

Lane Designation – Kipling Avenue at Steeles Avenue West

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 1 – Etobicoke North

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Kipling Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to recommend that the easterly northbound curb lane on Kipling Avenue, from Steeles Avenue West to a point 30.5 metres south, be designated for northbound right turns only. The proposed lane designation will clearly define lane usage and mitigate any potential vehicular conflicts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council designate the easterly northbound lane on Kipling Avenue, between Steeles Avenue West and a point 30.5 metres south, for northbound right turns only, buses excepted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for designating an exclusive right turn lane will be \$1000.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services' 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff recently reviewed the operation of the northbound lanes on Kipling Avenue in the area of Steeles Avenue West. On the south leg of the

intersection there are two northbound lanes, however on the north side of the intersection there is a single receiving lane. Our most recent studies recorded approximately 200 vehicles travelling northbound straight through on Kipling Avenue over our 8-hour study, while approximately 1900 vehicles turned right. Our observations indicate that the northbound curb lane typically operates as an exclusive right turn lane. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Existing Conditions

Kipling Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, north-south major arterial roadway south of Steeles Avenue West
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 20 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 15,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 45 & 945 Kipling bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Steeles Avenue West 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 22 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 38,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 60 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 60 & 960 Steeles bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Currently it is not illegal for a motorist to proceed straight through the intersection from the curb lane, potentially resulting in motorists requiring to merge within the intersection. Therefore, it is recommended that the northbound curb lane on Kipling Avenue, south of Steeles Avenue West, be designated exclusively for right-turning vehicles, buses excepted, to clearly define lane usage and mitigate any potential vehicular conflicts.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Lane Designation - Kipling Avenue & Steels Avenue

