

Investigation of Turn Prohibition - Maple Leaf Drive and Jane Street

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 5 - York South-Weston

SUMMARY

On May 26, 2026, Etobicoke York Community Council directed Transportation Services to investigate the feasibility of implementing a left-turn prohibition from Jane Street onto Maple Leaf Drive during peak traffic periods, and report back at its meeting on July 7, 2026.

The purpose of this report is to summarize the investigation conducted about this matter as part of the Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan, completed in April 2026, and to outline the impact a prohibition on Jane Street to the Maple Leaf and Rustic neighbourhoods.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Jane Street and Maple Leaf Drive, City Council approval would be required for turn prohibitions. Turn prohibitions at this location are not supported by staff due to neighbourhood impacts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On May 26, 2026, Etobicoke York Community Council requested an investigation of the feasibility of a southbound left-turn prohibition at Jane Street and Maple Leaf Drive.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.EY32.21>

On April 29, 2026, Etobicoke York Community Council approved changes recommended through the final report of the Maple Leaf and Rustic Streets Plan.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.EY31.11>

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.EY31.12>

On February 5, 2020 Etobicoke York Community Council requested a study of the Maple Leaf and Rustic neighbourhoods to address traffic infiltration, vehicular volume, and speed as well as pedestrian and cyclist safety, with consideration of the St. Fidelis Catholic Elementary School relocation.

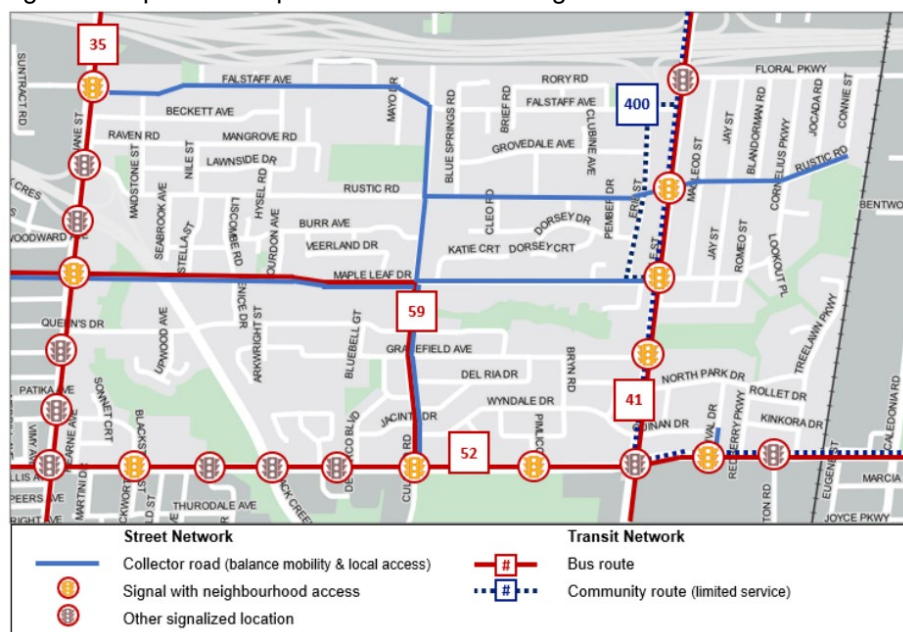
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COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Etobicoke York Community Council, on behalf of area residents, to prohibit southbound left-turn movements during the peak periods at the intersection of Jane Street and Maple Leaf Drive to minimize cut-through traffic.

Residents of the Maple Leaf and Rustic neighbourhood have raised concerns about non-local traffic entering the neighbourhood from intersections along Jane Street and traveling through to Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West. Through traffic patterns and options to manage them were studied extensively through the Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan (toronto.ca/MapleLeafRusticStreets). The study identified that there are three intersections along Jane Street where it is possible to travel east-west into and out of the neighbourhood from or onto Jane Street: Maple Leaf Drive, Falstaff Avenue and Queens Drive. Figure 1 is a map of the area street network.

Figure 1 Map of the Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan area



The feasibility of introducing new turn prohibitions at these three intersections of Jane Street was investigated as part of the Streets Plan, including a potential prohibition of the southbound left-turn from Jane Street onto Maple Leaf Drive.

The Streets Plan found that implementing a southbound left-turn prohibition from Jane Street to Maple Leaf Drive is not advisable at any time of day. A prohibition would apply to all traffic at the intersection. Therefore, a left-turn prohibition would negatively impact access for local residents to their homes, for employees and visitors to local destinations such as schools, places of worship, and for service providers of home-based services. It is estimated that even at peak times, approximately 90% or more of trips made on Maple Leaf Drive at peak times are these types of local trips based on a license plate survey conducted in June 2023.

Neighbourhood Impacts of a New Turn Prohibition

Prohibiting southbound left-turns at the intersection of Jane Street and Maple Leaf Drive would result in motor vehicle traffic diverting to Falstaff Avenue or Queens Drive. The volume of southbound left-turn vehicles is 240 vehicles during the AM peak hour, 190 vehicles during the PM peak hour and 1,240 vehicles over eight hours based on an eight-hour turning movement count conducted October 29, 2024.

There are schools located on these streets that would be affected by an increase of traffic: St. Fidelis Catholic School is located at 155 Falstaff Avenue, and Chaminade College is located at 490 Queens Drive. Queens Drive also connects to Gracefield Avenue where there are 3 schools: Amesbury Middle School at 201 Gracefield Avenue, Gracefield Public School at 177 Gracefield Avenue, and St. Francis Xavier Catholic School at 53 Gracefield Avenue.

Concerns about excessive motor vehicle traffic near schools during drop-off and pick-up hours were raised as a key community concern during the public consultation in the Streets Plan process.

On Maple Leaf Drive, daily volume ranges from 4,080 and 6,900 vehicles between Jane Street and Keele Street. On Falstaff Avenue, daily volume ranges from 2,990 to 6,530 vehicles and on Queens Drive, there are approximately 1,610 vehicles per day. These volumes are generally within the expected maximums based on road classification.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Management and Public Consultation

The Streets Plan investigated other options to manage motor vehicle traffic volume and driver behaviour on neighbourhood streets including street direction changes (one-way streets), traffic calming with speed humps and speed cushions, and supporting active transportation options to reduce reliance on motor vehicle travel for short trips. Traffic calming (speed humps or cushions) on Maple Leaf Drive and Falstaff Avenue remains a feasible option to encourage compliance with speed limits, which may make the route less attractive to non-local traffic. Speed humps are in use on Queens Drive.

Community feedback from three phases of consultations and a Local Advisory Committee from November 2023 to December 2025 demonstrated a lack of support for

proposed direction changes (one-way streets) and mixed reactions to proposed traffic calming (speed humps or cushions). Residents emphasized a desire to focus on congestion management on the arterial roads to encourage non-local traffic to remain on arterial roads rather than introducing changes on neighbourhood streets.

All public consultation material is available on the project website:

[toronto.ca/mapleleafrusticstreets.](https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.EY31.11)

The Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighborhood Streets Plan final report is available at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.EY31.11>.

Staff **do not support** the installation of a southbound left-turn prohibition from Jane Street to Maple Leaf. Traffic calming (speed humps or cushions) remain an option to encourage compliance with speed limits, which may make the route less attractive to non-local traffic.

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