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From: Gary Patterman <sgpatter1987@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 3:30 PM
Subject: Speed Limit County Road B
To: <ZZcouncilmembers@cityoflacrosse.org>

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to express my *support* behind the change in speed limit on county road B. We live in the multi-colored condos, across from North Woods Elementary School. My main point is for safety reasons, the speed should be lowered to 25 mph.

County road b has become a residential neighborhood. Many people walk or run and ride bikes along county b on the sidewalk. As you get closer to the school, students and parents are out in force. What used to be maybe a quiet road at one time, has now turned into a very busy road.

- Fox Hollow golfers travel in force, which is expected. But adds additional traffic
- Businesses from West Salem w/big trucks routinely travel this road to jump on hwy 16
- Me personally, I walk county b all the time. Have you ever tried to cross the street on cty b towards Smith Valley Road? Impossible. If we thought cty road b was a residential area, travel out on Smith Valley Road. That area too has exploded w/new houses to become a residential community. Vehicles travel on cty road b, to reach their destination.
- The highway department built county b, for the future. Installing a turn lane as the middle lane. Its purpose is for vehicles turning left, as indicated by the yellow arrows. And the solid yellow line. But traffic uses this turn lane as a passing lane. If county road b is a country road, w/very little traffic, I doubt the highway department went to the expense of installing the same type of road as Losey Boulevard, w/these turn lanes planning for the future. Well the future is here! (also noted the speed was changed on LB to 25mph)
- Police do not enforce county b. They are short staffed and more pressing issues to deal with. I fully understand their issues. But police presence would be ideal.
- At one time the city or county did a vehicle count, by placing those black tubes over the road to see how many vehicles traveled county b. In fact twice they did, but have no idea the outcome

- Also numerous times they did a speed zone count, to see how fast vehicles were driving. But again have no idea the outcome
- We do have a crosswalk with a yellow flashing light, so parents and students may cross the road safely. Well you press the button and HOPE vehicles stop for you
- And speaking of the school zone, why is North Woods the only school with a 35 mph zone, versus 25
- One last item. Signs prior to the school indicate 15 mph when students are present. It's sad that vehicles do not pay attention to this. Not in the morning, recess, or when school lets out. Traffic does not slow down to 15, are you kidding me! Again, a very bad situation and one pointing towards a safety concern for our children.

I appreciate your consideration for lowering the speed limit not only for county road b, but for sure the safety of North Woods elementary.

Thank you and I'm hopeful that city council members vote to approve the lower speed limit.
Gary Patterman