



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Reinstatement of turn/through movement regulations –
Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road, Vesta
Drive, and Gardiner Road**

Date:	April 5, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts10044te.top.doc

SUMMARY

In 2009, the various turn prohibitions and/or straight-through traffic movements at the intersections of Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road, Vesta Drive, and Gardiner Road were temporarily rescinded to enhance traffic operation along Eglinton Avenue West, between Bathurst Street and Chaplin Crescent during bridge reconstruction on Eglinton Avenue West, east of Spadina Road and replacement of a watermain along this section of Eglinton Avenue West. The bridge reconstruction work was completed in August 2009 but the watermain work has been delayed.

Given the many complaints Transportation Services and the Ward Councillor have received about traffic infiltration in the residential neighbourhood, south of Eglinton Avenue West, and the deferral of further construction along this section of Eglinton Avenue West for the time being, the regulations that were temporarily rescinded in 2009 should be reinstated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Amend the turn and straight through regulations at the intersections of: Eglinton Avenue West and Old Forest Hill Road; Eglinton Avenue West and Vesta Drive; and Eglinton Avenue West and Gardiner Road, outlined in Appendix A of this report.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget	\$ 1000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In 2009, City Council temporarily rescinded the eastbound right-turn prohibitions during the 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday period on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road, Vesta Drive, and Gardiner Road to enhance traffic operation along Eglinton Avenue West, between Bathurst Street and Chaplin Crescent during reconstruction of the Belt Line bridge (Motion MM30.22, moved by Councillor Mihevc, at City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009).

At its meeting of September 30 and October 1, 2009, City Council in response to a request from Councillor Mihevc, recommended temporarily rescinding all current turn and through (traffic) prohibitions at the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Old Forest Hill Road for a four-month period during watermain construction on Eglinton Avenue West, between Bathurst Street and Chaplin Crescent (Item TE27.163).

It is now appropriate to reinstate the regulations that were rescinded in 2009.

COMMENTS

The bridge reconstruction work was completed in the August 2009. Watermain replacement work was scheduled to begin in October 2009 and to be completed by January 2010. Given the relatively short period of time between completion of one project and the beginning of the next (work could not be undertaken simultaneously for various engineering reasons) and following discussions with Councillor Mihevc, it was decided to retain the temporary regulatory changes along this section of Eglinton Avenue West until the completion of the watermain project. Due to unforeseen circumstances Transportation Services has been advised that, the watermain project has been deferred until at least November 2010.

Many complaints have been received by Transportation Services and the Ward Councillor about traffic infiltration in the residential neighbourhood, south of Eglinton Avenue West over the past year. Given the deferral of further construction along this section of Eglinton Avenue West for the time being, staff recommends the implementation of the regulatory amendments outlined in Appendix A, attached to this report, to reinstate the traffic management regulations that existed along Eglinton Avenue at Old Forest Hill Road, Vesta Drive, and Gardiner Road prior to January 2009. This will deter traffic infiltration of adjacent residential neighbourhoods.

TTC bus service operates on Eglinton Avenue West and the regulatory amendments outlined in Appendix A will require approval by City Council.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Appendix A – Regulatory Amendments
- (2) Drawing No. 421F-9977, dated January 2010

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Appendix A Regulatory Amendments

Rescind the following regulations:

- “No Right Turn, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” for eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Vesta Drive.

Implement the following regulations:

- “No Right Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (bicycles excepted)” for eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road;
- “No Right Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” for eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Vesta Drive;
- “No Right Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” for eastbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Gardiner Road;
- “No Left Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” for westbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road;
- “No Left Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” for northbound traffic on Old Forest Hill Road at Eglinton Avenue West;
- “No Left Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” for westbound traffic on Eglinton Avenue West at Old Forest Hill Road;
- “No Straight Through, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” by southbound traffic from the northerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road at Eglinton Avenue West to the southerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road at Eglinton Avenue West; and
- “No Straight Through, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri. except Public Holidays (bicycles excepted)” by northbound traffic from the southerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road at Eglinton Avenue West to the northerly leg of Old Forest Hill Road at Eglinton Avenue West.