



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL JUNE 2, 2025

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 for the Festival of Chariots from 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The route for the annual Festival of Chariots Parade is the same as previous years
- The RCOC has already issued an annual permit allowing use of County roadways for civic events, requiring only adoption of this affiliated Resolution agreeing to its terms

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) will present their annual Rath Yatra (Festival of Chariots) Parade on Sunday, July 20, 2025. The parade will leave the Civic Center campus at 11:45 AM and end at Fuerst Park approximately 1:45 PM. As in previous years, they are requesting to close portions of Ten Mile Road and Taft Road intermittently throughout this timeframe. The parade will begin at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 Ten Mile Road and proceed west on Ten Mile Road to Taft Road, south on Taft Road to Nine Mile Road, turn around and enter Fuerst Park through the staff lot at the high school to end at Fuerst Park. This is a private rental event that is open to the public at no cost.

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has issued an Annual Permit Number 64939 (that is valid through December 31, 2026) to the City allowing use of the roadways under County jurisdiction for civic events. The permit is predicated upon the adoption of an Authorizing Resolution by the Novi City Council approving the event and agreeing to the terms of the permit. Permit requirements include hold harmless and indemnity and represents the Board of Road Commissioners against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim related to the Parade.

Ten Mile Road is under the jurisdiction of the RCOC. Approval of the attached resolution is required as part of RCOC Permit Number 64939.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 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 for the Festival of Chariots from 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM on Sunday, July 20, 2025.