

Right-Turn-on-Red Prohibition - Victoria Park Avenue and Kingston Road

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To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

From: General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 19 - Beaches-East York, Ward 20 - Scarborough Southwest

SUMMARY

As Victoria Park Avenue borders two Community Council areas, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit southbound right turns on a red signal at all times on Victoria Park Avenue at Kingston Road. This prohibition is intended to mitigate conflicts between eastbound left-turning Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) streetcars on Kingston Road and southbound right-turning vehicles on Victoria Park Avenue. Due to the constrained geometry of the intersection, the streetcar tracks encroach within the path of southbound right-turning vehicles. This creates a conflict point when southbound vehicles proceed on a red signal. Prohibiting right turns on red will eliminate this conflict and improve safety for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit southbound right turns on a red signal at all times at the intersection of Victoria Park Avenue at Kingston Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is \$500. Funding has been included within the 2026 Operating Budget for Transportation Services.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact statement.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the TTC to investigate the feasibility of prohibiting southbound right turn on a red signal movement at the intersection of Victoria Park Avenue and Kingston Road. The request was made to address operational and safety concerns arising from conflicts between eastbound left-turning streetcars and southbound right-turning vehicles. The requested turn prohibition will improve the reliability of streetcar operations and enhance safety for all road users, including southbound right-turning vehicles.

Existing Conditions

Victoria Park Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south roadway
- It is classified as a minor arterial road north of Kingston Road and a collector road south of Kingston Road
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9 metres
- There are northbound streetcar tracks, north of Kingston Road
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 8,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h north of Kingston Road and 40 km/h south of Kingston Road
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 12 and 117 bus routes within Bingham Loop at the northwest corner of its intersection with Kingston Road
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Kingston Road 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 14.5 metres
- There are eastbound streetcar tracks, west of Victoria Park Avenue
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 26,000 vehicles.
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- There is TTC service provided by 503 Kingston Rd streetcar route
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The intersection of Victoria Park Avenue and Kingston Road is controlled by traffic signals. Currently, the only turn restriction in effect is a westbound left turn prohibition that operates between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Turn Prohibition

Transportation Services conducted observations in January 2026 and confirmed that due to the constrained turning geometry at the intersection, southbound right-turning vehicles on Victoria Park Avenue will encroach onto the streetcar tracks when undertaking right turns on a red signal. This movement results in conflicts with eastbound left-turning TTC streetcars on Kingston Road, impacting streetcar operations.

Based on the most recent turning movement counts conducted in October 2025, approximately 540 southbound right-turn movements occur during the busiest eight-hour period of a typical weekday. However, it should be noted that because the southbound lane on Victoria Park Avenue is shared for all movements, right-turning motorists will only be able to make their right turn on a red indication if they are the first vehicle in the queue.

Therefore, while the proposed prohibition may result in some minor operational impacts, including increased delay for southbound vehicles as movements would be restricted to the green phase, it is being recommended to prioritize safety and improve the reliability of streetcar operations. The resulting increase in delay is considered acceptable given the anticipated reduction in potential conflicts and overall improvement in safety for all road users.

As such, it is proposed to prohibit right-turn-on-red movements for southbound traffic at this intersection.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Right-Turn-on-Red Prohibition - Victoria Park Avenue at Kingston Road

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