CITY OF STOUGHTON, 207 S. FORREST STREET, STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to Request Wisconsin Department of Transportation Officials to Reduce Speed Limits on USH 51 north of STH 138

Committee Action: None

Fiscal Impact: None.

File Number:	R- -2021	**Date Introduced:**

The City of Stoughton, Wisconsin, Common Council does proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Transportation ("WisDOT") has programmed highway improvements and will construct roundabouts on USH 51 at Hoel Avenue/Silverado Drive, STH 138 West and at Roby Road/Deer Point Drive in 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of these roundabouts, the Connecting Highway Limits for City of Stoughton ("City") for USH 51 will extend to a point north of Roby Road; and

WHEREAS, emergency services are frequently called for accidents on USH 51 from Hoel Avenue to Rutland Dunn Town Line Road; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to reduce the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on USH 51 to the northern extent of the Connecting Highway Limits at the time the Limits are transferred to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to improve public safety on USH 51 north to County Highway B (East) without delay; and

WHEREAS, the lands on both sides of USH 51 between Velkommen Way and Rutland Dunn Town Line Road are in the platting process for urban development; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates the USH 51 intersection at Rutland Dunn Town Line Road will eventually become a signalized intersection; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates the eventual speed limit on USH 51 north to CTH B East will become 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the City believes reducing the speed limit now on USH 51 to approximately Velkommen Way to 35 miles per hour will reduce the number of accidents and accident severity; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have the WisDOT evaluate additional speed reduction north of Velkommen Way; and

WHEREAS, the City sees value in planning for and designing future improvements for USH 51 to CTH B East as an urban corridor for 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that if this request is approved, geometric changes would be made to the cross section following the design standards for a 35 miles per hour roadway; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Stoughton Common Council hereby requests that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, 1) reduce the speed limit on USH 51 from STH 138 to approximately Velkommen Way to 35 miles per hour now, 2) evaluate additional speed reduction north of Velkommen Way, 3) design future USH 51 improvements for a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour on USH 51 north to County Highway B East. The City understands that if this request is approved, geometric changes would be made to the cross section following the design standards for a 35 miles per hour roadway.

Council Action: ☐ **Adopted** ☐ **Failed** **Vote** _____

Mayoral Action: ☐ **Accept** ☐ **Veto**

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Tim Swadley, Mayor Date

Council Action:_____ ☐ **Override** **Vote** _____