

**Draft Minutes Excerpt**  
**Advisory Traffic & Safety Board Regular Meeting**  
**Meeting of November 14, 2006**

**PK-93, Legislative File No. 2006-0821**

**PK-93.1** “No Stopping, Standing, Parking” within the right-of-way on north side of Tienken Road from Adams Road to a point Twelve Hundred Fifty (1,250) feet westerly thereof.

**PK-93.2** “No Parking” within the right-of-way on north side of Tienken from a point Twelve Hundred Fifty (1,250) feet westerly of Adams Road to City Limits.

**PK-93.3** “No Parking” within the right-of-way on south side of Tienken Road from Adams Road westerly to City Limits.

Mr. Matich explained that this TCO deals with parking restrictions on Tienken Road from Adams Road westerly to the City limits. Recently, the Department of Public Service met with officials from Rochester Schools, including the Principal, Vice Principal, Transportation Director, and Director Of Building and Grounds. They discussed the recent opening of the Tienken Road barricade by the City of Auburn Hills, and the effects this will have on increased traffic for Tienken Road. The school has concerns with any adverse effects to the operation of the four high school driveways that come out to Tienken Road. During the field meetings with Rochester Schools, City staff observed an overflow of vehicles parked within the north side of Tienken Road from Adams Road westerly to the school’s new circle driveway for parent pick up and drop off. The vehicles were queued within the right turn lane of Tienken Road fronting the school waiting to pick up students during the school’s dismissal period, and several conflicts occurred as a result of the parked cars within the roadway.

Currently Tienken Road is posted as “No Parking” from Adams Road westerly to the City Limits. Mr. Matich said we are asking the Board to consider TCO PK-93 to rescind PK-23, which will change it to “No Stopping Standing, Parking” in front of the school. The school liaison officer with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department can then enforce this.

Vice Chairperson Moore asked if there were any discussion of the traffic control order.

Mr. Brown thought the parking restrictions made sense. He said he had been over in that area and taken a look when school is getting out. He asked where the parents who now use that as a standing zone will go from there. He explained he was thinking ahead to where the next problem will be.

Mr. Matich commented that was a good point, and was something they were not sure of until they went out to the field and observed. He asked the Board members to look at the

aerial photograph included in the packet, which showed the new parent pickup/drop-off driveway. He explained it had been the bus loop, but they recommended the school switch the bus loop with the parent pickup, as more cars could be parked in that circle driveway. Just to the west there is a staff parking lot. After the circle filled up, there were still eight or so cars backed up onto the roadway. The liaison officer from the Sheriff's Department was going to go out and tell those eight extra cars to move to the staff parking lot and wait there.

Mr. Brown commented he was trying to envision that parking lot. He asked Mr. Matich if there were enough room to accommodate the cars, and he responded that there was no problem with eight to ten cars. The school was considering closing off the driveway and servicing the loop off that parking lot in the future, when funds become available. Mr. Brown said he thought it was a good idea, but he was trying to get a vision of what the next problem would be as a result of that. Mr. Matich commented that was how school problems seem to evolve; additions to the school are piecemealed in and the traffic problems are just moved around. When they were on site, cars were parked out to the radius of Adams Road. There are a lot of conflicts during that half hour drop-off period, but it clears out right away after that.

Mr. Blackstone asked if this all came about as a result of Tienken Road being open now, which was confirmed. He asked if it really presented that much of a problem if you have a line of cars waiting to pull into the circle. Isn't there still room for the cars going westbound on Tienken?

Mr. Matich said the problem was with the turning movements. Sight distance was blocked for the vehicles coming out, and they can't get a good line of sight. Westbound through traffic is going at a pretty good rate of speed, which presents potential conflicts.

Mr. Brown asked if there were any estimates on how much traffic is going to increase on Tienken Road now that the barricade is down. Mr. Shumejko said he believed it was about 2,200 vehicles a day before, and Mr. Matich confirmed that number agreed with their last traffic count. Mr. Shumejko added that based on studies, upon opening of the road the estimate was 4,800 vehicles a day, a little over double. Next spring after things readjust they will do a vehicle count there, as well as a speed study.

Mr. Brown questioned the 2,200 figure with the road closed. He stated that intuitively it seemed high, while 4,800 seemed low. He thought a substantial number of people would now be using that roadway. Mr. Matich recalled SEMCOG's regional estimate was 12 to 15 thousand vehicles a day, ultimately. Mr. Shumejko said the 2,200 figure was within the influence of the school, which would generate more trips in and out.

Mr. Matich stated the school is very concerned, and feels that if the numbers get that high they will try to get the traffic out to their ring road in the back, and maybe get a signalized driveway off to Tienken Road like they have over at Van Hoosen and Adams Road. They have a lot of driveways coming out to Adams, and also to Tienken.

Mr. Buiteweg stated that right now the Tienken Toad traffic is down because no one can get through until the bridge is finished. He suggested that someone look at the timing of the lights due to the increase in traffic. Mr. Shumejko said Mr. Matich made a request of the Road Commission to look into providing more left-turn green phasing during school hours to get more traffic through that wants to head north on Adams, and also to review the overall timing. He felt it was something that would evolve over the next couple of months as traffic finds its way around. Mr. Matich added that Hubbell, Roth, & Clark (HRC) did a study before the barricade was removed to evaluate what would happen once the road was opened up. They did talk about improving the intersection of Adams and Tienken, and that was something they would look at with the Road Commission in the future.

Vice Chairperson Moore asked if there were any more discussion on the matter, and hearing none asked if anyone would like to make a motion to approve.

**MOTION** by Buiteweg, seconded by Blackstone, in the matter of PK- 93 to enforce stopping and parking of parked vehicles within Tienken Road fronting Rochester Adams High School, the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board **supports** a City Council Resolution to rescind TCO PK-23 and adopt PK-93.

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Colling, Schneck**

**MOTION CARRIED**