



REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD

ITEM NAME:	45 mph Speed Limit – Martin and Maple Ridge Roads
MEETING DATE:	June 9, 2025
PRESENTING COMMITTEE:	None
COMMITTEE CONTACT:	David Baker
STAFF CONTACT:	Greg Ulman
PREPARED BY:	David Baker

ISSUE: The Village reduced the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on Martin and Maple Ridge Roads at the January 13, 2025 Village Board Meeting. A Village resident, who is employed as a municipal engineer and has a PE license, has expressed concern that the speed limit change did not follow Wisconsin DOT guidelines. The DOT guidelines are based on Wisconsin State Statute 349.11.

OBJECTIVES: Ensure that the change in speed limit was done in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes and Wisconsin DOT Guidelines.

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS: The speed limit was initially changed at the December 9, 2024 Village Board meeting. It was subsequently brought to the Village’s attention that the required engineering report was not provided as part of the speed limit change process.

An engineering report was then prepared by Greg Ulman, our Public Works Director, for each road. These reports were presented at the January 13, 2025 Village Board Meeting. The conclusion for these reports stated that lowering the speed limit to 45 mph was not warranted for either road.

According to the Wisconsin DOT Traffic Engineering, Operations & Safety Manual (provided by the aforementioned Village resident), “All speed limit changes **shall** be based on an engineering and traffic investigation, including modifications allowed under Statute.” (emphasis added) as shown on page 5 of the attachment.

It is the belief of the resident that the speed limit change was not based on the engineering and traffic investigation or report, as the report did not support lowering the speed limit. The resident also did a fairly extensive independent traffic analysis for Maple Ridge Road. This analysis, which did not include a clear zone analysis, supported Greg Ulman’s findings that a reduction in the speed limit was not warranted.

I have requested that our Village attorney provide us with a written opinion as to whether the speed limit reduction was done in accordance with the WI DOT guidelines and the Wisconsin State Statutes.

PROPOSAL: Postpone consideration of reversing the 45 mph speed limit reduction on Martin and Maple Ridge Roads until the June 23, 2025 Village Board meeting to provide our Village Attorney time to provide a written opinion.

ADVANTAGES: Postponing for 2 additional weeks will allow us to make a more informed decision and will also allow time for issue awareness and feedback from Village residents.

DISADVANTAGES: None identified.

ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to postpone consideration of reversing the 45 mph speed limit reduction on Martin and Maple Ridge Roads until the June 23, 2025 Village Board meeting to provide our Village Attorney time to provide a written opinion.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:

FUNDING SOURCE(s) – Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$

Remaining CFY

Account Number:

Description:

Budgeted Amount:

Spent to Date:

Percentage Used:

Remaining:

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly): Traffic Engineering, Operations & Safety Manual