



**STAFF REPORT
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**St. Clair Avenue West, between Caledonia Road/
Caledonia Park Road and Old Weston Road – Fire
Vehicle Access**

Date:	March 16, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 – Davenport
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SUMMARY

In connection with a previous request from City Council, The Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, with input from the Fire Chief, will be reporting back with further details of fire vehicle access to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. This report will address any concerns with the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project within the Etobicoke York District.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from the consideration of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The Etobicoke York Community Council, at its meeting held on February 9, 2009, in considering the staff report dated January 20, 2009 respecting the road alterations required for the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement project between Caledonia Road and Old Weston Road, recommended the approval of the report by City Council and directed the General Manager, Transportation Services, and the Chief, Toronto Fire Services, to report to the March 26, 2009 meeting of the Etobicoke York Community Council on the serious safety concerns with the St. Clair Avenue West right-of-way within the Etobicoke York District identified in Deputy Chief Bob Leek’s April 9, 2008 detailed analysis of the project, including precise current and projected emergency response times along St. Clair Avenue West and a point by point response to the concerns raised including curb heights, access for emergency vehicles on and of the right-of-way and the drivability of the right-of-way in an emergency.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on June 23 and 24, 2008, in considering Item PW16.3 (St. Clair Avenue West between Caledonia Road/Caledonia Park Road and Vaughan Road-Road Alterations and Traffic Regulations for the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project) directed among other things that the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, and the General Manager, Transportation Services be requested to work with the Chief, Toronto Fire Services, to ensure that any minor changes to curb heights, if necessary, are made ensuring that fire apparatus can access the right-of-way or street as necessary , along St. Clair Avenue West, and submit a report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the changes made.

COMMENTS

Staff of the TTC, Transportation Services, Toronto Fire Services Emergency Planning and Technical Services have been working collaboratively on the required curb cuts and access points along the entire length of the St. Clair Right-of-Way including the portion of the project within the Etobicoke York District to ensure the needs are met for fire vehicle access. A number of issues have been identified and solutions are being developed and implemented during detailed design and construction. The Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, with input from the Fire Chief, will be reporting back with further details to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

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