

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: 3/06/2023

FROM: Robert Doemel

RE: Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 7.02 "Speed Limit Regulations" to include the Proposed Modifications

General Description:

The Highway Department is requesting the County Board to amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 7.02 "Speed Limit Regulations" to define and expand the speed limits in the Town of Winneconne on County Trunk Highway "G" to 45 miles per hour from its intersection with County Trunk Highway "M" easterly for a distance of 1.51 miles to the intersection with Cross Road; and define and expand the speed limits in the Town of Winneconne on County Trunk Highway "M" to 45 miles per hour from its intersection with County Trunk Highway "G" northerly for a distance of 1.85 miles to the intersection with Clark Point Road.

Action Requested:

County board approval to amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 7.02 "Speed Limit Regulations" to define and expand the speed limits in the Town of Winneconne on County Trunk Highway "G" to 45 miles per hour from its intersection with County Trunk Highway "M" easterly for a distance of 1.51 miles to the intersection with Cross Road; and define and expand the speed limits in the Town of Winneconne on County Trunk Highway "M" to 45 miles per hour from its intersection with County Trunk Highway "G" northerly for a distance of 1.85 miles to the intersection with Clark Point Road.

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction: Highway Committee

Action taken: Approved

Other Committee:

Action taken:

County Board

Action taken:

County Board

Action taken:

Meeting date: 2/20/2023

Vote: 5-0

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Background:

The Town of Winneconne formally requested that the speed limit be reduced on CTH-G, citing new residential construction on CTH-G and newly constructed subdivision has caused an increase of traffic on the roadway and creating unsafe travel conditions. Adjacent to this County Road is CTH-M which the Town has pointed out other safety concerns, such as many sharp curves, hills and line of sight challenges also creating unsafe travel conditions. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted a speed

study which determined 85 percent of the vehicles traveling on the roadway were traveling at 49 MPH even though it is posted at 55 MPH.

Policy Discussion:

Wisconsin State Statutes Sections 346.57(4), 349.11(3), and 349.11(7) allow County Road speed limits to be lowered 10 MPH when the posted speed limit is 55 MPH. Also, over 90% of County Highway Departments and over 95% of state DOT's nationwide make regulatory speed limit base heavily on the 85th percentile speed. After the Highway Department received an official request from the Town of Winneconne to reduce the speed limit, a speed study was completed to determine the 85th percentile. Those findings were presented to the Highway Committee and the vote was 5-0 in favor of reducing the speed to 45 MPH.

Attachments:

*Map of County Trunk Highway "G" from County Trunk Highway "M" easterly to its intersection with Cross Road.

*Map of County Trunk Highway "M" from County Trunk Highway "G" northerly to its intersection with Clark Point Road.

*Formal request from Town of Winneconne