## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item G <br> July 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of Traffic Control Order 16-27 to set the speed limit on Hudson Drive at 30 miles per hour.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division BTC

## CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Engineering staff worked with the City's traffic consultant, AECOM, to establish a speed limit on Hudson Drive in Beck North Corporate Park following an inquiry from the Police Department. Staff typically does not establish a legal speed limit in new office/industrial developments until the there are enough occupied building and traffic to gather a speed sample that is statistically accurate. Consequently, the City's traffic consultant, AECOM, prepared the attached study and recommends a posted speed limit of 30 mph based on existing traffic. Speed limits are generally set using the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed, which is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the motorists drive on a given road when unaffected by slower traffic or poor weather. The report also recommends improved signage and an advisory speed of 25 miles per hour at the bends in the road.

Upon approval of the traffic control orders, the new signs will be scheduled for installation by DPS' Field Operations Division.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Traffic Control Order $16-27$ to set the speed limit on Hudson Drive at 30 miles per hour.

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# CITY OF NOVI <br> TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 

$\qquad$ SPEED PARKING OTHER

DATE OF ORDER: $\quad$ 6/23/2016
CONTROL NUMBER: 16-27

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, ENGINEERING MANAGER, 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.

## HUDSON

AND AFTER SAID INVESTIGATION, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES ERECT AND MAINTAIN THE 30 MPH SIGN (S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AS REQUIRED BY SEC. 33-51 OF THE AFORESAID CHAPTER, SAID SIGNS TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION:

## 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON HUDSON DRIVE



Brian Coburn, P.E. - Traffic Engineer
Dated: 6/23/2016

## APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NUMBER 16-27 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 THEROF 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 AFORESAID,

## 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON HUDSON DRIVE

ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON 6/27/2016.

By:
Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

By:
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

## Memorandum

| To | Brian Coburn, PE | Page 1 |
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| cc |  |  |
| Subject | Hudson Drive Speed Study |  |
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|  | Matt Klawon, PE |  |
|  | Maureen Peters, PE |  |
| From | Marcelle Curtis |  |

## Introduction

Hudson Drive is an industrial roadway with minor horizontal curves located within the City of Novi. The north-south roadway is approximately $2 / 3$ mile in length, connecting West Road in the south to Cartier Drive in the north. The speed limit on the roadway is currently unposted. The objective of this study is to provide engineering review for the establishment of an appropriate posted speed limit on Hudson Drive.

## Data Collection

## Inquiries and Design

At the request of the City, AECOM reviewed a resident's request for the posting of speed limit signs along Hudson Drive. As part of the review, the as-built roadway design plans were reviewed to determine the design speed of the roadway. The provided as-built plans do not indicate the design speed; however, the plans indicate a proposed 25 mile per hour (mph) speed limit sign near the south end of Hudson Drive.

## Crash Data

AECOM gathered crash data along the entire segment of Hudson Drive. Data was extracted from the Traffic Improvement Association's (TIA) Traffic Crash Analysis Tool (TCAT) for the five-year period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015. Within this time period, two crashes occurred in the study area as shown in Table 1. Incident one involved a crash with an animal. Incident two involved a commercial vehicle turning from Cartier Drive onto Hudson Drive at a high speed. It can be concluded that neither of these incidents directly relate to speed control on Hudson Drive. UD-10 reports for each of the crashes listed are available in Appendix A.

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Table 1. Crash History of Hudson Drive (2011-2015)

| Crash ID | Crash <br> Date | Crash <br> Type | Crash Location | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8544307 | $01 / 06 / 2013$ | Single <br> Vehicle | Hudson Drive 1,500' N <br> of West Road | A deer ran in front of vehicle 1. <br> The deer was struck and ran off. |
| 8791998 | $11 / 12 / 2013$ | Single <br> Vehicle | Hudson Drive 15' S of <br> Cartier Road | Vehicle 1, a commercial vehicle, <br> turned left from eastbound Cartier <br> Road onto southbound Hudson <br> Drive at an excessive speed. <br> Driver lost control and the vehicle <br> overturned. |

## Field Review

## Existing Conditions

Currently, there are no speed limit signs posted along Hudson Drive. A yield sign is located at the northbound approach of Hudson Drive at Cartier Drive. The intersection of Hudson Drive and West Road maintains southbound Hudson Drive traffic via stop-control. A form of traffic calming currently exists in the northbound direction of travel near Nadlan Drive. A radar speed sign alerting drivers to their current speed has been placed at the driveway across from Peary Drive, as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Northbound Radar Speed Sign Across from Peary Drive


There is a significant amount of pedestrian traffic in the street due to the absence of sidewalks. Groups of pedestrians or single pedestrians were observed walking in the roadway on multiple

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occasions. Several large trucks were also observed utilizing the roadway. Street lights do not exist along Hudson Drive, but adjacent business parking facilities are lighted.

Four (4) cul-de-sac roadways intersect Hudson Drive. Nadlan Drive is the northernmost cul-de-sac and intersects Hudson Drive from the east and is yield controlled. The remaining three cul-de-sacs, Peary Court (from the east), Ryan Court (from the west), and Desoto Court (from the east) are stop controlled. Northbound and southbound traffic is maintained on a 34 foot wide roadway; minor roadway curvature and sign specifics are displayed in Figure 2.

Figure 2. Existing Signing along Hudson Drive


## Speed Profile

A speed profile was developed to assess the threshold for the highest comfortable rate of travel along the corridor. Northbound and southbound test runs were conducted along Hudson Drive on Monday, May 23, 2016 using PC-Travel software. Five (5) round-trip runs were completed to generate an operating speed profile along Hudson Drive. Overall speed profile for northbound travel was 31.2 mph and southbound travel was 31.8 mph . Detailed statistics by run and speed/distance profiles for all completed runs are contained in Appendix B.

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## Speed Data Collection

Vehicle speeds were recorded on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 and Wednesday, May 25, 2016 using pneumatic road tubes. Speed data of vehicles were recorded for 48 hours at two separate locations along Hudson Drive. The two locations where data were recorded are detailed as:

- Hudson Drive between Desoto Court and Ryan Court
- Hudson Drive south of Nadlan Drive

A summary of the speed data and frequency distribution is displayed in Table 2 and Figure 3. Raw speed data can be found in Appendix C.

Table 2. Speed Data Summarized for All Directions of Travel

|  | All Observations |
| :--- | :---: |
| Number of Observations | 6,504 |
| Average $(\mu)(\mathrm{mph})$ | 30.05 |
| 85th Percentile $(\mathrm{mph})$ | 35.00 |
| Std. Deviation | 5.01 |
| Median $(\mathrm{mph})$ | 30 |
| Pace | 26 to 35 mph |

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Figure 3. Frequency Distribution for All Directions of Travel


Overall, the average vehicle speed on Hudson Drive is 30.05 mph with an $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed of 35 mph.

Directional speed data can be found in Appendix D.

## Existing Curvature

Many of the existing horizontal curves throughout the roadway were designed with a radius of 230 feet. According to Exhibit 3-16 of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, the design speed of these curves is approximately 27 mph .

## Analysis and Recommendation

The speed data collected indicated the following:

- The $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed is 35 miles per hour.
- Overall operating speed from test runs for northbound travel was 31.2 mph and southbound travel was 31.8 mph .

Considering the existing roadway geometry and speed data collected, a posted speed limit of 30 mph is recommended. Although the speed data shows that the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed, which is commonly used in setting speed limits, is 35 mph , other factors influence the decision to recommend 30 mph as the posted speed limit, including:

- The radii of the closely spaced horizontal curves generally could only be comfortably traversed at 25 mph or less by a passenger vehicle.
- The presence of large trucks.
- The presence of pedestrians within the roadway.

Curve warning signs with an advisory speed plaque of 25 mph are recommended at the locations depicted in Figure 4. The curve warning signs should be placed in advance of the curves based on MDOT standards. Speed limit signs (R2-1) would be recommended for placement at the following locations:

## Northbound Signs

- 100 feet north of West Road
- Midblock between Peary Ct and Nadlan Ct


## Southbound Signs

- 100 feet south of Cartier Drive
- South of Peary Ct

The existing radar speed sign located across from Peary Ct should be relocated to the proposed speed limit sign located midblock between Peary Ct and Nadlan Ct. The radar speed sign relocation is denoted by an asterisk in Figure 4.

The City could consider constructing sidewalks along one or both sides of the roadway and a marked crosswalk in order to provide safe passage to pedestrians utilizing the roadway. Further study of pedestrian traffic would be required to determine a suitable location for the crosswalk.

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Figure 4: Proposed regulatory and warning signing locations along Hudson Drive (not to scale)


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## Appendix A

## UD-10 Crash Reports

| Authority: 1949 PA 300, $\operatorname{Sec} .257 .622$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Compliance: Required |
| MSP UD-10E |
| Penalty: $\$ 100$ and/or 90 days (Rev 11/2006) |$\quad$| External \# | Crash ID |
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## Appendix B

## Hudson Drive Speed Profile

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## Average Speed (MPH) by Section

| Node <br> \# | Length | Node Name | Run \#1 | Run \#2 | Run \#3 | Run \#4 | Run \#5 |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0 | West Road |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 356 | Desoto Court | 19.0 | 21.0 | 21.8 | 22.3 | 24.1 |
| 3 | 314 | Ryan Court | 29.5 | 30.4 | 31.1 | 31.6 | 31.6 |
| 4 | 487 | Peary Court | 32.2 | 33.9 | 34.0 | 35.4 | 34.2 |
| 5 | 1368 | Nadlan Court | 32.9 | 35.2 | 33.6 | 34.5 | 31.9 |
| 6 | 604 | Cartier Drive | 31.3 | 34.5 | 33.1 | 33.8 | 32.4 |
| Totals | $\mathbf{3 1 2 9}$ |  | $\mathbf{2 9 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 0}$ |

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Detailed Statistics By Run

## Average Speed (MPH) by Section



| Node <br> \# | Length | Node Name | Run \#1 | Run \#2 | Run \#3 | Run \#4 | Run \#5 |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0 | Cartier Drive |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 786 | Nadlan Court | 27.4 | 28.6 | 29.8 | 31.3 | 27.9 |
| 3 | 1390 | Peary Court | 32.3 | 32.5 | 32.0 | 36.8 | 34.6 |
| 4 | 484 | Ryan Court | 32.9 | 34.5 | 34.3 | 36.6 | 37.3 |
| 5 | 339 | Desoto Court | 31.6 | 28.0 | 26.5 | 31.1 | 32.3 |
| 6 | 123 | West Road | 31.0 | 30.5 | 25.7 | 29.3 | 28.7 |
| Totals | $\mathbf{3 1 2 2}$ |  | $\mathbf{3 0 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 . 4}$ |

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## Appendix C

Raw Speed Data

| Speed Frequency Distribution Table |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Speed | Frequency | \% Frequency | Cumulative Frequency | Cumulative $\%$ |
| 18 | 48 | $0.74 \%$ | 48 | $0.74 \%$ |
| 19 | 58 | $0.89 \%$ | 106 | $1.63 \%$ |
| 20 | 76 | $1.17 \%$ | 182 | $2.80 \%$ |
| 21 | 103 | $1.58 \%$ | 285 | $4.38 \%$ |
| 22 | 133 | $2.04 \%$ | 418 | $6.43 \%$ |
| 23 | 194 | $2.98 \%$ | 612 | $9.41 \%$ |
| 24 | 259 | $3.98 \%$ | 871 | $13.39 \%$ |
| 25 | 277 | $4.26 \%$ | 1148 | $17.65 \%$ |
| 26 | 383 | $5.89 \%$ | 1531 | $23.54 \%$ |
| 27 | 418 | $6.43 \%$ | 1949 | $29.96 \%$ |
| 28 | 524 | $8.06 \%$ | 2473 | $38.02 \%$ |
| 29 | 500 | $7.69 \%$ | 2973 | $45.70 \%$ |
| 30 | 591 | $9.09 \%$ | 3564 | $54.79 \%$ |
| 31 | 565 | $8.69 \%$ | 4129 | $63.47 \%$ |
| 32 | 450 | $6.92 \%$ | 4579 | $70.39 \%$ |
| 33 | 427 | $6.56 \%$ | 5006 | $76.96 \%$ |
| 34 | 352 | $5.41 \%$ | 5358 | $82.37 \%$ |
| 35 | 283 | $4.35 \%$ | 5641 | $86.72 \%$ |
| 36 | 241 | $3.70 \%$ | 5882 | $90.42 \%$ |
| 37 | 154 | $2.37 \%$ | 6036 | $92.79 \%$ |
| 38 | 128 | $1.97 \%$ | 6164 | $94.76 \%$ |
| 39 | 92 | $1.41 \%$ | 6256 | $96.17 \%$ |
| 40 | 64 | $0.98 \%$ | 6320 | $97.16 \%$ |
| 41 | 47 | $0.72 \%$ | 6367 | $97.88 \%$ |
| 42 | 52 | $0.80 \%$ | 6419 | $98.68 \%$ |
| 43 | 34 | $0.52 \%$ | 6453 | $99.20 \%$ |
| 44 | 30 | $0.46 \%$ | 6483 | $99.66 \%$ |
| 45 | 22 | $0.34 \%$ | 6505 | $100.00 \%$ |
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\% Frequency = Frequency / N
Cumulative \% Frequency = Cumulative Frequency / N

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## Appendix D

## Directional Speed Data

| Northbound Vehicles |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Direction: | NB |
| Number of Observations | 2958 |
| Average Speed (mph) | 30.08 |
| 85th Percentile | 34 |
| Std. Deviation | 5.37 |
| Median | 30 |


| Southbound Vehicles |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Direction: | SB |
| Number of Observations | 3546 |
| Average Speed (mph) | 30.02 |
| 85th Percentile | 36 |
| Std. Deviation | 4.68 |
| Median | 30 |

