

Temporary Adjustments to Traffic By-Law Regulations on Westmount Avenue, between Amherst Avenue and Rogers Road

Date: October 3, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's

SUMMARY

Construction for Contract Number 23ECS-MI-03FS for the Fairbank Silverthorn Basement Flooding Protection Project Contract 4, is underway. Due to the construction of shafts required for deep and large diameter storm sewer to be installed by microtunnelling, Westmount Avenue will be closed between Martin Street and Genesee Avenue for the duration of the works.

Westmount Avenue currently operates as one-way southbound street. To improve traffic flow in the area and provide affected residents a route out of the proposed road closure, Westmount Avenue will be temporarily converted to two-way traffic operations, between Amherst Avenue and Rogers Road. Due to this temporary change, additional stop control will be required to effectively assign right-of-way at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Amherst Avenue, and at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Genesee Avenue. The proposed amendments to the traffic by-law regulations are being introduced in alignment with the planned construction timeline, which is scheduled to begin in November 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by approximately April 2026, with restoration and re-opening of the intersections by June 2026.

In view of the above, Transportation Services is requesting authorization to temporarily convert Westmount Avenue, between Amherst Avenue and Rogers Road to two-way traffic operation. Furthermore, authorization is being requested to temporarily introduce compulsory stop control for northbound and southbound traffic at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Amherst Avenue, and additional compulsory stop control for northbound traffic at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Genesee Avenue in order to efficiently assign right-of-way while Westmount Avenue operates as a two-way street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council temporarily rescind the existing one-way southbound traffic designation on Westmount Avenue, between Amherst Avenue and Rogers Road.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize a compulsory stop control for northbound and southbound traffic at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Amherst Avenue.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize a compulsory stop control for northbound traffic at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Genessee Avenue.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council direct that Westmount Avenue be returned to its pre-construction traffic and parking regulations (except with parking rates and hours of operation being consistent to the rates and hours of operation at the time of completion) when the project is complete.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included in the 2025 Approved Capital Budget and 2025-2032 Approved Capital Plan for Toronto Water under the Basement Flooding Relief Account Code

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on September 17, 2024, adopted item GG16.7, entitled "Award of 2 Contracts of Tender Doc 4377242742 to Drainstar Contracting Ltd. and GIP Paving Inc. for Construction Services and Amendment of Professional Services During Construction Purchase Order No. 6052519 with CH2M Hill Canada Ltd. for the Fairbank Silverthorn Basement Flooding Protection Project."

[Agenda Item History - 2024.GG16.7](#)

COMMENTS

Engineering and Construction Services has advised Transportation Services that a portion of Westmount Avenue, between Martin Street and Genessee Avenue, will have long term road closures due to construction of mining shafts for the Fairbank Silverthorn Basement Flooding Protection Project. Westmount Avenue is currently designated as a one-way southbound roadway. Temporarily, modifying its operations to allow for two-way traffic is expected to mitigate congestion and improve traffic circulation in the

surrounding area, particularly in response to the anticipated impacts associated with the road closure due to construction of deep shafts for facilitating construction of a storm sewer. To safely convert Westmount Avenue to a two-way street, the implementation of new temporary stop control is required at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Amherst Avenue, and at the intersection of Westmount Avenue and Genesee Avenue for which Council approval is required.

A map of the area is shown in Attachment 1.

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

CONTACT

Nathan Sham, Manager, Work Zone Construction Coordination, Transportation Services, 416-338-5397, Nathan.Sham@toronto.ca

Ajay Puri, Manager, Major Tunnels, Engineering and Construction Services, 416-392-5652, Ajay.Puri@toronto.ca

SIGNATURE

Roger Browne, M.A.Sc., P. Eng.
Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Proposed Traffic Conversion of Westmount Avenue and Required Stop Control

Attachment 1: Proposed Traffic Conversion of Westmount Avenue and Required Stop Control

