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My wife and I live in the subdivision of Oneata Mesa in La Crosse. As such, we travel on County Road B multiple times a day and are totally opposed to lowering the speed limit from 35 to 25. Here are the reasons:

1. Pedestrians of all ages, runners, adults with children in strollers and bicyclers are frequently making use of the sidewalk and road. Obviously, these people feel safe with the current speed limit or they wouldn't be there.
2. We are not aware of any traffic jams or accidents in this section of the road. We have lived at this location for 4 years.
3. It is a county road, not a regular "in-town" road filled with homes and businesses. The area is not densely populated. Lowering the speed limit would slow down traffic unnecessarily. A great deal of the adjacent property is open land.
4. There are no stop signs or 4 way intersections on the route as there are in most of the "in-town" areas where the speed limit is 25 mph.
5. Farther out on CTH B the speed limit is 45 mph. It seems to me that the current 35 mph is a reasonable compromise already between the "in-town" limit of 25 mph and the more rural section 45 mph. To decrease the speed limit to 25 mph on CTH B is unnecessary and unexpected.
6. Most of that road is very wide and has a center turn lane. The road is fairly straight with just a couple of bends. There are no 4 corner intersections which could somewhat justify a lower speed limit. To me, this is further evidence that it is not dangerous, tight or congested.
7. Concerning North Woods Elementary School:

- There is already a 15 mph limit in the vicinity of North Woods Elementary. If that is being ignored, perhaps the occasional presence of a traffic officer would provide sufficient deterrence.
- Only about 17% of the children at this school walk to school and may walk on a sidewalk adjacent to the road. The remaining 83% are not pedestrians.
- It is my understanding that this is one of the schools that is being considered for closure. If the speed is lowered to 25 mph because of the school, how likely is it that the limit would return to 35 mph if and when the school is closed?

The proposal to lower the speed limit seems like a solution in search of a problem.

If you would like to speak with me about this, my phone number is (304)654-3438 and my email is imhoffdave@gmail.com

Sincerely,

David and Nancy Imhoff