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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: April 21, 2025
RE: San Jose Temporary Opening

Background Brief: In preparation for the upcoming I-696 project, the Lathrup Village Police Department met with the Southfield Public Safety Team on February 25, 2025.

During that meeting, the Southfield Fire Department requested the City of Lathrup Village to consider temporarily removing the berm/fence on San Jose Blvd (between Evergreen Rd & Rainbow Circle) during the construction project for public safety response time purposes. It is acknowledged that during the construction project, there will be an increase in traffic on the mile roads, and there will be temporary closures of the bridges over I-696. A recommendation letter from Fire Chief Menifee (retired) is included in your packet. Additionally, Fire Captain Deneau (who attended the 3/3/25 Study Session) provided a letter that includes the statistical data that was shared during the Study Session as a reference.

To temporarily open the road, the Council has two actions to consider: 1) approve a resolution for the opening and 2) approve a Traffic Control Order (TCO).

At the March 17 Study Session and Council meeting, there was consensus that the Council wanted to see a mock-up gate before approving any TCO. During the April 7 Study Session, the Council reviewed a gate design and received positive feedback from the San Jose residents in attendance. The gate design has also been reviewed by Southfield Fire, who likes the idea of smaller gates that meet and lock in the middle. This is because the swing radius would be shorter, lessening the distance they would need to stop back from the gate to allow it to open. Additionally, since the gate would not be ground level, it reduces the chance of the gate becoming blocked by things such as debris or snow. Knox padlocks would also work with this gate design.

Previous Action: Action items were tabled during the March 17 City Council Meeting.

Economic Impact: Based on the area's layout, staff believe that our DPS crew can complete the work of opening the road. The estimated cost of this project is \$4,000 - \$8,000 (paid via local street fund), depending on the amount of base/asphalt needed once the site is prepped. This cost will include site prep, asphalt, signage, and swing gates.

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to approve the enclosed resolution and TCO.

Recommended Motion:

Motion 1: Moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____ to remove resolution #2025-04 from the table for consideration.

Motion 2: Moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____ to approve resolution #2025-04 regarding the temporary opening of San Jose Boulevard.

Motion 3: Moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____ to remove Traffic Control Order #2025-001 from the table for consideration.

Motion 4: Moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____ to approve Traffic Control Order #2025-001 – San Jose Temporary Opening.

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