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**Text of Legislative File 2009-0203**

**Title**

Recommendation to the Road Commission of Oakland County to support a three-lane cross-section as the City's preferred alternative for improving Tienken Road from west of Livernois Road to Sheldon Road

**Body**

**Whereas**, the Road Commission of Oakland County is reviewing the Environmental Assessment for the widening of Tienken Road from west of Livernois Road to Sheldon Road in Rochester Hills; and

**Whereas**, the Road Commission of Oakland County widening plans were a result of a so-called "earmark" in the Federal budget that was set aside specifically to widen Tienken Road in this area.

**Whereas**, the Road Commission of Oakland County originally considered a 4-lane boulevard or a 5-lane undivided road as the design cross-section and is now including consideration of a 3-lane cross-section at the request of the City of Rochester Hills; and

**Whereas**, the Road Commission of Oakland County has narrowed the considerations to a preferred alternative of a 5-lane undivided road cross-section along with a 3-lane road cross-section developed in consultation with residents and the City; and

**Whereas**, the Master Thoroughfare Plan for the City of Rochester Hills and its most recent update in 2008 planned a 3-lane cross-section for this same segment of roadway, except for the existing improvements at the intersection of Rochester Road; and

**Whereas**, the Rochester Hills City Council has historically opposed excessive widening of City roads to 5-lanes, and now has a policy to consider road widening on a case-by-case basis; and

**Whereas**, the Rochester Hills City Council has considered the alternatives for improving Tienken Road between Livernois and Sheldon Roads on a case-by-case basis and concludes that it does not favor a 5-lane undivided cross-section, because of the undesirable effects such construction would have on the surrounding community; and

**Whereas**, the Rochester Hills City Council has considered the alternatives for improving Tienken Road between Livernois and Sheldon Roads on a case-by-case basis and concludes that it favors a 3-lane cross-section because of the improvement in traffic flow and the reduction in congestion such construction would have without significant undesirable effects on the surrounding community; and

**Whereas**, the Road Commission of Oakland County is required to submit its preferred alternate to the FHWA for review along with any reasonable non-preferred alternatives

***Now Therefore Be It Resolved,*** that Rochester Hills City Council recommends to the Road Commission of Oakland County that improvement to Tienken Road between Livernois and Sheldon Roads be a 3-lane cross-section segment of roadway, except for the existing improvements at the intersection of Rochester Road; and

***Now Be It Further Resolved,*** that Rochester Hills City Council requests the Road Commission of Oakland County include the 3-lane cross-section labeled as the City of Rochester Hills' preferred alternative in its Environmental Assessment for this portion of Tienken Road; and

***Now Be It Finally Resolved,*** that once the Environmental Assessment is submitted to the FHWA, the City of Rochester Hills contact the FHWA in the appropriate manner to support its conclusions regarding its preferred alternative 3-lane cross-section.