

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

HIGHWAY #7 – LEFT TURN SIGNAL ONTO KEELE STREET

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That Engineering staff work in consultation with Region of York Transportation staff to have the left turn signal from Highway #7 turning southbound onto Keele Street lengthened to an appropriate time as per the traffic pattern at the intersection;
2. That Engineering staff work with Region of York Transportation staff to find other alternatives for easing traffic congestion at the intersection of Highway #7 and Keele Street, especially addressing the westbound traffic turning southbound onto Keele Street; and
3. That staff inform Mayor and Members of Council what changes are to be made to the above-noted traffic intersection.

Economic Impact

N/A.

Purpose

To control traffic congestions at the intersection of Keele Street and Highway #7, especially during peak traffic times.

Background - Analysis and Options

Residents in the Concord West area have brought numerous traffic concerns, especially regarding the general traffic congestion of the intersection at Highway #7 and Keele Street, to the attention of Council over the past year. Most recently, residents have expressed frustration over the volume of traffic traveling westbound and making southbound turns and the delay in making the southbound turn onto Highway #7.

Residents find that the traffic signal to turn left from Highway #7, southbound onto Keele Street to be too short to accommodate the number of vehicles waiting to turn, especially during peak traffic times. Due to the high volume of transport trucks traveling along Highway #7, residents find it impossible to turn southbound onto Keele Street in a timely fashion, as only 1 or 2 transport trucks can make the turn in the allotted time.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-2 Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Conclusion

In response to concerns outlined by area residents, and in order help ease traffic flow, it is recommended that above-noted traffic signal at Keele Street and Highway #7 be lengthened accordingly, or that an alternate solution be found.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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