

Speed limit reduced for Inkster Road



This sign's days in its present location are coming to an end. Farmington Hills City Council members agreed Monday to reduce the

speed limit on Inkster Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads to 35 miles per hour.

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The speed limit for Inkster Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads has been reduced from 45 miles per hour to 35 mph.

Farmington Hills City Council members voted unanimously Monday to adopt a traffic control order establishing that speed limit for northbound and southbound traffic on that section of roadway.

Signs indicating the new speed limit should be in place by the end of this week or the early part of next week, said David Call, city engineer for Farmington Hills.

"It depends on how busy our Sign Shop is, and if they have the signs in stock."

The decision to reduce the speed limit

it followed a request from the village of Franklin that a lower speed limit be set. That portion of Inkster Road is under the jurisdiction of Farmington Hills, but borders on Franklin.

THE SPEED limit for the section of Inkster Road between 13 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway is 30 mph. The remainder of Inkster Road in Farmington Hills, south of Northwestern Highway, has a 35 mph speed limit. "Everything else is 35 or 30, and we saw no reason to allow people to go 45 in that section," Call said.

Previously, motorists traveling south on Inkster Road needed to adjust to the drop in the speed limit at the 13 Mile Road-Inkster Road intersection. Making the speed limits in the area more uniform will provide for better enforcement and greater safety, Call said.

Motorcycle purchase approved

The Farmington Hills Police Department will soon have two replacement motorcycles to use for traffic patrol.

City council members Monday unanimously voted to authorize the city manager to issue a purchase order to A.B.C. Harley-Davidson of Pontiac for the new motorcycles for a total cost of \$14,800.

Funds were allocated in the city's 1985-86 budget for the purchase of the

motorcycles, to replace the two now being used. Those motorcycles have been in service for nearly 13 years.

"All we're doing is replacing the old two," said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

THE MOTORCYCLES have a variety of uses, he said.

"They're extensively used for selective traffic enforcement." The motor-

cycles are used in areas where a larger vehicle might have difficulty maneuvering, such as parks, subdivisions, and shopping centers, "as well as patrol of major thoroughfares."

"They're definitely needed, and they

pay for themselves," the police chief said.

"And, also, they're good for public relations. People see a sharp police officer in a parade, for example, and it's good public relations."

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