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Changes Implemented on Hoan Bridge DOT Responsive to Sheriff's Request to Review Traffic Flow Issues

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division met with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) last week to review the traffic pattern in the construction zone on the Hoan Bridge. Three crashes occurred within a four-day span, one resulting in a fatality and another causing very serious injury to a motorcyclist.

The patrol division suggested changes based on data analysis collected from the crashes. The collaborative effort between the MCSO and DOT resulted in six changes that are now being implemented on the Hoan Bridge:

- Reduce the speed limit inside the project from 50mph to 40mph.
- Restrict lane changes once inside the project.
- Cautioning motorcyclists to use the left lane via signboard.
- DOT will place portable message boards both northbound and southbound going into the project. These signs will display several advisory messages: "Maintain Your Lane," "Motorcyclists Use Left Lane," and "Watch For Stopped Traffic."
- MCSO will place speed carts northbound and southbound heading into the project.
- DOT and MCSO entered into an agreement for funding of a mitigation squad to be dedicated to the Hoan construction project. The squad will be deployed daily, Monday through Friday during peak travel times.

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