

ELM GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMO

DATE: August 7, 2023

TO: THOMAS P. HARRIGAN, VILLAGE MANAGER

FROM: JASON J. KUBIAK, CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: Temporary stop sign for north and south bound Legion Drive at Elmhurst Parkway.

Sir:

In our discussions regarding traffic routes for the upcoming Watertown Plank Rd water/sewer project, Elmhurst Parkway (to Legion Drive) has been identified as the primary detour route for east and west bound Watertown Plank Road traffic. This particular detour route was used during the 2011 Watertown Plank Rd. construction project. During 2011, Legion Drive had as many as a 1000 additional vehicles during high peak traffic times. Given the current traffic numbers on Legion Drive, I would again expect traffic volume to increase significantly during the upcoming Watertown Plank Rd. project. It should be noted, the area of Elmhurst Parkway and Legion Drive is still an area where residents regularly cross to access the park grounds from the eastside residential area. Since this has become a customary crossing point maintained by the Village to access the Village Park, I suggest that we provide additional traffic control support at the intersection of Elmhurst Drive and Legion Drive, due to the expected increase in vehicular traffic on Legion Drive during the detour.

After consulting with you and Department of Public Works Director, Richard Paul, I suggest that the following additional traffic control measures be approved, by the Village Board:

- Placement of a stop sign, for both north and south bound Legion Drive at Elmhurst Parkway.
- Add “stop ahead” signs for north and south bound Legion Drive, prior to the intersection at Elmhurst Parkway.

Other considerations would be to add painted stop lines on the roadway at each posted stop sign and use “flashing” stop signs for north and south bound Legion Drive, instead of normal signage.

These added traffic control measures are recommended to be kept in place until the termination of the designated Watertown Plank Road detour route

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*Jason J. Kubiak, Chief of Police*