

CHAPTER 60 – HIGHWAY

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A traffic and engineering investigation having been made on the following described County Trunk Highways, the maximum permissible speed at which vehicles may be operated on said highway, which speed is herein established as reasonable and safe pursuant to §349.11, Wis. Stats., shall be as set forth herein, subject to erection of standard signs giving notice thereof:

- A.** County Trunk Highway “E” Town of Westfield, In the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from the Westfield Village limits westerly for a distance of two point six three six (2.636) miles thirteen thousand nine hundred eighteen feet (13,918’).
- B.** County Trunk Highway “C” Town of Montello, Town of Packwaukee, in the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from the Montello City limits westerly for a distance of three point six eight three (3.683) miles nineteen thousand four hundred forty seven (19,447’).
- C.** County Trunk Highway “ZZ” Town of Packwaukee, in the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from Highway 23 southerly for a distance of one point one four nine (1.149) miles six thousand sixty-five feet (6,065’) to County Trunk “C”.
- D.** County Trunk Highway “Y” Town of Montello, In the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from the Montello City limits northerly for a distance of one point one eight five (1.185) miles six thousand two hundred fifty-seven feet (6,257’).
- E.** County Trunk Highway “N” Town of Neshkoro, In the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from County Trunk “E” northerly for a distance of point six eight zero (.680) miles three thousand five hundred eighty-seven feet (3,587’).
- F.** County Trunk Highway “N” Town of Neshkoro, In the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from County Trunk “E” southerly for a distance of one point zero one six (1.016) miles five thousand three hundred sixty-three feet (5,363’).
- G.** County Trunk Highway “K” Town of Montello, Town of Packwaukee, in the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles starting from the point point five five nine (.559) miles two thousand nine hundred fifty feet (2,950’) west of the Montello City limits, then proceeding westerly for a distance of four point three one zero (4.310) miles twenty-two thousand seven hundred fifty-six feet (22,756’).
- H.** County Trunk Highway “J” Town of Harris, In the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from the point one thousand nine hundred twenty feet (1,920’) west of Dandy Street to the point six hundred fifty feet (650’) west of Dandy Street for a length of one thousand two hundred seventy feet (1,270’) or point two four (.24) miles.
- I.** County Trunk Highway “B” Town of Harris, In the County:

Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from County Trunk Highway “J” northerly for a distance of .488 miles two thousand five hundred eighty feet (2,580’).

- J.** County Trunk Highway “J” Town of Harris, In the County:
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles for a distance of .618 miles three thousand two hundred sixty-three feet (3,263’) from the point two hundred fifty feet (250’) west of Dandy Street to the point five hundred ten feet (510’) north of 11th road.
- K.** County Trunk Highway “C” Town of Packwaukee, In the County:
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles from the intersection of County Trunk Highway “D” easterly for the distance of point four two zero (.420) miles two thousand two hundred twenty feet (2,220’).
- L.** County Trunk Highway “D” Town of Packwaukee, In the County:
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles from County Trunk Highway “C” intersection westerly for a distance of point four two six (.426) miles two thousand two hundred fifty feet (2,250’).
- M.** County Trunk Highway “D” Town of Packwaukee, In the County:
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles from the intersection of County Trunk Highway “C” and County Trunk Highway “D” southerly for a distance of point six seven eight (.678) miles three thousand five hundred eighty feet (3,580’).
- N.** County Trunk Highway “D” in the Town of Packwaukee, In the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from a distance of point four two six (.426) miles two thousand two hundred fifty feet (2,250’) West of County Trunk Highway “C” intersection westerly for a distance of one point two two six (1.226) miles six thousand four hundred seventy-five feet (6,475’).
- O.** County Trunk Highway “M” in the Town of Packwaukee, In the County:
Forty-five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from the Intersection of STH 23 southerly for a distance of seven tenths of a mile (0.7) three thousand six hundred ninety six feet (3696’).
- P.** County Trunk Highway “X” Town of Douglas, In the County:
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from Highway 23 southerly for a distance of point two eight six (0.286) miles one thousand five hundred twelve feet (1,512’).
- Q.** County Trunk Highway “A” Town of Douglas, In the County:
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from 1st Road northerly for a distance of point two four four (0.244) miles one thousand two hundred ninety feet (1,290’).
- R.** County Trunk Highway “CX” Village of Endeavor, In the County:
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from Endeavor City limits southerly for a distance of point five six six (0.566) miles two thousand nine hundred ninety feet (2,990’).
- S.** County Trunk Highway “N” Town of Shields, In the County:
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from Eagle Road easterly for a distance of point two two zero (0.220) miles one thousand one hundred fifty nine feet (1,159’).

- T.** County Trunk Highway “B” City of Montello, In the County:
Thirty-five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from Highway 23 northerly for a distance of one point zero one seven (1.017) miles five thousand three hundred sixty-eight feet (5,368’).
- U.** County Trunk Highway “C” City of Montello, In the County:
Twenty-five (25) miles per hour for all vehicles from Highway 23 easterly for a distance of point three eight one (0.381) miles two thousand ten feet (2,010’).
- V.** County Trunk Highway “M” Village of Westfield, In the County:
Forty-Five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from Westfield Village limits southerly for a distance of point two seven one (0.271) miles one thousand four hundred thirty feet (1,430’).
- W.** County Trunk Highway “M” Village of Westfield, In the County:
Thirty-Five (35) miles per hour for all vehicles from Westfield Village limits northerly for a distance of point four one two (0.412) miles two thousand one hundred seventy-five feet (2,175’).
- X.** County Trunk Highway “EE” Town of Oxford, In the County:
Forty-Five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from Highway 82 northerly for a distance of point five five nine (0.559) miles two thousand nine hundred fifty-three feet (2,953’).
- Y.** County Trunk Highway “F” Town of Montello, In the County:
Forty-Five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from County Trunk Highway XX northerly a distance of one point zero three miles (1.03) five thousand four hundred and fifty feet (5,450’) to the Montello City limits.
- Z.** County Trunk Highway “E” Town of Neshkoro, In the County:
Forty-Five (45) miles per hour for all vehicles from Highway 73 easterly a distance of two point six miles (2.6) thirteen thousand seven hundred and twenty eight feet (13,728’) to the east county line.

60.015 Temporary Speed Limits.

- A.** If a highway is being constructed, reconstructed, maintained, or repaired; temporary speed limits may be established as set forth in Wisconsin Statutes § 349.11(10).
- B.** The Highway Commissioner, or his/her designee, is authorized at his/her discretion, to impose mandatory temporary speed limits under the continuing authority of this section and without need of further action by the County Board.
- C.** Temporary speed limits shall be imposed by the posting of either portable or fixed temporary regulatory speed limit signs.
- D.** Signs may be posted on any highway under the jurisdiction of the County, and any state trunk highway upon which the County performs maintenance under Wisconsin Statutes § 84.07 when such highway is being constructed, reconstructed, maintained or repaired, but only in the area of such work and of those persons engaged in performing such work.

60.02 Authority Delegated to Highway Committee.

In accordance with Chapter 83, Wis. Stats., the County Board delegates the following authority to the County Highway Committee:

- A.** The authority to purchase and sell the Highway Department machinery, other equipment, or materials relevant to the work carried out by the Highway Department, except that:
 - 1. All capital purchases exceeding fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) proposed by the Highway Commissioner must be approved by the Highway Committee and the County Administrator; the Highway Commissioner shall do one or both of the following:
 - a. Provide an Equipment Purchase Summary with individual cost estimates during the budget process, or
 - b. In the event that the proposed purchase is not included in the Equipment Purchase Summary, present to the Highway Committee the need for the equipment and the revised Purchase Summary.
 - 2. In addition to applicable state law requirements for public bidding, whenever the County Highway Committee shall contemplate the purchase of machinery, equipment, or materials, the estimated cost exceeds fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), the Highway Commissioner shall do one or both of the following:
 - a. Obtain at least two (2) bids or quotes for review by the Highway Committee and the Committee shall select the bid most advantageous to the County, or
 - b. Obtain advance approval from the Committee of the maximum price to be bid at a public auction when the equipment is not included in the upcoming 2 years of the equipment purchase summary. For purposes of this Section, a public auction includes online auctions.
 - 3. Machinery, equipment or materials may only be sold when deemed no longer necessary by the Highway Committee for government use and all such sales must be made by auction or in a format or manner that will allow for public bidding and sale to the highest bidder (use of Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction satisfies the requirements of this Subsection); and
 - 4. No equipment or machinery shall be rented or leased to private entities without approval of the Highway Committee and the County Administrator. Upon approval from the Highway Commissioner and/or Committee and County Administrator equipment may be rented or leased to other municipalities with whom Marquette County does not have a service agreement. Those municipalities are responsible for reimbursement of the DOT determined hourly rate based on hours used plus the 10% handling fee. No rentals or leases to private entities shall be permitted unless there is an opinion from Corporation Counsel that such rental or lease is in the public interest and in accordance with law.

- B.** The authority to make necessary arrangements for the proper prosecution of the construction and maintenance of highways as provided for by the budget approved by the County Board for the Highway Department.
- C.** The authority for the oversight, control, and management of buildings used for the work of the Highway Department.
- D.** The authority to make standardized traffic signs and other signage for the County and to sell the same to other governmental entities located in or adjacent to the County.
- E.** The authority to enter into contracts with towns, cities, villages and other governmental entities located in or adjacent to the County to perform road construction, maintenance, snow plowing, tree trimming, and other work related to right of ways or other government owned or controlled property.
- F.** The authority to enter into contracts with the State of Wisconsin to perform on behalf of the State in or adjacent to the County.
- G.** The authority to approve of ATV/UTV routes on highways under the jurisdiction of the County, upon a finding that all of the following are met:
 - 1. all local municipalities through which the proposed ATV/UTV route travels agree with the designations,
 - 2. County law enforcement agrees with the route designation,
 - 3. use of the County highway is necessary to complete or extend a route established by and on highways under the jurisdiction of another local municipal government,
 - 4. the County shall not be responsible for paying the cost of any signage required for establishing and maintaining the route in accordance with applicable state law, all signage shall meet MUTCD retro reflectivity and size requirements.
 - 5. operation of ATVs/UTVs shall be in accordance with state law pursuant to §23.33, Wis. Stats., and
 - 6. use of the County highway under this Section shall be limited to the hours between 5:00 A.M. and 11:59 P.M.

Effective March 19, 2024, Highway Committee approved the use of ATV's/UTV's on the entire CTH system.

Effective May 16, 2026, Highway Committee approved a speed limit of 45mph on all ATV/UTV routes using the CTH system. The speed limit will be on a trial basis and evaluated after one year, should no concerns be brought forward, speed limits would become permanent.

Enforcement shall be as set forth in Chapter 50 of the Code.

The Highway Committee may revoke the designation of a County highway as a route at any time for any reason. The County Board retains the right to overrule any Highway Committee route designations or non-designations. The Highway Commissioner in consultation with Law Enforcement and Emergency Management may temporarily close or reduce the speed limit on any or all route segments due to heavy traffic, inclement weather, road construction, or any other reason deemed necessary to ensure public safety.

- H.** Perform all other duties that may be imposed by the County Board from time to time by resolution.

60.03 Highway Commissioner.

- A.** The term of the Highway Commissioner shall be four (4) years.
- B.** The Highway Commissioner shall be elected by the County Board. A candidate must receive nomination from at least one (1) County Board Member. A Member may nominate one (1) or more candidates. The election shall be by ballot. The ballots cast must indicate the name of the voting Member to be valid and the ballots shall be retained as a public record. To be elected, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast by Members present.

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