



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, June 4, 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 a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 260 405 075, then press #.

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CALL TO ORDER

1. Quorum Call; Introductions as Needed

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

Members Present: J Ostrowski, B Beaudoin, T Kemnitz, R Stertz, D Kontos, C Budzinski, D Hickethier, D Jankowski, B Uitenbroek, B Noel, C Loiselle, T Reed

Members Excused: N Check, J Pavelski, H Schultz

Members Absent: D Brugman, J Gemza, R Reser, B Weinert

Others Present: K Snow, S Beduhn, D Johnson, C Johnson, K Johnson, A Kuhn

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2. Nominations and Voting for Commission Chair and Vice Chair

- President - Kate Snow called for nominations for President. Craig Loiselle nominated Josh Ostrowski for TSC President. Snow called three times for nominations. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Don Jankowski, seconded by Dan Kontos, to appoint Josh Ostrowski TSC President. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.
- Vice President - Josh Ostrowski called for nominations for Vice President. Ostrowski nominated Craig Loiselle for TSC Vice President. Josh Ostrowski called three times for nominations. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Ostrowski to appoint Craig Loiselle TSC Vice President. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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 public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

CORRESPONDENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of the March 5th, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Kontos, seconded by Loiselle, to approve the March 5th, 2024 Minutes. Motion was carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

4. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Repair Projects/Proposals
 - WI Department of Transportation
 - Portage County Highway Department
 - Municipal Projects

WISDOT (Kemnitz)

- Cty B, I39 to Hoover Ave, in Plover. Still under construction with both WB lanes closed and only one EB lane open. Weather permitting, one WB lane will be paved and opened mid-June. In August, Hoover intersection will close in all directions. Detours in place.
- Hwy 34, bridge over the Little Eau Pleine River. Work will begin after July 4th and last approximately three days for bridge redecking. One lane will remain open with alternating traffic signal.
- I39, Hwy 54 to N 2nd St. Project advanced to this year. Pending bid review, may start after July 4th. Mill both NB and SB lanes and on/off ramps.

County Highway (Johnson)

- Cty S, Wood County line to Cty P. Structural overlay begins next week.
- Cty AA, Cty E to Hwy 22. Reconstruct begins next Monday and mill and paving begins in September.
- Cty R Railroad crossing. Start end of June.

Municipal (Beduhn)

- Southern area around Bliss, Mason, and surrounding local roads. Expect a couple closures on Water St throughout summer.
- Maria Dr will be closed for remainder of summer. 2nd St closed later this summer.
- Badger Ave extension later this summer. Three week closure on Cty HH.

5. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

Nothing to report.

6. Crash Spot Map

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

For January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

- PTSO (Loiselle) - 108 crashes, 92 property damage only, 16 personal injury, 0 fatalities. 24 persons injured. 3 hit-and-run crashes, 2 property damage only and 1 injury. 12 crashes involving impairment, 8 persons injured.
- SPPD (Uitenbroek) - 117 crashes, 95 property damage only, 21 personal injury, 1 fatality. 28 persons injured, 1 fatality. 26 hit-and-run crashes, 1 fatal.
- PLPD (Noel) - 80 crashes, 76 property damage only, 4 personal injury, 0 fatalities. 5 persons injured. 16 hit-and-run, 15 property damage only and 1 injury. 2 crashes involving impairment, 2 persons injured.

7. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

(Kemnitz)

- I39 SB Ramp at Hwy 66 EB dropped off. Increase was attributed to construction and rerouting traffic.
- I39 NB Ramp at Cty HH. Right turn signal will be designed in fall and installed in 2025.
- Hwy 54 express lane intersection at McCain Foods/110th St. Award letter received, design and project scope in progress. Acceleration lane leaving the plant with TRAWS system.

8. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- Review of 2024 Q1 statewide and countywide crashes. Total crashes, injuries and fatalities down compared to average.
- Review of crash flags, nature, and demographics.
- Community Maps updates and improvements.
- WI Speed Awareness Day - Wednesday July 31st.
- Impaired Driving Campaigns - beginning of July. Speeding campaigns - end of July. Drive Sober Get Pulled Over - August. Child Passenger Safety Week and Car Seat Check Day - September.
- Review of traffic safety related legislation.

- TripScore App - extra rewards to combat the increase in crashes and injuries over summer months.
- TMC Wrong Way Driver Reports - 571 reported incidents in 2023. Most prevalent 11PM - 2AM and during weekends. Trying to identify where the driver got on the highway to determine if preventative measures can be done.

DISCUSSION

9. Traffic Safety Legislation

Nothing to report.

10. Emergency Medical Services Operations

Nothing to report.

11. Traffic Incident Management Operations

(Kemnitz)

North Central WI TIME Meeting - November 19th at 1pm

12. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

(Kemnitz)

Will be hosting a web-based training on TMC notification protocols with local dispatch centers.

13. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

Nothing to report.

14. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

15. Traffic Safety Grant Updates

- Wis DOT Predictive Analytics Crash Reduction Project Proposal - SPPD Lt. Ben Uitenbroek
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Update - Stevens Point Planning and Zoning, Adam Kuhn

Wis DOT Predictive Analytics Project Grant Proposal (Uitenbroek)

- SPPD and Public Works to address speed related issues in Stevens Point using speed related crashes, and pedestrian safety over four phases. Also looking at school zones, work zones and other speed enforcement targeted areas.
- Requesting funding for speed boards, speed trailers and message boards for both SPPD and streets department. Also funding for additional speed enforcement.
- Phases include non-display data collection, displays to motorists, speed enforcement, and non-display data collection, each lasting about one week.
- Uitenbroek asks for Commission's support of the grant efforts.
- Motion by Ostrowski, seconded by Kemnitz, for the Portage County Traffic Safety Commission to support the Predictive Analytics Grant proposal. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Update (Kuhn)

- Planning grant aimed at reducing roadway deaths and serious injuries in Portage County.
- Two year plan to include comprehensive safety action plan focusing on vehicular modes of transportation, updating the countywide biped plan, and demonstration activities and pilot programs.
- Grant received in 2023 and will be forming an oversight committee to execute the grant and make recommendations to the contract for approval. Will go to County Board later this month.
- Creation of 15 member Task Force for the safety action plan and two subcommittees for biped and demonstration aspects.

16. 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 September 3rd, 2024, 10 AM, at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

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