

Date: February 17, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Euclid Avenue and Bloor Street West, Harbord Street - Turn Prohibitions (Ward 11, University-Rosedale)

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Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 11 Councillor to provide wording for recommendations they plan to present to the February 19, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

## **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. *City Council prohibit northbound left-turns from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., bicycles excepted, at the intersection of Bloor Street West and Euclid Avenue.*
2. *City Council prohibit northbound left-turns from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., bicycles excepted, at the intersection of Harbord Street and Euclid Avenue.*

Euclid Avenue is a local street that operates one-way northbound. It is generally residential and is adjacent to a number of schools and parks. It is reported that the installation of bicycle lanes, as well as opposing one-way streets on Palmerston Avenue/Boulevard, a parallel route, has redirected north-south cut-through traffic to Euclid Avenue.

Northbound left-turn prohibitions from Euclid Avenue to Bloor Street West and to Harbord Street from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. were requested by residents through the Councillor's office. The requested turn prohibitions are intended to reduce opportunities for non-local motorists to use Euclid Avenue as a cut-through route during the afternoon peak periods. Cyclists will be exempted.

The most recent traffic counts at the intersections of Euclid Avenue and Bloor Street West and Euclid Avenue and Harbord Street recorded approximately 60 northbound left turns during the weekday afternoon peak period (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.).

The former count was undertaken in 2021 and predated the Palmerston Avenue/Boulevard cycling upgrades. Accordingly, it may not be representative of the existing conditions. The latter count was undertaken in 2025 and should be representative. Further analysis would be required to determine the current turning volumes at Bloor Street West, where this traffic would be diverted to from both intersections, as well as any negative impacts.

### **Financial Impact**

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendations will be approximately \$1,200.00. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by City Council.

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