

U-Turn Prohibitions - Lake Shore Boulevard West

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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 recommending that U-turns be prohibited on Lakeshore Boulevard West, between Legion Road and a point 113 metres west. The proposed prohibition is intended to deter vehicles from making unsafe U-turns at the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard West and Legion Road and west of the intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit westbound U-turn movements at all times on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Legion Road and a point 113 metres west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$400.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from numerous area residents, to review U-turn concerns at Lake Shore Boulevard West and Legion Road. As a result, Transportation Services is recommending the implementation of a U-turn prohibition on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Legion Road and a point 113 metres west. This change is aimed to improve traffic safety reducing potential collisions with westbound U-turning vehicles.

Existing Conditions

Lake Shore Boulevard 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 18.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by bus route 80 and streetcar routes 301, 501, 507, 508.
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use in the area consists of a commercial storage facility, multi-story condominiums and townhouses.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Turn Prohibition

Collision history provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending January 31, 2025, disclosed that 6 reported collisions occurred near this intersection involving westbound U-turning vehicles. These collisions are considered potentially preventable by the installation of a westbound U-turn prohibition.

Transportation Services is recommending that westbound U-turn movements be prohibited at all times on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Legion Road and a point 113 metres west. This prohibition is expected to reduce traffic conflicts, collisions with U-turning vehicles and improve overall safety in the subject section of Lake Shore Boulevard West.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - U-Turn Prohibition - Lake Shore Boulevard West

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