

Amber Noworatzky

From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Kathleen McDaniel; Marc Holsen; Amber Noworatzky
Cc: Jane Rhode; Dan Koski; Elizabeth Majerus
Subject: RE: Request for Public Safety Comm. Agenda - S. Rapids Rd. Speed Limit Reduction
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Kathleen,

Amend Manitowoc Municipal Code 10.010(3)(b) Rapids Road (A) to read as follows: "The speed limit on Rapids Road from Custer St. to the north City Limits shall be 35 miles per hour".

I think that 10.010(3)(b) Rapids Rd. (B) shall be eliminated and make/move (C) into (B).

From: Kathleen McDaniel
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 7:14 PM
To: Marc Holsen; Greg Minikel; Amber Noworatzky
Cc: Jane Rhode; Dan Koski; Elizabeth Majerus
Subject: RE: Request for Public Safety Comm. Agenda - S. Rapids Rd. Speed Limit Reduction

Marc, thanks for the clarification!

Amber, let's have it on the agenda as ordinance to amend Manitowoc Municipal Code 10.010(3)(b) establishing the speed limits on S. Rapids Road. There won't be an actual ordinance at the committee, but if they are agreeable, we'll have an ordinance drafted for Council. Can you please remind us when the next Public Safety meeting is?

Greg, can you please get us the exact language for the ordinance for where the change will be occurring?

From: Marc Holsen [<mailto:MarcHolsen@co.manitowoc.wi.us>]
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Subject: RE: Request for Public Safety Comm. Agenda - S. Rapids Rd. Speed Limit Reduction

Greg,

You are correct. This needs to state "upon completion" or "after construction" as the road re-opening occurs in conjunction with the jurisdiction transfer taking place. The reason for the passing of this reduction prematurely is that the Commissioner of Railroads needs to sign off on the final document prior to the next step of optimistically scheduling the railroad alterations in 2018 while avoiding the "Option B" of the temporary access road issue. We definitely do not want to miss this opportunity. The reduction is not referring to a construction zone, but rather a permanent reduction. They need to know this will occur prior to approving plans and scheduling since the permanent speed limit will dictate how they design and adjust elevations, approach lengths, tangents, etc... If the resolution/ordinance states that the speed limit reduction will take effect immediately upon completion, it should be acceptable.

Thanks

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Kathleen,

I am copying Marc Holsen at the County to see if he can shed any more light on this issue or clarify exactly what the County would like from us.

First of all, the roadway will be closed to all through traffic during the reconstruction and it will also be closed to traffic during the railroad's work as the tracks through the street will be completely removed so to say reducing the speed limit to 35 mph during reconstruction does not make sense. The language in the proposed final rule does say "during reconstruction". However, it is my understanding that this should probably say "after reconstruction". I believe that it is the intent of both the County and the Railroad.

From: Kathleen McDaniel
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Amber Noworatzky; Greg Minikel
Cc: Jane Rhode
Subject: RE: Request for Public Safety Comm. Agenda - S. Rapids Rd. Speed Limit Reduction

My read of the decision is that we only need to lower the speed limit to 35 during construction – couldn't that be done as a temporary posting? Greg, I'm copying you since you raised the issue. This also isn't a final decision yet. I'd suggest we confirm what the railroad is looking for, but add it to the Public Safety agenda as "Administrative Law Judge preliminary decision regarding speed limit on Rapids Road during construction."

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From: Amber Noworatzky
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To: Kathleen McDaniel
Cc: Jane Rhode
Subject: FW: Request for Public Safety Comm. Agenda - S. Rapids Rd. Speed Limit Reduction

Hi Kathleen,

I was just wondering if you had the chance to take a look at this yet? I need to have my agenda finalized by Wednesday and wanted know your thoughts before anything was added.

From: Amber Noworatzky
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Kathleen McDaniel
Cc: Jane Rhode; Greg Minikel
Subject: FW: Request for Public Safety Comm. Agenda - S. Rapids Rd. Speed Limit Reduction

Hi Kathleen,

Could you please take a look at the email below and let me know what your thoughts are. I wasn't sure how to place this on the agenda as this project isn't happening until 2019, but it sounds like they need reassurance that this ordinance will be changed when the time comes.

Thank you for your help!

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From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Christopher Able - D3
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Subject: Request for Public Safety Comm. Agenda - S. Rapids Rd. Speed Limit Reduction

Ald. Able,

The County will be reconstructing Rapids Rd. in 2019. The railroad crossing and the warning devices will also be upgraded to accommodate the new wider roadway.

As part of the railroad agreement or the Order from the Office of Commissioner of Railroads (OCR) requires that the speed limit be reduced from 45 mph down to 35 mph.

This will not go into effect until after the construction, but the County has requested that we either approve an Ordinance for this change (effective in 2019 when the project is completed) or a Resolution supporting and agreement of the City's intent to change the speed limit in 2019. I have never had one quite like this so I am not sure what the best method is. Perhaps, a resolution now and then pass an ordinance in 2019 for the actual change.

This roadway will become the City's responsibility after the reconstruction.

Can we add this item to the March agenda? Thanks.

Amber Noworatzky

From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Nick Reimer; Amber Noworatzky
Cc: Dan Koski; Randy Junk
Subject: FW: 9164-RX-847 - Speed Reduction on S. Rapids Rd. from Broadway St. to Custer St.

FYI:

This project will not take place until 2019. I am not sure when we would take it to the Committee, perhaps in late 2018??

From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Marc Holsen; Ryan H. Trzinski; Jacqueline Macewicz; Albino, David - PSC
Cc: Graves, Heather - OCR; Dan Koski
Subject: RE: 9164-RX-847

Marc,

This will make the speed limit (35 mph) consistent with the rest of Rapids Rd. from Broadway St. to the North City Limits. The current speed limit to the south of Custer St. to Calumet Ave. is posted at 40 MPH.

Will the speed limit technically be changed prior to completion of the project and prior to the jurisdictional transfer??

Maybe it does not matter, we still should run the issue past the Public Safety Committee and the Common Council for their approval as the City's Municipal Code will need to be updated with these changes. I would have to believe that they would support the speed reduction.

From: Marc Holsen [<mailto:MarcHolsen@co.manitowoc.wi.us>]
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To: Ryan H. Trzinski; Jacqueline Macewicz; Albino, David - PSC
Cc: Graves, Heather - OCR; Greg Minikel; Dan Koski
Subject: RE: 9164-RX-847

This question will need to be clarified by the city as this project will be a jurisdiction upon completion.

Thanks

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Cc: Graves, Heather - OCR <Heather.Graeves@wisconsin.gov>; Marc Holsen <MarcHolsen@co.manitowoc.wi.us>
Subject: RE: 9164-RX-847

David,

Just to clarify, the existing speed limit on CTH R is 45mph, but with the proposed 4-lane urban roadway the posted speed limit on CTH R will be reduced to 35 mph permanently. This speed limit is not just during construction, but will be the new posted speed on the roadway.

Please advise if this will have any bearing on your final document?

Thank you,



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Cc: Graves, Heather - OCR
Subject: RE: 9164-RX-847

David,

I have reached out to our signal design team to find the answer to your questions. I will advise as soon as I have a response from them on whether or not CN would require CWT and what the cost of a new cant/gate combo would be.

Regards,
Jackie

From: Albino, David - PSC [<mailto:David.Albino@wisconsin.gov>]
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Subject: 9164-RX-847

In the Proposed Decision for the above docket, I included language regarding the inadequacy of the corner sight distances using the posted 45 mph on CTH R. The county developed sight distances using the reduced 35 mph during construction. This is shown in Exhibit 7 (p. 22 of http://apps.psc.wi.gov/vs2015/ERF_view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=288573) where the county shows the sight distances as being adequate.

However, the actual sight distances at a vehicle speed of 45 mph increases the stopping sight distance to 383 feet, and thus, also increases the corner sight distances with a train speed of 35

mph. Using these parameters results in inadequate sight triangles in all quadrants. Given the speeds, number of lanes and amount of traffic, this crossing will need gates. The county did recommend that WCL install gates. However, that is a cost that would be borne entirely by the county.

Jackie, could WCL use the current Type C circuitry or would WCL require CWT for new gates? Could you also provide an estimate for your recommendation?

Ryan, please work with Jackie to develop a recommendation based on the above that includes gates and submit as a delayed exhibit.

Thanks.

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