

Lane Designation – Lake Shore Boulevard West at Silver Moon Drive

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Lake Shore Boulevard West, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to recommend that the southerly eastbound curb lane on Lake Shore Boulevard West, from Silver Moon Drive to a point 30.5 metres west, be designated for eastbound right turns only. The proposed lane designation will clearly define lane usage and mitigate any potential vehicular conflicts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council designate the southerly eastbound lane on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Silver Moon Drive and a point 30.5 metres west, for eastbound right turns only.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for designating an exclusive right turn lane will be \$3000.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services' 2026 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff recently reviewed the operation of the eastbound lanes on Lake Shore Boulevard West, in the area of Silver Moon Drive. Currently, eastbound traffic is reduced from three lanes to two lanes mid-block between Shore Breeze Drive and Silver Moon Drive, at which time this area transitions to a wide curb lane and painted urban shoulder until east of Silver Moon Drive in which a designated bike lane is present. Observations conducted of motorist behaviour, indicate confusion between motorists in which some motorists utilize the curb lane and the urban shoulder to bypass through traffic while other remain in the lane currently designated for through/right turning traffic. Our most recent studies recorded approximately 5800 vehicles travelling eastbound straight though on Lake Shore Boulevard over our 8-hour study, while approximately 570 vehicles turned right. Designating the eastbound right turn lane at Shore Breeze Drive and amending the pavement markings west of this intersection will reduce confusion and conflicts for eastbound traffic in the area.

A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Existing Conditions

Lake Shore Boulevard West is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west major arterial roadway at the subject intersection
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 19.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 11,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 66 & 80 bus, 501,507,508 streetcar
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Silver Moon Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9.0 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,500 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

Currently due to the curb lane being extra wide in conjunction with the painted urban shoulder at the subject intersection, some vehicles are utilizing this space as a right turn lane. Therefore, it is recommended that eastbound pavement markings be amended to create a designated eastbound right turn lane at Silver Moon Drive and eliminating the midblock lane reduction between Shore Breeze Drive and Silver Moon Drive. This will better utilize road width while clearly defining lane usage and mitigate any potential vehicular conflicts.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Lane Designation - Lake Shore Boulevard West & Silver Moon Drive

