

## Road Alteration – Lawrence Avenue West

**Date:** April 20, 2026

**To:** North York Community Council

**From:** Acting Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 8 - Eglinton - Lawrence

### **SUMMARY**

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As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Lawrence Avenue West, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval, on behalf of the TTC, to alter Lawrence Avenue West from the east side of Blossomfield Drive to the west side of Marlee Avenue (135 metres), to provide an eastbound queue-jump lane (QJL) for TTC buses. This action will also extend the current eastbound lane for right-turning vehicle traffic.

The queue-jump lane on Lawrence Avenue West will improve service reliability and travel times by allowing TTC vehicles (327 daily eastbound trips) to bypass general traffic at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue. The proposal is supported by the City's and TTC's established criteria for queue-jump lane warrants.

The proposed modifications do not require any road widening. The queue-jump lane can be accommodated by adjusting pavement markings, the lengths of existing turn lanes, and hatched areas, in line with the City's lane width guidelines, and is not anticipated to negatively impact operations at the Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue intersection. As per the City's and TTC's practice, the queue-jump lane would be identified by signage and red pavement marking.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize amendments to parking and traffic regulations as set out in Attachment 2.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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All costs associated with the alterations eastbound on Lawrence Avenue West between Blossomfield Drive and Marlee Avenue will be the responsibility of the TTC. The estimated cost to implement the proposed improvement is \$125,000, with funding available in the TTC's Council-approved 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan.

## DECISION HISTORY

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On May 16, 2024, the TTC Board approved the 2024-2028 5-Year Service and Customer Experience Action Plan. Action 4.4 calls for the implementation of queue-jump lanes on the busiest TTC routes in the City.

[4 5-Year Service and Customer Experience Action Plan updated.pdf](#)  
[TTC Board Decision](#)

## COMMENTS

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### Background

Transportation Services, City Planning, and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are undertaking a review of locations where it is operationally feasible to provide bus queue-jump lanes that also serve as extended right-turn lanes for general traffic. Queue-jump lanes allow TTC vehicles to bypass general traffic at intersections and other locations, improving service reliability and journey times. The intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue was identified as one such location.

### Existing Conditions

Lawrence Avenue West is an arterial road with two through lanes in each direction between Blossomfield Drive and Marlee Avenue. Dedicated left-turn and right-turn lanes are provided on most approaches at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue.

Three TTC bus routes currently serve this segment of Lawrence Avenue West:

- The 52 Lawrence West route operates all day, with peak service frequencies of five minutes;
- The 59 Maple Leaf operates all day, with peak service frequencies of 18.5 minutes; and
- The 952 Lawrence West Express route operates during the AM and PM peak periods, with peak service frequencies of 12 minutes.

In total, the three bus routes serve up to 38,100 customers per day on Lawrence Avenue West.

## **Proposed Eastbound Queue-Jump Lane on Lawrence Avenue West at Marlee Avenue**

The proposed road alteration will not shift the curbs on Lawrence Avenue West; the proposal would involve adjusting lane widths to generally 3.1 to 3.3 metres for through lanes and 3.3 metres for the eastbound left-turn lane at Marlee Avenue. The alterations would provide sufficient room to extend the existing eastbound right-turn lane for Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue back to the intersection at Blossomfield Drive.

The queue-jump lane would be designated as a reserved lane for public transit vehicles and bicycles and would permit private vehicles to enter the lane to access driveways or to make a right turn at the intersection. Additionally, stopping would be prohibited in the section between Blossomfield Drive and William R. Allen Road to maintain general traffic and transit flow. The proposed design is shown in Attachment 1.

The proposed design has been developed in collaboration with TTC, City Planning, and Transportation Services staff. The proposed design represents an interim solution to address intersection delays.

The TTC remains committed to a coordinated approach with Transportation Services for the long-term planning and design of the Lawrence Avenue West corridor. TTC acknowledges that the City's Cycling Network Plan identifies the potential for establishing a cycling facility along this corridor. As part of a future review and design process for this area, Transportation Services and the TTC will explore integrating transit and cycling infrastructure or consider relocating the QJL to a more suitable location.

These modifications do not require any road widening and would not result in the loss of curbside parking. The queue-jump lane would result in a net gain of approximately 65 metres of storage for eastbound right-turn traffic and a net loss of approximately 20 metres of storage for the eastbound left-turn traffic. Given that the left-turn peak-hour volumes are low (16-18 vehicles per hour), the reduction in queuing space is not anticipated to negatively impact the operations at the Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue intersection.

If approved, the proposed queue-jump lane is expected to be implemented in 2026.

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Proposed Road Alterations – Eastbound Lawrence Avenue West  
between Blossomfield Drive and Marlee Avenue  
Attachment 2: Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations

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Between Blossomfield Drive and Marlee Avenue**



## Attachment 2: Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations

### TO BE RESCINDED

#### Chapter 950 – Schedule XIII – No Parking

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Lawrence Avenue West	North	A point 193.5 metres east of Caledonia Road and Bathurst Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	A point 193.5 metres east of Caledonia Road and a point opposite Shermount Avenue	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	A point 201 metres east of Caledonia Road and Bathurst Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	A point 201 metres east of Caledonia Road and William R. Allen Road	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	William R. Allen Road and Englemount Avenue	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	Bathurst Street and Englemount Avenue	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays

### TO BE ENACTED

#### Chapter 950 – Schedule XIII – No Parking

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Lawrence Avenue West	North	A point 193.5 metres east of Caledonia Road and Blossomfield Drive	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	North	William R. Allen Road and a point opposite Shermount Avenue	Anytime

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Lawrence Avenue West	North	A point opposite Shermount Avenue and Bathurst Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	A point 193.5 metres east of Caledonia Road and Blossomfield Drive	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	William R. Allen Road and Englemount Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Lawrence Avenue West	South	Englemount Avenue and Bathurst Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays

#### Chapter 950 – Schedule XIV – No Stopping

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Lawrence Avenue West	Both	Blossomfield Drive and William R. Allen Road	Anytime

#### Chapter 950 – Schedule XIX – One-Way Traffic Lanes

Highway	Between	Lanes	Time and/or Days	Direction
Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue	Lawrence Avenue West and a point 30.5 metres west	Southerly Eastbound	Anytime	Eastbound right-turning (buses and bicycles excepted)
Lawrence Avenue West and Marlee Avenue	Lawrence Avenue West and a point 30.5 metres east	Northerly Westbound	Anytime	Westbound right-turning (buses and bicycles excepted)

#### Chapter 950 – Schedule XXII – Reserved Lanes for Designated Classes of Vehicles

Highway	Between	Lanes	Time and/or Days	Designated Class of Vehicle
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Lawrence Avenue West	Blossomfield Drive and a point 30.5 metres west of Marlee Avenue	Southerly Eastbound	Anytime	PTVs and bicycles
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