



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
20025 Mack Plaza Drive
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397

March 21, 2025

RE: Vernier & Mack Intersection Improvements Project

Dear Valued Community Partner:

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods received grant funding for safety improvements to the intersection of Mack Avenue and Vernier Rd, the intersection of Vernier Rd and Sunningdale Park, and the Vernier Rd crossover east of Mack Avenue. The prime contractor for the project is Motor City Electric Utilities. The project start date will be dependent on weather but is anticipated to begin in April. Below is a summary of changes that will be made as a result of the project.

Mack & Vernier:

- Span wire traffic signals will be removed and replaced with decorative mast arm signals
- Direct left turns at Mack & Vernier will be removed in favor of “Michigan Lefts”
- Center island will be reconfigured to suit the changes in traffic movements
- Removal of the designated left turn lane for NB Mack to WB Vernier

Vernier & Sunningdale:

- New mast arm signalized intersection including a direct left turn lane from WB Vernier to SB Sunningdale
- New signalized pedestrian crosswalk across Vernier Rd west of Sunningdale
- Widening Vernier Rd east of Sunningdale to accommodate the new left turn lane

Vernier Crossover:

- Removal of existing, two-way crossover
- New mast arm signalized crossover for EB to WB traffic only

The project will be completed in various stages to maintain traffic during construction. Each stage will involve concrete and asphalt pavement as well as drainage and electrical underground work. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained in all directions throughout the project. Below is a summary of the construction stages.

Preliminary Stages:

- Temporary lane closures will be utilized to perform work prior to school break

Stage 1A (Vernier):

- Once school break begins
- Vernier Rd outside lanes closed for work on outside lanes of Vernier and Sunningdale
- Involves closure and replacement of the east exit from Berkshires Condominiums to Vernier Rd – Two-way traffic will be required through the west entrance during this phase

Stage 1B (Vernier):

- Vernier Rd inside lanes closed for reconfiguration of Vernier Crossover

Stage 2 (Mack & Vernier):

- Inside lanes in all directions closed for reconfiguration of Mack & Vernier intersection

Construction observation will be performed by AEW. Questions regarding construction operations should be directed to their attention at (586) 726-1234. Please direct any other questions to the Department of Public Works (313) 343-2460.

We know that construction can be inconvenient and disruptive. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we work to improve our community's infrastructure.

Very truly yours,

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Jim Kowalski
Director of Public Services

cc: AEW