



October 8, 2012

Mr. James Savage,

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) was asked to examine a combination of traffic situations on South Bound Rochester Road from an area near Trombley Street to the I-75 entrance ramp. Particularly, they were asked to examine the following:

- Traffic backups during morning rush hours
- Traffic blocking access from side streets onto Rochester Road
- Turning movements approaching Big Beaver Road
- Turing movements at Big Beaver Road
- Turning movements onto the I-75 South Bound entrance ramp
- Signalization timing at cross-overs on Rochester Road

The RCOC reported their examination was greater than theoretical. They placed a field crew at the site to make numerous trial adjustments of signals and their timing during real time traffic situations. The goal was to alter traffic and eliminate or reduce the current problem. Subsequently, they have set the signalization in a manner that maximizes traffic movement using available resources. They realize the results appear to be unnoticeable and the problem persists.

It is my opinion; the RCOC is unable to significantly change the traffic conditions in this area. Until the I-75 entrance ramp and the freeway itself can more quickly accept the traffic volume, it appears that the surface street will continue to act as a holding lane area. Likewise, there are several other areas in the city where traffic exceeds the roadway's and signalization's design capabilities. Apparently this will remain a dilemma until the causes are addressed.

I know this is not a satisfactory answer since it does not resolve the problems, but this is the best that I was able to provide at this time.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Culpepper,  
City Manager