

Memo

Date: June 1, 2018

To: Village Board

From: Brad Lange

Re: Compression Brakes

Trustee Atwood had raised the question on when or if compression braking is allowed on STH 172. I followed up with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and have received the following response from Eric Sikorski, Traffic Engineer with WisDot:

“The Department has policy on the use and location of Compression Brake signing. In accordance with the policy, the Department does not permit Compression Brake signs on Freeway or Expressway highways. STH 172 is considered a Freeway in this location.”

Mr. Sikorski also provided a quick excerpt of the policy as it applies to freeway/expressway.

*Only the standard ENGINE BRAKE MUFFLERS REQUIRED sign (R10-64) may be used on highways under state maintenance responsibility and those signs **may** be installed only on conventional highways at or near the corporate limits of the community. This sign **shall not** be used on freeways, expressways, interchange ramps, or site-specific locations on conventional highways.*

Based on the response I have received from Mr. Sikorski, it appears nothing can be done at this time regarding the use of Compression Brakes on STH 172.