Subject: All Way Protected/Permitted Left-Turn Signals at Intersection of Bank and Mitch Owens

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Objet : Installation de feux de virage à gauche avancés et verts dans toutes les directions à l'intersection de la rue Bank et du chemin Mitch Owens.

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Transportation Committee recommend that Council approve the installation of protected/permitted left turn phasing (advance left-turn arrow) in all directions at the intersection of Bank St and Mitch Owens Rd.

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des transports recommande au Conseil d'approuver l'installation de feux de virage à gauche avancés et verts dans toutes les directions à l'intersection de la rue Bank et du chemin Mitch Owens.

BACKGROUND

This intersection, and the abutting streets nearby, have been a point of concern amongst residents in recent years. I have engaged in consultation with many residents concerned with through-traffic on neighbourhood streets, intersection driver safety, and cyclist/pedestrian safety at this intersection. This intersection is where two large arterial roads meet, connecting the easternmost and southernmost boundaries of the city. Given that there are left turn lanes available in all directions at the intersection, it is appropriate to implement appropriate traffic-mitigation and neighbourhood protective measures, respectively.

DISCUSSION

The intersection of Bank St and Mitch Owens Rd is an outlying example to the City requirements for implementation of left-turn arrows. The intersection is approximately 300m away from Marco St and Mason St, two small residential roads that barely accommodate two vehicles at one time. Due to fact there are not left-turn signals at this intersection, residents report examples of vehicles utilizing Marco St and Mason St as a neighbourhood cut-through.

The studies for left-turn signals do not always account for the impacts of through-traffic and the subsequent impacts on active transportation. The implementation of protected/permitted left turn signals will also aid this intersection (which sees high volumes during rush hour) in facilitating seamless traffic movement to areas such as Findlay Creek, Manotick, and Greely/Metcalfe.

Overall, through consultation with local communities, and with concerns for pedestrian traffic particularly within a school zone, I feel that the implementation of these left-turn signals will be beneficial for the intersection and community as a whole. Although there is not a great deal of active transportation at the intersection as of yet, the future development of active transportation in Greely will likely lead to more pedestrians at the intersection.

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

As the Councillor bringing this report forward, I am aware and supportive of the report.

CONSULTATION

Ongoing consultation with the local community, as well as drivers who use the intersection prior to this report.

Departmental Comments:

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

No specific accessibility impacts have been identified.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No specific risk implications have been identified.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed changes occur at an intersection in a rural ward.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable

DISPOSITION

The [name of department] will take appropriate action based on the recommendations made by the Committee and Council.