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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

Re: Petition # 2024-076 – Sherwood Forest Residents of Warrington Drive, request for “One Way Change” to convert a 160-foot-long section of St. Martins to a one-way going westbound between Warrington and extend to the alley that runs between Warrington and Livernois.

On March 4, 2024, Department of Public Works (DPW), Traffic Engineering Division (TED) received the above petition from City Clerk’s office for our investigative report regarding the subject matter. TED conducted review of the above request under petition # 2024-076 and below are our findings and recommendations:

#### Background information

The Sherwood Forest Association, acting on behalf of the residents of Warrington Dr. and St. Martins Street in the Sherwood Forest Historic District, requesting to convert a 160-foot-long section of St. Martins to a one-way street going westbound. The one-way traffic flow would begin at Warrington and extend to the alley East of Livernois that runs between Warrington and Livernois. The reason for this petition is the rapid increase in the number of small businesses and events on the section of Livernois known as the Avenue of Fashion. The east side of this section of Livernois abuts the Sherwood Forest community. An influx of vehicular traffic to the area, particularly in the last two to three years, together with inadequate Livernois street parking for shoppers, has created an overflow of motorists parking in the residential Sherwood Forest neighborhood. This situation causes frequent traffic jams at the intersection of St. Martins and Livernois; vehicles, including large delivery trucks, blocking residential driveways, garages, and home entrances in this part of Sherwood Forest. To eliminate parking of vehicles East of the Commercial alley, TED installed “No Parking” signs on St. Martins. The neighborhood is still experiencing commercial and other business-related vehicles routinely disregarding the “No Parking” signs.

#### Existing and Proposed conditions:

##### St. Martin Street between Warrington and Livernois Avenue

*Existing Condition:* St. Martin Street from Livernois to Warrington Drive is 325 feet long has a right of way of 50 feet with a pavement width of 26 feet. Generally parking is permitted on both sides of the street from Livernois to the Alley East of Livernois. Parking is prohibited from the alley to Warrington Drive and is operating as two-way (east-west) traffic.

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*Proposed condition:* Parking will continue to be permitted on both sides of the street from Livernois to the Alley East of Livernois. Parking will continue to be prohibited from the alley to Warrington Drive along this 160-foot-long section of St. Martin Street. To address the concerns of the Sherwood Forest Association, TED is proposing to convert this 160-foot-long section of St. Martin from two-way operation to one-way westbound operation. This will prevent/alleviate the traffic concerns of the Sherwood Forest Association.

Recommendation

DPW agrees to convert this 160-foot-long section of St. Martin from two-way operation to one-way westbound operation.

Our recommendation is based on the fact that traffic flow change from two-way to one-way operation will prevent/alleviate the traffic concerns of the Sherwood Forest Association. This recommendation is made only after the installation and evaluation of the impact of posting "No Parking" signs over few years. TED concurs with Sherwood Forest Association's concern of the ineffectiveness of "No Parking" signs. Often these signs are routinely ignored, and the Municipal Parking Department has been unable to provide the level of consistent ticketing that might discourage violations.

Traffic Engineering Division (TED) of Department of Public Works (DPW) has met with the Sherwood Forest team to discuss the request and the impact of the changes. This proposed change will require traffic control signage modification only and will be done by TED staff upon authorization by City Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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