

U-Turn Prohibition - Lavery Trail

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To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

SUMMARY

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

This report recommends a U-turn prohibition on Lavery Trail, between Meadowvale Road and a point 82 metres northeast of Meadowvale Road. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of Lavery Trail located adjacent to Meadowvale Public School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council prohibit eastbound and westbound U-turn movements at all times on Lavery Trail, between Meadowvale Road and a point 82 metres northeast.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is 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

As a result of a request from a resident on Lavery Trail, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on the section of Lavery Trail adjacent to the Meadowvale Public School.

Existing Conditions

Lavery Trail, east of Meadowvale Road, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west and north-south local road
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximate 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 2,000 vehicles
- The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. Transportation Services advises that the speed limit is planned to be reduced to 30 km/h on this street by 2026+, consistent with Item 2019.IE6.8 (Vision Zero 2.0 – Road Safety Plan Update)
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on the south side of the street

The area consists of detached residential dwellings and Meadowvale Public School, which is located on the southeast corner of Lavery Trail and Meadowvale Road.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed U-Turn Prohibition

Meadowvale Public School utilizes this section of Lavery Trail for student pick-ups and drop-offs. This area of Lavery Trail includes a curve that reduces visibility for drivers. Additionally, it is in close proximity to the traffic signals at Meadowvale Road and Lavery Trail/Euclid Avenue. Prohibiting U-turns in this section of Lavery Trail will enhance safety for all road users by reducing the risk of vehicle collisions and enabling proper enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed U-Turn Prohibition - Lavery Trail

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