## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item L <br> August 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of Traffic Control Order 10-41 for the implementation of a 45 mph speed limit on 13 Mile Road between Meadowbrook Road and Haggerty Road, and approval of Traffic Control Order 10-42 to rescind Traffic Control Order 79-04 for the previous (nonposted) speed limit of 30 mph .
SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division BTC
CITY MANAGER APPROVAL
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
A recent audit of the City's traffic control sign inventory identified a number of posted speed limits that lack traffic control orders for enforcement of the speed. The Uniform Traffic Code requires that traffic control orders, as issued by the traffic engineer and approved by the City Council, be on file for the enforcement of traffic control signs. As such, an engineering study was performed to establish a legal speed limit as required by the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) (see Birchler Arroyo study dated May 7, 2010). Speed limits are generally set using the 85 th percentile speed, which is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the motorists drive on a given road unaffected by slower traffic or poor weather.

The posted speed limit for 13 Mile between Haggerty Road and Meadowbrook Road is currently 40 mph ; however the only traffic control order on file for this segment is for a speed limit on this of 30 mph . The proposed speed limit of 45 mph is proposed to represent existing driver behavior on this segment as represented by the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speeds of 46.0 mph at Lenox Park and 46.0 mph at Cabot Drive. As discussed in the attached August 10, 2010 memo regarding the proposed speed limit changes, an increase in the posted speed to match the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed does not significantly increase the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed when the posted speed limit is increased. In reviewing the segments on which the speed limits were increased in 2009, the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed increased an average of 0.8 mph . Within one year after implementation of new speed limits, staff will collect speed samples to verify that the new posted speed limit continues to reflect the $85^{\text {lh }}$ percentile speed.

The new signs would meet the federal retroreflectivity requirements and would be funded by the Traffic Control Sign Replacement Program as approved in the FY2010-11 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Traffic Control Order 10-41 for the implementation of a 45 mph speed limit on 13 Mile Road between Meadowbrook Road and Haggerty Road, and approval of Traffic Control Order 10-42 to rescind Traffic Control Order 79-04 for the previous (non-posted) speed limit of 30 mph .

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## CITY OF NOVI TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

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DATE OF ORDER:
August 16, 2010
CONTROL NUMBER:
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER NO. 33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN, SAME BEING THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES OF MICHIGAN AND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER IS HEREBY ISSUED BY BRIAN COBURN, SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER, DULY AUTHORIZED AS TRAFFIC ENGINEER, BY SEC. 33.141 OF THE AFORESAID CHAPTER.

ISSUANCE OF THIS TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER WAS PRECEDED BY STUDY AND INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ROAD OR ROADS IN THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN.

## 13 MILE RD

and after said Investigation, it is hereby ordered and directed that the department of PUBLIC SERVICES ERECT AND MAINTAIN THE SPEED LIMIT SIGN (S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AS REQUIRED BY SEC. 33.217 OF THE AFORESAID CHAPTER, SAID SIGNS TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION:

## SPEED LIMIT FOR 13 MILE ROAD FROM MEADOWBROOK ROAD TO HAGGERTY ROAD TO BE 45 MPH



Brian Coburn, P.E. - Traffic-Engineer
Dated: August 16,2010

## APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NUMBER 10-41 HAVING BEEN PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN FOR STUDY AND APPROVAL, IS HEREBY APPROVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT THIS ORDER BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND A COPY THEREOF IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF SAID CITY.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT THIS ORDER SHALL BECOME EFECTIVE UPON BEING FILED WITH THE CLERK AND UPON ERECTION OF ADEQUATE SIGNS GIVING NOTICE OF the EXISTENCE OF AFORESAID,

SPEED LIMIT FOR 13 MILE ROAD FROM MEADOWBROOK ROAD TO HAGGERTY ROAD TO BE 45 MPH
By:
David Landry, Mayor
ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON August 23, 2010.

By:
Maryanne Cornelius, Clerk

## CITY OF NOVI TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

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DATE OF ORDER: $\quad$ August 16,2010
PARKING
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CONTROL NUMBER: 10-42
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER NO. 33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN, SAME BEING THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES OF MICHIGAN AND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER IS HEREBY ISSUED BY BRIAN COBURN, SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER, DULY AUTHORIZED AS TRAFFIC ENGINEER, BY SEC. 33.141 OF THE AFORESAID CHAPTER.

ISSUANCE OF THIS TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER WAS PRECEDED BY STUDY AND INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ROAD OR ROADS IN THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN.

## 13 MILE RD

and after said Investigation, it is hereby ordered and directed that the department of PUBLIC SERVICES ERECT AND MAINTAIN THE SPEED LIMIT SIGN (S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AS REQUIRED BY SEC. 33.217 OF THE AFORESAID CHAPTER, SAID SIGNS TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION:

TO RESCIND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER $79-04$ FOR 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON 13 MILE RD FROM MEADOWBROOK ROAD TO HAGGERTY ROAD


Brian Coburn, P.E. - Traffic Engineer
Dated: August 16, 2010

## APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NUMBER 10-42 HAVING BEEN PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN FOR STUDY AND APPROVAL, IS HEREBY APPROVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT THIS ORDER BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND A COPY THEREOF IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF SAID CITY.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT THIS ORDER SHALL BECOME EFECTIVE UPON BEING filed with the Clerk and upon erection of adequate signs giving notice of the EXISTENCE OF AFORESAID,

## TO RESCIND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER $79-04$ FOR 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON 13 MILE RD FROM MEADOWBROOK ROAD TO HAGGERTY ROAD

ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON August 23, 2010.

By:
David Landry, Mayor

By:
Maryanne Cornelius, Clerk


TO: ROB HAYES, P.E.; DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES
FROM: BRIAN COBURN, P.E.; SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER BJC
SUBJECT:
PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES
DATE: AUGUST 10, 2010

This memo is a follow-up to my April 28, 2010 memo regarding speed limit evaluations. As you may recall, I conducted an audit of the city's speed limit signs and identified a number of installed signs that lack traffic control orders. The road segments that lack traffic control orders for the posted speed are as follows:

- Novi Road (12 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road)
- Meadowbrook Road (12 Mile Road to 13 Mile Road)
- 13 Mile Road (Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road)
- West Park Drive (12 Mile Road to West Road)
- Town Center Drive
- Crescent Blvd
- Crowe Drive
- Ingersol Drive

With the assistance of the Field Operations Division and our traffic consultant, Birchler Arroyo, we have collected speed samples and evaluated these segments to determine the appropriate speed limit. The speed studies for each segment are attached to this memo.

## Legal Requirements for Speed Limits

The Uniform Traffic Code requires that traffic control orders, as issued by the traffic engineer and approved by the City Council, be on file for the enforcement of traffic control signs. As discussed in the Detroit News article attached to the April 28 memo, tickets issued for a speed limit that lacks a traffic control order could be successfully challenged by the motorist. Speed limits are governed by the Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC) and the Michigan Manual of Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD). The MVC provides a standard "prima facie" speed based on the number of access points on a roadway. The MVC allows the local agency to adjust the speed limit based on a traffic engineering study. The MMUTCD requires an engineering study to determine the speed limit in accordance with established traffic engineering practices.

Generally, speed limits should be set so that the majority of drivers observe them voluntarily. Studies have shown that drivers generally operate their vehicles at speeds that are reasonable and proper, regardless of the posted speeds. Nationally, this is recognized as the 85 th percentile speed, which is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the motorists drive on a given road unaffected by slower traffic or poor weather. It is generally accepted that when traffic deviates from the 85 th percentile speed, the probability of a traffic crash becomes greater. In addition to the 85th percentile speed, the MMUTCD recommends review of other road characteristics including pedestrian activity, road conditions, crash experience, 10 mph pace, and road side environment. Realistic speed limits should be set at no more than five miles per hour below or above the 85 th percentile speed based on these mitigating factors.

Public Perception of Speed Limits
It is usually difficult for the public to understand that even though the road may be posted at one speed, a great number of drivers may actually be driving faster based on their comfort level with the road. There is also a perception that when the posted speed limit is increased that it will result in even higher speeds. For example, if a road is posted at 30 mph and the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed is 35 mph , there is a perception that if the posted speed limit is increased to 35 mph , drivers would increase their speed toward 40 mph . To demonstrate the impact of increasing the posted speeds, we have analyzed the speed limits that were changed in 2009. The table below compares the observed $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed on several road segments before the new speed limit was posted with the observed 85 th percentile speed after the new speed limit was posted. While there was a notable increase on two segments of Beck Road and on Lewis Drive, there was no change in $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed for many of the segments. The average change is a 0.8 mph increase in speed.

|  |  |  |  | 85th percentile speed (mph) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Road | Segment | Original Posted Speed | New Posted Speed (2009) | Before New Posted Speed Limit | After New Posted Speed Limit | Change |
| 11 Mile Road | Town Center to Meadowbrook | 30 | 35 | 36 | 37 | +1 |
|  | Meadowbrook to Seeley | 30 | 35 | 39 | 39 | 0 |
| Cabot Drive | Lewis to 13 Mile | 25 | 35 | 38 | 38 | 0 |
|  | South of Lewis | 25 | 35 | 37 | 37 | 0 |
|  | North of 12 Mile (curves) | 25 | 30 | 34 | 34 | 0 |
| Lewis Drive | Haggerty to Cabot | 25 | 35 | 35 | 37 | +2 |
| Beck <br> Road | 11 Mile to Grand River | 40 | 45 | 47 | 47 | 0 |
|  | 10 Mile to 11 Mile | 40 | 45 | 45 | 49 | +4 |
|  | Nine Mile to 10 Mile | 40 | 45 | 48 | 46 | -2 |
|  | Eight Mile to Nine Mile | 40 | 45 | 47 | 49 | +2 |
| Average Change |  |  |  |  |  | +0.8 |

## Proposed Speed Limits

The enclosed studies demonstrate that the speed limits that are currently posted on the subject road segments are not being observed by the majority of drivers. Further, since the posted speeds lack traffic control orders or engineering studies to support the posted speed limits, they must be reviewed to establish legal speed limits. A summary of the proposed speed limits is shown in the table below, with the justification for each recommendation included in the enclosed studies.

| Road | Segment | Current <br> Posted Speed Limit | 85 ${ }^{\text {hh }}$ Percentile Speed | Recommended Posted Speed Limit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Novi Road | 12 Mile to 1,640 feet south of 13 Mile | 40 | 47 | 45 |
|  | 1,640 feet south of 13 Mile to 13 Mile | 35 | 45 | 45 |
|  | 13 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road | 40 | 48 | 45 (*) |
| Meadowbrook Road | 12 Mile Road to Meadowbrook Elem | 30 | 36 | 35 |
|  | 13 Mile Road to Meadowbrook Elem | 25 | 36 | $35^{\text {***) }}$ |
| 13 Mile Road | Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road | 40 | 46 | 45 |
| West Park Drive | 12 Mile Road to West Road | 40 | 47 | 45 |
| Crowe Drive | Novi Road to Ingersol Drive | 25 | 24 | 25 |
| Ingersol Drive | Crescent Blvd to Crowe Drive | 25 | 27 | 25 |
| Crescent Blvd | Novi Road to Town Center Drive | 25 | 33 | 30 |
| Town Center Drive | Crescent Blvd to 11 Mile Road | 25 | 33 | 30 |
|  | Grand River Ave to 11 Mile Road | 25 | 29 | 30 |

(*)A 30 mph school speed zone is proposed for this segment during school arival and dismissal times
${ }^{(* *) A} 25 \mathrm{mph}$ school speed zone is proposed for this segment during school arrival and dismissal times

As noted in the table, there are two school speed zones proposed for implementation. The first is adjacent to Hickory Woods Elementary School on Novi Road. The posted speed limit is currently 40 mph at this location and there is no school speed zone at this time. The report recommends a school speed zone be set at 30 mph in the vicinity of the school property. The second school speed zone is proposed adjacent to Meadowbrook Elementary on Meadowbrook Road. The speed limit is currently set at 25 mph as a regular speed limit that is in effect all-day, every day. The report proposes the implementation of a school speed zone set at 25 mph in the vicinity of the school property. State law (MCL 257.627a) allows the speed limit to be decreased by 15 mph from the posted speed (but set at not less than 25 mph ) in a school zone for a period of 30 minutes to one hour before school and 30 minutes to one hour after school, when requested by the school superintendent. We have discussed the proposed school speed zones with Walled Lake Schools. They are supportive of the recommendations and intend to request the school speed zones as proposed.

## Public Notification

The majority of the segments being studied are located in nonresidential areas. Meadowbrook Road has the largest potential impact on the residents since there are several residential units along Meadowbrook Road in the existing 25 mph speed zone. A "Speed Limit Under Review" sign (as shown at right) has been installed at the north and south ends of the Meadowbrook Road segment (12 Mile Road to 13 Mile Road) to notify residents and motorists that the speed limit is being studied. We have received a few calls from residents who were primarily concerned with the speed limit near the school. Our staff has explained that a school speed zone is proposed which
 calmed their concerns.

## Implementation

We propose to prepare the traffic control orders for the speed limit recommendations from the studies for consideration by City Council on an upcoming agenda. Once approved by City Council, the new speed signs would be installed by Field Operations staff as recommended by the studies. The new signs would meet the federal retroreflectivity requirements and would be funded by the Traffic Control Sign Replacement Program as approved in the FY2010-11 budget.

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## Subject: Speed Limit Study of 13 Mile Road, Meadowbrook to Haggerty

Dear Mr. Coburn:
Per your request, we have evaluated the above road segment to determine an appropriate speed limit. This letter reports our findings and recommendation.

## Recommendation

The speed limit on 13 Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty should be raised to 45 mph .

## Background

The existing 40 mph speed limit on 13 Mile Road extends from Novi Road east into the City of Farmington Hills. West of Novi Road, the speed limit "steps down" first to 35 mph for about $1 / 4 \mathrm{mile}$, and then second to 25 mph for the last $1 / 4$ mile before reaching its end at Old Novi Road / South Lake Drive. The decreasing speed limit to the west makes sense given the nature of the road, surrounding uses, and related reduction in functional classification from minor arterial to residential collector. The 40 mph speed limit between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads, and east of Haggerty in Farmington Hills, also appears to make sense given the rolling terrain and relatively narrow pavement in less-than-ideal condition.

Less obvious is the desirability of maintaining a $40-\mathrm{mph}$ speed limit on the subject road section between Meadowbrook and Haggerty (Figure 1). This section follows a more consistent vertical alignment and is primarily three lanes wide (Figures 2-7). It also carries significant traffic volumes away from the (currently) $55-\mathrm{mph}$ M-5 expressway, and research has shown that there is typically a "speed-carryover" effect wherein motorists tend to drive somewhat faster than otherwise shortly after leaving a high-speed road for a lower-speed road.

## Criteria

In establishing a speed limit, it is appropriate to determine and consider (1) the prima facie limit, (2) the "speed of vehicular traffic" (typically expressed as the $85^{\text {th }}$-percentile speed), and ( 3 ) other traffic and roadway characteristics (per the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices).


Figure 1. Thirteen Mile Road, Meadowbrook to Haggerty


Figure 2. 13 Mile Road in Vicinity of Meadowbrook Road

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Figure 3. 13 Mile Road in Vicinity of Fox Run Road

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Figure 4． 13 Mile Road from Brightmoor Driveway East


Figure 5. 13 Mile Road from M-5 to East


Figure 6. 13 Mile Road at Cabot Drive

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Figure 7. 13 Mile Road Just West of Haggerty Road

A portion of the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.627) establishes prima facie speed limits based on (1) whether or not the road runs through a business district, and (2) the number of access points (driveways or intersecting roadways) within each half mile of road. In a business district or where there are 60 or more access points per half mile, the prima facie limit is 25 mph . Outside a business district, the prima facie limit is 35 mph for $45-59$ access points per half mile and 45 mph for $30-44$ access points per half mile.

Another portion of the law (MCL 257.628) indicates that a posted speed limit different than the prima facie limit may be determined based on an "engineering and traffic investigation." Relevant guidelines for such an investigation, found in Section 2B. 13 of the MMUTCD (approved jointly by the MDOT and the State Police), are as follows:
[. "When a speed limit is to be posted, it should be within ... 5 mph of the $85^{\text {m }}$-percentile of free-flowing traffic.

- Other factors that may be considered when establishing speed limits are the following:
A. Road characteristics, shoulder condition, grade, alignment, and sight distance;
B. The pace speed;
C. Roadside development and environment;
D. Parking practices and pedestrian activity;
E. Reported crash experience for at least a 12-month period."


## Data Collection and Analysis

Prima Facie Speed Limit - Our review of recent-vintage aerial photos (Figures 2-7) found an average of 9.5 access points per half mile for 13 Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty. This access-point frequency is well below any of the ranges specified in MCL 257.627; hence, the prima facie speed limit is 55 mph .
$85^{\text {th }}$-Percentile Speed - At our request, City personnel conducted automated speed and volume sampling over 48 -hour midweek periods. The two sampling locations are marked in red on Figures 1,3 , and 6 .

Table 1 summarizes the sampling results by location, direction, and day. It is interesting to note that the volumes and speeds east of $\mathrm{M}-5$ are nearly identical to those west of $\mathrm{M}-5$. Both sections carry approximately 8,100 vehicles per day, at an overall average speed of 40 mph and an $85^{\text {th }}$-percentile speed of 46 mph .

Also noteworthy is the fact a smaller-than-normal percentage of vehicles is within the $10-\mathrm{mph}$ range (or "pace") containing the greatest share of the sample, especially west of $\mathrm{M}-5$. There, the average percentage within the pace $-64 \%$ - is some $10-20$ percentage points below that typically found on other roads recently sampled in Novi. This greater disparity among speeds typically increases the potential for multiple-vehicle crashes. All of the above statistical results support an increase in the speed limit to 45 mph .

Table 1. Summary of Speed Statistics for 13 Mile Road, Meadowbrook-Haggerty for May 4-6, 2010

| Sampling Location | Dir. | Date | Sample Size | Speed (mph) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Average | 85th \%tile | 10-mph Pace | \% in Pace |
| \# 1 <br> (West of <br> Lenox <br> Park) | EB | 5-04-10 (>11 am) | 1878 | 39.9 | 47.3 | 35.45 | 57.3\% |
|  |  | 5-05-10 | 3665 | 39.8 | 46.7 | 35.45 | 61.5\% |
|  |  | 5-06-10 (<11 am) | 1765 | 40.7 | 46.8 | 35.45 | 65.5\% |
|  |  | Average Day | 3654 | 40.0 | 46.9 | $35-45$ | 61.4\% |
|  | WB | 5-04-10 (>11 am) | 3390 | 39.3 | 45.1 | 35.45 | 69.4\% |
|  |  | 5-05-10 | 4554 | 38.6 | 45.0 | 35-45 | 65.1\% |
|  |  | 5-06-10 (<11 am) | 1140 | 38.3 | 47.2 | 35-45 | 59.6\% |
|  |  | Average Day | 4542 | 38.8 | 45.3 | $35-45$ | 66.0\% |
|  | Both | Average Day | 8196 | 39.4 | 46.0 | 35.45 | 64.0\% |
| \# 2 <br> (East of Cabot) | EB | 5-04-10 (>11 am) | 2926 | 40.3 | 47.3 | 35-45 | 62.7\% |
|  |  | 5-05-10 | 4074 | 40.4 | 47.2 | 35-45 | 65.2\% |
|  |  | 5-06-10 (<11 am) | 1210 | 41.0 | 47.2 | 35-45 | 66.1\% |
|  |  | Average Day | 4105 | 40.5 | 47.2 | 35-45 | 70.9\% |
|  | WB | 5-04-10 (>11 am) | 2792 | 39.5 | 44.7 | 35.45 | 74.8\% |
|  |  | 5-05-10 | 4017 | 39.4 | 44.6 | 35-45 | 74.2\% |
|  |  | 5-06-10 (<11 am) | 1161 | 39.4 | 44.9 | 35-45 | 71.8\% |
|  |  | Average Day | 3985 | 39.4 | 44.7 | 35.45 | 74.1\% |
|  | Both | Average Day | 8090 | 40.0 | 46.0 | 35.45 | 72.5\% |

Crash Experience - At our request, the Traffic Improvement Association searched its files for crashes occurring along 13 Mile from Meadowbrook to Haggerty between 2005 and 2009, inclusive. Excluded were intersection crashes at the Meadowbrook, M-5, and Haggerty, since such crashes would likely be due primarily to factors other than the speed limit on 13 Mile.

Detailed crash tabulations are appended to this report. Table 2 summarizes the ten crashes reported for the five-year period. Key findings are as follows:

- A majority (at least six) of the ten crashes appear to be access-related (two at the first commercial drive west of Haggerty, one at Cabot, one at first residential driveway west of $M-5$, and one at Fox Run).
- The only crash citing "speeding" is one that occurred on a snow-covered road.


## Conclusions and Recommendation

- An increase in the speed limit to 45 mph is supported by the $85^{\text {nh }}$-percentile speed of existing traffic, relatively few access points and good road design features (such as the availability of a separate lane for left turns), and a crash history seemingly unrelated to the "speed of vehicular traffic."
- Assuming that the City changes the speed limit to 45 mph as we are now recommending, it would be desirable to conduct a follow-up study to ensure that the increased limit has not resulted in significantly increased speeds. Another speed check on 13 Mile Road would be even more important if MDOT increases the current $55-\mathrm{mph}$ speed limit on M-5.

Sincerely,
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Table 2. 2005-2009 Crash History for 13 Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty Roads ${ }^{1}$

| Year | Date | Time | Cross Road | Distance from <br> Cross <br> Road | Crash (Type or \#) |  |  |  |  |  | Crash Severity (\# Persons) |  |  |  |  | Possible Contributing Factors |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Angle | Head -On | Sideswipe |  | RearEnd | SingleVehicle | K | Personal Injury |  |  | Property <br> Damage <br> Only |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Opposite Direction | Same Direction |  |  |  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 2009 | 12109 | $2 p$ | Meadowbrook | 1000 E. | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | Failure to yield at Fox Run Rd. |
| 2008 | 4/14 | 1 p | Haggerty | $400^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | Likely 2-stage LT out of driveway. |
|  | 1/25 | $6 p$ | Haggerty | $400^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. |  |  | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | Hurried leff turn into driveway? |
| 2007 | 7/18 | $5 p$ | Meadowbrook | 1320 E. |  |  |  | WB |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | Unclear why V\#2 had slowed. |
|  | 5/29 | 4 p | Haggerty | $500^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. |  |  |  |  | EB |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | V\#2 stopped for signal at Haggerty? |
| 2006 | 6/26 | 8 a | Cabot | 0 |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | Likely 2-stage LT from N. Cabot. |
| 2005 | 11/18 | 12 a | Haggerty | $686^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. |  |  |  |  |  | EB |  |  |  |  |  | Apparently hit object in road. |
|  | 10/13 | $6 p$ | M-5 | 528' W. | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | Van pulling out of drive hit 2 WB veh. |
|  | 2128 | 10 p | M-5 | 1320 ' W. |  |  |  |  |  | EB |  |  |  |  | 1 | Speeding on snow, ran off road. |
|  | $2 / 23$ | 4 p | SB M-5 | 500 W | $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | Failure to yield during a U-turn. |
| Total |  |  |  |  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 |  |

[^1]2005-2009 CRASH DATA


| \#5 Location: THIRTEEN MILE RD (0.86) 1000 feet E of MEADOWBROOK ROAD Crash ID: 7496111 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Crash Date: 12/09/2009 Injuries K: 0 |  |  | Day: Wed |  | Hour: 2pm Weather: clear |  |  | Roadway: dry |  | Light: day |  |  |
|  |  |  | Inj A: 0 |  | $\operatorname{lnj} \mathrm{B}: 0$ | Inj C: 0 |  | Inj 0: 2 |  | How: angle |  |  |
| CVT: Novi |  |  | Area: straight |  |  | HBD: N |  | Drugs: N |  | Complaint No: 090079157 |  |  |
| Unit No | Veh Dir | Actio | Prior |  |  | Event 2 | Event 3 | Event 4 | Haz A | tion | Veh Type | Damage |
| 1 | N | start | rdwy |  | in transpt | none | none | none | failed | yeild | truck/bus | iffront |
| 2 | E | go str |  |  | transpt | none | none | none | none |  | car | rtside |
| UD-10: 090 | 0651248 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Crash Type |  |
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| Count | Type |
| 1 | uncoded |
| 1 | single |
| 0 | head-on |
| 0 | head-on/lt |
| 2 | angle |
| 0 | rr-end |
| 0 | rr-end/t |
| 0 | rr-end/rt |
| 1 | ss-same |
| 0 | ss-opp |
| 0 | unknown |
| Totals: | 5 |

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| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | uncoded |
| 4 | day |
| 0 | dawn |
| 0 | dusk |
| 0 | dark/ld |
| 1 | dark/unlld |
| 0 | Unknown |
| Totals: 5 |  |

Weather

| Count | Iype |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | uncoded |
| 2 | clear |
| 2 | cloudy |
| 0 | fog/smoke |
| 0 | rain |
| 1 | snow |
| 0 | wind |
| 0 | sleethail |
| 0 | unknown |
| Totals: | 5 |

Road Condition

| Count | Type |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | uncoded |
| 4 | dry |
| 0 | wet |
| 0 | icy |
| 1 | snowy |
| 0 | muddy |
| 0 | slushy |
| 0 | debris |
| 0 | unknown |
| Tohals: 5 |  |


| Vehicle Type |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Count | Type |
| 0 | uncoded |
| 5 | car |
| 0 | other |
| 2 | truck/bus |
| 1 | van |
| 2 | pickup |
| 0 | sm truck |
| 0 | motorcycle |
| 0 | moped |
| 0 | go-cart |
| 0 | snowmobile |
| 0 | off-rd veh |
| Totals: | 10 |


| Crashes By Month |
| :--- |
| Count Type <br> 0 January <br> 2 February <br> 0 March <br> 0 April <br> 0 May <br> 0 June <br> 1 July <br> 0 August <br> 0 September <br> 1 October <br> 0 November <br> 1 December <br> Totals: 5 |


| Hazardous Action |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Count | туpe |
| 6 | none |
| 1 | speeding |
| 0 | imprp/no signal |
| 0 | imprp backing |
| 1 | unable to stop |
| 0 | other |
| 0 | unknown |
| 0 | reckls driving |
| 0 | negl driving |
| 0 | spd too slow |
| 2 | failed to yeild |
| 0 | disrgd traffic entrl |
| 0 | wrong way |
| 0 | left of center |
| 0 | imprp passing |
| 0 | imprp lane use |
| 0 | imprp turn |
| Totals: | 10 |

Unit Type
Count Type

| 0 | uncoded |
| :--- | :--- |
| 10 | vehicle |
| 0 | pedestrian |
| 0 | bicyclist |
| 0 | engineer |
| Totals: | 10 |

Crash Severity

|  | FATAL | A | B | C | No $\operatorname{lnj}$ | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Crashes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |

Alcohol in Crashes

|  | FATAL | PI | PD | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Drinking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not Drinking | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |

Crashes per Hour by Day

|  | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednasday | Thuraday | Friday | Saturday | Unknown | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12a-1a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1a-2a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2a-3a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $3 \mathrm{a}-4 \mathrm{a}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $4 a-5 a$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $5 a-6 a$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6a-7a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $7 \mathrm{a}-8 \mathrm{a}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $8 \mathrm{a}-9 \mathrm{a}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9a-10a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10a-11a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11a-12p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12p-1p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1p-2p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $2 p-3 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $3 p-4 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $4 p-5 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $5 p-6 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $6 p-7 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $7 p-8 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $8 \mathrm{p}-9 \mathrm{p}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $9 p-10 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10p-11p | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 11p-12a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown Time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |


|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Request \#:0003894 | Crash Detail Report <br> Printed By: Dominique Matich | Printed On: 4/22/2010 |
| FROM_DATE: | $1 / 1 / 2005$ |  |
| TO_DATE: | $12 / 31 / 2009$ | PR 639110 FROM MP 0 TO MP 0.472 <br> IW 13 Mile Rd \& Haggerty Rd to W 13 Mile Rd \& N M 5] |
| PR/MP |  |  |

\#1 Location: 13 MILE (0.13) 686 feel W of HAGGERTY Crash Date: 11/18/2005 Injuries K: 0 CVT: Novi

| Day: Fri | Hour: 12am | Weather: clear |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Inj A: 0 | Inj B: 0 | Inj C: 0 |
| Area: inter other | HBD: $N$ |  |

Roadway: dry
Inj 0: 1
Drugs: $N$

Crash ID: 6215663
Light: dark/unltd
How: single
Complaint No: 0563319

| Unit No Veh Dir | Action Prior | Event 1 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | $E$ | go straight | other non-fixed obj |
| UD-10: | 055746857 |  |  |

UD-10: 055746857
\#2 Location: 13 MILE $(0.21) 0$ feet X of CAßOT
Crash Date: 06/26/2006 Day: Mon Hour: 8am

Injuries K: 0
CVT: Novi
$\operatorname{Inj} A: 0 \quad \operatorname{Inj} B: 0$
Area: w/i intersection

Event 2 Event 3 Event 4 Haz Action Veh Type Damage
none none none unknown car

| Unit No | Veh Dir | Action Prior | Event 1 | Event 2 | Event 3 | Event 4 | Haz Action | Veh Type | Damage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | E | go straight | veh in transpt | none | none | none | imprplane use | car | ctrfront |
| 2 | $W$ | left turn | veh in transpt | none | none | none | none | car | rtside |

UD-10: 061336628


| \#4 Locat | : THIRTE | EEN | $(0$ | ) 40 | W of | AGGER |  |  |  |  | Crash | : 6912091 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crash Dat | e: 01/25/2 | 008 | Day: |  | Hour: 6pm | Weather: | cloudy | Roadw | $y$ : dry | Ligh | dark/itd |  |
| Injuries K: |  |  | Inj A: |  | Inj B: 0 | Inj C: 0 |  | Inj 0: 2 |  | How | s-opp |  |
| CVT: Novi |  |  | Area: | strai | ight | HBD: N |  | Drugs: |  | Comp | aint No: 80 | 004098 |
| Unit No | Veh Dir | Acti | Prior |  | nt 1 | Event 2 | Event 3 | Event 4 | Haz | tion | Veh Type | Damage |
| 1 | E | go s |  |  | h in transpl | none | none | none | left of | center | car | Iftifont |
| 2 | W | go s |  |  | h in transpt | none | none | none | none |  | car | Iftrear |

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| Crash Type |
| :--- |
| Count Type <br> 0 uncoded <br> 1 single <br> 0 head-on <br> 1 head-on/t <br> 1 angle <br> 1 rr-end <br> 0 rr-end/t <br> 0 rr-end/tt <br> 0 ss-same <br> 1 ss-opp <br> 0 unknown <br> Totals: 5 |


| Light Conditions |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Count | Type |
| 0 | uncoded |
| 3 | day |
| 0 | dawn |
| 0 | dusk |
| 1 | darkAld |
| 1 | dark/unild |
| 0 | unknown |
| Totals: 5 |  |


| Weather |
| :--- |
| Count Type <br> 0 uncoded <br> 4 clear <br> 1 cloudy <br> 0 fog/smoke <br> 0 rain <br> 0 snow <br> 0 wind <br> 0 sleethail <br> 0 unknown <br> Totals: 5  |


| Road Condition |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Count | туpe |
| 0 | uncoded |
| 5 | dry |
| 0 | wet |
| 0 | icy |
| 0 | snowy |
| 0 | muddy |
| 0 | slushy |
| 0 | debris |
| 0 | unknown |
| Totals: | 5 |


| Vehicle Type |
| :--- |
| Count Type <br> 0 uncoded <br> 9 car <br> 0 other <br> 0 truck/bus <br> 0 van <br> 0 pickup <br> 0 sm truck <br> 0 motorcycle <br> 0 moped <br> 0 go-cart <br> 0 snowmobile <br> 0 off-rd veh <br> Totals: 9  |



| Hazardous Action |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Count | Type |
| 4 | none |
| 0 | speeding |
| 0 | imprp/no signal |
| 0 | impro backing |
| 0 | unable to stop |
| 0 | other |
| 1 | unknown |
| 0 | reckls driving |
| 1 | negl driving |
| 0 | spd too slow |
| 0 | failed to yeild |
| 0 | disrgd traffic entri |
| 0 | wrong way |
| 1 | left of center |
| 0 | imprp passing |
| 2 | imprp lane use |
| 0 | imprp turn |
| Totals: | 8 |


| Unit Type |
| :--- |
| Count Type <br> 0 uncoded <br> 9 vehicle <br> 0 pedestrian <br> 0 bicyclist <br> 0 engineer <br> Totals: 9  |

Crash Severity

|  | FATAL | A | B | C | No Inj | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Crashes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |

Alcohol in Crashes

|  | FATAL | PI | PD | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Drinking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not Drinking | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Total | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |

Crashes per Hour by Day

|  | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thuraday | Fiday | Saturday | Unknown | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12a-1a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1a-2a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2a-3a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $3 \mathrm{a}-4 \mathrm{a}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $4 a-5 a$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5a-6a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $6 \mathrm{a}-7 \mathrm{a}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7a-8a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $8 \mathrm{a}-9 \mathrm{a}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9a-10a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10a-11a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11a-12p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12p-1p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $1 p-2 p$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $2 p-3 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $3 p-4 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $4 p-5 p$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $5 p-6 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $6 p-7 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $7 p-8 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8p-9p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $9 p-10 p$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10p-11p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11p-12a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unknown Time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 |


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[^1]:    ' Excluding crashes occurring within 200 ft of Meadowbrook, M-5, and Haggerty.

[^2]:    UD-10: 080052749

