

RESOLUTION
Town of Grand Rapids
Wood County, Wisconsin

Resolution Number 2020-02

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS ON STATE
HWY 54 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH 64TH STREET NORTH TO ITS INTERSECTION
WITH 80TH STREET NORTH**

WHEREAS, Plover Road (STH 54) is a four lane State Trunk Highway running generally East-West through a portion of the Town of Grand Rapids in Wood County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, a portion of STH 54, being in the Town of Grand Rapids, and running from its intersection with Eagle Road Easterly to its intersection with 64th Street North (approx. 1.5 miles) is currently posted with a 50 MPH speed limit. Traveling East, the speed limit then increases to 65 MPH from STH 54's intersection with 64th Street North to its intersection with 80th Street North (approx. 1 mile) being the Town of Grand Rapids municipal boundary; and

WHEREAS, Town of Grand Rapids Police Records report 147 police calls on STH 54 occurring within the Town of Grand Rapids portions of the Highway from STH 54's intersection with 64th Street North to its intersection with 80th Street North. Additionally, there were 31 traffic accidents in the same 1 mile of STH 54 since 2014, with one of those accidents resulting in a fatality. 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; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute Section 346.57 defines speed restrictions for all public roadways. Section 349.11, Wis. Stats. 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 limit on the portion of the highway in question; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Rapids believes that the existing 65 MPH speed limit on STH 54 from its intersection with 64th Street North to its intersection with 80th Street North is excessive due to development in the area (roadside and cross-roads), number of intersections, and amount of commuter traffic/congestion during high volume periods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grand Rapids Board of Supervisors does hereby encourage the Wisconsin DOT to conduct an engineering and traffic investigation on STH 54 from its point of intersection with 64th Street North to its intersection with 80th Street North (CTH "U") and take immediate action to improve highway safety on that stretch of State Highway, including a reduction of speed to 50 MPH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Chairperson shall sign and the Town Clerk shall be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Secretary of the Wisconsin DOT and WisDOT North Central Regional Director.

Motion		For	Against	Abstain	Absent	ACTION TAKEN
<u>2</u>	Arne Nystrom	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]	[]	[]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted as presented
<u>1</u>	Bill Clendenning	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]	[]	[]	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended
	Dan Paulsen	[]	[]	[]	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
	Patty Lumby	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]	[]	[]	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled until _____
	Andrew Simon	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	[]	[]	[]	<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to _____

Dated this 11 th day of February, 2020.

By:

Arne Nystrom

Arne Nystrom, Town Chairman

I, Lisa Dotter, Clerk for the Town of Grand Rapids, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which was adopted on the 11 th day of February, 2020 by the Town Board, Town of Grand Rapids, County of Wood.

Attest:

Lisa Dotter

Lisa Dotter, Clerk