

2023 City of La Crosse CIP Budget Request

Permanent Installation of Two Speed Tables in the 100-200 Blocks of 29th St. South

Requested by Larry Sleznikow, District 4 City Council Member

Justifications for this request

- Numerous resident concerns about vehicular speeding on this street
- Tramway Trail access point at the apex of the street is a safety concern. The location of the access point makes it difficult for vehicles (especially those that are speeding) to see hikers and bikers entering and leaving the trail
- A speed study conducted in October 2021 revealed vehicular speeding on this street.
- Temporary speed bumps installed in 2021 prior to the speed study reduced vehicular speeding.

Approval and Oversight

- The installation of two permanent speed tables was suggested by the Engineering Department as the best traffic calming option to slow vehicular traffic. Engineering created a map for speed table placement and provided the cost estimate.
- The Board of Public Works unanimously approved the installation of these permanent speed tables at their July 18th meeting.

Funding Source

- \$35,000 in Existing Bond Funds



This section of 29th Street South has a unique roadway configuration, without sidewalks and uphill inclines from both the Bliss Road and Cass Street entrances to the street.

The access point for the Tramway Trail is at the apex of the road where hikers and bikers enter and exit the trail.

There have been ongoing resident concerns about vehicle speeds especially near the trail access and the entrances of resident driveways.

There are also resident concerns about drivers being able to see hikers and bikers using the trail access.

A speed study conducted in October 2021 indicated that vehicular speeding was occurring.

The City Engineering Department suggested two permanent speed tables (see map at left) as the most appropriate traffic calming measure.

Residents along the street were consulted and agreed that installation of the permanent speed tables would be a good addition to the street.

The City Fire Department was consulted to ask if changes in response time due to the speed tables was an issue. Fire Department does not have concerns about this potential installation.

The estimate of cost from the Engineering Department is \$35,000.

Dan DeGier in the Finance Department has identified \$35,000 in Existing Bond Funds that would be available to cover the cost of these speed tables in 2023.