

U-turn Prohibition - Botham Road

Date: December 18, 2024

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 18 – Willowdale

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit southbound and northbound U-turn movements at all times on Botham Road, between Stuart Avenue and a point 80 metres south.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council prohibit southbound and northbound U-turn movements at all times on Botham Road, between Stuart Avenue and a point 80 metres south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is \$1000. Funding is anticipated to be available within 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 St. Edward Catholic School, to review the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on Botham Road in the vicinity of the school due to safety concerns.

Existing Conditions

Botham Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north/south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 340 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There is a sidewalk located on the west side of the street

The land use in the area consists of detached residential dwellings and St. Edward Catholic School is located at the south limit of Botham Road. Botham Road between 1 Botham Road and Franklin Avenue is a designated Community Safety Zone.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff on November 21, 2024, from 2:30PM to 3:30PM revealed seven U-turns on Botham Road south of Stuart Avenue during the afternoon dismissal period. All the U-turns were completed by parents picking up their children. In some instances, other motorists were required to stop for the U-turning vehicle in order to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity in front of the school, U-turns are not desirable in this sensitive school area.

Proposed Changes

Based on Transportation Services review of this matter, it is recommended that southbound and northbound U-turn movements be prohibited at all times on Botham Road, between Stuart Avenue and a point 80 metres south. The proposed prohibitions will enhance traffic operations and safety in the school area.

A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - U-Turn Prohibition - Botham Road

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