

Supplemental Report to Redesign Study of the Intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and the Allen Road Expressway (IE25.6) - Additional Recommendations on Traffic By-law Amendments to Reduce Traffic Congestion

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To: City Council

From: Acting General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: 8 - Eglinton - Lawrence, 12 - Toronto - St. Paul's

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval for a series of turn restrictions and traffic operations changes to address traffic congestion on neighbourhood streets in the areas of North York and Toronto and East York, around Eglinton Avenue West and Allen Road expressway intersection, including by-law amendments for Eglinton Avenue West, which forms the border between Ward 8 (North York) and Ward 12 (Toronto and East York). In addition, as the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on streets impacted by these amendments, City Council approval of this report is required.

Since the opening of the newly designed Eglinton Avenue West and Allen Road expressway intersection in 2023, traffic capacity issues at the intersection have caused traffic congestion along Eglinton Avenue West. With many neighbourhood streets being used as short-cuts to Allen Road, traffic congestion is also significantly impacting neighbourhood streets. Transportation Services has made adjustments to signal timing, signage, and some turn restrictions to improve operations at the Eglinton Avenue West and Allen Road expressway intersection, yet capacity issues remain. As such, Transportation Services has commenced a study to redesign the intersection. In the meantime, to address the on-going traffic congestion on neighbourhood streets, City staff have been working with the local Councillors and the community to develop recommendations for traffic pattern changes to minimize the impact of traffic congestion on neighbourhood streets.

In May 2025, a community workshop with approximately 250 residents in attendance was held to receive feedback on a comprehensive area-wide series of traffic pattern changes to address traffic infiltration. Feedback was mixed; as a result, the project team has worked closely with Traffic Operations within Transportation Services, a local

working group and local Councillors, to develop a simplified plan which addresses key routes currently being used to direct traffic through neighbourhood streets.

Additional technical amendments are included in Attachment 2 to rectify inconsistencies between by-laws and posted signage in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the implementation of traffic amendments and turn prohibitions at the following locations:

a. Dufferin Street and Livingstone Avenue, amend the existing Southbound left-turn prohibition in effect 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays, to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted);

b. Bathurst Street and Wembley Road, amend the existing Northbound left-turn prohibition in effect 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays, to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted);

c. Bathurst Street and Wembley Road, amend the existing Southbound right prohibition in effect 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri. (bicycles excepted), to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., (bicycles excepted);

d. Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue, amend the existing northbound left-turn prohibition in effect 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted), to be in to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted);

e. Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue, amend the existing northbound through movements prohibition in effect 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted), At Eglinton Avenue West from the southerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road to the northerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road, to be in to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted);

f. Eglinton Avenue at Old Forest Hill Road, prohibit westbound right-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted);

g. Chiltern Hill Road and Dewbourne Avenue, prohibit northbound left-turns at all times (bicycles excepted);

h. Chiltern Hill Road and Dewbourne Avenue, prohibit southbound right-turns at all times (bicycles excepted);

i. Chiltern Hill Road and Dewbourne Avenue, prohibit westbound through movements at all times, at Chiltern Hill Road from the easterly leg of Dewbourne Avenue to the westerly leg of Dewbourne Avenue (bicycles excepted);

j. Dewbourne Avenue and Richview Avenue, prohibit northbound left-turns at all times (bicycles excepted);

k. Dewbourne Avenue and Richview Avenue, prohibit westbound through movements at all times, at Richview Avenue, from the easterly leg of Dewbourne Avenue to the westerly leg of Dewbourne Avenue (bicycles excepted);

l. Spadina Road and Old Forest Hill Road, prohibit northbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted);

m. Spadina Road and Old Forest Hill Road, prohibit westbound through movements from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) at Spadina Road, from the easterly leg of Old Forest Hill Road to the westerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road;

n. Strathearn Road and Bathurst Street, prohibit northbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted);

o. Bathurst Street and Burton Road prohibit westbound through movements from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) at Bathurst Street, from the easterly leg of Burton Road to the westerly leg of Strathearn Road;

p. Camberwell Road and Eglinton Avenue West, prohibit northbound left-turns from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted); and

q. Chiltern Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue West, prohibit northbound left-turns from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted).

2. City Council amend the traffic and parking regulations required in Toronto Municipal Code Chapters 925 and 950 to ensure by-law accuracy, as generally described in Attachment 2 to the report (November 10, 2025) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for adjusting signage at 12 locations to reflect the recommended changes is \$2000. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget. The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

On Oct 29, 2025, the Infrastructure and Environment Committee adopted 2025.IE25.6 Redesign Study of the Intersection of Eglinton Allen and the Allen Road Expressway - Update requesting Transportation Services to report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee with a further status update in the first quarter of 2026 on the progress to date to conduct a study of redesign options for the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and the Allen Road Expressway. [Agenda Item History - 2025.IE25.6](#)

On September 25, 2025, the Infrastructure and Environment Committee adopted 2025.IE24.14 Status Update for 2025.MM26.12 requesting Transportation Services to report to the October 29, 2025 meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee with a status update on the progress of the study. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.IE24.14>

On February 5, 2025, City Council adopted 2025.MM26.12 Study of Redesign Options to Address the High Level of Congestion and Neighbourhood Traffic at the Intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and the Allen Expressway directing Transportation Services to initiate a feasibility study for the intersection and continue existing work to meet with and collaborate with the Stakeholder Advisory Group on additional short-term operational modifications to the intersection such as signal timing, increased signage and lane markings that will reduce congestion and improve safety through driver compliance and behaviour. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.MM26.12>

On April 17 and 18, 2024, City Council adopted 2024.MM17.8 Requesting that Old forest Hill Road be included in the study area to address neighbourhood traffic infiltration in consultation with the community. [Agenda Item History - 2024.MM17.8](#)

On October 9 and 10, 2024, City Council adopted 2024.TE16.70 Westover Hill Road - Turn Restrictions extending the existing northbound left-turn prohibition. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.TE16.70>

COMMENTS

Background

As part of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (ECLRT) construction, Metrolinx-delivered changes were made to several intersections along Eglinton Avenue, including the Eglinton Avenue West and Allen Road expressway intersection.

Since the opening of the newly designed Eglinton Avenue West and Allen Road expressway intersection in 2023, traffic capacity issues at the intersection have caused traffic congestion along Eglinton Avenue West. With many neighbourhood streets being used as short-cuts to Allen Road, traffic congestion is also significantly impacting neighbourhood streets. Transportation Services has made adjustments to signal timing, signage, and some turn restrictions to improve operations at the Eglinton Avenue West

and Allen Road expressway intersection, yet capacity issues remain. As such, Transportation Services has commenced a study to redesign the intersection. In the meantime, to address the on-going traffic congestion on neighbourhood streets, City staff have been working with the local Councillors and the community to develop recommendations for traffic pattern changes to minimize the impact of traffic congestion on neighbourhood streets.

In October 2024, as part of initial efforts to reduce neighbourhood traffic infiltration, the existing northbound left-turn prohibition at Westover Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue West (the intersection closest to the Allen Road expressway for westbound commuter traffic routing through neighbourhood streets) was extended from peak hour only to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. This was effective in reducing vehicular volumes and traffic congestion on Westover Hill Road.

This initial change was not intended to be a stand-alone solution and it is acknowledged that some of the traffic from Westover Hill Road shifted to other northbound streets south of Eglinton Avenue West. The reason that changes to this one street were made in advance of a broader plan is due to compounding traffic congestion from Westover Hill Road (south of Eglinton Avenue West) and on Glenarden Road (north of Eglinton Avenue West), with vehicles from both north and south of Eglinton Avenue West attempting to merge onto Eglinton Avenue in the proximity of the Allen Road Expressway.

Staff have been working with the community and local Councillors in development of a comprehensive traffic pattern changes plan to address Allen Road-bound traffic congestion impacts throughout neighbourhood streets.

Consultation

In May 2025, a virtual info session with over 500 participants, and a community workshop with over 250 participants were held to receive feedback on a comprehensive area-wide series of traffic pattern changes to address traffic infiltration throughout neighbourhood streets. Feedback was mixed, with some residents welcoming efforts to reduce traffic congestion on neighbourhood streets, and others resisting further inconvenience to residents in favour of first addressing issues at the Eglinton Avenue West and Allen Road expressway intersection.

As a result, the project team worked closely with Traffic Operations within Transportation Services, a local working group of residents, and local Councillors to develop a simplified plan which identifies and proposes changes to key routes which are currently used to direct traffic through neighbourhood streets. Though it is acknowledged that these proposed changes will not eradicate commuter traffic on neighbourhood streets, the intent is that traffic on neighborhood streets will be reduced to the point that the traffic congestion currently experienced will be minimized. The impact of these key changes will be closely monitored to determine if additional changes may be required to minimize traffic congestion throughout neighbourhood streets.

The key traffic pattern changes recommended to keep traffic bound to Allen Road on main streets and minimize traffic congestion on neighbourhood streets are listed as follows:

1. Dufferin Street at Livingstone Avenue, extend existing southbound left-turn peak hour restrictions to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
2. Wembley Road and Bathurst Street, extend existing peak hour northbound left-turn restriction to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and add new southbound right-turn restriction from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
3. Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue, extend existing peak hour northbound left-turn and northbound through restrictions to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and add new westbound right-turn restriction from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
4. Bathurst Street and Dewbourne Avenue, add westbound 'Do Not Enter' and accompanying turn restrictions at Chiltern Hill Road, and at Richview Avenue.
5. Old Forest Hill Road and Spadina Road, add northbound left-turn and westbound through restrictions on Old Forest Hill at Spadina Road from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
6. Strathearn Road and Bathurst Street, add northbound left and westbound through restrictions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
7. Camberwell Road and Eglinton Avenue West, add northbound left turn restriction 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
8. Chiltern Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue West, add northbound left turn restriction 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

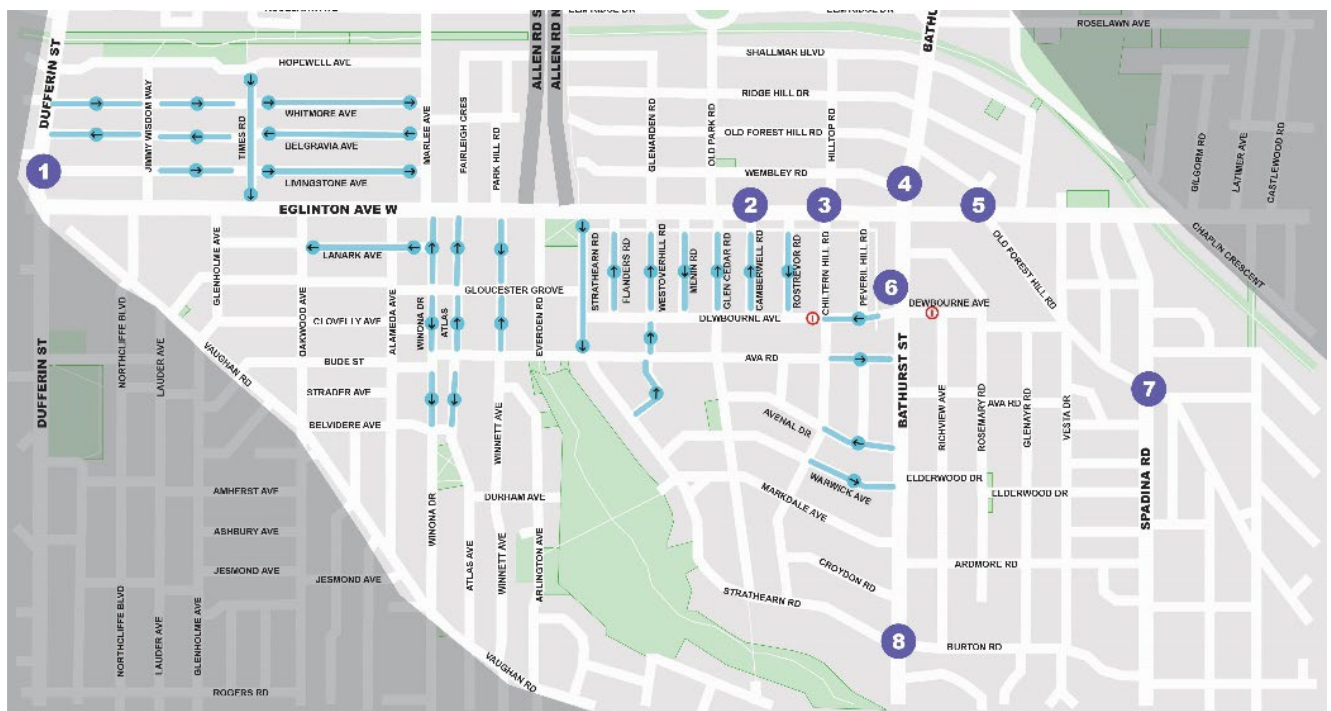


Figure 1: A map of turn restriction locations recommended to minimize traffic congestion on neighborhood streets.

Monitoring and Next Steps

If approved by City Council, the new and extended restrictions would be implemented as soon as possible following approval, accompanied by a monitoring program including traffic counts and public feedback.

Traffic Counts would be carried out 4-6 weeks after changes are installed to determine if any adjustments or additional changes are needed. A project website with more information on the changes and staff contact information has been set up at toronto.ca/EglintonAllen.

Staff will closely monitor traffic impacts through observation, queueing studies and video-supported traffic counts along Eglinton Avenue, at key intersections on Bathurst Street and Spadina Road and throughout neighbourhood streets. Along with community input, this monitoring plan will be used to assess the potential for any additional measures, such as signal timing improvements, additional proposed turn restrictions or further traffic calming measures, to address any impacts of these proposed traffic pattern changes.

Technical Amendments

During the course of investigating recommended by-law changes, some discrepancies were noted between the posted signs and the existing by-laws in several locations. The technical amendments as described in Attachment 2 will correct these inconsistencies.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Traffic Amendments to Reduce Neighbourhood Street Congestion

Attachment 2: Technical Amendments

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Regulations to be Rescinded

Chapter 950 - Schedule 23 (XXIII) - Prohibited Turns

| Intersection or Portion of Highway | Direction | Turns Prohibited | Times and/or Days |
|--|------------|------------------|---|
| Dufferin Street and Livingstone Avenue | Southbound | Left | 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays |
| Bathurst Street and Wembley Road | Northbound | Left | 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays |
| Bathurst Street and Wembley Road | Southbound | Right | 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri. (bicycles excepted) |
| Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue | Northbound | Left | 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |

Chapter 950 - Schedule 24 (XXIV) - Compulsory Turns

| Highway Being Entered | Highway from which Vehicle Enters | Highway Not To Be Entered |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Eglinton Avenue West | The southerly leg Old Forest Hill Road | The northerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |

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| Bathurst Street and Wembley Road | Southbound | Right | 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri. (bicycles excepted) |
| Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue | Northbound | Left | 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |
| Old Forest Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue | Westbound | Right | 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |
| Dewbourne Avenue and Chiltern Hill Road | Northbound | Left | Anytime |
| Dewbourne Avenue and Chiltern Hill Road | Southbound | Right | Anytime |
| Dewbourne Avenue and Richview Avenue | Northbound | Left | Anytime |
| Spadina Road and Old Forest Hill Road | Northbound | Left | 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |
| Strathearn Road and Bathurst Street | Northbound | Left | 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |
| Camberwell Road and Eglinton Avenue West | Northbound | Left | 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |

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| Chiltern Hill Road and Eglinton Avenue West | Northbound | Left | 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |

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| Chiltern Hill Rd | The easterly leg of Dewbourne Avenue | The westerly leg of Dewbourne Avenue, anytime |
| Richview Avenue | The easterly leg of Dewbourne Avenue | The westerly leg of Dewbourne Avenue, anytime |
| Spadina Road | The easterly leg of Old Forest Hill Road | The westerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |
| Bathurst Street | The easterly leg of Burton Road | The westerly leg of Strathearn Road, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (bicycles excepted) |

Attachment 2: Technical Amendments

Regulations to be rescinded

Chapter 950 - Schedule 19 (XIX) - One-Way Traffic Lanes

| Highway | Between | Lanes | Time and/or Days | Direction |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Eglinton Avenue West | William R. Allen Road Northbound Ramp and a point 85 metres east | 2 Northerly Westbound | Anytime | Westbound right-turning |

Chapter 950 - Schedule 18 (XVIII) - One-Way Highways

| Highway | Between | Times and/or Days | Direction |
|------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|
| Dewbourne Avenue | Bathurst Street and Peveril Hill North | Anytime | Westbound |

Regulations to be enacted

Chapter 950 - Schedule 3 (III) - Prohibited Pedestrian Crossings

| Highway | Location |
|----------------------|---|
| Eglinton Avenue West | Between the west curb line of William R. Allen Road Southbound Ramp and a point 52.5 metres east the west curb line of William R. Allen Road Southbound Ramp |
| Eglinton Avenue West | Between the east curb line of the William R. Allen Road Northbound Ramp and a point 30.5 metres west of the west curb line of the William R. Allen Road Northbound Ramp |

Chapter 950 - Schedule 19 (XIX) - One-Way Traffic Lanes

| Highway | Between | Lanes | Times and/or Days | Direction |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Eglinton Avenue West | William R. Allen Road Northbound Ramp and Glenarden Road | 2 Northerly Westbound | Anytime | Westbound right-turning |
| Eglinton Avenue West | William R. Allen Road Northbound Ramp and a point 85 metres west | 2 Northerly Eastbound | Anytime | Eastbound left-turning |

Chapter 950 - Schedule 23 (XXIII) - Prohibited Turns

| Intersection or Portion of Highway | Direction | Turns Prohibited | Times and/or Days |
|---|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Eglinton Avenue West and a point 77 metres east of Park Hill Road (Eglinton West Station west driveway) | Eastbound | Left | Anytime (Buses Excepted) |
| Eglinton Avenue West and a point 77 metres east of Park Hill Road (Eglinton West Station west driveway) | Westbound | Right | Anytime (Buses Excepted) |
| Eglinton Avenue West and a point 63 metres east of William R. Allen Road northbound on-ramp (Parking lot driveway at 1250 Eglinton Avenue West) | Southbound | Left | Anytime |

Chapter 950 - Schedule 25 (XXV) - Entry Prohibited

| Highway Not To Be Entered | From | Prohibited Times and/or Days |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| Eglinton West Station east driveway, the north side of Eglinton Avenue West at a point approximately 137 metres east of Park Hill Road | Eglinton Avenue West (eastbound and westbound) | Anytime |

Chapter 950 - Schedule 18 (XVIII) - One-Way Highways

| Highway | Between | Times and/or Days | Direction |
|------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|
| Dewbourne Avenue | Peveiril Hill North and the lane first west of Bathurst Street | Anytime | Westbound |