September 15, 2004

To The Honorable, The Common Council

Subject: Temporary closure of a portion of the 8600 Block
          of North Servite Drive to southbound traffic

Dear Honorable Members:

Due to its orientation to the North 76th Street/West Dean Road intersection, and the North 76th Street interchange with West Brown Deer Road, vehicular traffic currently utilizes North Servite Drive as a means of avoiding congestion on arterial roadways in the area. The roadway also serves as a shortcut for drivers to access large commercial land uses adjacent to both North 76th Street and West Brown Deer Road. Land use adjoining this roadway is primarily residential, and roadway design features are consistent with a roadway facility intended only to support the adjoining residential land use. Traffic use of this roadway has grown to levels typical of arterial roadways and proposed development in the area can be expected to promote further traffic growth on this roadway.

As a measure to reduce traffic intrusion into this residential area, it is proposed to implement a partial closure of North Servite Drive immediately to the south of commercial land uses adjacent to West Brown Deer Road. This partial closure would restrict the use of North Servite Drive to northbound vehicles exiting the residential area, while precluding commercial and through traffic from entering the residential area to the south. It is also recommended that this partial closure be implemented on a trial basis to allow a full assessment of the impacts of the closure on traffic operation and safety, and on land use access, prior to implementing permanent changes. The attached resolution would authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to implement the proposed closure on a trial basis.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bob Bryson of our staff at extension 3244.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments

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