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## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item F April 8, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Approval of traffic control orders 13-04 through 13-08 for existing traffic control signs within Autumn Park Subdivision.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: //

BACKGROUND INFORMATION;

Engineering staff have completed a review of the existing traffic control signs within the Autumn Park Subdivision (located north of Nine Mile Road and east of Beck Road) as part of the ongoing effort to meet Federal retroreflectivity requirements and to ensure that traffic control orders are on file for each regulatory sign (e.g., stop, yield, speed limit, etc.). The existing decorative signs within Autumn Park Subdivision are in disrepair and do not meet current sign requirements. There is no decorative street sign agreement between the City and the subdivision, and when contacted by the City, the subdivision has not responded with an interest in voluntarily taking responsibility for the existing decorative signs needing repair (see attached correspondence). Therefore, staff recommends replacement of the existing traffic signs with City standard signage as part of the annual sign replacement program.

A review of the traffic control orders for the subdivision signs revealed that four traffic control signs either lacked a traffic control or had an incorrect traffic control order on file. Traffic control orders are required under the Uniform Traffic Code to enforce traffic control signs that have been installed. The table below summarizes the traffic control orders that were prepared by the traffic engineer for consideration by City Council.

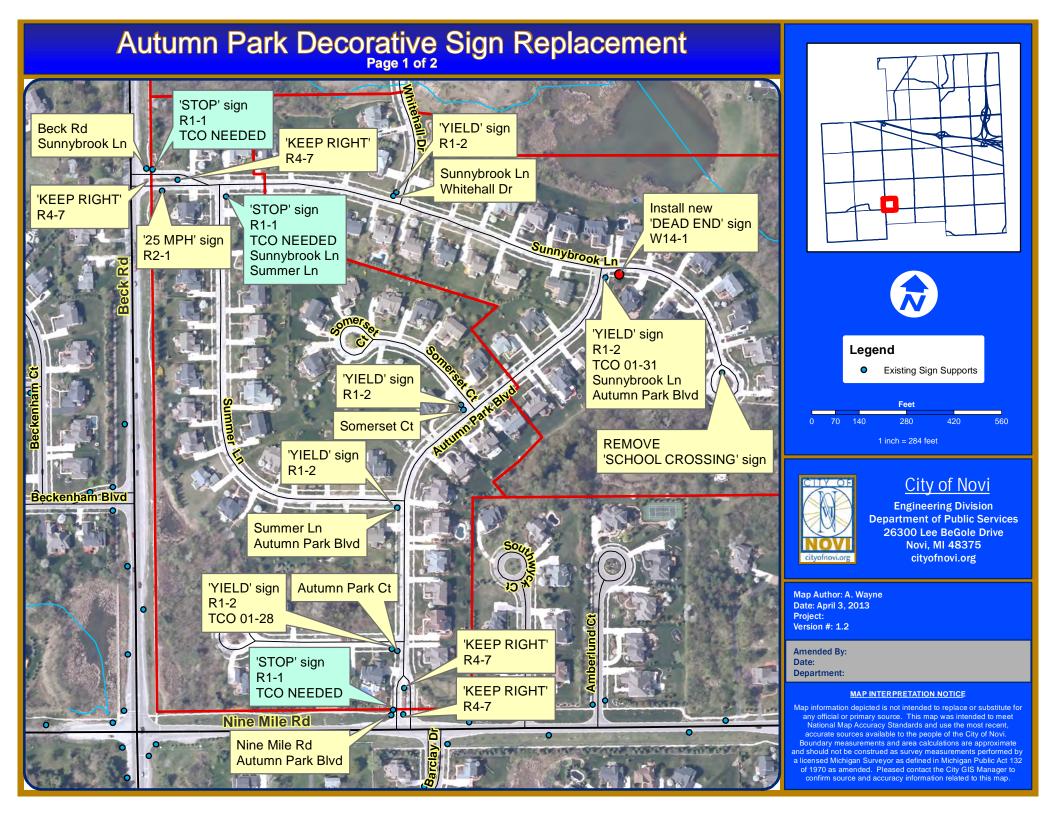
TCO No.	Description
13-04	Westbound Sunnybrook Lane to stop at Beck Road
13-05	Southbound Autumn Park Blvd to stop at Nine Mile Road
13-06	Northbound Whitehall Drive to yield at White Pines
13-07	Rescind TCO 01-33 for Northbound Summer Lane to Yield at Sunnybrook Lane
13-08	Northbound Summer Lane to Stop at Sunnybrook Lane (existing sign)

The installation of the new traffic control signs will be completed by DPS Field Operations as part of the budgeted sign replacement program.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of traffic control orders 13-04 through 13-08 for existing traffic control signs within Autumn Park Subdivision.

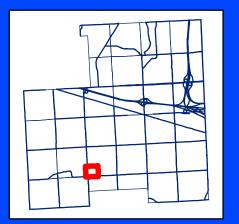
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#### Legend

Existing Sign Supports



# City of Novi

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Map Author: A. Wayne Date: April 3, 2013 Project: Version #: 1.2

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#### Coburn, Brian

From: Coburn, Brian

**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2013 8:55 AM

**To:** autumnparkhoanovi@gmail.com; smccauley@twmi.rr.com; jmccauley@twmi.rr.com

Cc: Hayes, Rob; Demeo, Lisa; Wayne, Adam; Wiktorowski, Matt

**Subject:** RE: Autumn Park Decorative Street Signs

Attachments: Autumn Park Letter to HOA regarding decorative signs.pdf

#### Good morning,

The attached letter was mailed in June 2012 and the following email was sent in October regarding the existing decorative traffic sign posts in Autumn Park. Since we did not receive a response by December 31 (see attached letter), we will proceed with the replacement of the existing decorative sign posts with city standard signage at the City's expense. We will schedule this work to occur sometime in 2013.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

#### Brian



#### Brian T. Coburn, P.E. | Engineering Manager

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From: Coburn, Brian

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 10:42 AM

To: autumnparkhoanovi@gmail.com; smccauley@twmi.rr.com; jmccauley@twmi.rr.com

Cc: Hayes, Rob; Demeo, Lisa

Subject: Autumn Park Decorative Street Signs

#### Good morning,

The attached letter was sent via mail and email to the Association in June 2012 regarding the traffic signs within Autumn Park. To my knowledge, we have not received a response on how the Association would like to proceed. As a reminder, If we do not receive a response by December 31, 2012, we will assume that the Association has opted for the City to continue to maintain the signs and will schedule full replacement at the City's expense.

If you are not the appropriate representative for the Association, please forward on or let me know who to contact.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

Brian



June 14, 2012

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**Director of Public Services/ City Engineer**Rob Hayes, P.E.

Ken Ulrich, Interim President Autumn Park Homeowners Association 23011 Argyle Novi, MI 48374

Re: Street Signs in Autumn Park Subdivision

Dear Mr. Ulrich:

It has come to our attention that the existing decorative street sign posts in Autumn Park subdivision are not covered by a decorative street sign support agreement. Decorative street sign support agreements are required by City Ordinance when subdivisions request sign posts that are ornamental. In those cases, the subdivision accepts responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the sign or post should it become damaged or approach the end of its useful life. Under these agreements, the sign itself must meet federal, state and local standards as outlined in the attached documents. A copy of a draft decorative sign support agreement is attached for your reference.

New federal mandates requiring the City to meet new street sign standards have changed the way the City regulates decorative signage in subdivisions. While the signs may have been acceptable to the City at the time of installation, the existing signage within Autumn Park does not meet current standards related to size, font, color, mounting height, crashworthiness, and reflectivity and must be replaced.

We would support a request from Autumn Park to execute the enclosed decorative street sign support agreement, if the Association would commit to replacing the street signs within the next 5 years with signage that meets current standards. This would involve working with City Engineering staff through the right-of-way permit process toward approval of the new signs before installation and for inspections after installation.

Another option would be for the City to replace the signage within the subdivision with city standard signage at no cost to the Association through our sign replacement program. We have worked with two subdivisions over the past year that decided to cancel existing decorative sign agreement in favor of city installed and maintained traffic signage.

Department of Public Services Field Services Complex 26300 Lee BeGole Dr. Novi, Michigan 48375 248.735.5640 248.735.5659 fax Our Field Operations staff recently replaced two traffic control signs in the subdivision that were damaged or removed with City standard signs. If the subdivision decides to reinstall decorative signs in these locations, a decorative sign support agreement and right-of-way permit will be required.

Please respond to let us know if the Association plans to proceed with requesting a decorative sign agreement. In the meantime, we will continue to install City standard signage when signs are damaged or require maintenance. If we do not receive a response by December 31, 2012, we will assume that the Association has opted for the City to continue to maintain the signs and will schedule full replacement at the City's expense.

Please feel free to contact me at 248-735-5632 with any question.

Sincerely,

**ENGINEERING DIVISION** 

Brian T. Coburn, P.E.

Engineering Manager/City Traffic Engineer

**Enclosures** 

cc: Rachel Mastroianni, Secretary, 23221 Argyle, Novi MI 48374

Rob Hayes, Director of Public Services/City Engineer Matt Wiktorowski, Field Operations Senior Manager

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