



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, September 3, 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: 707 461 639, then press #

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: N Check, J Ostrowski, B Beaudoin, T Kemnitz, D Kontos, D Jankowski, B Uitenbroek, B Noel, H Schultz, T Reed

Members Excused: R Stertz, D Hickithier, C Loiselle

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

Others Present: S Beduhn, D Bowers, K Snow

CORRESPONDENCE

PRESENTATIONS

REPORTS

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

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

WIS DOT (Kemnitz)

- Over \$18M in funding for 2024 Portage County Projects.
- Highway 34 bridge - Single lane closure, wrapped or about to.
- County B in Plover - East part is open, Hoover intersection will close in next phase. Will wrap mid-November.
- I39 - Resurfacing with single lane closures. High friction surface material on north curve to prevent run off. Cty HH ramp turn signal added to this project. On target to wrap in November.

County Highway Dept (Check)

- Cty AA, Cty E to Hwy 22 - Pulverized and will be paving later.

Municipal (Beduhn)

- Second St & Maria - Closed indefinitely due to issues with AT&T, with plans to reopen late Q3.

2. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

Nothing to report.

3. Crash Spot Map

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

For April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

- PTSO (Ostrowski) - 165 total crashes, 135 property only, 29 personal injury, and 1 fatal. 45 persons injured, 1 fatality. 12 hit-and-run crashes, 12 property only. 13 crashes involving impairment, 13 personal injuries. Brief review of the fatal motorcycle accident on Cty G in Carson. Speed, weather, and roadway do not appear to be factors. Driver failed to negotiate a curve.
- SPPD (Uitenbroek) - 133 crashes, 116 property only, 20 personal injury, and 0 fatalities. 27 persons injured, 0 fatalities. 19 hit-and-run crashes.
- PLPD (Noel) - 110 crashes, 105 property only, 5 personal injury, and 0 fatalities. 10 persons injured, 0 fatalities. 15 hit-and-run. 4 crashes involving impairment, 1 personal injury. PLPD statistics also include July 2024.

4. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

Nothing to Report

5. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

Nothing to Report

6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

- Statewide crashes are down. Fatal crashes on pace. Countywide crashes on pace.
- Review of crash flags for 2024 Q2.
- Remainder of 2024 Dates to Watch including a series of holiday themed Impaired Driving Campaigns, Halloween through St Patricks 2025.
- Badger TraCS User Conference - Virtual and free, October 22-23, 2024.
- Proven Safety Countermeasures by Federal Highway Administration - collection of data driven countermeasures anyone can access.
- Recent WisDOT Updates on State Highways on:
 - Roadway Departure measures including pavement marking and rumble/mumble strips.
 - Crosscutting measures including lighting and pavement friction.
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety including crosswalks, beacons, RRFB, bike lanes.
 - Intersections including roundabouts, U and J turns, and dedicated right/left turns at intersections.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Approval of June 4th, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Jankowski, seconded by Kemnitz, to approve the June 4th, 2024 Minutes. Motion was carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

8. Traffic Safety Legislation

Nothing to Report

9. Emergency Medical Services Operations

Nothing to Report

10. Traffic Incident Management Operations

Nothing to Report

11. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Update (Reed)

- Process has started and had first meeting.
- Two focus groups. One to focus on public demonstrations and one to focus on the county bipped plan.
- Will give regular updates to the committee.

12. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

Nothing to Report

13. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

Jankowski - Hwy HH & Hoover Ave during morning rush. People running the red lights and not properly slowing for yellow lights. Is requesting extra patrol in the area during peak weekday morning commute.

14. 2025 Meeting Dates

- March 4th, 2025
- June 3rd, 2025
- September 2nd, 2025
- December 2nd, 2025

15. 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

None

NEXT MEETING DATE December 3rd, 2024, 10:00 AM, at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kemnitz, seconded by Reed, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.