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# REPORT General Committee

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REPORT TITLE: REGIONAL ROAD 50 (HIGHWAY 50)

STOPPING PROHIBITION - SOUTH OF EBENEZER ROAD

**CITY OF BRAMPTON, WARD 10** 

FROM:

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and Planning Services

#### RECOMMENDATION

That a stopping prohibition be implemented for the east and west sides of Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) from a point 250 metres (820.2 feet) south of Ebenezer Road to Ebenezer Road in the City of Brampton:

And further, that the necessary by-law be presented to Regional Council;

And further, that the By-law Department of the City of Brampton and the Peel Regional Police be notified.

#### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- A coffee shop at the intersection of Highway 50 at Ebenezer Road has generated a significant number of large trucks stopping on the east and west shoulders of Highway 50.
- The posted speed limit for Highway 50 in the area of Ebenezer Road is 80 km/h.
- These trucks decelerate as they plan to pull over to park, creating weaving in the through lanes as other vehicles try to get around them.
- After parking, the trucks cannot attain the operating speed of the roadway quickly, causing emergency braking and potentially dangerous weave movements.
- Pedestrian safety concerns are also an issue when motorists park on the east shoulder of Highway 50 and run across the roadway at uncontrolled crossings.

#### DISCUSSION

## 1. Background

Staff were advised that the opening of a coffee shop at the south west quadrant of Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) at Ebenezer Road was creating safety concerns. Drivers of large transport trucks were and continue to decelerate in the northbound and southbound lanes to park their vehicles on the east and west shoulders of Highway 50 in the area of Ebenezer Road to patronize the coffee shop. After completing their business, these motorists pull back into the live lanes of traffic on Highway 50 causing motorists on Highway 50 to slow down, change lanes, swerve or brake heavily to avoid the merging vehicle(s).

Further, pedestrian safety concerns are introduced when drivers park on the east side of Highway 50 and attempt to cross up to 5 lanes of traffic travelling at a posted 80 km/h.

### 2. Proposed Direction

To address these concerns, it is recommended that a stopping prohibition be implemented on both the east and west sides of Highway 50 from a point 250 metres (820.2 feet) south of Ebenezer Road to Ebenezer Road.

The implementation of this prohibition would permit Brampton By-law staff and the Peel Regional Police to issue citations to violating motorists. As such, safety is improved by mitigating the parking/merging and pedestrian issues at this location.

#### CONCLUSION

To improve on safety in the area of Highway 50 at Ebenezer Road, staff are recommending that a stopping prohibition be implemented on both the east and west sides of Highway 50 from a point 250 metres (820.2 feet) south of Ebenezer Road to Ebenezer Road.

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