

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

January 31, 2006

PARKING CONCERNS

CUMBERLAND DRIVE (Hamlin Road to Prospect Drive) Section #27.

Background

In November of 2005, we received a parking complaint from an area resident living within the Cumberland Hills Subdivision. The traffic complaint was related to on-street parking concerns during school days for Cumberland Drive, south of Hamlin Road. The complainant cited several types of conflicts with Cumberland Drive ingress and egress traffic with on-street parked vehicles waiting to drop off / pick up students for Hamlin Elementary School. The problem exists when Hamlin Elementary students are present and walking within the street between parked vehicles on either side of Cumberland Drive for the boulevard entrance between Hamlin Road & Prospect Drive.

After reviewing the conditions in the field, we confirmed parked vehicles in the roadway are a chronic problem and impact the safety of Cumberland Drive during school days. The parking problems occurred during school morning and afternoon peak hour periods. We have observed several vehicles parking in designated areas that are currently prohibited under the statute of the Michigan Motor Vehicles Code. This includes parking too close to crosswalk, intersection, and driveways. Also we observed during snow days, students were more inclined to walk within the traveled portion of Cumberland Drive rather in grass right-of-way back of street curb.

On January 17, 2006 we met with the Cumberland Hills Homeowners Association at their annual meeting to discuss the above parking concerns for Cumberland Drive. Also during this meeting we discussed with HOA the possibility of constructing a 5' wide sidewalk along the east of Cumberland Drive from Hamlin Road to Prospect Drive to provide a safe refuge and separation for Hamlin Elementary students to commute to school.

We believe there is adequate on-street parking available within Cumberland Drive, located south of Prospect Drive and away from Hamlin Road entrance and median traffic island. Therefore, staff recommends restricting parking on both sides of Cumberland Drive during school days only between Hamlin Road and Prospect Drive. By restricting parking this will keep the intersection clear during school start and dismissal periods, and eliminate conflicts with parents drop off and pick-up for Hamlin Elementary School.

Action Requested

Request Traffic and Safety Board support having the TCO No. PK-88 issued, and that the Board recommends the City Council to approve the TCO until rescinded or superseded.

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cc: Paul Shumejko, City Traffic Engineer