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Dale Thomforde  
New Haven Township Clerk  
9024 County Road 3 NW  
Oronoco, MN 55960

Re: Speed zone study request - New Haven Road NW

Dear Mr. Thomforde,

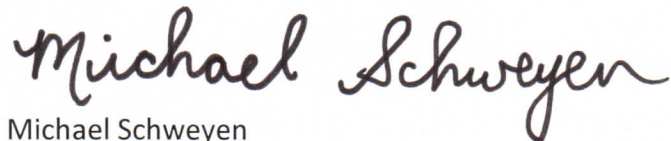
Your request for a speed zone study on New Haven Road NW has been received. A speed zone study will be conducted per your request.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) does not typically determine speed limits on gravel roadways, for numerous reasons. However, due to the unique nature of this roadway being used by elementary school traffic, and given the various concerns involved, we will study the roadway to see if an appropriate speed limit could, or should, be determined.

Your letter recommended a 25 MPH speed limit; however, various factors and engineering judgement must be utilized when a speed limit determination is made. The purpose and intent of speed limits is to provide a reasonably safe roadway, while still providing for reasonable traffic flow, but without creating an unreasonably low, or inappropriate, speed limit. An unreasonably low speed limit not only creates a speed trap, but also can result in a higher degree of actual vehicle speed variations. Higher than normal vehicle speed variations create unsafe conditions and are undesirable.

Please allow up to 16 weeks for us, especially due to winter conditions, to complete the study and respond back to you. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 507-286-7636.

Sincerely,



Michael Schweyen  
District 6 Traffic Engineer

Cc: Jeff Vlaminck, MnDOT District 6 DE