
DATE: November 9, 2010

REPORT TITLE: **NORTHBOUND TO SOUTHBOUND U-TURN PROHIBITION - REGIONAL ROAD 4 (DIXIE ROAD) AT MID-WAY BOULEVARD CITY OF MISSISSAUGA, WARD 5**

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RECOMMENDATION

That By-law 57-2005 be amended to include the implementation of a northbound to southbound U-turn prohibition on Regional Road 4 (Dixie Road) at Mid-Way Boulevard in the City of Mississauga;

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

And further, that the Peel Regional Police be advised.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- High volumes of U-turns are occurring on Dixie Road at Mid-Way Boulevard, at times conflicting with Mississauga Transit vehicles.
- Traffic By-law 57-2005 requires amendment to implement the prohibition of U-turns at the subject intersection.
- A U-turn prohibition will restrict vehicles from making this manoeuvre and it will be enforceable by Peel Regional Police.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

Staff received a request from Mississauga Transit for the implementation of a U-turn prohibition at the intersection of Dixie Road at Mid-Way Boulevard. As a result of this request, staff conducted observation studies at the intersection.

2. Findings

Observation studies confirm that high volumes of northbound to southbound U-turn movements are being executed by motorists at the intersection of Dixie Road at Mid-Way Boulevard. Motorists conducting the U-turns typically turned slower than a driver conducting a regular left turn. This created a situation where, several times during the observation, transit vehicles had to abruptly brake due to motorists making unanticipated U-turns during the northbound advance left turn phase. The study area is identified in Appendix I.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the study results and field observations, a northbound to southbound U-turn prohibition at Dixie Road at Mid-Way Boulevard is recommended. This prohibition can be implemented by amending the Region's Consolidated Traffic By-law 57-2005. This prohibition will facilitate the safer movement of traffic and will be enforceable by Peel Regional Police.




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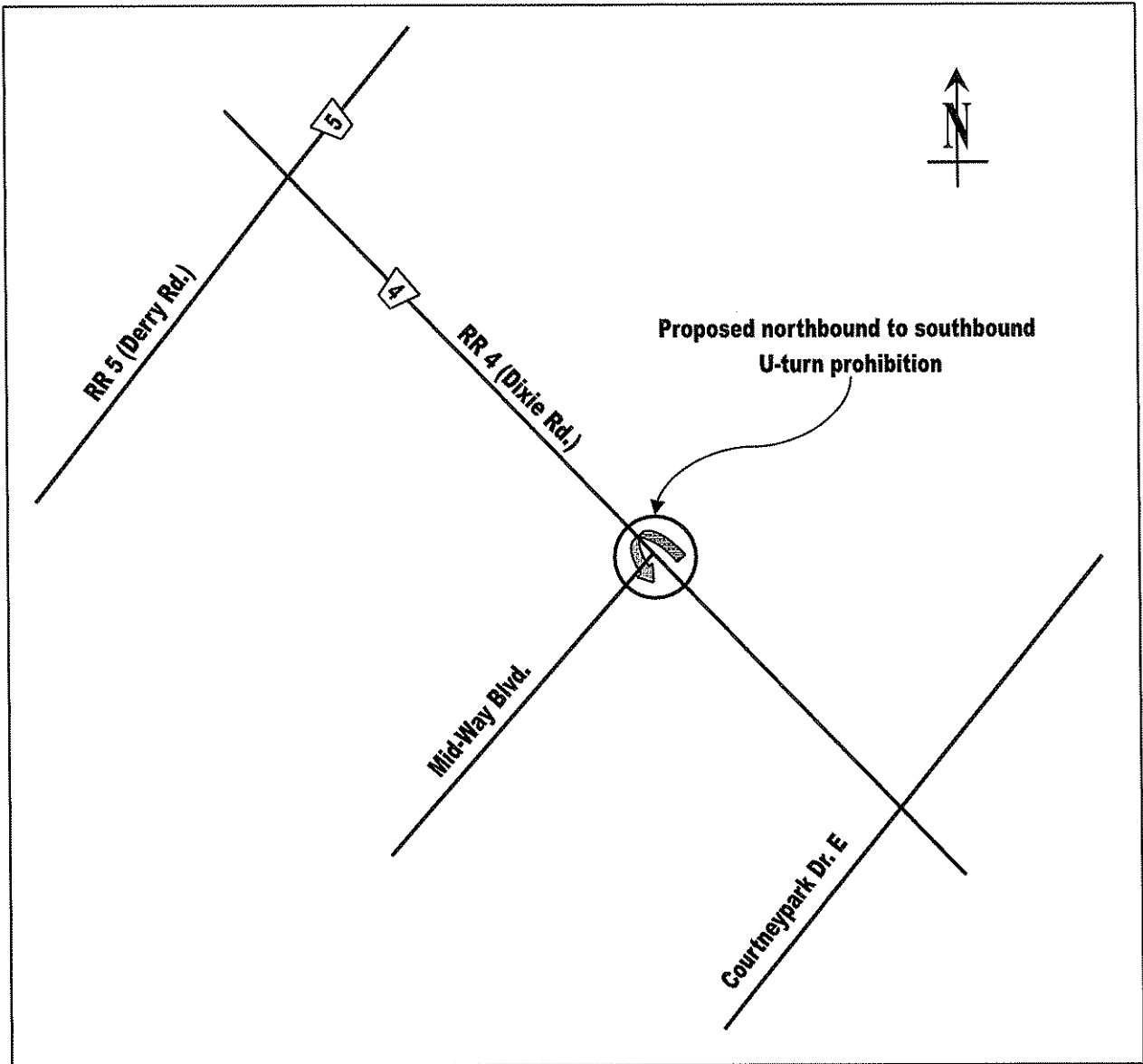
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APPENDIX I

Key Plan (Dixie / Mid-Way northbound to southbound U-turn prohibition)



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