



Town of Winneconne

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To Robert Doemel – Winnebago County Highway Commissioner:

At the October town board meeting for the Town of Winneconne, the majority of the board vote to write a letter requesting that the Winnebago County Highway Department investigate and act on reducing the speed limit on 2 sections of County Highway within the Town of Winneconne from 55MPH to 45MPH.

Section #1 – County Highway “G” from intersection with County Highway “M”, east to Cross Road. Recently 2 new homes have been constructed on that section of county highway, in addition there have been multiple new homes built on Frontier Road, Formiller Road, Clow Road and the Ball Prairie Subdivision is over half developed. The increased amount of residents use County Road “G” as their main thoroughfare to their destinations. The causes a great increase in the potential for safety incidents because the people utilizing “G” will need to slow down to turn off and conversely are traveling at speeds much lower than 55MPH after they turn on to “G”.

Section #2 – County Highway “M” from intersection with County Highway “G”, north to Clarks Point Road. The beginning of County Highway “M” from State Highway 116 North to “G” is already posted at 45MPH. The length of straight-away from the intersection at “G” to the first curve is 775 yards or just over 4/10ths of a mile. That is hardly enough length to increase a vehicle from 45MPH to 55MPH and then immediately slowdown for the 90-degree turn. The other section of straight-away from Roys Road to Clarks Point Road is less than 6/10ths of a mile but contains a hill that limits the line-of-sight of a driver during that stretch. In addition, since the Town requested and the County approved ATV/UTV traffic on County Road “M”, those vehicles are limited to a max speed of 35MPH. That has the potential of an unfortunate accident if many curves, hills and line-of-sight challenges and we would like to proactively prevent that the best we can. Coincidentally, the County Sherriff Department conducted a speed study on “M” earlier this summer between Roys Road and Clarks Point Road and found that the majority of cars were driving closer to the 45MPH. So why not, make the normal behavior the lawful behavior?

We look forward to your response on helping to keep the residents of the Town of Winneconne and other travelers safe on County Highways.

Please let me know if there is anything else you would like from me.

Respectfully,

Matt Woods – Chairperson
Town of Winneconne

CC:

Sheriff John Matz

County Board Highway Committee Members:

David Albrecht, Donald Nussbaum, Ralph Harrison, Thomas Egan, Chuck Farrey

