This letter alerts airmen to taxiway markings used in the vicinity of vehicle service roads at the Greater Rochester International Airport. Additional markings have been placed along the edge of taxiways where they intersect with vehicle service road to assist pilots in keeping their aircraft on the taxiways and clear of the service roads.

At the Greater Rochester International Airport, vehicle service roads exist to give maintenance and emergency vehicles a place to safely operate and be separated from aircraft. These service roads are located both within movement areas and non-movement areas. They have been identified by signs and surface markings as shown below.

Occasionally, pilots have become distracted or disoriented and attempt to taxi their aircraft on vehicle service roads. These service roads are not designed for aircraft use. They are much narrower than taxiways and often have vehicle traffic control signs, which present an obstruction for aircraft. Numerous aircraft have sustained damage while on vehicle service roads when coming into contact with these signs.
Recently, the Greater Rochester International Airport has added taxiway edge lines at most intersections of taxiways and vehicle service roads. This double solid yellow line should remind pilots that they must not cross these lines (and enter the vehicle service road) with their aircraft.

Remember, it is every pilot’s responsibility to know where they are at all times when operating on an airport, and safely operate their aircraft only within designated areas. In addition, pilots must comply with all Air Traffic Control instructions while operating within a movement area.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Rochester Airport Traffic Control Tower, at 585-463-3815.

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