PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT: S. ETON RD. – MAPLE RD. TO 14 MILE RD. MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED TO START ON APRIL 29, 2019

April 15, 2019

An important element of the City's Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan is scheduled to be implemented on the S. Eton Rd. corridor in the coming weeks. The project is intended to reduce average travel speeds, and improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists using the corridor. The work is scheduled to start the week of **Monday**, **April 29**, **2019** depending on weather conditions. If the weather is forecasted to be wet or cold, it will be delayed accordingly. Once the work is started, it is expected to take about **one week** to complete.

PROJECT PLAN:

Here is what is planned, starting from the north, and heading south:

Maple Rd. to Yosemite Blvd.:

Pavement markings known as "sharrows" will be installed for both directions of travel. Sharrows are a symbol showing a bike rider, intended to remind drivers to be watchful and courteous to bicycle riders.

Yosemite Blvd. to Villa Ave.:

On-street parking will be removed on the west side of the street. Bike lanes will be installed for both directions of travel, as well as a buffer strip to help separate cars from bikes.

Villa Ave. to Lincoln Ave.:

- 1. On-street parking will be removed on the west side of the street. In its place, a two-way bike lane will be installed. The bike lane will be separated from southbound traffic by a two-foot wide buffer, marked with delineators and raised lane separators. Signs and pavement markings will be installed to help drivers and bike riders to understand the new features.
- 2. A wider two-lined pavement marking will be installed on the northbound parking lane, to help drivers and parked cars to feel safer.
- 3. Marked pedestrian crosswalks will be installed at Villa Ave., Hazel St., Bowers St., Holland Ave., Cole Ave., and Lincoln Ave. Also at Bowers St., crosswalk signs will be

- installed that include flashing beacons that will activate whenever a pedestrian pushes the buttons that will be provided on both sides of the street.
- 4. On the northbound side, delineators will mark the beginning and end of the on-street parking lane at each intersection, helping drivers stay in the appropriate locations.

Lincoln Ave. to 14 Mile Rd.:

- 1. Similar to today, parking will be legal on the southbound side, but not northbound. A new double yellow centerline stripe will be added to help keep through traffic toward the east side of the street. A single white line will also be added between southbound traffic and the parking lane, allowing parkers to feel safer to use this area for parking.
- 2. Marked pedestrian crosswalks will be installed at Melton Rd., Sheffield Ave., Bradford Rd., and 14 Mile Rd.
- 3. On the southbound side, delineators will mark the beginning and end of the on-street parking lane at each intersection, helping drivers stay in the appropriate locations.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Traffic will be maintained while the work is underway, but drivers will experience temporary delays.

North of Lincoln Ave., all on-street parking will have to be temporarily removed to make room for the work crews. Traffic will be temporarily shifted to the east to allow for the changes to be completed to the southbound lanes. Once completed, traffic will be moved back to the center of the road, and parking for northbound traffic will be restored. All businesses along the corridor will receive a second notice about **48 hours** in advance of when this "no parking" condition will be implemented.

South of Lincoln Ave., layout and painting work will require flagging traffic to allow for room to work, particularly at the intersections. Your patience during this short time period will be appreciated.

During construction, the City Inspector and contractor foreman will be on site to respond to your immediate concerns. Most isolated instances are resolved by our "field" personnel. They should be dressed in an orange vest, or you may ask others on the job site for the inspector. Should larger issues arise, feel free to call the **Engineering Department** at **248-530-1850**.