawrence

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is requesting that the existing northbound right-turn prohibition, in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Rosewell Avenue, be rescinded. The prohibition is not needed and inconveniences road users, including parents of a nearby school.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing northbound right-turn prohibition, in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Rosewell Avenue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost of removing the signs is \$200. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services interim 2024 Operating Budget.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

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Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to rescind the existing northbound right-turn prohibition, in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Rosewell Avenue. This is in order to provide more convenient access to travel eastbound on Lawrence Avenue West.

### Existing Conditions

Lawrence Avenue West is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a five-lane, east/west major arterial road roadway
- It operates two-way on a pavement width of approximately 17 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 30,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- There is TTC service provided by the 52 Bus route
- There are sidewalks on both sides of the street

Rosewell Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north/south local roadway
- It operates two-way on a pavement width of approximately 12.7 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 2,100 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is no TTC service
- There are sidewalks on the east side of the street
- Havergal College Junior School is located on the west side of the street, 200 metres south of Lawrence Avenue West

Rosewell Avenue is stop controlled at its "T" type intersection on the south side of Lawrence Avenue West, which operates free flow.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

### Proposed Turn Prohibition Removal

The existing northbound right-turn prohibition, in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Rosewell Avenue, has been in place since at least 1965. A review of historical records and current traffic patterns revealed that there is no longer justification for the turn prohibition.

Rescinding the turn prohibition will result in convenient access to travel eastbound on Lawrence Avenue West for residents and parents of students of Havergal College Junior School.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Turn Prohibition - Lawrence Avenue West and Rosewell Avenue

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