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**Rochester Hills Receives Tienken Road Environmental Assessment
Identifies Three Lane Preferred Alternative**

Rochester Hills, MI- The highly anticipated draft of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the widening of Tienken Road between Livernois and Sheldon Roads has been received and is currently being reviewed by the City of Rochester Hills.

“Initially, we are very pleased with the proposed three-lane alternative, however we need time to review and analyze the full proposal,” states Mayor Barnett. “City Engineers, City Council, and the residents have all communicated the need for a three lane alternative to RCOC, I feel that the process is working and we have been heard.”

In a press release distributed by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) on Friday, it was identified that the EA recommends that the widening of Tienken Road to three lanes include one through lane in each direction and a center left-turn lane, and the construction of a roundabout at the Livernois/Tienken intersection.

In the coming months, MDOT, the FHWA, and the city will have the opportunity to comment on the draft. The Mayor has requested that City Council schedule a public meeting in January for the community to review and discuss the draft EA. The EA is currently being reviewed, and must ultimately be approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

“There are still many challenges with this project that we must resolve,” states Barnett. “Receiving the draft is only the next step in the process, it is critical that we continue to engage the residents as the process moves forward.”

Once City Council has established a public meeting date for January’s [EA] discussion, it will be posted on the city’s website www.rochesterhills.org on the meeting schedule.

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