

Staff Response to Commission Inquiry - Westbound Bus Stop -Glencairn Avenue at Ennerdale Street

Meeting Date: November 22, 2000

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At the October 18, 2000 Commission meeting, the Commission approved a motion from Chair Moscoe that staff relocate a bus stop at Ennerdale and Glencairn, from a nearside to a farside stop, subject to staff evaluating the feasibility of implementing the requested change. Chair Moscoe indicated that a sidewalk is to be built, on the west side of Ennerdale Street, that will lead north from Glencairn Avenue, and that a farside stop would be more convenient for customers who would use this sidewalk.

Staff have reviewed this request and have concluded that the existing stop location should be retained. The stop is now on the flankage of a residential property, which is less intrusive than the proposed relocation, which would place it on the frontage of a home, and which would require the City to construct a new concrete passenger platform on the grass median in front of that home (see Exhibit 1, attached). While a relocation to the farside would eliminate the need for customers to cross a street to get to the new sidewalk, the crossing of a narrow, stop-sign-controlled street poses little difficulty for customers and, since a new farside stop would have to be about 16 metres west of Ennerdale Street, so that a stopped bus would not block the intersection, the distance between the new stop and the new sidewalk would be virtually the same as between the existing stop and the new sidewalk.

In addition, there is a bus bay at the existing nearside location, allowing cars in the single westbound traffic lane to pass a stopped bus. If the stop were to be placed at the farside location, which doesn't have a bus bay, westbound motorists would be forced to cross into the opposing traffic lane to pass a stopped bus, a situation which would be less desirable from a traffic operations perspective.

Given the above, the stop should be left at its current location.

Chief General Manager

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Attachment: Exhibit 1

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