

Left Turn Prohibition - 1883 McNicoll Avenue

Date: December 18, 2025

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 22, Scarborough-Agincourt

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit westbound left turns at all times at the intersection of McNicoll Avenue and the private driveway to 1883 McNicoll Avenue, approximately 75 metres west of Kennedy Road.

The proposed prohibition of westbound left turns will enhance westbound traffic flow, reduce potential congestions, and improve safety for all road users in the area. Displaced left turns to the driveway can be accommodated at the property's adjacent driveway, located approximately 100 metres further west.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit westbound left-turns at all times on McNicoll Avenue at the driveway access to 1883 McNicoll Avenue located on the south side of McNicoll Avenue, approximately 75 metres west of Kennedy Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed turning prohibition are approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, requested the prohibition of westbound left turns at all times from McNicoll Avenue into the eastern driveway of the plaza located at 1883 McNicoll Avenue, as another driveway further west should be used for left-turning entry to help reduce congestion.

Existing Conditions

McNicoll Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, minor arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 14 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 27,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 17, 42 and 42A bus routes
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The plaza located at 1883 McNicoll Avenue has two driveways on the south side of the street. The eastern driveway is located approximately 75 metres west of Kennedy Road, and the western driveway is located about 100 metres further west. Both intersect McNicoll Avenue to form “T” type intersections. At the eastern driveway, left turns are made from a shared lane with through traffic, while a left turn lane is provided at the western driveway with a storage length of approximately 25 metres.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

A site investigation was conducted on November 26, 2025, to observe westbound left-turning traffic from McNicoll Avenue entering both driveway accesses to the subject plaza during the p.m. peak hour. The observations showed that five vehicles turned left into the eastern driveway; two of these vehicles had to wait for an available gap to complete their turn, resulting in a queue of five vehicles behind them. In comparison, three vehicles turned left into the western driveway access with no resulting vehicle queuing.

To improve westbound traffic flow, reduce potential congestion, and encourage motorists to use the more suitable western driveway, Transportation Services recommends prohibiting westbound left turns from McNicoll Avenue to the eastern private driveway at 1883 McNicoll Avenue, located approximately 75 metres west of Kennedy Road.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Left-Turn Prohibition - McNicoll Avenue

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