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To: Cory Mason, Mayor  
and Common Council

From: Alder David Maack  
Public Works and Services Committee Chair

Re: Waive Speed Hump Study Process – Michigan Blvd.

**Subject: Direct Referral Communication** sponsored by Mayor Mason of behalf of Alder Maack, Chair of Public Works and Services Committee, requesting the waiving of required speed hump study of Sec 2-533 Speed Humps for the purpose of allowing the installation of permanent speed humps associated with the resurfacing of Michigan Blvd.

The basis of this request is associated with the timing of the resurfacing project and the fact that the southern portion of Michigan Blvd (south of High St.) had a study completed and a temporary speed hump installed and it was found to be affective in reducing speed along the corridor, prior to the adoption of the ordinance for permanent speed humps. The northern portion of Michigan Blvd. has had a bus route removed from the corridor making it eligible for the installation of speed humps. The traffic volumes are similar on both portions of the corridor.

Timing for the study would force the process to start after Memorial Day during the peak season for the lake front activities. This would be well after the let of the resurfacing project not allowing for incorporation of speed humps in paving operations of Michigan Blvd.

**Alder Recommendation to the Common Council on 03-03-26:** That the requirement of the traffic study for the installation of a speed hump be waived to allow for the installation of said speed humps during construction operations for the resurfacing of Michigan Blvd. in 2026.

**Fiscal Note:** According to the ordinance 2-533, the cost of the speed humps is assumed by the abutting property owners **unless** the installation is associated with a scheduled paving project. The paving project has been approved by Common Council under the 2026 Budget / CIP adoption process and the additional cost of adding speed humps would be negligible to the cost of the paving project.

If the Committee agrees, the appropriate action would be to approve the waiving of the required study preceding the installation of Speed Humps as specified in Sec 2-533 and allow for the speed humps to be installed as part of the resurfacing project.

Cc: JCR/km