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Waukeee Completes Local Traffic Counts Including Grand Prairie Parkway

Waukeee, Iowa — City of Waukeee officials conducted traffic counts on several major roads in the city during the months of April and May. The results show large increases on Ashworth Road and Alice's Road. The City also completed the first traffic count of Grand Prairie Parkway since it opened more than six months ago.

Counting instruments positioned on Grand Prairie Parkway both north and south of Ashworth Road indicate that an average of 8,500 drivers traveled Grand Prairie Parkway on weekdays. The counts fell by approximately 2,000 on Saturdays and Sundays.

"These Grand Prairie Parkway numbers are right in line with where we thought we would be," said Waukeee Mayor Bill Peard. "As Kettlestone continues to develop, more and more drivers will utilize the road not only to get in and out of the city, but also for traveling to the various businesses and amenities in the area."

Traffic on Ashworth Road near Grand Prairie Parkway increased by more than 50% since the 2012 count (3,725) and more than 200% since 2008 (1,820) to an average of 5,743 drivers daily. Alice's Road between Hickman Road and University Avenue saw numbers go up as well. The road is seeing an average of 11,731 drivers a day. That's a 45% increase since 2012 (8,050) and a 125% increase since 2008 (5,200).

Waukeee's fast-growing population and the addition of Grand Prairie Parkway likely contributed to these increases. While the rising numbers are a good sign of a thriving community, the City is also working hard to improve and expand city streets. Ashworth Road is receiving new turn lanes to ease congestion this fall, and Alice's Road will expand from two

lanes to six lanes with construction taking place spring 2017 through approximately fall 2018. Temporary turn lanes will be constructed this summer at the intersection of Alice's Road and Olson Drive to ease traffic until the widening project is completed.

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The City of Waukee is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities within the state of Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties within the United States. The official Census count based on fall 2015 data is 17,945. Waukee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of its future mixed-use development, Kettlestone.

For more information, visit Waukee.org.