

U-Turn Prohibition - Manse Road

Date: March 18, 2025

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

SUMMARY

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

This report recommends a U-turn prohibition on Manse Road, between Hainford Street and Deanscroft Square. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of Manse Road, located adjacent to Joseph Brant Public School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Manse Road, between Hainford Street and Deanscroft Square.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is approximately \$1,500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request from the Councillor's office, Transportation Services staff were requested to conduct a school safety zone investigation on the section of Manse Road, between Hainford Street and Deanscroft Square, adjacent to Joseph Brant Public School. After completing the investigation, Transportation Services recommended prohibiting U-turns on this section of Manse Road, to improve safety.

Existing Conditions

Manse Road, between Hainford Street and Deanscroft Square, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south collector road
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9.8 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume varies from approximately 3,900 to 5,400 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided by 86 Scarborough bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- There is a pedestrian crossover (PXO) located at a point 80 metres south of Hainford Street

This section of Manse Road is located within a designated Community Safety Zone and a school crossing guard operates at the pedestrian crossover location during the school drop-off, lunch, and pick-up hours. The adjacent land use in the area consists of single-family, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings, and Joseph Brant Public School.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed U-Turn Prohibition

Joseph Brant Public School utilizes this section of Manse Road for student pick-ups and drop-offs. During a site investigation carried out on November 6, 2024, Transportation Services observed four vehicles during the school pick-up time performing a three-point turn manoeuvre on Manse Road, between Hainford Street and Deanscroft Square. This area of Manse Road includes a slight vertical curve and heavy trucks are permitted at all times which poses a potential safety concern when motorists make three-point turns and manoeuvres. Additionally, this behaviour disrupts traffic operations on this section of the road. Prohibiting U-turns for northbound and southbound traffic in this section of Manse Road will enhance safety for all road users by reducing the risk of vehicle collisions and enabling enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed U-Turn Prohibition - Manse Road, between Hainford Street and Deanscroft Square

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