



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2017-0282

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Allan E. Schneck, P.E., Director, Department of Public Services

DATE: June 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Posted Speed Limit of Livernois Road between Canyon Creek and Dutton

REQUEST:

The Department of Public Services requests that City Council approve a resolution of support to post the speed limit at 45 miles per hour (mph) along Livernois Road between Canyon Creek Drive and Dutton Road.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, Section 257.627, Subsection (10), the City of Rochester Hills asked the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) to install 45 mph speed limit signs on the gravel road portion of Livernois Road north of Canyon Creek based on our municipality meeting the criteria of being a county with population of 1,000,000 or more.

The existing gravel road default speed limit is the prima fascia speed of 55 mph, however, drivers are also required to drive to the conditions of a gravel roadway so actual speeds can oftentimes be much less. The current gravel road speed limit law allows for a speed limit reduction to 45 mph based on the number of access points along this stretch of Livernois Road. Any further decrease for a posted speed limit would need to be supported by a speed limit study conducted by the Michigan State Police after the road surface has been newly graded.

Rochester Hills has already made a request to the RCOC asking them to coordinate with the State Police to perform a speed limit study. However, while waiting for this study to be scheduled and completed, the City would also like to pursue the option to post the speed limit at 45 mph.

The RCOC requires a community resolution and pledge to cover the costs of the speed limit signs manufacture and installation. The RCOC has estimated that four speed limit signs are needed at an estimated cost to the City at approximately \$1,400.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Public Services recommends that City Council approve a resolution of support to post the speed limit at 45 miles per hour (mph) along Livernois Road between Canyon Creek Drive and Dutton Road.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
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