



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution to close Ten Mile Road from the Civic Center to Taft Road, and Taft Road from 10 Mile to 9 Mile Rd. for the Festival of Chariots from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Annual request to support the Rath Yatra (Festival of Chariots) Parade on Sunday, July 19, 2026
- Closure will take place from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM
- The Event has been held in Novi since 2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) will present its annual Rath Yatra (Festival of Chariots) Parade on Sunday, July 19, 2026. The parade will leave the Civic Center campus at 11:45 AM and end and turn south onto Taft Rd. to Nine Mile Rd. and return the same way at approximately 2:00 PM. As in previous years, they are requesting that portions of Ten Mile Road and Taft Road be closed intermittently throughout this timeframe. This private rental event is open to the public at no cost.

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has issued an Annual Permit Number 64938 (that is valid through December 31, 2026) to the City, allowing use of the roadways under County jurisdiction for civic events. The permit is contingent upon the Novi City Council's adoption of an Authorizing Resolution approving the event and agreeing to the terms of the permit. Permit requirements include hold harmless and indemnity and represent the Board of Road Commissioners against all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim related to the Parade.

Approval of the attached resolution is required as part of RCOC Permit Number 64938.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a Resolution to close Ten Mile Road from Civic Center to Taft Road and Taft Road from 10 Mile to 9 Mile Rd. for the Festival of Chariots from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 19, 2026.