



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Traffic Control Order 25-01 for the implementation of a 25 MPH school speed limit on Taft Road from Eleven Mile to Emerald Forest Drive on school days only during the peak student drop-off and pick-up times.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Novi Community School District requested a reduced school speed zone be established on Taft Road in the area where multiple schools exist.
- Taft Road is currently posted at 35MPH and will be reduced to 25 MPH during student drop-off and pick-up times.
- The school district will be responsible for the operation of the flashing beacons proposed at each end of the zone.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Novi Community School District requested a reduction of the speed limit along Taft Road where multiple school facilities converge during school drop-off and pick-up times. Parkview Elementary, Novi Woods Elementary, Novi Meadows Elementary exist in this area along with the Japanese School of Detroit and the Early Childhood Education Center. City staff have no objection to the implementation of a school speed zone in this area.

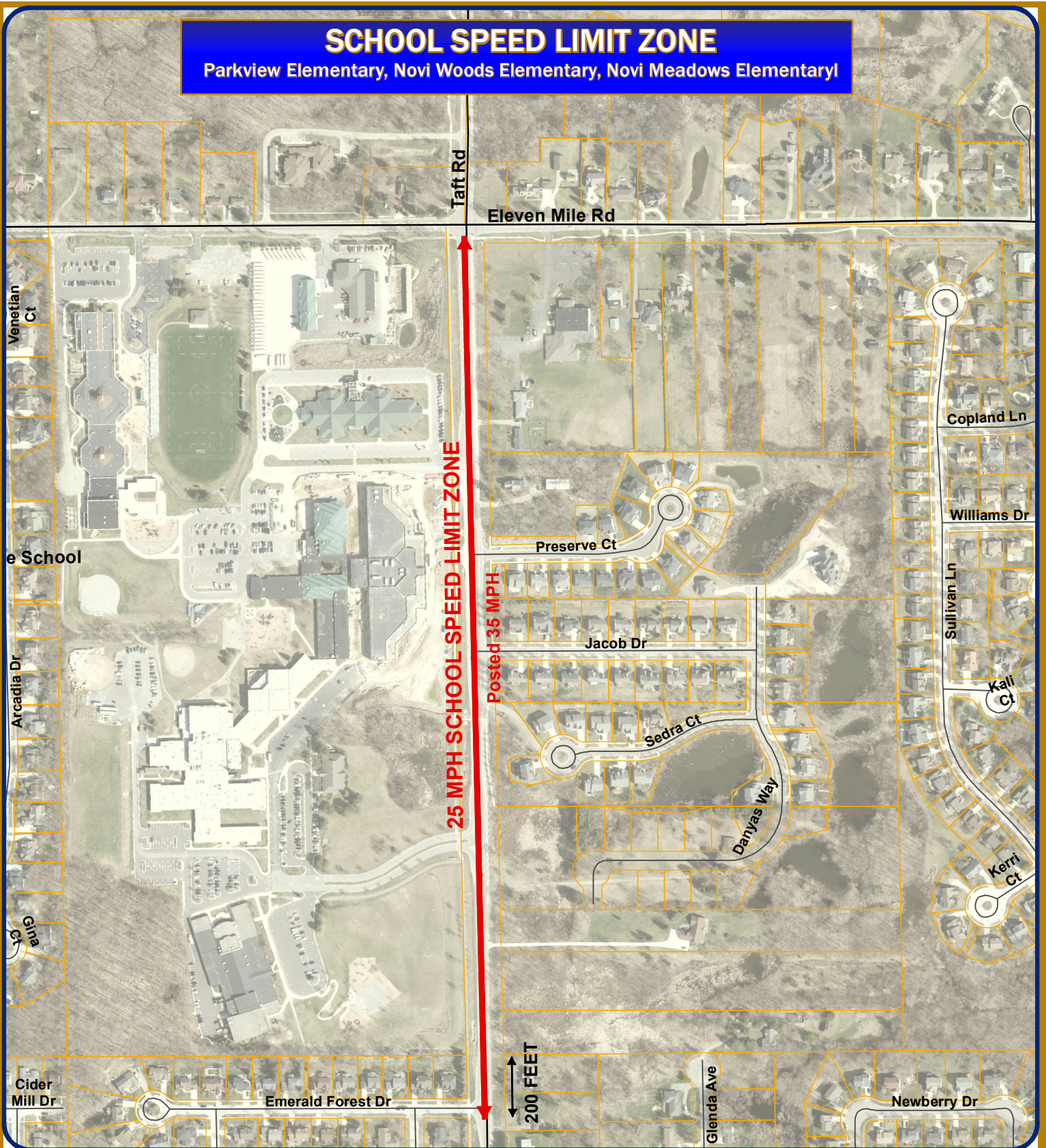
Therefore, a school speed limit of 25 mph is proposed along the Taft Road from Eleven Mile to Emerald Forest Drive. The posted speed limit on Taft Road is currently 35 mph. The reduced speed limit zone will have yellow flashing beacons at each end of the zone which the school district will operate to coincide with the three elementary schools' drop-off and pick-up times. Refer to the enclosed figure for the limits of the proposed school speed limit zone.

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. Traffic Control Orders 25-01 would be issued for this school speed limit zone, and the new speed limit signs would meet the federal retro-reflectivity requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Traffic Control Order 25-01 for the implementation of a 25 MPH school speed limit on Taft Road from Eleven Mile to Emerald Forest Drive on school days only during the peak student drop-off and pick-up times.

SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT ZONE

Parkview Elementary, Novi Woods Elementary, Novi Meadows Elementary



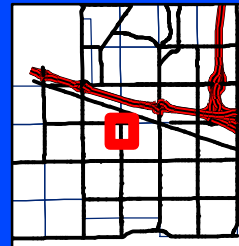
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Map Legend

 School Speed Zone



City of Novi

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 Department of Public Works
 26300 Lee BeGole Drive
 Novi, MI 48375
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1 inch = 417 feet



**CITY OF NOVI
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER**

 X SPEED
 PARKING
 OTHER

DATE OF ORDER: 2/19/2025

CONTROL NUMBER: 25-01

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 BEN CROY, CITY ENGINEER, DULY AUTHORIZED AS TRAFFIC ENGINEER, BY SEC. 33-51 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.

TAFT ROAD

AND AFTER SAID INVESTIGATION, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ERECT AND MAINTAIN THE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AS REQUIRED BY SEC. 33-51 OF THE AFORESAID CHAPTER, SAID SIGN(S) TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION:

SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MPH ON WIXOM ROAD FROM ELEVEN MILE ROAD TO EMERALD FOREST DRIVE ON SCHOOL DAYS ONLY DURING STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES.

Ben Croy - Traffic Engineer
Dated: 2/19/2025

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NUMBER 25-01 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 EFFECTIVE UPON BEING FILED WITH THE CLERK AND UPON ERECTION OF ADEQUATE SIGNS GIVING NOTICE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE AFORESAID SIGNS.

ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL ON 2/24/2025 .

By: _____
Justin Fischer, Mayor

By: _____
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk