
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

*Planning and
Development*

DATE: October 21, 2008

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Ed Anzek, AICP, Director

**RE: 2008 Master Thoroughfare
Plan Update**

Tuesday evening the Master Thoroughfare Plan will be presented in it's Draft Final form for consideration and adoption by the Planning Commission.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled as part of this adoption process. The purpose of the update is to provide a policy guide for the road network serving the needs of the community, forecasting to the year 2035. The major goals and objectives of the Plan are to “promote a safe transportation system, to protect the environment, to preserve the character of the community, to serve the travel needs of the city and to make sound decisions about the transportation infrastructure.”

The Planning Commission is the body that adopts the Master Thoroughfare Plan update as a component of the City's Master Land Use Plan, and the final draft is now ready for your review. If adopted, the Plan will be used by the City Administration to guide land use, development and transportation decisions. The document has been provided previously.

Since November 2006, numerous meetings have been held with the Technical Committee, the consultants, the City's boards and commissions and the public, with significant input from the Road Commission for Oakland County, planners from adjacent communities and other Regional and State road agencies. The meetings were well publicized, with notices in the paper, on channel 55, and several large postcard mailings. The principal transportation issues facing the community were identified, including future traffic volumes and the service levels of the existing roadway system. Mr. Paul Shumejko, the City's Transportation Engineer and representatives from the City's consultants, The Corradino Group and Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment will be present to detail the accomplishments of the Plan and to answer any questions.

Messrs. Neall Schroeder and Gerry Dettloff, served on the Technical Committee as representatives of the Planning Commission. The Committee was further composed of 2 councilmembers, 1 member from the Traffic Safety and Advisory Board, and representatives from the Road Commission, MDOT, Oakland University, Troy, and the Transportation Improvement Association

If the Planning Commission supports the Plan as presented, a motion is attached for your consideration to adopt the 2008 Master Thoroughfare Plan Update.