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WHY ARE THE WISDOT'S PROMISES ABOUT IMPROVING TRAFFIC SAFETY AS EMPTY AS THE SIGNPOSTS ALONG HIGHWAY 164?

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- State Senator Alberta Darling, State Representatives Don Pridemore, Sue Jeskewitz and Pat Strachota, the Washington County Board of Supervisors, the Washington County Highway Committee, Washington County Sheriff Dale Schmidt, several local village and town boards and over 15,000 concerned citizens statewide **ALL** have repeatedly asked the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to immediately **reduce Highway 164's speed limit to a uniform 45 mph to improve traffic safety** in our communities?
- In July, 2007, the WisDOT's own hired consultant (a senior traffic engineer with **over 42 years** of professional experience with Ayres Associates in Waukesha) completed a detailed speed and safety study which strongly recommended that Highway 164's speed limit should be **reduced to 45 mph** and then **properly and consistently enforced** with additional sheriff's department patrols along our roadway?
- In August, 2007, the WisDOT **promised** Representative Don Pridemore, Washington County Supervisor David Radermacher, Sheriff Dale Schmidt and the entire Washington County Highway Committee that, **effective November 1, 2007**, Highway 164's **speed limit would be reduced to 45 mph**, and this important information was **publicly reported** in the County Highway Committee's September 4, 2007 meeting minutes?
- Shortly thereafter (Fall, 2007), the WisDOT **installed many new signposts** along Highway 164 in preparation for the new **45 mph** speed limit signs, and those signposts have remained **"empty with no signs"** for over six months now?

- During this entire time period, the WisDOT really had **no intention** of lowering Highway 164's speed limit to 45 mph because, between September, 2007 and February, 2008, this state roadbuilding agency **secretly retained a second traffic consulting firm from CANADA** (utilizing a much less experienced traffic engineer) which recommended that Highway 164's speed limit should be **increased to 60 mph** in most areas and that **major modifications** be made to our roadway which would **cost the taxpayers more than \$4.3 million** (instead of the \$6,000 cost to simply reduce the speed limit to 45 mph)?
- On April 11, 2008, after many months of **empty promises, deceitful conduct and outright lies**, the WisDOT finally admitted to our state, county and local elected officials that **Highway 164's speed limit would NOT be reduced to 45 mph**, and the unsound recommendations of a less-experienced, foreign-based traffic consultant from Canada would be adopted instead of those made by a highly-experienced, local traffic consultant from Waukesha?

If you would like to learn more about the WisDOT'S **outrageous conduct** (as summarized above) and the ***HIGHWAY J CITIZENS GROUP, U.A.***'s continuing efforts to make Highway 164 **safer** for our families, then please **join us** and **provide press coverage** at our

“GRASSROOTS CITIZENS RALLY”

on

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008

at

10:00 AM

in front of the **FRIESS LAKE SCHOOL** (corner of Highways 164 and 167 in the Village of Richfield).

State Representative **DON PRIDEMORE** will be our **keynote speaker** for this important event and will tell us about his “legislative plan of action” to **require** the WisDOT to **immediately reduce** Highway 164's speed limit to **45 MPH**.

If you have any questions about this upcoming event, then please give us a call at (262)-644-8334. ***THANK YOU*** for your interest in this very important community issue. ***We hope to see you at the rally on Saturday, May 10th!***