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Please accept this email in support of the speed change on county road b. I live on County B adjacent from the proposed speed limit reduction area. I travel that road several times per day as you might. I however, live in a condo, on one of those bends that we find unsafe. It is extremely dangerous to try to pull out of my driveway. It is similar to a blind intersection and traffic is coming at an excessive amount of speed from the country on cty B and nearly rear ends our vehicle or illegally passes us in the middle turn lane to go around because they don't want to bother slowing down.

More importantly, I walk my grandchildren to school several days a week. Do you really think that the posted school signs are being observed by drivers when they are heading by the school. That is almost laughable. The flashing yellow lights don't even deter drivers from flying though that crosswalk. I myself have had a semi truck lock up their brakes trying to stop for the yellow lights because they are going so fast when they come around that blind bend. Or I have had people that think because I am currently only using half the crosswalk they can go ahead and quickly go through the portion ahead of me to beat me through the crosswalk with their cars. They are not thinking of safety, or is that child beside me going to run through ahead of me? I invite you to bring a loved one down to walk through that crosswalk at 8:00 am and see if that may not change your mind if a reduction in speed is not necessary.

Last week I attended a meeting at Northwoods elementary school in which Dr. Engel spoke. It is not certain at this time if that school will be closed or not. But does it really matter? Those 17% of students are still going to be living in that area. They are still going to be using that crosswalk. The only thing is they may not have an adult with them when they are out riding their bikes. They may assume that pressing that yellow light makes them safe to cross. But I know all too well that it doesn't. You say there have been no accidents in that area, but that is because it wasn't one of your loved ones that was knocked off his bike by a car that was in too much of a hurry to even stop to render aid. He wasn't injured badly or killed thank god or it would have made the news. It wasn't one of my loved ones either, but I believe one child being injured is more than enough.

It takes a car driving one mile traveling at 35 mph one minute and 43 seconds. A car traveling at 25 mph for one mile takes 2 minutes and 24 seconds. So slowing the speed limit down by 10 mph for approximately one mile will inconvenience you for 41 seconds on your commute. I believe that is worth the safety or saving a life of a child.

Thank you for your appreciation to make this speed change.
Sherri Patterman