



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Traffic Control Order 25-01 for the implementation of a 25 MPH school speed limit on Taft Road from Eleven Mile to Emerald Forest Drive on school days only during the periods of 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM, 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM, 2:20 PM – 2:50 PM and 3:50 PM – 4:20 PM.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Novi Community School District requested a reduced school speed zone be established on Taft Road in the area where multiple schools exist.
- Taft Road is currently posted at 35MPH and will be reduced to 25 MPH during student drop-off and pick-up times.
- The school district will be responsible for the operation of the flashing beacons proposed at each end of the zone.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Novi Community School District requested a reduction of the speed limit along Taft Road where multiple school facilities converge during school drop-off and pick-up times. Parkview Elementary, Novi Woods Elementary, Novi Meadows Elementary exist in this area along with the Japanese School of Detroit and the Early Childhood Education Center. City staff have no objection to the implementation of a school speed zone in this area.

Therefore, a school speed limit of 25 mph is proposed along the Taft Road from Eleven Mile to Emerald Forest Drive. The posted speed limit on Taft Road is currently 35 mph. The reduced speed limit zone will have yellow flashing beacons at each end of the zone which will be operated by the school district to coincide with the three elementary schools' drop-off and pick-up times. Refer to the enclosed figure for the limits of the proposed school speed limit zone.

The Uniform Traffic Code requires that traffic control orders, as issued by the traffic engineer and approved by the City Council, be on file for the enforcement of traffic

control signs. Traffic Control Orders 25-01 would be issued for this school speed limit zone, and the new speed limit signs would meet the federal retro-reflectivity requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Traffic Control Order 25-01 for the implementation of a 25 MPH school speed limit on Taft Road from Eleven Mile to Emerald Forest Drive on school days only during the periods of 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM, 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM, 2:20 PM – 2:50 PM and 3:50 PM – 4:20 PM.