

## **All-Way Stop Control - Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square**

**Date:** October 3, 2025

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

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

**Wards:** Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

### **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 install all-way stop control at the intersection of Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square. Based on the assessment undertaken, the installation of all-way stop control is recommended and should enhance safety for all road users.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize all-way compulsory stop control at the intersection of Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated costs associated with the proposed amendment is \$20,500.00. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On May 21, 22 and 23, 2002, City Council adopted Clause No. 37 of Report No. 7 (Proposed Intersection Modifications - Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square), approving the realignment of the intersection of Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square, narrowing and channelizing the eastbound right turn movement, to be delivered in coordination with planned road work in 2003.

## **COMMENTS**

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At the request of local residents, Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of installing all-way stop control at the intersection of Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square.

### **Existing Conditions**

Adelaide Street West is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, east-west, collector roadway
- It operates one-way eastbound traffic on a pavement width of approximately 5.7 metres
- The daily one-way eastbound traffic volume is approximately 670 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- There is a shared eastbound cycling facility

Portugal Square is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates one-way southbound traffic on a pavement width of approximately 6.9 metres
- The daily one-way southbound traffic volume is approximately 350 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

These two streets intersect to form a "T" type intersection, with right-of-way controlled by a stop sign for southbound traffic on Portugal Square. Eastbound motorists on Adelaide Street West operate with a channelized, free-flow condition for right turning motorists.

The adjacent land use in this area is generally residential. Nearby pedestrian generators include St. Mary Catholic School, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and St. Felix Centre, which may attract vulnerable road users to this intersection.

The closest forms of north-south pedestrian crossing protection are stop controls, located approximately 125 metres to the east, at Adelaide Street West and Bathurst Street, and 90 metres to the west, at Adelaide Street West and Tecumseth Street.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

## Study Results

In order for all-way stop control to be warranted at an intersection established criteria must be satisfied. The warrants consist of four components, including collision history, total vehicle volume, combined vehicle and pedestrian volumes crossing the major road and the percentage of traffic on the major road.

Collision history provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending July 31, 2025, disclosed that one reported collision occurred at this intersection. This collision did not involve a pedestrian and was not considered potentially preventable by the installation of all-way stop control.

Transportation Services conducted an all-way stop control study on July 28, 2025, at the subject intersection. The results of the study were evaluated against the warrant criteria for all-way stop control as adopted by City Council. The evaluation is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: All-Way Stop Control Study at Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square

| No. | Warrant Type  | Actual   | Required | Satisfied (Yes/No) |
|-----|---|----------|----------|--------------------|
| A   | Number of Potentially Preventable Collisions (August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2025) | 0        | 9        | No                 |
| B1  | Average Vehicle Volumes   | 253/hour | 375/hour | No                 |
| B2  | Combined Vehicle & Pedestrian Volumes Crossing Major Road (Average)             | 78/hour  | 150/hour | No                 |
| B3  | Percentage of Traffic on Major Street   | 75%      | ≤70%     | No                 |

In order for all-way stop control to be technically warranted, either Warrant A must be met, or Warrant B1 or B2 combined with Warrant B3 must be achieved. Based on the study results, the technical warrants for the installation of all-way stop control are not satisfied.

Notwithstanding the numeric warrants not being met, in view of the concerns for vulnerable road user safety and connectivity to nearby pedestrian generators in this section of Adelaide Street West, Transportation Services further considered the installation of all-way stop control on Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square for the following reasons:

- The intersection functions as a key connection point and desire line for pedestrians and cyclists between nearby residential areas and important community destinations, including St. Mary Catholic School, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the St. Felix Centre, and transit services on Bathurst Street.
- Existing road geometry and alignment may limit visibility of other road users. All-way stop control would require vehicles to come to a complete stop, mitigating risks from limited sightlines.

Based on the above reasons, it is recommended that all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Adelaide Street West and Portugal Square.

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - All-Way Stop Control - Portugal Square and Adelaide Street West

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