



Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: February 28, 2024

Ward: 8

School/Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School – 25 Corporation Drive

Principal: Dan Compagnon

Time(s): 7:55 a.m. & 2.20 p.m

Phone: 905-791-1195

Weather: A.M.: Clear, Pleasant
P.M.: Cloudy, Cool

Requested By: Peter Petrucelli, School Administrator.

Nature of Problem: Review of traffic congestion at Corporation Drive and Tobram Road

Observers Present: Charles Gonsalves, Citizen Member, (A.M.); Don Harberer, Citizen Member (A.M); Elsetia Rhudd, Crossing Guard Coordinator (A.M & P.M)

Observations:

1. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School is located at the southeast corner of Torbram Road and Corporation Drive.

2. The school has approximately 2100 students enrolled from Grades 9 to 12 and is serviced by three large buses and four special needs buses.

3. Corporation Drive is a 2-lane paved roadway running in an east-west direction starting at Torbram Road. Torbram Road is a paved 4-lane roadway running in a north-south direction.

4. There are two entrances into the school. The main entrance is off Corporation Drive just east of Torbram Road. Drivers can turn left and proceed to:
 - Kiss and Ride area located adjacent to the north side of the school;
 - Drive-through lane leading to the exit;
 - Visitor and additional staff parking;

Drivers can also proceed straight ahead, leading to the staff parking lot. The second entrance is off Bramkay Street. This entrance/exit becomes a 2-lane roadway leading to student parking and a bus loading/unloading zone.

5. In the morning approximately 120 students crossed Tobram Road at the Traffic Signals without any issues, and approximately 40 students crossed Corporation Drive from north to south without any issues. No conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles were observed.
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6. At the entrance to the Kiss and Ride area, vehicles were stopped at the start of the Kiss and Ride without moving forward to empty spaces causing a back up to the entrance off Corporation Drive.

7. At school arrival and dismissal times, traffic was heavy on Corporation Drive causing a line of traffic up to Tobram Road.

Recommendations:

1. That the site inspection report for St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School be received; and,

2. That the Manager of Traffic Engineering Services, Works and Transportation, be requested:
 - to review the timing of the traffic signal at the intersection of Torbram Road and Corporation Drive
 - to determine if a southbound advance green is warranted, if pedestrian timing is sufficient; and, if right turns should be restricted on a red light.

3. That the Principal be requested to contact the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and suggest that the following actions be undertaken:
 - That school board consider moving the entrance to the school further east to avoid congestion at the corner of Corporation Drive and Tobram Road

5. That the Principal, through the school newsletter and school safety meetings, be requested to encourage the parents/guardians to move to the front of the Kiss and Ride and not block the school entrance.
