

A RESOLUTION

BY: MR. STEPHENS NO. 1817

APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SHROYER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the following roadway improvement project is currently scheduled for construction in 2017 or 2018 as a joint project between the cities of Oakwood and Kettering:

Shroyer Road Improvement Project (ODOT PID No. 97897) – Improvements from East Stroop Road in the city of Kettering to the North Corporate Line of the city of Oakwood (Joint application with the city of Kettering);

and

WHEREAS, as originally proposed, the portion of said project within the city of Oakwood consists of maintenance, repair and resurfacing of the existing pavement cross-section of Shroyer Road; and

WHEREAS, consistent with longstanding goals and objectives in the city's 2004 Comprehensive Plan, and in response to citizen concerns expressed in 2015 about roadway and pedestrian safety along Shroyer Road, the city commissioned CMT Engineers to conduct a traffic safety study of the Shroyer Road corridor (the "Shroyer Road Safety Study"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Shroyer Road Safety Study was to investigate possible countermeasures to improve safety along Shroyer Road, supported by an analysis of, among other things, the patterns and volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and the historical number and nature of traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, a proposed countermeasure set forth in the Shroyer Road Safety Study, commonly referred to in the traffic engineering field as a *Road Diet*, would involve the construction of raised center medians and restriping along Shroyer Road from the city's South Corporate Line to its North Corporate Line, thereby reconfiguring the typical cross-section of Shroyer Road in the city of Oakwood from four lanes to three, with single through lanes in each direction, protected left turn lanes at intersections, bicycle lanes in both directions, and two mid-block crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, members of Council, city staff, and CMT traffic engineer Scott Knebel, P.E., conducted public meetings on February 23 and on March 3, 2016 to explain the findings of the safety study and to engage in a public dialogue about how the proposed *Road Diet* would impact users of the Shroyer Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 Oakwood residents and other users of Shroyer Road attended and participated in those public meetings; and

WHEREAS, many attendees at both meetings acknowledged that lowering the speed limit and/or installing mid-block crosswalks alone would not be as effective as the proposed *Road Diet* proposal; and

WHEREAS, at the April 4, 2016 Council meeting, the City Manager and Scott Knebel, P.E., made a formal presentation of the *Road Diet* proposal to Council, and Council opened the floor for public comment on the same; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that the proposal has pros and cons, but believes that the public safety benefits outweigh the cons; and

WHEREAS, Council views the Shroyer Road corridor as a residential area that in its current configuration does not provide an environment friendly to pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, given the nature and number of traffic accidents along the Shroyer Road corridor, Council believes that measures are warranted that would have a traffic calming effect and slow the movement of vehicles and reduce the frequency of vehicle lane changes; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that the proposal may result in some degree of inconvenience for drivers accustomed to having two lanes of travel in both directions and for those residents who may not be able to make direct left turns into or out of their driveways after center medians are constructed; and

WHEREAS, Council is aware that city staff is involved in ongoing discussions with the Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") to reduce the number of bus stops along Shroyer Road, which would mitigate some of the above-noted inconveniences; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood officials have had ongoing dialogue and discussions with administrative officials and staff from the cities of Dayton and Kettering regarding the *Road Diet* proposal; and

WHEREAS, both Dayton and Kettering have provided written support of the *Road Diet* proposal, an important point given that the proposed roadway change directly abuts the Dayton Corporation Line on the north side and the Kettering Corporation Line on the south side; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood officials have briefed officials from the Oakwood City Schools on the *Road Diet* proposal and the Oakwood City Schools have expressed written support for the project; and

WHEREAS, having carefully considered the matter, Council has determined that the above-noted inconveniences are comparatively minor, and are outweighed by the proposal's positive impact on vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian safety and the overall benefit to the public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Council hereby finds that the above-described *Road Diet* proposal will benefit the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION II.

The City Manager or his designee is authorized to implement the proposed *Road Diet* countermeasure, as set forth in the Shroyer Road Safety Study and in consultation with CMT Engineers, as an amendment to the Shroyer Road Improvement Project (ODOT PID No. 97897) currently scheduled for construction in 2017 or 2018, and to take any action and prepare any documentation necessary or desirable to accomplish the same, subject to funding appropriation procedures as set forth in the Oakwood City Charter, Codified Ordinances, and other applicable law.

SECTION III.

This Resolution shall be and remain in force from and after the date of its adoption.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



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Mayor William D. Duncan

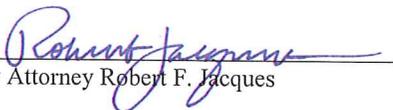
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Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

No publication is required.



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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques