

## **Turn Prohibition - 4580 Dufferin Street**

**Date:** March 13, 2026

**To:** North York Community Council

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

**Wards:** Ward 6, York Centre

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit northbound left turns at all times on Dufferin Street at the private driveway to 4580 Dufferin Street, approximately 95 metres north of Finch Avenue West.

The proposed prohibition of northbound left turns will enhance traffic flow, reduce potential conflicts, and improve safety for all road users in the area. Displaced left turns to the driveway can be accommodated at the property's two driveway accesses located off of Finch Avenue West.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. City Council prohibit northbound left-turns at all times on Dufferin Street at the driveway access to 4580 Dufferin Street located on the west side of Dufferin Street, at a point approximately 95 metres north of Finch Avenue West.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost of installing the signs and pavement markings is \$2500. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor, as well as the Toronto Police Service, to investigate prohibiting northbound left-turn movements at all times on Dufferin Street at the private driveway of 4580 Dufferin Street to reduce conflicts with southbound motorists.

### **Existing Conditions**

Dufferin Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a six-lane, north-south major arterial roadway, with an exclusive northbound left-turn lane into the private driveway
- Diamond Lanes are in effect at all times – reserved for buses, HOV2+s, taxis and plated motorcycles and bicycles in the curb lanes for both directions
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 25 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 45,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 60 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted
- There is TTC service provided by the 105 Dufferin North and 329 Dufferin Night Bus routes
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

### **Proposed Turn Prohibition**

Collision history provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending September 30, 2025, disclosed that 16 reported collisions occurred at the private access driveway to 4580 Dufferin Street; however, none of these collisions involved pedestrians. All 16 reported collisions were between northbound left turning vehicles into the private driveway access to 4580 Dufferin Street and southbound vehicles in the diamond lane.

The collision history did not disclose any reported collisions for left-turning vehicles exiting the private access driveway onto Dufferin Street.

The Toronto Police Service reached out to Transportation Services noting the higher level of collisions at the subject location that their officers attend and requested a review to prohibit the northbound left-turn movement at all times.

Multiple observations were conducted at the subject site and it has been noted that when southbound traffic is queued, especially in the peak periods, visibility of

southbound traffic in the diamond lane could be obstructed for the northbound left-turning vehicles accessing the driveway of 4580 Dufferin Street.

Prohibiting northbound left-turn movements at all times on Dufferin Street at the private driveway access to 4580 Dufferin Street will reduce the number of vehicle conflicts and thus reduce the collision hazard. Displaced left turns to the subject driveway can be accommodated at the property's two driveway accesses located off of Finch Avenue West.

The left-turn lane into the private access driveway to 4580 Dufferin Street will be removed and the southbound left-turn queue lane for Dufferin Street at Finch Avenue West will be extended.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report and was advised to reach out to the property management of 4580 Dufferin Street to advise them 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 - Turn Prohibition - 4580 Dufferin Street

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