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Ms. Lozinski

The installation of a pedestrian crossing or curb depressions at locations without a stop sign or traffic signals is not a recommended practice in the City, due to public safety and liability issues surrounding the false sense of security given to pedestrians. Curb depressions at uncontrolled crossings can result in the pedestrian perceiving they have the right-of-way over vehicles when crossing the road.

Roads Maintenance and Operations staff are currently in the process of reviewing this policy and developing a pedestrian crossing policy and standards to formalize the "case-by-case" application of curb cuts and other control measures at mid-block and uncontrolled intersections. The new City policy and standards will be consistent with the latest release of Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 15: Pedestrian Facilities, which is expected early next year and will include a significant amendment to the Highway Traffic Act. The amendment will allow for new pedestrian crossing devices on low-speed and low-volume roads, as requested by municipalities. OTM Book 15 contains information on standards, best practices, and guidelines for the planning, justification and design of pedestrian safety devices and infrastructure. A draft of the update was developed by a steering committee consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario and a number of Ontario municipalities including Brampton.

Staff is anticipating that both the City policy and an overview of OTM Book 15 will be presented to Committee of Council early next year.

I trust that this is satisfactory.

Regards,



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