

**CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

August 28, 2006

**TRAFFIC CONTROLS
CHARLWOOD DRIVE & OLYMPIA DRIVE
THORNRIDGE SUBDIVISION (SECTION #6)**

Background

During the past year the City of Rochester Hills Engineering Department received complaints from area residents within the Thornridge Subdivision pertaining to impaired sight distance at various side-street intersections within Charlwood Drive. Based upon these complaints, we recently reviewed the traffic control devices (stop / yield sign's) for the side-street intersections with Charlwood Drive, and also Olympia Drive, within Section 6. The review was conducted to determine if a change in the type of regulatory traffic control is warranted as established by the Michigan Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (M.M.U.T.C.D).

It was determined that Charlwood Drive and Olympia Drive are designated as City major roads, and collect traffic from an area served by an extensive network of local streets within Section 6. Because of their importance to the traveling public, it is required that both streets be assigned the right-of-way over the side-street intersections, except at Tacoma Drive (existing all way stop controlled intersection). Since both of these streets essentially function as collector roads, we are recommending TCO SS -136 be adopted to formally acknowledge Charlwood Drive and Olympia Drive as through streets. This will comply with the City of Rochester Hills practice in designating our major roads as through streets, and determines it is necessary in the interests of public safety to require all vehicles to stop before entering these roads.

Action Requested

Request Traffic and Safety Board support for having TCO No. SS-136 issued, and that the Board recommends the City Council to approve the TCO until rescinded or superseded.