

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO.: 71--2018-19

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

US Highway 41 (Hwy 41/I-41) was constructed in the 1960s as a four-lane divided highway between Appleton and DePere and attained freeway status in the 1970s. Hwy 41 was upgraded to six lanes between Breezewood Lane and CTH OO/STH 15 in 1992 and was officially added to the interstate system in April of 2015 and the speed limit increased to 70 mph.

Average daily traffic in 2015 was 55,600 vehicles per day and 63,000 in 2016, which is an increase of 11.7%. A local study from August 1, 2016 through September 17, 2018 reports 4,707 police calls on I-41 occurring within the Town of Grand Chute and City of Appleton portions of the interstate. These types of calls can cause significant delays, costly vehicle damage, infrastructure damage, and costly and dangerous clean-up activities for emergency, state, county and municipal staff.

Wisconsin State Statute Section 346.57 defines speed restrictions for all public roadways. Section 349.11 grants state government authority to modify speed restrictions on roadways if an engineering and traffic investigation shows that any statutory speed limit is deemed unsafe under the conditions of the highway. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) may determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit on the portion of the highway in question.

Therefore, Outagamie County would like to encourage the DOT to conduct an engineering and traffic investigation on I-41 from County BB (Prospect Avenue) to Kaukauna exit County J and ~~ultimately lower the speed limit on that stretch of the highway from 10-15 miles per hour.~~ **Recommend the DOT take immediate action to improve highway safety on that stretch of the highway.**

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Highway, Recycling and Solid Waste Committee and Public Safety Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does request the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to conduct an engineering and traffic investigation on I-41 from County BB (Prospect Avenue) to Kaukauna exit County J and ~~ultimately lower the speed limit on that stretch of the highway from 10-15 miles per hour.~~ **Recommend the DOT take immediate action to improve highway safety on that stretch of the highway,** and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, WisDOT Secretary of Transportation David Ross, the

Outagamie County Highway Commissioner and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the
Legislature.

Dated this ____ day of October 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

HIGHWAY, RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE
COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: _____

Signed: _____

Board Chairperson

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Signed: _____

County Executive