

On-Street Accessible Loading Zone - Lake Shore Boulevard West between Royal York Road and Lake Crescent

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 3, Etobicoke Lakeshore

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to designate an on-street accessible loading zone on the north side of Lake Shore Boulevard West, east of Royal York Road. The on-street accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access to TTC Wheel-Trans service for a resident of Lake Shore Boulevard West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate at all times, on the north side of Lake Shore Boulevard West, between a point 104 metres east of Royal York Road and a point 9 metres further east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$500.00. Funding is available in the Transportation Services interim 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor, on behalf of a local resident, to review the feasibility of establishing an on-street accessible loading zone on the north side of Lake Shore Boulevard West, east of Royal York Road.

Existing Conditions

Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Royal York Road and Lake Crescent, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, major arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 20 metres
- The legal speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- TTC service is provided by the 501 Queen and 507 Long Branch streetcars
- Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of Lake Shore Boulevard
- Separated bidirectional cycle track is located on the south side of Lake Shore Boulevard

The parking regulations on Lake Shore Boulevard between Royal York Road and Lake Crescent are as follows:

South Side

- No Stopping Anytime

North Side

- Unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking

Proposed Changes

Transportation Services provides designated on-street accessible loading zones as a convenience for people with physical impairments, disabilities and/or for those who transport them, making it easier for them to locate and find a pick-up/drop-off space, as near as possible to their residence or intended destinations and reduce the distances that the person with the physical impairment or disability must walk.

The resident requesting the on-street accessible loading zone is regularly transported by TTC Wheel-Trans, as confirmed by the TTC. The designation of an on-street accessible loading zone will result in the loss of one parking space. The on-street accessible loading zone may be used by TTC Wheel-Trans or any vehicle displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in the pick-up or drop-off of a person with accessibility requirements. As such, this installation is recommended and will have minimal impact on local traffic or parking operations.

A map of the area and proposed accessible loading zone is included in Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Accessible Loading Zone - Lake Shore Boulevard West

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