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MEMORANDUM

Community Development Department

DATE: December 5, 2014

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Jana L. Ecker, Planning Director
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer
Mark Clemence, Deputy Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Multi-Modal Transportation Board Communication regarding upcoming W. Maple Road Project

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Please be advised that the Multi-Modal Transportation Board ("MMTB") is in receipt of letters from numerous residents regarding the upcoming 2016 project to resurface W. Maple Road between Southfield and Cranbrook.

After the issue came up again last evening during a public hearing on the proposed improvements to Oak Street, Chairperson Slanga requested staff pass along confirmation of the Multi-Modal Board's process and intentions with regards to the upcoming W. Maple project to the City Commission.

Ms. Slanga indicated that the MMTB will begin a detailed study of W. Maple next year, using the Multi-Modal Plan as a guide. The board will conduct a thorough review of existing conditions, facts, research and data in conjunction with the Police, Engineering and Planning Departments, and using the expertise of outside transportation consultants. After educating themselves and reviewing all of the data, public hearings will be conducted. Chairperson Slanga advised that the MMTB puts a lot of time and effort into any recommendations it makes, and intends to study all options for improvements to the W. Maple corridor. She indicated that the Board welcomes input from residents and the public is encouraged to participate, and will be solicited throughout the review of the corridor and during the public hearing process. All letters received to date will be included as public input when this issue is discussed early in 2015. The MMTB intends to study the corridor in depth, however, this process has not yet commenced.