

## TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS REPORT

November 6, 2008

The Traffic subcommittee of HBSCA's Traffic and Transportation Committee has been negotiating with the Etobicoke York District Transportation Services Division to address the concerns of Humber Bay Shore residents regarding traffic congestion and safety problems along Lake Shore.

At the November 6, 2008 meeting of the Committee, Dominic Gulli, Manager of Traffic Operations, provided a progress report regarding several issues that have been under discussion for some years, namely, the car exit and entry problems encountered by residents of Newport Beach, and the difficulties presented to pedestrians crossing to the streetcar tunnel; and traffic congestion at the Park Lawn and Lake Shore intersection. Mr. Gulli provided the following information:

**1. Traffic Signal at Streetcar Tunnel, Lake Shore Blvd. West and Newport Beach Exit:**

Preliminary drawings provided by Traffic Management Services were presented, and the difficulties encountered in the design of a signalled intersection that would provide the desired safety and traffic flow results were discussed. The current design provides for a traffic signal activated by pedestrians and streetcars. The Newport Beach exit is not tied into this design, because private driveways are not usually included in traffic signal plans. However, Mr. Gulli stated that he considered this design unsatisfactory, and has requested a new design, to include activation of the traffic signal by cars exiting Newport Beach. He hopes that the new signals, lane and pedestrian crossing markings will be ready for installation in the spring.

**2. Improvements to Park Lawn and Lake Shore Blvd. West Intersection:**

Mr. Gulli also presented preliminary plans and drawings for proposed improvements to traffic flow along Park Lawn and Lake Shore. The plans include a dedicated right turn lane southbound on Park Lawn at the Gardiner on ramp, and on the northbound side, increasing the length of the left turn lane to start after the traffic signal at the reverse ramp to Legion Road. In addition, the intersection of Park Lawn and Lake Shore will be modified, by constructing a new southbound lane, allowing for two left turn lanes, and one lane dedicated to through traffic and right turns at Lake Shore. The signals would be changed to allow north- and southbound left turns simultaneously. Mr. Gulli also indicated that a dedicated right turn lane westbound on Lake Shore is contemplated, and that implementation might be part of the reconstruction of the intersection in connection with the proposed streetcar loop. Funding for the projects would be tied to the loop construction. Mr. Gulli also indicated the possibility of having two lanes eastbound on Lake Shore past Brookers Lane; the second lane would be available for parking, except during rush hours.