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## **UPDATE FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON HIGHWAY 33**

On July 2, 2025, Sheriff Schmidt sent a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) requesting that State Highway 33 from Highway 26 to the east Dodge County line be studied for potential improvements. To date, Sheriff Schmidt has yet to receive any kind of response from DOT.

However, Sheriff Schmidt also included State Representatives Mark Born and William Penterman and State Senator John Jagler in this conversation. They subsequently also reached out to DOT and, fortunately, they received a response. In this response (attached to this release), it is detailed that there are some improvements planned for Highway 33 in the coming years as follows:

- A safety project to reconstruct the County TW intersection has been approved and is in design with scheduled construction for 2030.
- An 11-mile pavement replacement and resurfacing project from the Horicon city limits to the eastern county line will upgrade paved shoulders from 3 feet to 5 feet and add shoulder and centerline rumble strips to address a trend of roadway departure crashes. A total of \$4.9 million in safety enhancements will be made with this upcoming project scheduled for construction in 2029 at an estimated total cost of \$13-14 million.

This is welcome news to the county that improvements are scheduled to be made. Until Senator Jagler's office forwarded the letter they received from DOT, no notification of these improvements had been previously provided to Sheriff Schmidt, Dodge County's Highway Commissioner, or Dodge County's Highway Safety Commission. Additionally, there is no indication on the DOT website that these projects are in design.

While DOT has not publicly made these plans available, we feel it is important that the public know safety improvements appear to be moving forward. While these projects are still several years away, we are eager to see the positive impacts. Hopefully, they will reduce the risk of fatal and serious crashes in Dodge County.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

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