

Mayor George Deiss
Council Member Duke Harrison
Council Member Mark Lunde
Council Member Wade Miller
Council Member Mac Nelson



**Special City Council Meeting Agenda
November 25, 2025
4:30 pm**

1. New Business

- A. Action Memo 25-71: Hwy 10 & 71, Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs (VSFS)

ACTION MEMORANDUM 25-71



Subject: Hwy 10 & 71 Speed Signs
From: Naomi Plautz, Police Chief
Agenda Date: November 25, 2025

Background Information:
See attached request form.

Action Request:
Approve the grant, Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs (VSFS), and sign placement.

Council Action: ☐ **Approved**
☐ **Defeated**
☐ **Amended:** _____

- Mayor & Council –
From: Chief Naomi Plautz

I worked with our TZD (Towards Zero Deaths) Regional Coordinator, Becky Putzke, to work with MNDOT in an attempt to receive some vehicle speed feedback signs. ("your speed signs") Funding was provided through the Rural High Risk Roads grant for placement in populations under 5,000 and in transition zones on a trunk highway.

Last Thursday (11/13/2025) I received notification that Wadena will receive **FOUR** signs!

We have two each for Hwy 71 and Hwy 10, they are solar powered and will be installed by MNDOT. We can only install on Hwy 71 for now, and we'll have to wait until Hwy 10 is complete for installation.

*I am required to apply for a right-of-way permit for these signs and need to do so soon. I have a map indicating where they will be placed on Hwy 71 North & Hwy 71 South.

Side note This engineer recommended that we install all four signs this year, on Hwy 71 so the two for Hwy 10 are in use for a year instead of being stored for one year – better for the batteries. Next year, when Hwy 10 is complete, they will relocate those two signs onto Hwy 10 East and West. The map provided shows where they will be placed on Hwy 71 North and South. Those locations will be permanent. They plan to install the "Hwy 10 signs" on 71 where the speeds transition down to 30mph coming into town either direction.

This message from MNDOT Traffic Engineer, Griffin Enyart, is for history and explanation as to how this came about to me last Thursday:

Hello Chief Plautz,

I received your email as being interested in obtaining vehicle speed feedback signs from the Rural High Risk Roads program.

The 2023 Transportation Omnibus bill created a new program called Rural High Risk Roads that allocated funding to reduce speeds on rural high-risk roadways. MnDOT was granted funding through this program to install vehicle speed feedback signs (VSFSs) (example shown below) on eligible roads as part of a focused effort to reduce speeds. Locations were determined through collaboration with TZD, law enforcement, and local agencies. MnDOT has procured the VSFSs. The agreement through the grant is that MnDOT will purchase and install the signs. Once installed, the local agency will take ownership to operate and maintain the signs. We ask that at your earliest convenience you apply for a MnDOT Right of Way Permit. Thank you for partnering with MnDOT to reduce speeds and increase safety on our rural high-risk roads, we appreciate the opportunity to work together.

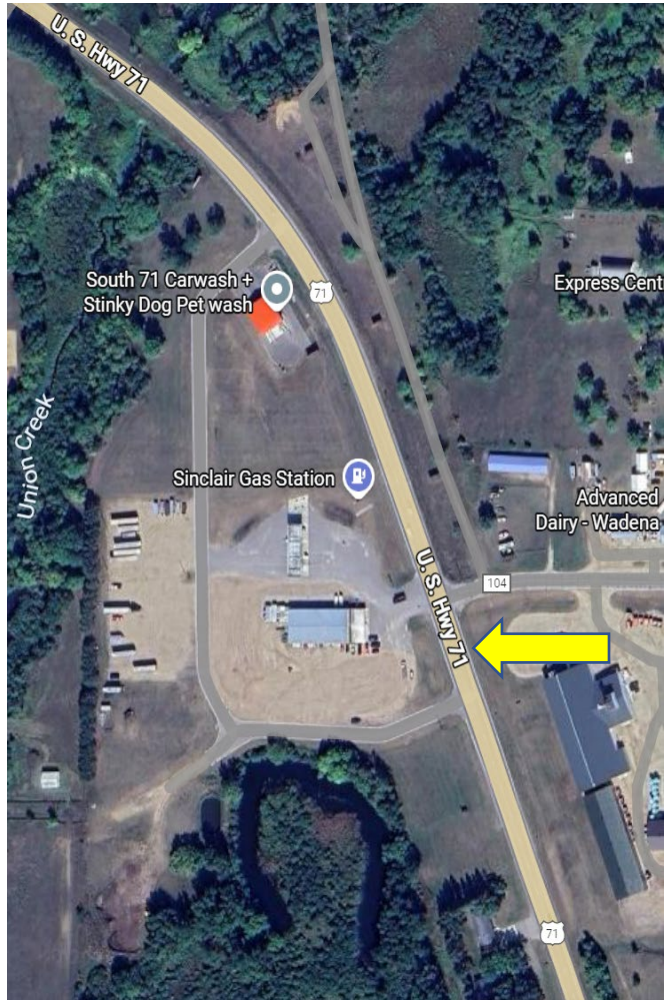
Vehicle Speed Feedback Sign (VSFS)



City of Wadena Hwy 71 North and South Vehicle Speed Feedback Sign placement

On South map, yellow arrow indicates a transition speed sign from 60 to 45 northbound coming into town. Install VSFS at same location.

South Hwy 71



On North map, yellow arrow indicates a speed sign of 45 southbound coming into town. Install VSFS at same location.

North Hwy 71

