

# Hills speeds into program to slow traffic

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Some motorists' comfort zone is making Farmington Hills officials uncomfortable.

With an average of three requests a week to get speeding under control in residential areas, Hills officials are instituting a program to make motorists aware of the error of their ways.

"The core of the problem is education," said Tom Biaseili, Farmington Hills director of public services. "You have to make them aware that they're speeding."

Biaseili said motorists feel comfortable driving at a given speed through a subdivision. Trouble is, that speed is often too fast.

To address the problem, the city has budgeted \$70,000 for a pilot program that will identify problem areas, educate residents and motorists on speeding problems, and if necessary, make physical changes to streets in order to slow down traffic.

The city council approved the pilot program at the July 19 regular meeting. Biaseili said the city will begin education and enforcement in three subdivisions as soon as the end of August.

The three subdivisions for the pilot are Old Franklin Town, south of 14 Mile east of Middlebelt; Rolling Oaks West, bordered by Drake and 14 Mile; and the Country Ridge development, west of Drake and south of 14 Mile.

The program, Traffic Safety Awareness for Everyone Through Education, Enforcement and Engineering, has three phases. It has been used successfully in Seattle and Belleville, Wash., Omaha, Neb., Portland, Ore., Appleton, Wis., and Modesto, Calif.

One of the educational tools used in the program has been used successfully before in Farmington as well as Farmington Hills. A portable, unattended trailer equipped with radar speed detection equipment displays the

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speeds of oncoming vehicles, so that the driver is made aware of how fast he or she is going.

"It does have a definite impact on speed," said Mike Wiggins, Farmington deputy director of public safety. "We have used it in conjunction with a patrol car. It slows down traffic."

Biaseili said awareness is the key to slowing down traffic because the vast majority of speeders within a subdivision are the residents.

"It's also important to re-evaluate the data to see if it really makes a difference," said Hills traffic engineer Kevin McCarthy. In cities that have used the systematic program, some engineering, including speed humps, turn arounds and limited access to streets have been needed to change driving patterns, Biaseili said.

After the program has been in place this fall, the city will study the results and decide if any engineering is needed to change traffic patterns. The city will also evaluate the program to see if it should be used in other subdivisions and neighborhoods, he said.



**A dumped truck**

Accident slows I-696 traffic: Farmington Hills Department of Public Works workers place concrete back into a truck that overturned on eastbound I-696 Monday. There were no injuries, but traffic on the busy freeway was slowed for about two hours, Hills firefighters said. The truck was owned by Somerset Asphalt in Royal Oak. The cause of the accident wasn't determined.

## Series to showcase Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls

The Farmington Democratic Club has launched a series of cable television programs that will feature candidates for the party's 1994 gubernatorial nomination.

In the kickoff program, which will be aired at 8 p.m. Friday,

and Farmington Hills.

"Our program, called Democratic Closeup, will give the residents of three cities — Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi — the opportunity to hear what these candidates stand for before next year's primary election," Breshgold said.

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ASSETS	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	4,170
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coins	0
Interest-bearing balances	17,890
Securities	17,890
Federal funds sold	0
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables	44,662
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	480
LESS: Allowance for transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	44,172
Undivided profits and capital reserves	2,897
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	1,580
Other real estate owned	485
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Bank's liability on acceptances issued and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	674
Total assets	71,791
Less deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	NA
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	71,791

LIABILITIES	Thousands of dollars
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	64,979
Noninterest-bearing	18,054
Interest-bearing	46,925
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances issued and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	215
Total liabilities	65,194
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0

EQUITY CAPITAL	Thousands of dollars
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	0
Surplus	3,478
Undivided profits and capital reserves	2,897
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	0
Total equity capital	6,375
Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	6,375
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	71,791
MEMORANDUM: Deposits of state money - Michigan	6,375

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