

Vehicle Width Restriction - Public Lane south of Gerrard Street East, west of Boulton Avenue and Public Lane east of Broadview Avenue, south of Gerrard Street East

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto Danforth

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to prohibit vehicles greater than two metres in width from travelling on the lane south of Gerrard Street East, west of Boulton Avenue and the lane east of Broadview Avenue, south of Gerrard Street East. Prohibiting vehicles which have a width of two metres or more from travelling in the subject lane sections would be beneficial in reducing the incidence of damage to the surrounding private properties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit vehicles over two metres in width from travelling on the lane first south of Gerrard Street East, west of Boulton Avenue, between Boulton Avenue and the lane first east of Broadview Avenue, south of Gerrard Street East.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit vehicles over two metres in width from travelling on the lane first east of Broadview Avenue, south of Gerrard Street East, between Gerrard Street East and the lane first south of Gerrard Street East, west of Boulton Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the installation are approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services investigated concerns from property owners in the subject lanes about large delivery trucks using the public laneways and causing damage to adjacent properties, scraping walls and striking the metal bollards installed to channelize vehicle movements and delineate property boundaries.

The vehicle width restriction will help reduce potential incidences of striking and damaging private properties.

Staff undertook a site investigation on February 12, 2025, and observed damage to exterior walls and metal bollards at the adjacent properties.

Given the relatively narrow width of the lane sections and the potential for damage to abutting properties from large vehicles, Transportation Services is recommending a two-metre maximum vehicle width restriction be implemented for these two laneways.

While restricting vehicles wider than two metres will help address the immediate concerns, this measure is not intended as a standalone remedy. Further coordination with the affected businesses is encouraged to identify suitable alternative delivery arrangements.

A map of the area is included in Attachments 1.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Vehicle Width Restriction - Lane south of Gerrard west of Boulton and Lane west of Broadview south of Gerrard

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