

## **Traffic Improvements: Left Turn Prohibition-Bathurst Street and Albert Wiggan Lane**

**Date:** April 10, 2026

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 12 - Toronto-St. Paul's

### **SUMMARY**

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As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Bathurst Street, City Council approval for the recommended change on this street is required.

On February 19, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC) adopted with amendments the St. Clair Avenue West and Bathurst Street Planning Framework and Forest Hill Village Urban Design Guidelines Review - Final Report (Item [2026.TE29.15](#)). The purpose of this review was to renew the vision for the area and ensure the planning framework and guidelines reflect recent Provincial legislation changes, Official Plan amendments, new development approvals, and updated City objectives for affordable housing, retail vitality, the public realm, and sustainability. As part of this work, a transportation assessment was conducted and identified opportunities to improve safety, traffic operations, and active transportation connections.

This report is a follow-up to TE29.15 and includes a recommendation to prohibit northbound left turns at all times at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Albert Wiggan Lane and a recommendation to rectify an error in an existing turn prohibition bylaw. The proposed prohibition of northbound left turns will enhance traffic flow, reduce potential congestion, and improve safety for all road users in the area. Displaced left turns can be accommodated at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and Raglan Avenue, located approximately 150 metres away.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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1. City Council prohibit northbound left turns at all times at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Albert Wiggan Lane.
2. City Council amend the existing eastbound left turn prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Albert Wiggan Lane to be in effect at the intersection of Albert Wiggan Lane and Bathurst Street.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On February 19, 2026, the Toronto and East York Community Council adopted the St. Clair Avenue West and Bathurst Street Planning Framework and Forest Hill Village Urban Design Guidelines Review - Final Report. This report authorized the conversion of Raglan Avenue from one-way northbound to a two-way street between Albert Wiggan Lane and Maplewood Avenue. Other recommendations included rescinding the existing eastbound one-way highway regulation on Lane first north of St. Clair Avenue West (currently named as Albert Wiggan Lane) between Bathurst Street and Lane first west. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.TE29.15>

## **COMMENTS**

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As part of the St. Clair Avenue West and Bathurst Street Area Planning Framework and Forest Hill Village Urban Design Guidelines review, City staff reviewed opportunities for access management and road safety improvements within the study area. Community feedback indicated that motorists make a northbound left-turn from Bathurst Street onto Albert Wiggan Lane. This behaviour was confirmed through 2017 eight-hour traffic data, indicating that 48 motorists made a northbound left turn from Bathurst Street onto the laneway. This movement presents safety concerns and leads to congestion, as the laneway is located adjacent to the intersection of Bathurst Street and St. Clair Avenue West. Displaced left turns can be accommodated at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and Raglan Avenue, located approximately 150 metres away.

Additionally, Transportation Services discovered discrepancies between the existing by-lawed turn prohibition and the posted signage on Albert Wiggan Lane at Bathurst Street. Recommendation 2 will rectify these inconsistencies and requires no changes to posted signage.

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

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## **Existing Conditions**

The intersection of Bathurst Street and Albert Wiggan Lane operates with a stop control on the Albert Wiggan Lane approach. Left-turns from Albert Wiggan Lane onto Bathurst Street (eastbound left-turn) are restricted Monday to Friday, 4-6 PM.

Bathurst Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, north-south, major arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 12.8 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 32,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted
- There is TTC service provided by the streetcar route 511 and bus routes 7 and 160.
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Albert Wiggan Lane is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is an east-west laneway
- It operates as two-way traffic with a pavement width of approximately 7.5 meters
- The laneway has an advisory speed limit of 15 km/h
- Service and delivery-related heavy vehicles are permitted
- There are no sidewalks and transit service on the laneway

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map of Recommended Left-Turn Restriction

