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Traffic Study – Temporary Partial Road Closures

The City of Royal Oak Citizens Traffic Committee will be installing temporary partial road closures on the following streets west of Woodward Avenue as part of a pilot project to reduce excessive speeding and cut through traffic in this neighborhood:

- Albert Avenue
- Merrill Avenue
- Parker Drive
- Warick Road
- Trafford Road

The Citizens Traffic Committee previously performed speed and traffic volume studies at the request of residents and held a traffic calming workshop for neighborhood residents to discuss traffic calming options. You can read more about previous events and studies here:

www.romi.gov/ampwt

Based on the committee’s studies and resident input, the city will be installing a partial closure for each roadway so that westbound traffic will be unable to travel from Woodward Avenue to Coolidge Avenue. An example is shown on the back of this letter.

The city will be installing barricades and signs on each of the five streets just west of the commercial businesses and alleys. The installation will allow for one-way traffic to exit eastbound to Woodward Ave and will prevent westbound traffic from travelling into the neighborhood. While this will prevent westbound cut through traffic, it will certainly also affect access for residents on each street.

The barricades will be installed for approximately six to eight weeks, currently planned for most of October-November. The city will measure traffic speeds and volumes to evaluate the effect of a partial road closure, and then the barricades will be removed for the winter.

We welcome neighborhood feedback about the closures. We ask that you wait a few weeks after the barricade installation before sending us any comments, as it typically takes time for drivers to adjust to traffic changes. You can contact us by writing a letter, sending an e-mail to generaleng@romi.gov, or in person at the January 28, 2020 traffic committee meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the engineering division at 248.246.3260.

Sincerely,

CITY OF ROYAL OAK

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Partial Road Closure Example (*Albert Avenue shown*)

The blue shaded area represents where barricades will be placed to restrict westbound traffic from entering the residential neighborhood. Appropriate signage will also be installed to notify motorists of the change.