
Sponsor: Public Works

Meeting Date: 9/6/2022

Title: Speed Zone Study on Various Ramsey County Roads

File Number: 2022-468

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County Public Works has engaged the Ramsey County Board on how to approach speed limits in workshops conducted on October 26, 2021, and April 12, 2022. A recommendation from the April 12 workshop was to identify specific county road corridors to complete an official speed study through the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to determine if the existing speed limits are appropriate. The selected corridors recommended for a study were derived from a variety of parameters, including:

- Speed limits of 40 mph or higher.
- Roads with predominately residential development on both sides of the roadway.
- Roadways with narrow shoulders and lack pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Corridors with multiple speed limit changes.

All the recommended corridors meet multiple conditions.

The county roads recommended for a speed study investigation are:

1. McKnight Road from Carver Ave to County Road C (~8.25 miles)
2. Victoria Road from County Road B to County Road F (~3.75 miles)
3. Edgerton Road from County Road B to Centerville Road (~2.5 miles)
4. New Brighton Road from County Road E to County Road E2 (~0.75 miles)

MnDOT requires a Ramsey County Board resolution as the formal request and authorization to conduct a speed study. It may take 12 months or longer before the study results are known; Public Works intends to work closely with MnDOT to try to expedite the process.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Request the Minnesota Department of Transportation to conduct a speed zone study on portions of McKnight Road, Victoria Street, Edgerton Street, and New Brighton Road.
2. Authorize Ramsey County Public Works to install speed limit signs based on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's study results.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: McGuire

