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Resolution In Support of Senate Bill 52 - Speed Limits On Unpaved Roads

Body

Whereas, 2006 PA 85, effective November 9, 2006, amended the Michigan Vehicle Code concerning methods for establishing speed limits on public highways based, in part, on the number of vehicular access points within a 1/2 mile segment; and

Whereas, as a result of 2006 PA 85, some dirt and gravel roads in the City of Rochester Hills that were previously posted with lower speed limits had their speed limits increased to the 55 mph prima facie speed limit; and

Whereas, concerned residents and the Rochester Hills City Council believe that higher speed limits on those unpaved roads create unsafe and dangerous conditions for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, especially where the unpaved roads are hilly, bumpy, winding or lack shoulders or sidewalks; and

Whereas, Senate Bill No. 52, introduced by State Senators Marleau, Kowall and Pappageorge, would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to reinstate speed limits for unpaved roads that were lawfully posted before the effective date of 2006 PA 85, unless the city, village or township where the road is located asks its county road commission to increase the speed limit and the road commission concurs; and

Whereas, SB 52 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation; and

Whereas, the City Council believes enactment of SB 52 will promote the public health, safety and welfare of the city's residents, visitors and the traveling public.

Therefore, it is resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council declares its support for SB 52 and urges the State Legislature and the Governor to promptly enact it.

It is further resolved that the City Clerk shall transmit this resolution of support to State Senators Marleau, Kowall, Pappageorge, the Senate Committee on Transportation, State Representative McMillin, Governor Snyder, Oakland County Executive Patterson, Oakland County Commissioner Matis, the Road Commission for Oakland County, and the Michigan Municipal League.