

## **King Street East - Passenger Loading Zone**

**Date:** November 10, 2025

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

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

**Wards:** Ward 13, Toronto Centre

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is recommending that the existing taxicab stand on the south side of King Street East, east of Ontario Street, be changed to a passenger loading zone. The proposed amendment will better suit the current needs of the street, accommodating shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off for the Globe and Mail located at 351 King Street East. This change will have minimal impacts on local traffic and parking operations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. City Council rescind the existing taxicab stand in effect at all times, except 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of King Street East, between a point 14.5 metres east of Ontario Street and a point 20 metres further east.
2. City Council designate a passenger loading zone to be in effect at all times, except 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of King Street East, between a point 14.5 metres east of Ontario Street and a point 20 metres further east.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$800.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On November 8 and 9, 2016, City Council adopted Item TE19.53 (Parking Amendments - King Street East) approving the relocation of the existing taxicab stand on the south side of King Street East as a result of a TTC stop relocation. The City Council decision can be found at:

[Agenda Item History - 2016.TE19.53](#)

On February 3, 1992, the former City of Toronto Council adopted Clause No. 34 of Report No. 3 (Designation of a Stand for Three Taxicabs - South side of King Street East at the Entrance to 333 King Street East) approving the installation of three taxicab spaces to operate at anytime, except from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, to provide better accessibility to and from the subject building.

## **COMMENTS**

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The Globe and Mail office is located at 351 King Street East, just west of Berkeley Street, and provides a shuttle service for their staff. The local Business Improvement Area (BIA), on behalf of the Globe and Mail and in consultation with the Ward Councillor, expressed concerns regarding the lack adequate space for shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off operation in this area. The local BIA requested that the existing taxicab stand on the south side of King Street East, east of Ontario Street, be changed to a passenger loading zone to accommodate shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off for the Globe and Mail.

### **Existing Conditions**

King Street East, between Ontario Street and Berkeley Street, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, major arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 12.8 metres
- Streetcar tracks operate in the median lanes on a shared right-of way with general traffic
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 3,200 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h

- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 503 Kingston Road streetcar, 504 King streetcar and 304 King night streetcar
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on King Street East, within the subject section, are as follows

### **North side**

- No stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Berkeley Street and a point 37.8 metres west
- No stopping anytime, between a point 37.8 metres west of Berkeley Street and a point 57.4 metres further west
- No stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and parking machines, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, between a point 95.2 metres west of Berkeley Street and Ontario Street
- Three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

### **South side**

- No stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Berkeley Street to a point 67.5 metres west and from a point 80 metres west of Berkeley Street to Ontario Street
- No stopping anytime, between a point 67.5 metres west of Berkeley Street and a point 12.5 metres further west
- Taxicab stand anytime, except the morning and afternoon stopping prohibition times, between a point 14.5 metres east of Ontario Street and a point 20 metres further east
- Parking machines, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, between a point 34.5 metres east of Ontario Street and a point 80 metres west of Berkeley Street
- Three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

### **Proposed Changes**

The proposed passenger loading zone will replace the existing taxicab stand located on the south side of King Street East, east of Ontario Street. The passenger loading zone will accommodate the Globe and Mail's shuttle bus and will continue to operate at all times outside the current weekday peak period times. This passenger loading zone can be used by any motor vehicle undertaking passenger pick-up and drop-off activities. This change will not result in a loss of any on-street parking spaces. Accordingly, this installation will have minimal impact on the public right-of-way, local traffic and parking operations. Under this regulation motorists can legally pick-up/drop-off passengers only. Parking will not be allowed in this area.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Passenger Loading Zone - King Street East

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