

## **Lane Designation – McNicoll Avenue at Morningside Avenue**

**Date:** October 3, 2025

**To:** Scarborough Community Council

**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 23, Scarborough North

### **SUMMARY**

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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 designate the eastbound curb lane on McNicoll Avenue, between Morningside Avenue and a point 30.5 metres southwest, for right-turns only. The lane designation will clearly define the traffic lane usage, enhance the traffic signal operation and mitigate any potential vehicular conflicts.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Scarborough Community Council designate the southerly eastbound lane on McNicoll Avenue, between Morningside Avenue and a point 30.5 metres southwest, for right-turns only at all times.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost for designating the right turn lane will be \$1,500.00. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On June 10, 11 and 12, 2015, City Council designated the westerly northbound lane on Morningside Avenue, between McNicoll Avenue/Oasis Boulevard and a point 30.5 metres south, for northbound left turns only and the easterly northbound lane on Morningside Avenue, between McNicoll Avenue/Oasis Boulevard and a point 30.5 metres south, for northbound right turns only. The City Council decision can be found at:

[Agenda Item History - 2015.SC6.9](#)

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services staff received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to designate the southerly eastbound curb lane on McNicoll Avenue, approaching Morningside Avenue, for the exclusive use of right-turning vehicles.

### **Existing Conditions**

McNicoll Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, minor arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 18.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 16,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided within the study segment
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Oasis Boulevard is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a generally a two-lane, north-south, collector roadway
- It widens and shifts to an east-west orientation at the approach to Morningside Avenue, becoming a five-lane roadway with two eastbound and three westbound lanes
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9 metres, which widens to approximately 18.5 metres at the approach to Morningside Avenue
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 8,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided in the eastbound direction only by the 133, 939C, and 953 buses
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- The two eastbound lanes departing the Morningside Avenue intersection merge to become a single lane, approximately 45 metres downstream

Morningside Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, north-south, minor arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 16 metres for both directions with a raised grass median in the middle that is approximately 9 metres wide
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 13,400 vehicles
- The speed limit is 60 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided in the northbound direction only by the 133, 939C, and 953 buses
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Morningside Avenue and McNicoll Avenue/Oasis Boulevard intersect to form a "T" type intersection and is controlled by traffic control signals

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1, which includes locations of the proposed signs and pavement markings.

### **Proposed Lane Designation**

A one-hour traffic study was conducted on April 19, 2025, during the morning peak period for the eastbound curb lane on McNicoll Avenue, west of Morningside Avenue, to assess the lane utilization. The count revealed that 375 vehicles turned right and only one vehicle proceeded through, indicating that almost 100 percent of the traffic in this lane turned right onto Morningside Avenue.

Based on the existing lane configuration, the high percentage of eastbound traffic in the curb lane turning right onto Morningside Avenue, and the fact that the two receiving lanes on Oasis Boulevard merge into one lane approximately 45 metres downstream of the intersection, it is recommended that the southerly eastbound curb lane on McNicoll Avenue, west of Morningside Avenue, be designated exclusively for right turning motorists only.

The adoption of the traffic by-law regulations identified in this report is expected to improve safety for all road users by minimizing vehicular turning conflicts, thereby improving traffic operations and flow at the west approach on McNicoll Avenue as well as at the intersection exit onto Oasis Boulevard.

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Lane Designation - McNicoll Avenue at Morningside Avenue

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