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November 6, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

On October 19, 2020, Douglas City Council approved Resolution No. 34-2020 designating one-way westbound vehicular travel on South Street between Water Street and Union Street.

This resolution stemmed from concerns/complaints received from residents living on South Street regarding the installation of the fence on Water Street that limits sight line visibility at the South Street / Water Street intersection.

Additional concerns about South Street were the very narrow widths of the street which makes the passing of on-coming vehicles difficult. The current pavement widths do not meet the standard for a two-way street. An 11-foot travel lane is a standard width; however, a single lane of traffic can be as narrow as 9 feet, which is approximately the width of a standard parking space. Therefore, a two-way street's pavement width is typically between 18 feet to 22 feet wide. Some pavement widths on South Street are as narrow as 13 feet.

Based on these concerns/complaints received, residents located within 300 feet of South Street were asked to provide a response to a survey about the potential of converting South Street to a one-way westbound street. The responses indicated 72 percent were in favor of the proposed one-way street and 28 percent were not in favor.

The Department of Public Works will inventory the existing traffic signage and will prepare a plan to install one way, do not enter, and no left turn signs to complete the project. Once the new signage is installed, a Permanent Traffic Control Order will be completed that will allow the Douglas Police Department to enforce the change.

The City of Douglas estimates this project to be completed in January of 2021. Should you have any concerns, please email Jenny Pearson, Executive Assistant, at douglas@ci.douglas.mi.us.

Thank You,
City of Douglas