

20-1205

Standing Committee: Public Safety Committee

Document Name: Discussion and possible action regarding the traffic speed on Broadway Street between North Rapids Road and Harvest Circle.

Action:

Place on File - No Council action needed

Refer to:

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Consent

Non-Consent

reduce speed to 25mph on Broadway starting at the top of the hill up from Michigan ave and increase signage as seen fit by public infrastructure. Also contact ^{Rapids} Town of Manitowish Waters ask about signage about reduced speed.

Committee Recommendation:

Attest:

Chair - Alderperson Scott McMeans

12/14/2020

Date

Steve Czekala

Alderperson Steve Czekala

[Signature]
Alderperson Jeremiah Novak

Alderperson Brett Vanderkin

Alderperson Aaron Bailey

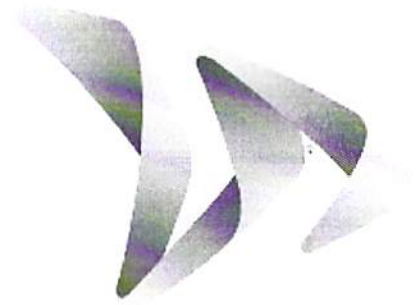
Approved:

Justin M. Nickels
Mayor

Date

	Date	Number of measurements	Number of vehicles	Average speed	Maximum speed	Direction
1	10/12/2020 18:30	21	21	27.71	62.00	Outgoing
2	10/12/2020 16:30	46	46	26.41	59.00	Outgoing
3	02/12/2020 11:30	22	22	26.55	56.00	Outgoing
4	05/12/2020 14:00	23	23	26.52	53.00	Outgoing
5	03/12/2020 21:00	5	5	28.60	48.00	Incoming
6	06/12/2020 19:30	8	8	30.62	46.00	Outgoing
7	07/12/2020 13:00	18	18	26.94	44.00	Incoming
8	07/12/2020 18:00	16	16	27.69	43.00	Outgoing
9	09/12/2020 18:30	16	16	25.56	42.00	Incoming
10	03/12/2020 14:30	20	20	26.70	42.00	Incoming
11	02/12/2020 20:00	6	6	29.17	42.00	Incoming
12	02/12/2020 00:00	2	2	35.50	42.00	Incoming
13	10/12/2020 12:30	26	26	28.15	41.00	Outgoing
14	09/12/2020 05:30	14	14	25.86	41.00	Incoming
15	05/12/2020 20:30	10	10	25.50	41.00	Outgoing
16	04/12/2020 19:30	18	18	27.56	41.00	Incoming
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19	06/12/2020 23:00	2	2	30.50	40.00	Outgoing
20	04/12/2020 05:30	13	13	27.31	40.00	Incoming
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22	09/12/2020 20:30	5	5	31.20	39.00	Incoming
23	07/12/2020 05:30	18	18	25.72	39.00	Incoming
24	06/12/2020 20:00	7	7	25.71	39.00	Incoming
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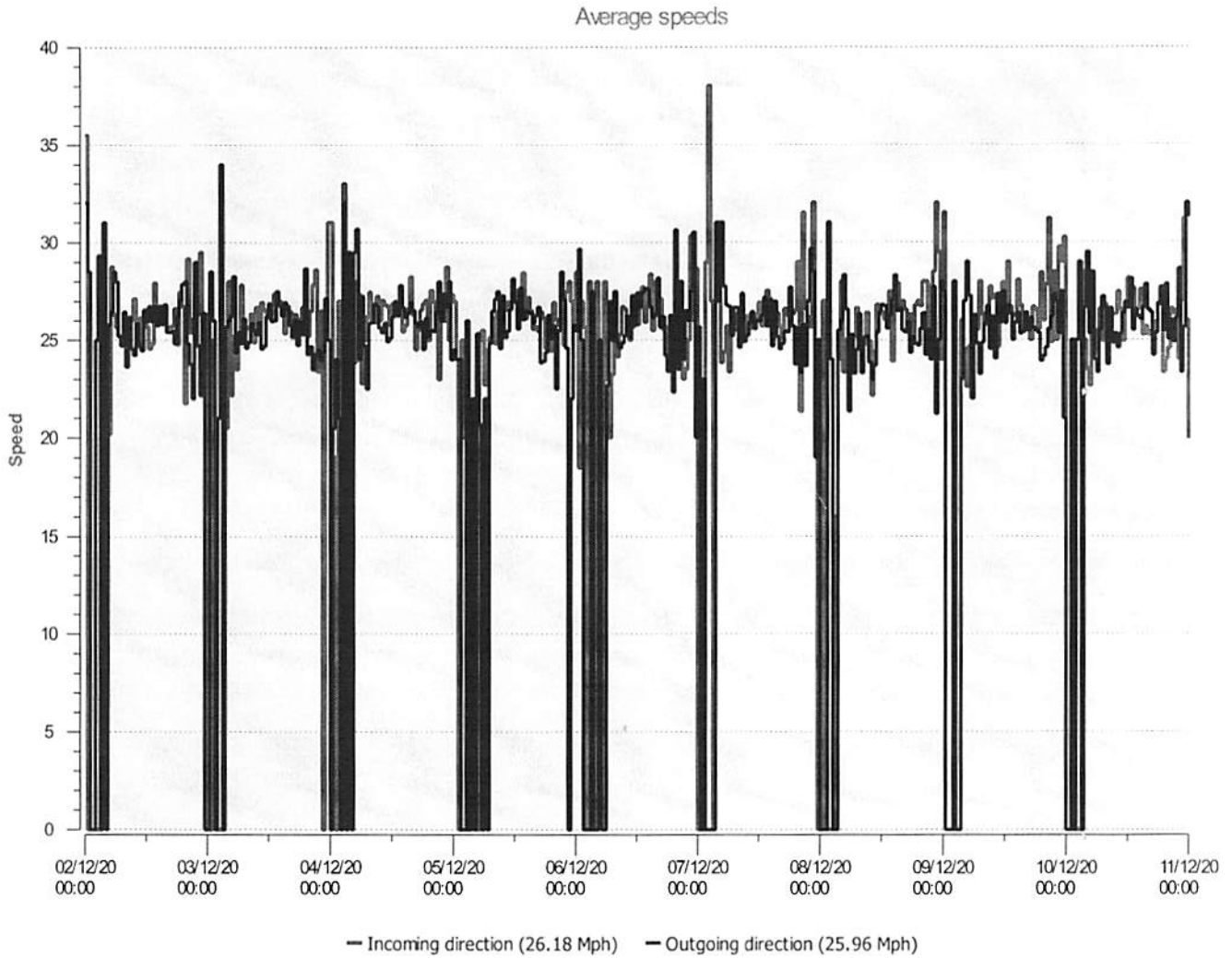


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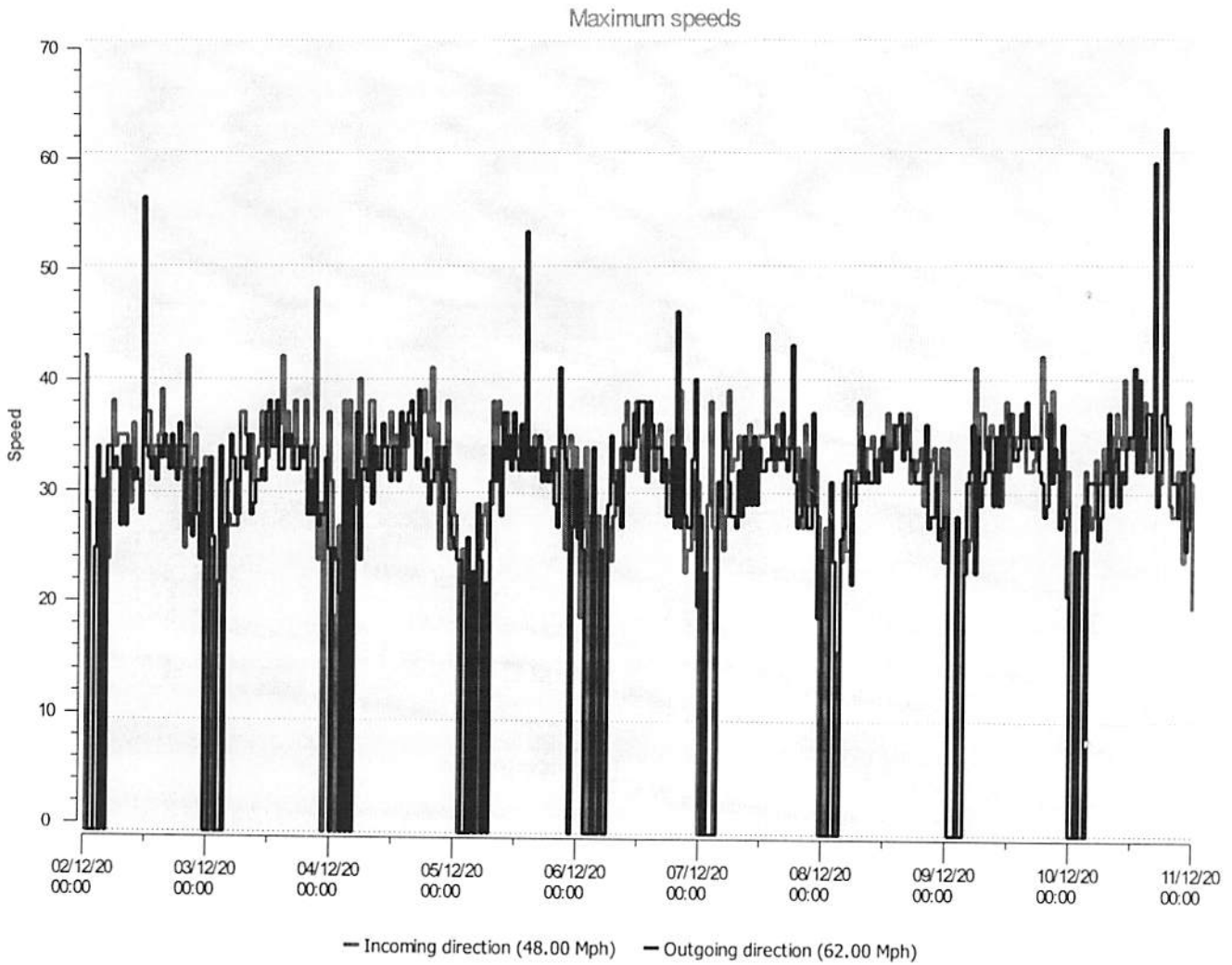
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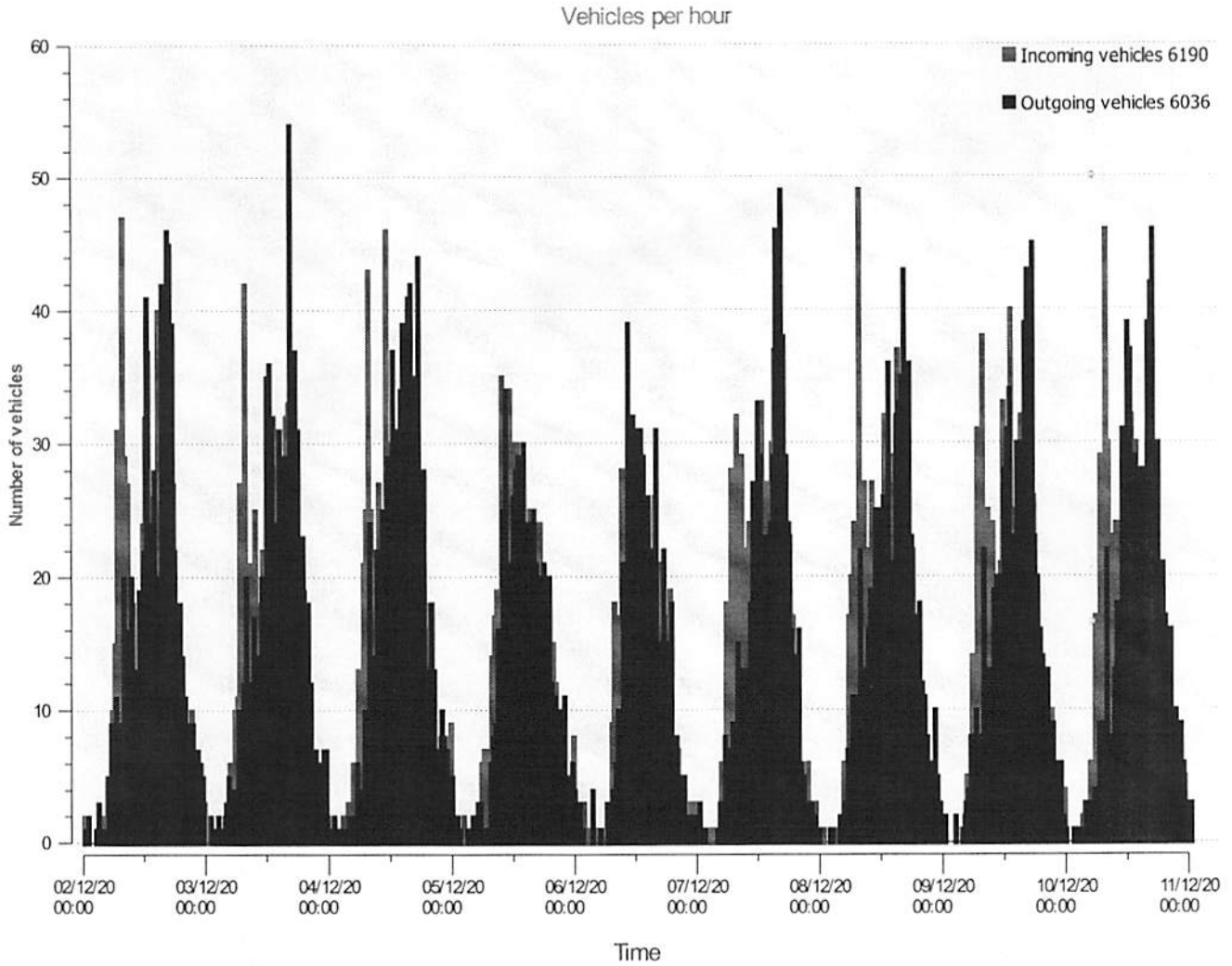
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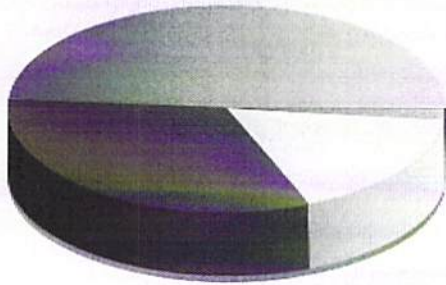


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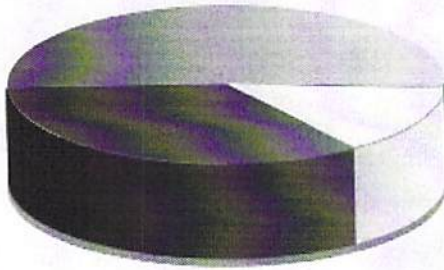
<= 25 Mph	3,014	(48.69 %)
26 - 30 Mph	2,009	(32.46 %)
31 - 35 Mph	1,063	(17.17 %)
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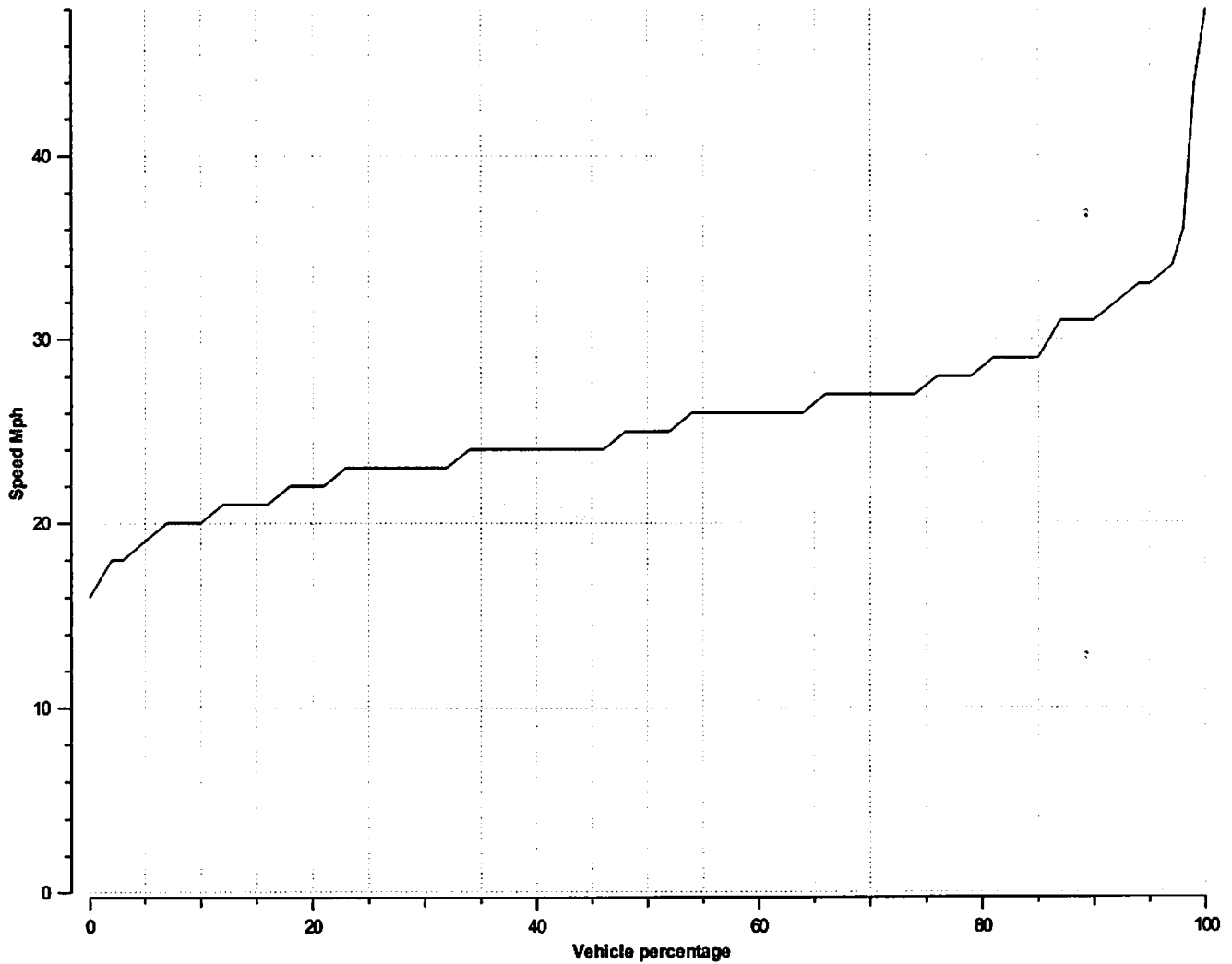


■	<= 25 Mph	: 3,058 - (50.66 %)
■	26 - 30 Mph	: 2,070 - (34.29 %)
■	31 - 35 Mph	: 849 - (14.07 %)
■	36 - 40 Mph	: 51 - (0.84 %)
■	41 - 45 Mph	: 3 - (0.05 %)
■	46 - 65 Mph (et +)	: 5 - (0.08 %)

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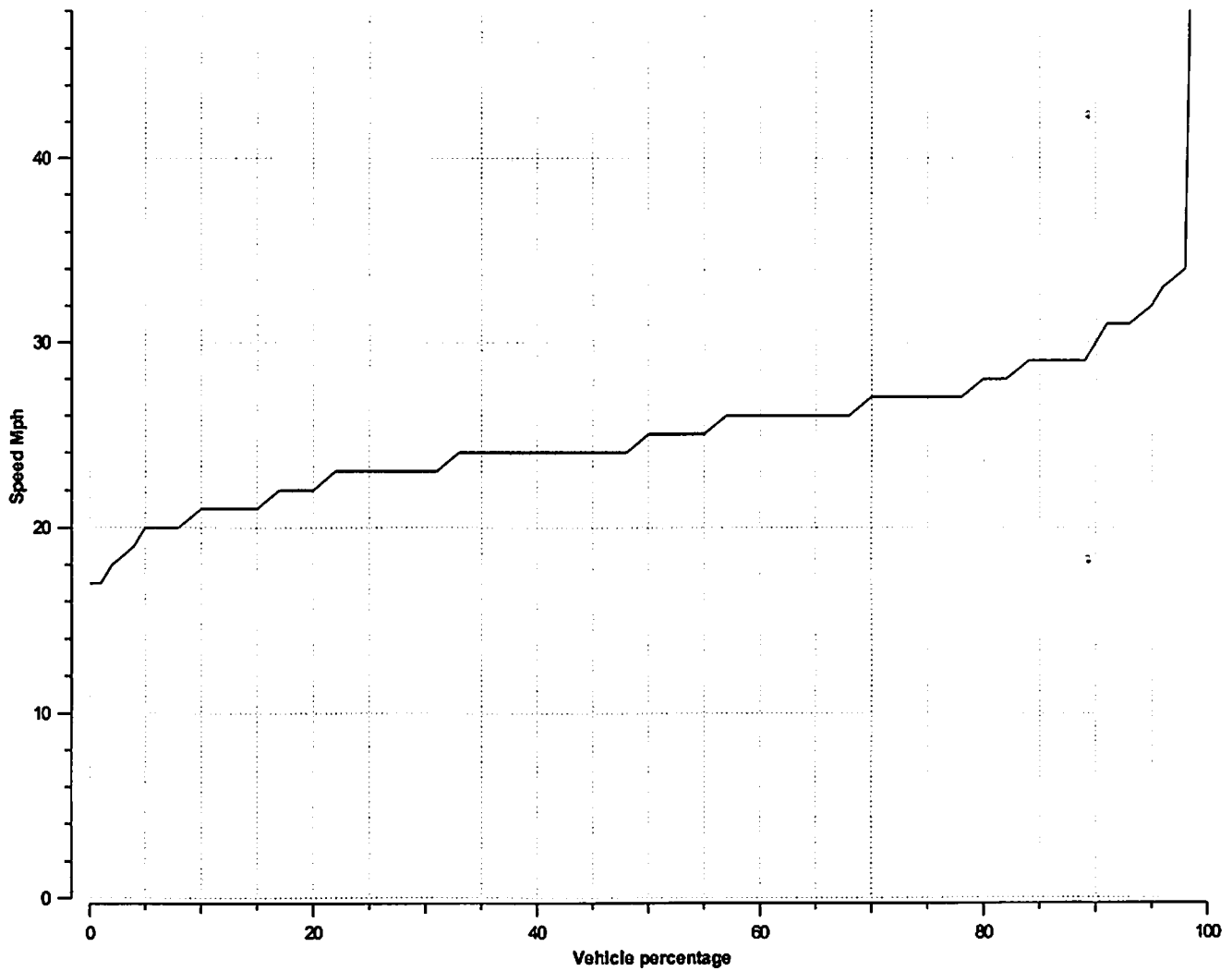
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**ACCIDENTS - BROADWAY ST - 4200 - 4400 BLK
2017 - 2020**

Incident Number	Call Date/Time	Incident Type	Location	Cause
2019-00001992	2/10/2019 9:04	ACCIDENT - HIT AND RUN	4400 BROADWAY ST BLK	HIT & RUN

Enforcement Log

Date: 11/3/2020 **Location:** Broadway St between Harvest Circle and Rapids Road

Problems with vehicles speeding, primarily coming eastbound down the hill. Named complainant, Jennifer Monke (629-0639).

Date Reviewed:	Reviewed by:	Date removed:		
Enforcement Date	Enforcement Time	Officer	MFW or Citation #	Officer Comments
11-4-2020	0145-0230	721	∅	No Stops
11-4-2020	0845-0920	975(15)	1 MFW	1 MFW - SPEEDING
11-4-2020	1040-1715	541	∅	TOP SPEED 33 MPH
11-05-2020	0720-0735	033	∅	No Violations
11-05-20	2015-2100	147	∅	TOP SPEED 31 MPH
11-06-2020	0425-0445	327	∅	∅
11-06-2020	2045-2057	120	∅	∅
11-06-2020	2143-2218	120	∅	TOP SPEED 28MPH
11-7-2020	0345-0440	346	∅	-
11-8-20	1200-1230	035	∅	53 Veh / Top Spd 29 mph
11-7-2020	1745-1754	706	∅	TOP SPEED 32 MPH
11-09-2020	0740-0755	456	∅	NO VIOLATIONS
11-8-20	1655-1745	1634	1 MFW	SPEED EST. 35 MPH
11-9-20	1545-1630	541	1 MFW	SPEED 37 MPH
11-10-2020	0729-0755	162	∅	NO STOPS
11-12-20	1630-1100	967	∅	no stops
11-15-2020	0350-0410	327	∅	∅
11-15-2020	1518-1616, 1813-1843, 1922-1953	610	3 ELCI + 2 MFW	5 stops total, high of 44mph.
11-16-2020	0545-0600	154	∅	∅
11-15-2020	1510-1610	528	2 MFW (SPEED)	37 + 38 MPH
11-16-2020	1927-2101	610	2 warnings	37 + 38 mph.
11-17-20	0530-0610	715	∅	No violations
11-17-20	0839-0930	162	∅	NO VIOLATIONS
11-19-20	1515-1535	310	∅	TOP SPEED 35MPH

Amber Noworatzky

From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Scott McMeans - D2; Matt Wallander
Cc: Nick Reimer; Dan Koski; Eric Sitkiewitz - D6; PD_Supervisors
Subject: RE: Traffic speeding - Broadway St. - N. Rapids Rd. to River Bluff Dr.
Attachments: IMG_2422.JPG; IMG_2423.JPG; IMG_2424.JPG; IMG_2425.JPG; Reduce Speed Ahead Sign-Words.pdf; Reduce Speed Ahead Sign-Symbol.pdf; Aerial Photo with Existing and Proposed Signage.pdf

Scott and Nick,

I have attached some photos of the existing signage out there and some aerial photos showing existing and proposed signage.

I would not be opposed to lowering the speed limit down to 30 MPH from River Bluff Drive to 1,450 feet Northwest of River Bluff Dr. (the top of the hill where the concrete pavement ends). I would not want to change the speed limit down the hill, because it is a hill, but more importantly the west side of the street is actually the Town of Manitowoc Rapids jurisdiction so we should not be changing their speed limit.

The trees around the 25 MPH speed limit sign on the north side of Broadway St. just west of N. Rapids Rd. should be trimmed or the sign moved to the next pole to the west.

I would also propose the following signage to be added:

1. Reduce Speed Ahead Sign (R2-5A) or (W3-5) located about 300 feet northwest of River Bluff Drive. See attached examples.
2. 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign for southbound traffic on Broadway St. between the two legs of Harvest Circle.
3. Arrow Warning Sign at the curve for Westbound Traffic. That way we are consistent with signage out there for the curve.

The only thing that would require an Ordinance change and Committee Approval would be the speed limit reduction to 30 MPH.

If you would like the DPI-Operations to simply take care of this proposed signage, let me know and I can give them a work order and we would not even have to take this to the Public Safety Committee, unless you still prefer to have them discuss and approve the additional signage. Let us know. Thanks.

From: Scott McMeans - D2
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Matt Wallander
Cc: Nick Reimer; Greg Minikel; Dan Koski; Eric Sitkiewitz - D6; PD_Supervisors
Subject: Re: Traffic speeding

Thank you Captain! That summary is good and also is consistent with my observations on signage. I believe there is adequate warning of the change to 25mph heading south but with a downhill grade it will be challenging to get many people to stay under the limit consistently. Of course weather conditions do not have to be that bad to even cause accidents even under the speed limit.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2020, at 11:41 AM, Matt Wallander <mwallander@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Greetings All,

I came in this *brisk* morning to move the radar/speed board from 3800 block of Waldo Blvd. to the 4500 block of Broadway St. Here are a few details:

- I have the board set to "Stealth Mode," so it is reading and storing stats, but not displaying them for the driver. This gives law enforcement an idea of when the speeding violations take place and the extent of the speeds. I will keep this set as "Stealth" for 2-3 weeks to gather stats. After this, I will turn it on to allow speeds to be displayed and slow down traffic. I would be happy to share stats to anyone that is interested.
- Before determining the location of the speed board, I canvassed the neighborhood. Unfortunately, most were not home, including Ms. Monke. After several house checks, I did have to opportunity to speak with Mr. Tom Keil at 4425 Broadway St. He validated the concerns of Ms. Monke and confirmed the main problem is the speed of traffic coming into the city from the north. As traffic proceeds southbound and then eastbound on Broadway, many are going too fast and have historically bounced off the curb, went up onto the lawn, or even into a garage (as stated by Ms. Monke). However, a quick check of our in-house reporting shows less than an accident per year reported in this general area.
- I discussed with Mr. Keil the best place he thought the board should be placed based on the neighborhood concerns, and we agreed on a pole in the 4500 block of Broadway for the traffic coming south/east into the city.
- Ms. Monke cited lack of signage, but in my travels, I found at least two signs of 25 MPH for SB traffic before the curve, and the 25 MPH zone starts between River Bluff Dr and the west entrance of Harvest Circle (near the private drive for the residences in the 4600 block of Broadway).
- There is one 25 MPH sign for westbound traffic as you come off Rapids onto westbound Broadway in the 4200 block. However, this sign is obstructed by a large tree which probably could be trimmed back to allow better vision of the sign.

I hope this clarifies any questions and resolves some of the neighborhood concerns. We will continue enforcement and visibility in the area to keep speeds down.

Kind Regards,

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Capt. Matt Wallander
Shift Commander-3rd Shift
910 Jay Street
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From: Nick Reimer <nreimer@manitowoc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Greg Minikel <gminikel@manitowoc.org>; Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>; Dan Koski <dkoski@manitowoc.org>
Cc: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org>; PD_Supervisors <PD_Supervisors@manitowoc.org>
Subject: RE: Traffic speeding

Hello,

I have attached what is being done. We have been keeping some of the enforcement in a log since November 4th. An Elci is an electronic citation and an MFW is a written warning. The complainant from November 3rd is the same complainant to Alder Sitkiewitz.

Nick

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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Scott McMeans - D2; Dan Koski; Nick Reimer
Cc: Amber Noworatzky
Subject: RE: Traffic speeding

I will have to look at this area closer again, but the current ordinance language has the 35 mph speed limit beginning at the north leg of the Harvest Cir. Intersection. Therefore, it is 25 mph from the north leg of Harvest Cir. to N. Rapids Rd. There is plenty of distance (about 600 feet) to slow down before the curve.

Perhaps, more 25 mph speed limits signs are needed.

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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:40 PM
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Date: November 23, 2020 at 3:17:53 PM CST
To: Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>
Cc: Jennifer Monke <monkej4405@gmail.com>
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Over the years I have received numerous complaints regarding speeding along Broadway Street extending from Michigan Ave to Rapids Road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric J. Sitkiewitz

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Historically, we have each endured property damage- lawn gouging, tree damage, mailbox post destruction, etc My garage and car were totaled some winters ago when an SUV plowed into the side (the side!) of the garage and pushed the opposite wall onto my neighbor's house— someone has to be going pretty fast to jump a snow bank, cross a lawn full of snow, drive over a berm, and push a car with a full tank of gas onto a neighboring border. Snow blowing puts operators at risk (someone has been hit); pedestrians who walk the hill (many of whom live in the neighborhoods atop the hill, and also drive/speed on this part of our street) are also at risk.

I spoke to the MPD about our concerns about three weeks ago. I've noticed a little more MPD presence lately, but the habit of speeding is not easily broken.

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To: Greg Minikel
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Subject: Re: Traffic speeding

Greg/Nick/Dan,

I have been looking into this area and based on the email replies and a discussion with Nick, I wanted to put out the following observations and look to see if there is any recommendation from this team that we would want to bring to a committee meeting.

Overall, the problem with speeding is not anything that will be totally “solved” on this incline/decline area of Broadway. With regular patrol and appropriate signs, we are reasonably doing what we can. The actions that might be considered.

1. Heading west on Broadway from Rapids- One 25mph sign on a telephone poll that is partially covered. No other signs heading east. Maybe consider uncovering and relocating further west on the road?
2. Signs heading east- two 25mph signs from Harvest Circle area and another on the turn heading east to Rapids. - Maybe relocating sign on turn to closer to Harvest. Possible decline or Slow Down sign by directional arrow (see below)
3. Broadway heading south from Michigan Ave- 35mph. Possible slowing down speed at the start of Condos to 30mph to transition into 25mph at harvest circle. Residential areas typically do not have 35mph speeds?
4. Add a speed radar sign to the road for a period of time- this will depend on placement options and would have to be justified by long term benefit.

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Good Evening,

I have been speaking with operational leaders on this topic to ensure we have some insights and possible recommendations for the committee to consider before bringing this forward. This process will ensure good informed discussion. It is likely to be ready for the next Public Safety Committee meeting on the 14th. Amber will confirm this as it gets closer to the date.

There has been a very steady patrol of our Police in this area as documented by the officers. These documents will be reviewed at the meeting but to give you an example, the month of November had 19 days of patrol with some noted speeds generally in the low to mid 30's mph. There was a citation of 44mph in a 25mph. This is a high number of patrols when compared to some other areas of our City. I personally think the report is in line with what you would find in the City. I would also note that we typically do not manually track patrols, but this has been done for this area on a temporary basis to understand issues.

Relative to signs, there are two 25 mph postings heading south/southeast on Broadway starting from Harvest Circle and again at the turn heading east to Rapids Road. There is also a 25mph sign heading from Rapids west up the hill. Additionally there is an arrow at the turn indicating a change in the road direction. While placement and expectations of speed within these markings are typical, this will be reviewed for any further recommendations.

If you have any comments or questions, there will be time for input at the meeting.

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On Nov 23, 2020, at 2:16 PM, Jennifer Monke <monkej4405@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Mr. Sitkiewitz-

As one of your constituents, I would like to call your attention to the traffic speed (posted and actual) on Broadway St, specifically the section between N Rapids and Harvest Circle at the curve on the Broadway hill. Coming from the NW, the posted speed is 35 mph on top of the street, then changes to 25 mph right before the descent— an acknowledgment that the hill can be dangerous at a higher speed—and it has proven to so when approached carelessly. Heading up the hill, there is no posted speed limit. Either way, speeding is chronic.

In this email, I am not speaking just for myself but for my surrounding neighbors as well. Is there something you can do for us?

Historically, we have each endured property damage- lawn gouging, tree damage, mailbox post destruction, etc My garage and car were totaled some winters ago when an SUV plowed into the side (the side!) of the garage and pushed the opposite wall onto my neighbor's house— someone has to be going pretty fast to jump a snow bank, cross a lawn full of snow, drive over a berm, and push a car with a full tank of gas onto a neighboring border. Snow blowing puts operators at risk (someone has been hit); pedestrians who walk the hill (many of whom live in the neighborhoods atop the hill, and also drive/speed on this part of our street) are also at risk.

I spoke to the MPD about our concerns about three weeks ago. I've noticed a little more MPD presence lately, but the habit of speeding is not easily broken.

I have been told that I should contact my Alderman to inquire about any further measures such as more/different traffic signage or perhaps even beginning the 25 mph sooner atop the hill. And so, I am contacting you, Mr Sitkiewitz, to let you

know of our very well-founded concerns. What can you do for us?

Various almanacs and weather predictors indicate an 'old fashioned' winter this year. Somehow, Broadway St. travelers need to take this stretch of road seriously.

Of course, I could go on and on... but I want you you to know our concerns are 'real and well grounded. Please see what steps you can take as our representative in order to realistically address this.

I anticipate your reply. Thank you for your attention,

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