

## **Vehicle Width Restriction - Lane south of Bloor Street West, Shaw Street to Ossington Avenue**

**Date:** May 20, 2025

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 11, University-Rosedale

### **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 seeking authority to prohibit vehicles greater than two metres in width from travelling on the first lane south of Bloor Street West, between Shaw Street and Ossington Avenue. Prohibiting vehicles which have a width of two metres or more from travelling on the subject lane section would be beneficial in reducing the incidence of damage to the surrounding private properties.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit vehicles over two metres in width from travelling on the first lane south of Bloor Street West, between Roxton Road and Shaw Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit vehicles over two metres in width from travelling on the first lane south of Bloor Street West, between Ossington Avenue and Roxton Road.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the installation are approximately \$1,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services investigated concerns raised by property owners regarding the first lane south of Bloor Street West, between Shaw Street and Ossington Avenue. Residents reported that large vehicles using the public laneway are causing damages to properties by scraping concrete walls and damaging electrical cables.

The vehicle width restriction will help reduce potential incidences of damaging private properties.

Staff undertook a site investigation on March 18, 2025, at approximately 2:00 p.m. and observed damage to exterior walls and fences of adjacent properties.

Given the relatively narrow width of the lane section and the potential for damage to abutting properties from large vehicles, Transportation Services is recommending a two-metre maximum vehicle width restriction be implemented for this lane segment.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Vehicle Width Restriction - Lane South Bloor East  
Ossington and Lane South Bloor West Shaw

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