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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Roger Browne, Director, Congestion and Network Management, Transportation Services
Re: T.T.C. Vehicle Excepted Tabs at Existing Left-Turn Restrictions – Gerrard Street and Yonge Street, Carlton Street and Jarvis Street
Wards: Ward 11 – University-Rosedale, Ward 13 – Toronto Centre

Transportation Services has is requesting authorization to implement temporary left-turn exemptions for TTC vehicles, as listed below in the draft recommendations, to the February 19, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. This is being requested due to the urgency of the recommendations; they are necessary for the TTC to operate diversion routings associated with the critical state of good repair work on streetcar tracks at the intersection of College Street and Bay Street. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

Summary

- Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time.

Draft Recommendations

1. Toronto East York Community Council amend the existing eastbound left-turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, except public holidays at the intersection of Gerrard Street East / Gerrard Street West and Yonge Street to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday (T.T.C. vehicles excepted).
2. Toronto East York Community Council amend the existing northbound left-turn prohibition in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday, except public holidays at the intersection of Carlton Street and Jarvis Street to be in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday (T.T.C. vehicles excepted).

Starting in early March 2026, the City of Toronto and TTC will begin critical state of good repair work on streetcar tracks at the intersection of College Street and Bay Street, requiring the 506 Carlton streetcar and 19 Bay bus services to divert. To increase service coverage,

the 506 Carlton streetcar will be supplemented with a 506 Carlton bus replacement service which will provide transit coverage closer to the original 506 Carlton streetcar route.

For the TTC to operate the diversions legally and effectively, two T.T.C. vehicle exemptions to existing left-turn restrictions along the 506 Carlton bus replacement routing are required. The existing and proposed restrictions are as follows:

Intersection	Direction	Turn Prohibited	Existing Times and/or Days	Proposed Times and/or Days
Gerrard Street East / Gerrard Street West and Yonge Street	Eastbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sat.	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sat. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)
Carlton Street and Jarvis Street	Northbound	Left	7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mon. to Sat.	7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mon. to Sat. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)

These diversions will last approximately six weeks, but a long-term turning exemption for TTC vehicles at this intersection will provide operational flexibility.

Cost

The costs associated with the signage installation is approximately \$1,500.00. Although this work was not anticipated, it can be addressed through the TTC's 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan.

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