



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PORTAGE COUNTY LAW
ENFORCEMENT CENTER
LEC TRAINING ROOM
1500 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

10:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

To attend this meeting by telephone : dial 1-872-242-7813, after dialing the number you will then be asked to enter in a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 455 800 506, then press #

To attend this meeting by video: send an email to snowk@co.portage.wi.gov no later than March 4th to request an invite.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM (Ostrowski)

Members Present: J Check, J Ostrowski, T Kemnitz, R Stertz, D Kontos, C Budzinski, D Hickethier, J Pavelski, B Uitenbroek, B Noel, H Schultz, C Loiselle, T Reed

Members Excused: B Beaudoin, D Jankowski

Members Absent: D Brugman, J Gemza, A Haga, B Weinert

Others Present: K Snow

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

CORRESPONDENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the December 5th, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Kemnitz, seconded by Check, to approve the December 5th, 2023 Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

REPORTS

2. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Repair Projects/Proposals

- WI Department of Transportation
- Portage County Highway Department
- Municipal Projects

WISDOT (Kemnitz)

- 2023 Project carryover - Hwy 66, Cty J to Hwy 49. Miscellaneous painting, landscaping, and punch list items. Minimal traffic impact.
- Cty B, Wisconsin Ave to I39. Concrete paving project from April to November. Traffic control for single lane in each direction. N Check added that there will be full lane closures in each direction between I39 and Hoover Ave, with detours.
- I39, Hwy 54 to North 2nd St. Resurfacing both north and southbound lanes, beam guard updates, grading, and pavement markings beginning late summer. Traffic control with single lane open in each direction. All lanes will remain open during holidays. Temporary ramp closures.
- Hwy 34 Bridge over the Little Eau Pleine River. Remove and replace overlay in summer. Traffic signal to alternate one-way traffic.

Portage County Highway (Check)

- Cty S, Wood Co line to Cty P, structural overlay beginning in June.
- Cty AA, Cty E to Hwy 22, recondition project.
- Cty R railroad crossing. Working with Canadian National.

Municipal Projects - None

3. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

Nothing to report

4. Crash Spot Map

- Portage County Sheriff's Office
- Stevens Point Police Department
- Plover Police Department

PTSO (Loiselle) - 176 reportable crashes, 146 property damage only, 30 personal injury, 0 fatal. 44 persons injured, 0 fatalities. 17 Hit-and-run, 14 property damage only, 3 personal injury. 11 crashes involving alcohol or drugs resulting in 8 injuries and 0 fatalities. SPPD (Uitenbroek) - 190 reportable crashes, 167 property damage only, 29 personal injury, 0 fatal. 38 persons injured, 0 fatalities. 41 Hit-and-run.

PLPD (Noel) - 91 total crashes, 59 reportable. 87 property damage only, 4 personal injury, 0 fatal. 11 Hit-and-run, 6 personal injury. 0 drug or alcohol related crashes.

5. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

(Kemnitz)

- I39 NB Ramp at Cty HH - Developing signal improvement project and design is underway.
- I39 SB Ramp at Hwy 66 - 17 crashes at unsignalized intersection, 11 injury crashes. Looking at traffic control options. Will review in 2025.
- Hwy 10 at Wildwood Intersection - 16 crashes, primary crash type is rear end collision. Only 7 crashes actually at intersection so location drops off hot map.
- Hwy 54 at 110th St/McCain Foods Intersection - Looking at four different options for improvement. Most likely candidate is right turn acceleration lane, median improvement, and installation of TRAWS.

6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- Review of 2023 crash statistics including crash types and top crash flags.
- Statewide and Countywide - 2023 crashes decreased from 2022, injuries increased, but fatalities decreased.
- Going forward, DOT will be including car-vs-deer/wild animal crashes on Community Maps for statistical reporting purposes. Previously not included as not driver behavior or roadway related. Self-reported car-vs-deer crashes will still not be included.
- Review of upcoming safety messaging and dates. OWI messaging will include more drug influence related messaging.
- Governor's Traffic Safety Conference - August 20th -21st, Wisconsin Dells. Training date August 19th.
- 2024 Drug Recognition Expert School - October Class application still open.
- Law Enforcement Phlebotomist Certification - Pilot program opening and accepting applications. Will train law enforcement officers and correctional officers to perform legal blood draws for evidentiary purposes. Training employees may be useful if agency is not close to a facility or if the facility will not perform forced blood draws even with legal warrant.
- 511 has changed how gather and report on road conditions. Now will have continuous, real time updates that are more standardized.

DISCUSSION

7. Traffic Safety Legislation

Nothing to report

8. Emergency Medical Services Operations

Nothing to report

9. Traffic Incident Management Operations

Nothing to report

10. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

Nothing to report

11. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

Nothing to report

12. Traffic Safety Grant Updates

Kontos stated that there are additional speed grant funds available but all agencies indicated that there may be staffing concerns that would prevent participation.

13. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

Nothing to report

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)**

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

No requests

NEXT MEETING DATE June 4th, 2024, 10 AM, at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kemnitz, seconded by Loiselle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.