Pedestrian Crossover Policy

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Policy Statement

A policy for the installation of pedestrian crossovers on the Regional road network.

Application

This policy will be used by staff in determining acceptable locations for the installation of pedestrian crossovers on the Regional road network.

Purpose

The intent of this policy is to provide a consistent method of determining appropriate locations and types of pedestrian crossovers on the Regional road network.

Definitions:

Pedestrian Crossover: Any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs on the highway and lines or other markings on the surface of the roadway, as prescribed and illustrated in Ontario Regulation 402/15.

Pedestrian Crossover Criteria: The set of criteria used under this policy to determine the relative need for and appropriateness of pedestrian crossovers on Regional roads.

Local Municipality: Municipalities located within York Region: Town of Aurora, Town of East Gwillimbury, Town of Georgina, Township of King, City of Markham, Town of Newmarket, City of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Description

On January 1, 2016, the Ministry of Transportation Ontario passed the final reading of *Bill 31 – Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act (Making Ontario's Roads Safer)* and issued a new regulation (402/15) under the *Highway Traffic Act*. Under section 140 of the *Highway Traffic Act*, drivers, including cyclists, approaching a pedestrian crossover are required to stop when a pedestrian is crossing the roadway within the crossover.

A pedestrian crossover is an alternative traffic control device to provide protected crossing opportunities and safety benefits. Pedestrian crossovers are ideal for locations where some pedestrian demand exists, but the demand is not high enough to warrant traditional pedestrian signal installations.

Pedestrian crossovers are intended for use on low traffic volume, low speed, single or multi-lane roadways (up to a maximum of four lanes).

Criteria for Installation of Pedestrian Crossovers

Requests to install a pedestrian crossover on Regional Roads will be assessed using the Ministry of Transportation Ontario's pedestrian crossover criteria, including the related considerations in Ontario Traffic Manual Book 15 – Pedestrian Crossing Treatments, as amended from time to time. These criteria provide a consistent method of determining appropriate locations for the installation of pedestrian crossovers.

Where the Region determines the Pedestrian Crossover Criteria are satisfied, the Region will be responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance costs of pedestrian crossovers on Regional roads.

Responsibilities

Commissioner of Transportation Services

- Delegated authority to approve requests to install pedestrian crossovers under the Region's jurisdiction that satisfy the installation criteria as set out in this policy

- Report to Council on requests for pedestrian crossovers from local municipalities that do not meet the installation criteria as set out in this policy

Transportation Services Department

- Assess the need for the installation of pedestrian crossovers on the Regional road network based on the Pedestrian Crossover Criteria, as found in the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 15

- Consult with local municipal staff in the assessment of requests for the installation of pedestrian crossovers

Reference

Legislative and other authorities

- [Ontario Regulation 402/15](#)

- [Ontario Traffic Manual Book 15](#)

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