

City of Detroit


CITY COUNCIL

GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division

THRU: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: July 3, 2024

RE: Resolution Request for Fort Street Road Diet

My office has received numerous complaints and concerns from residents and businesses regarding the traffic along Fort Street in 48217. Reports include vehicular traffic speeding, running red lights, and traffic accidents. I have been convening regularly with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Department of Public Works (DPW), and the Administration to try and address this issue, which also impact bus riders due to repeated crashes into bus shelters; however, we need to formally appeal to MDOT to conduct a road diet study via resolution.

The Boynton community is home to many seniors and families with children. Along this stretch of Fort Street is Kemeny Recreation Center, the Mark Twain School for Scholars, DFD Engine 48, and local businesses.

Please draft a resolution a resolution to MDOT requesting that they perform a road diet study of Fort Street between Schaefer Road and West Outer Drive. For an example, please refer to resolution from the City of Ferndale requesting MDOT to complete a road diet study for Woodward Avenue Road.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison