

Excerpt from the Draft Minutes of the Regular
Advisory Traffic and Safety Board Meeting
June 10, 2008

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HILLWOOD SUBDIVISION TRAFFIC CONTROLS

Mr. Shumejko said Hillwood Subdivision was located in section two, and summarized the staff report. “A traffic study was recently performed for the intersections of Little Creek Road at Blue Beech Road, and Blue Beech Court at Blue Beech Road. This study was initiated by a request from a resident of Hillwood Subdivision to determine if regulatory traffic control devices are warranted at these intersections, as established by the *Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MMUTCD).

The intersections were reviewed for sight obstructions. At the Little Creek Road and Blue Beech Road intersection there were no permanent sight obstructions existing at any of the intersection quadrants that would adversely impact the safe approach speeds. There are two “spot” obstructions due to two tree trunks that are about 8” to 10” in diameter. The trees will need to be further evaluated by the City’s Forestry Department as to condition, which may necessitate removal.

At the intersection of Blue Beech Court and Blue Beech Road, at the northerly approach off Blue Beech Court there are several trees that limit the sight distance, along with the obtuse angle of the intersection. The southerly approach of Blue Beech Court at Blue Beech Road has several trees at the corner that limit the sight distance, which should be trimmed. The City’s Forestry Department will provide further evaluation of these trees and the necessary trimming.

Traffic crash data was obtained from the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007. During this three-year period there was one reported crash that occurred approximately 370 feet southeast of the intersection at Little Creek Road and Blue Beech Road. The reported crash was not attributable to conflicts with the intersection, but was the result of negligent driving.

The recommended regulatory traffic control devices (stop/yield signs) for the intersections with the available sight distances are as follows:

- 1) Sight distance measured approximately 400 feet southeasterly and approximately 690 feet northwesterly.
Recommend Little Creek Road to YIELD to Blue Beech Road.
- 2) Sight distance measured approximately 500 feet southerly and approximately 180 feet northerly.

Recommend Blue Beech Court to STOP for Blue Beech Road. (Note: Blue Beech Court has two approaches to Blue Beech. Each approach will be signed with a Stop Sign.)

The action requested is that the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board (ATSB) supports having the **TCO Numbers YS-100 and TCO No. SS-139** issued, and that the ATSB recommends that the City Council approve this TCO until it is rescinded or superseded.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Colling stated that before he opened the matter up for discussion by the Board members he would like to give the people in attendance a chance to speak. He asked those who would like to comment on the item to come up to the microphone and state their name and address.

Mr. Norman Hunstad
6281 Little Creek Road
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Mr. Hunstad said he had talked with Mr. Shumejko about the signage at the intersection of Little Creek Road and Blue Beech Road. He thought the solution that has been suggested was appropriate. Even though they have lived there for fifty-one years and haven't seen a pressing need for a sign there, he understood the legality of the situation. He thought that a Yield sign was far preferable to a Stop sign in that particular location. One reason he felt that it was desirable is that gravel roads have a tendency to “wander” over the years. He explained that Little Creek Road runs close to their right of way, and he was sure if there weren't some protection there it would wander over into the right of way and possibly into their lot. The City did kindly put up three Carsonite stakes to help guide traffic around the corner, and now with the addition of the Yield sign he thought the problem would be under control. Mr. Hunstad said he appreciated them moving this issue up early on the agenda, and that he hoped the Board would approve the matter.

Chairperson Colling asked if anyone else would like to speak regarding this, and hearing none he closed the matter for Public Comment. He then opened it up for discussion by the Board.

Mr. Hunter said he would like to make a motion to approve Traffic Control Order No. YS-100 and SS-139. Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Thomas Blackstone
Allan Schneck

Chairperson Colling said the motion had carried. He told Mr. Hunstad he would have his sign, and thanked him for coming to the meeting tonight.