

MEMO 26-16

TO: City Council / Administration

FROM: James Kowalski, Director of Public Services 

DATE: July 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Review of Proposed Revocable, Temporary, and Restricted Access to Wedgewood Drive – Grosse Pointe Public School System

Upon review of the proposed plans for the revocable, temporary, and restricted access to Wedgewood Drive for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, limited to utility-related access, I offer the following observations and recommendations:

1. **ADA Compliance** – The proposed sidewalk connection shall be constructed in full compliance with all applicable ADA accessibility requirements on both the private property side and the residential side of the project.
2. **Overhead Utilities** – The proposed gate location is adjacent to the existing utility easement containing overhead electrical and communication lines. The Grosse Pointe Public School System shall verify that all overhead utilities meet the required minimum vertical clearance. Any utilities that do not meet the required clearance shall be raised or otherwise modified prior to use of the access point.
3. **Tree Canopy Clearance** – Existing trees located along the west side of Wedgewood Drive will require canopy elevation (pruning) as necessary to provide adequate vertical clearance for pedestrian traffic and school bus access through the proposed route.
4. **Existing Pavement Condition** – The existing pavement on Wedgewood Drive, from the Grosse Pointe North property line to Hidden Lane, is in need of repair and consideration should be given to completing the necessary roadway repairs to accommodate the additional use.

Based on my review, the proposed construction does not conflict with or impact any existing City-owned water or sewer infrastructure. In addition, AEW Engineering has completed its review and has identified no concerns regarding the City's utilities.