

From: [Greg Minikel](#)
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.
Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 4:16:18 PM
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

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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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From: Greg Minikel
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.

Perhaps, more warning signs about the curve are possibly needed.

We should maybe have a reduce speed ahead sign for southbound traffic on Broadway St.

From: Scott McMeans - D2
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Dan Koski; Greg Minikel; Nick Reimer
Cc: Amber Noworatzky
Subject: Fwd: Traffic speeding

Please see the email below. I would like us to have a conversation about this before we bring it to committee so we can understand anything that's been done, planned, or recommend.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org>
Date: November 23, 2020 at 3:17:53 PM CST
To: Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>
Cc: Jennifer Monke <monkej4405@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Traffic speeding

Aldersperson Mcmeans,

I am requesting that this concern be placed on your next Public Safety agenda. Any speed change ordinance would have to go through your committee as well and sign placements.

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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Sent from my iPhone

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,

Jennifer Monke
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