



City Councillor
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Ward 11, University–Rosedale

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RE: Pedestrian Safety Improvements – 360 Bloor Street East

Dear Toronto and East York Community Council members:

Crowded and confusing parking conditions around 360 Bloor Street East are creating safety hazards for vulnerable road users, especially pedestrians. For example, building residents with mobility disabilities report that their Wheel-Trans service often cannot stop at 350 Bloor Street East to pick them up or let them off, and must instead stop at nearby properties. They report that this severely compromises their ability to use the service.

In addition, existing parking spaces obstruct sightlines for drivers entering and exiting the driveway, creating hazards for those walking or cycling past the building. Deliveries of all kinds are also hampered by the absence of a dedicated loading zone.

This motion would reduce vehicle parking and convert space directly in front of the lobby into a badly needed Wheel-Trans accessible loading zone. This change is supported by the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, will improve access to WheelTrans, will reduce conflicts between delivery vehicles and general traffic, and will improve safety for pedestrians on the sidewalk and cyclists in the bike lane.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Bloor Street East, between Sherbourne Street and a point 50 metres further west.
2. City Council rescind the existing parking machines regulation on the north side of Bloor Street East, between Sherbourne Street and Mount Pleasant Road, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours and at a rate of \$4.00 per hour.

3. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Bloor Street East, between Mount Pleasant Road and a point 78 metres further east.
4. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate at all times on the north side of Bloor Street East, between a point 78 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road and a point 9 metres further east.
5. City Council authorize the installation of parking machines on the north side of Bloor Street East, between a point 87 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road and a point 10 metres further east, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours and at a rate of \$4.00 per hour.
6. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Bloor Street East, between a point 97 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road and Sherbourne Street North.