

New Construction – Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing

MOTION in the matter of HDC File No. 09-002 (Tienken Road Bridge over Stoney Creek Replacement) regarding the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a mid-block pedestrian crossing on Tienken Road, west of the Tienken Road Bridge over Stoney Creek, the Historic Districts Commission **APPROVES/DENIES** of a Certificate of Appropriateness with the following Findings and Conditions:

Findings:

1. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing will be a noncontributing resource within the Stoney Creek Historic District located in the City of Rochester Hills.
2. The architectural features, design, arrangement, texture and materials proposed are consistent with those of the Stoney Creek Historic District, and do not have a negative impact on the District.
3. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation Numbers 9 and 10.
4. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing does not destroy historic materials that characterize the District.
5. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing is designed in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the Historic District and its environment would be unimpaired.
6. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing will provide a major pedestrian improvement.
7. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing will serve as an additional traffic calming element reducing traffic speeds in the District.
8. Funding for the proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing requires approval of the Rochester Hills City Council prior to construction.

Conditions:

1. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing and associated improvements shall be consistent with plans dated received from the Planning Department September 9, 2009.
2. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing will include a refuge island, lighting and overhead crosswalk signs. The overhead signage will be span wire mounted with two steel strain poles.

3. The proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing is necessary to provide a safe route for pedestrian and other non-motorized traffic across Tienken Road to allow access the pedestrian bridge located on the south side of Tienken Road. Due to topographic concerns and other constraints, no other pedestrian route exists on the north side of Tienken Road that can provide a safe pathway for non-motorized traffic.