



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

10:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Members Excused: N Check, H Schultz

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

Others Present: K Snow, D Johnson, J Wills, T Lepinski, S Raikowski

CORRESPONDENCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. Fatal Crash Review: March 2024 Vehicle vs Pedestrian on West River Dr by Stevens Point Police Department

Fatal Crash Review (SPPD Detective Lepinski)

- Vehicle struck pedestrian on West River Drive. The pedestrian was located in a ditch about three hours later by passerby. Safelite van was reported after media release. Safelite GPS confirmed van was on West River Dr and driver admitted to hitting "something". Driver stated he stopped and attempted to locate what was hit and did not find anything but GPS data did not show a stop.
- Distracted driving is a factor as driver admitted to looking at phone. Speed is also a factor. Unknown if drugs were involved as driver had meth on him at time of arrest.
- Since crash, City Streets relined the roadway and added speed limit signs.

REPORTS

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

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

WIS DOT (Kemnitz)

- 2024 Overview - Little Eau Pleine bridge maintenance is complete. I 39 resurfacing project is complete. Cty B in Plover will continue into December and then resume in spring 2025.
- 2025 Projects
 - Hwy 66 from the airport to Cty J resurfacing project - Will run April to July 2025. Include left turn lane at Torun Rd and new bridge decks at Jordan. Open to traffic with one-way signals at Jordan.
 - Cty WW from Cty U to Cty F - Bridge replacement. Will run June to September 2025 with full closure.
 - Cty C over Rocky Run Creek - Deck overlay. Will run June to July 2025 with full closure.

County Highway Dept (Johnson)

- 2024 projects all wrapped up.
- 2025 project at Cty D from Cty J to Cty Q reconstruction.

Municipal - Nothing to report

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

From July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024:

- PTSO (Loiselle) - 135 total crashes, 99 property only, 30 personal injury and 1 fatal. 38 persons injured, 1 fatality. 8 hit-and-run crashes, 7 property only and 1 personal injury. 16 crashes involving impairment, 10 injuries. Brief review of the July fatal on Cty JJ. Speed was a factor, lost control of vehicle and overcorrected. Victim crushed as vehicle rolled.
- SPPD (Uitenbroek) - 150 reportable crashes, 55 non-reportable. 120 property only, 10 injury and no fatalities. 35 persons injured. 20 hit-and-run crashes.
- PLPD (Noel) - 84 total crashes, 76 property only, 8 personal injury, and no fatalities. 14 hit-and-run. 2 involving impairment.

5. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

- I 39 NB ramp at Cty HH - Right turn signal is up and operational. Collecting new data now that signal is in place.
- Hwy 54 at 110th St - Project is approved and moved to the design phase for acceleration lane. Other improvement alternatives still available options. 2027 or 2028 for actual construction.
- Five year crash spot map data set - New location identified of Hwy 66 at Minnesota. Crash data is being reviewed.

6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- Statewide and County crashes, injuries and fatalities are down slightly.
- Countywide - 6 fatal crashes year to date.
- Review of crash flags and demographics. Work zone crashes increased likely due to the long I 39 project.
- Impaired driving campaign now through St Patrick's Day 2025.
- Steer It, Clear It - Requires drivers to move out of roadway, if able.
- 2025 DRE Classes open for registration.

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 September 3rd, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Jankowski, seconded by Kontos, to approve the September 3rd, 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

Nothing to Report.

12. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

- Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Grant Update

SS4A Update (Reed)

- Task force and two subcommittees have been established.
- Safety Action Plan - Survey to the public and October public meeting. Currently reviewing the surveys.
- Public info opportunity for biped plan. Online surveys and public workshops in 2025.

13. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

(Kemnitz)

- Wrong way driver issues on Hwy 10 in Waupaca County. Ramp improvements and improved signage at 6 intersections and hoping to push into Portage County.
- Cty J at Hwy 10 is greatest occurrence of wrong way drivers in Portage County. Looking to install blink light warning system to drivers. Submitting location as pilot program.

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

None

NEXT MEETING DATE Tuesday March 4th, 2025, 10:00 AM at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kemnitz, seconded by Loisell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.