

February 19, 2025

Councillor Chris Moise and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council
City of Toronto
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**RE: TE20.40 - TRANSIT PRIORITY MEASURES TO SUPPORT STREETCAR SERVICE
DIVERSIONS DURING KING STREET EAST AND CHURCH STREET INTERSECTION
CLOSURES**

The Toronto Financial District BIA would like to extend our appreciation to City Council, Transportation Services staff, and the TTC for identifying measures to mitigate the impact of diverting the 503 Kingston Road, 504 King and 508 Lake Shore streetcars onto Adelaide and Richmond during the capital work scheduled at the King and Church Street intersection this summer. These diversions, coinciding with the 501 Queen streetcar diversion, will result in approximately 25 streetcars per hour on Richmond and Adelaide Streets.

Adelaide Street from York to Yonge Streets is the primary or only access to the parking and service entrances of several commercial properties, including Richmond-Adelaide Centre, First Canadian Place, Exchange Tower, Scotia Plaza, Bay Adelaide Centre, and St. Regis Hotel. These two blocks include access to six parking garages and five loading docks. Two of these loading docks (First Canadian Place and Scotia Plaza) are elevator loading docks, which require trucks to queue for access. The south curb lane of Adelaide Street between York and Yonge Streets has been designated for truck queuing and loading to support these properties. The proposed transit priority measures on this section of Adelaide would eliminate truck queuing and loading entirely, effectively crippling the operations of several high-volume commercial properties in the Financial District.

Additionally, the eastern curb lane of York Street is used for loading for several small businesses between Adelaide and Richmond Streets. Eliminating stopping on this section of York Street would be detrimental to these business' operations.

Due to severity of these impacts in the Financial District, we request that the City deny the following proposed changes.

Proposed to be Rescinded

- Commercial Loading Zone: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 24 metres east of York Street to Sheppard Street, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Commercial Loading Zone: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 73.5 metres east of Bay Street to a point 65 metres west of Yonge Street, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- No parking: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 24 metres east of York Street to a point 68 metres west of Bay Street, Anytime.
- No parking: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 30.5 metres east of Bay Street to a point 30.5 metres west of Yonge Street, Anytime.
- No parking: York Street (East side): Adelaide Street West to a point 20.5 metres north, Anytime.
- No stopping: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 24 metres east of York Street to a point 68 metres west of Bay Street, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri., except public holidays.

- No stopping: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 30.5 metres east of Bay Street to a point 30.5 metres west of Yonge Street, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri., except public holidays.
- No stopping: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 68 metres west of Bay Street to a point 30.5 metres east of Bay Street, Anytime.
- No stopping: Adelaide Street West (South side): Yonge Street to a point 30.5 metres west, Anytime.
- No stopping: York Street (East side): A point 14.5 metres south of Piper Lane to a point 30.5 metres south of Richmond Street West, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays.
- No stopping: York Street (East side): A point 30.5 metres south of Richmond Street West to a point 23 metres north of Richmond Street West, Anytime.
- No stopping: York Street (East side): Queen Street West to a point 37.5 metres south, Anytime.

Proposed to be Enacted

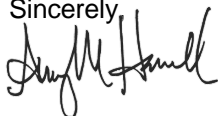
- No parking: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 30.5 metres west of York Street to Yonge Street, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- No stopping: Adelaide Street West (South side): A point 30.5 metres west of York Street to Yonge Street, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- No stopping: York Street (Both sides): Adelaide Street West to Queen Street West, Anytime.
 - [change to "West side"]

We continue to support the existing rush hour restrictions on Adelaide Street and York Street.

We are committed to working with Transportation Services and the TTC on identifying other opportunities to mitigate the impact of these diversions while maintaining our stakeholders' ability to continue property operations with minimal disruption. Meetings last week generated several ideas that are under review by Transportation Services, and we will continue to work with City and TTC staff to address these concerns.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 849-3856 or aharrell@torontofinancialdistrict.com.

Sincerely,



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