



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

10:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: N Check, J Ostrowski, D Kontos, C Budzinski, D Hickethier, J Pavelski, D Jankowski, B Uitenbroek, C Loiselle, T Reed

Members Excused: B Beaudoin, R Stertz, B Noel, H Schultz

Members Absent: C Abts, J Gemza, R Reser, B Weinert

Others Present: K Snow, J Wills, T Kemnitz

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)

- Cty B - Wrap up Spring 2025
- Hwy 66, Airport to Cty J - Mill and resurfacing, new bridge deck overlay at Jordan Pond. April through July 2025. Single lane closures.
- Cty WW, Cty U to Cty F - New concrete slab bridge. June through September 2025. Full road closure with detour.
- Cty C/West Zinda Drive - Bridge deck overlay over Rocky Run Creek. June through July 2025. Full road closure with detour.

County Highway Dept (Check)

- Cty D, Cty A to Cty A - Resurfacing. Begin in May. Short term closures for culvert installation.
- Cty B, Kennedy to Cty R - Mill and overlay.
- Cty B & Cty J intersection - Mill and overlay.

No municipal representatives.

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

From October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024:

- PTSO (Loiselle) - 146 total crashes, 35 personal injury and 2 fatalities. 46 persons injured, 2 fatalities. 10 hit-and-run, all property only. 6 crashes involving alcohol or drug impairment, 1 injury. Brief review of both November 2024 fatal crashes. Cty BB fatal was single vehicle lane departure. Cocaine detected in driver's blood. Hwy 66 fatal was vehicle failed to yield right of way at Cty I stop sign. Second unit impacted driver door. Driver not wearing seatbelt and medical emergency may have been a factor.
- SPPD (Uitenbroek) - 189 reportable crashes, 62 personal injury and 0 fatalities. 34 persons injured, 0 fatalities. 32 hit-and-run.
- PLPD (Emailed after meeting by Noel) - 116 total crashes, 10 personal injury and 0 fatalities. 16 persons injured and 0 fatalities. 14 hit-and-run, 2 personal injury. 3 crashes involving impairment.

4. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

5. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- 2024 Review of crash data, trends and crash flags.
- Predictive analytics and crash heat map review. Can be narrowed to more specific data including time of day/day of week, crash flags, specific roadways.
- Legislative updates.
- 2025 Q2 and Q3 campaigns and traffic safety messaging.
- 2025 DRE fall class is accepting applications until July 1st.
- PBT Grant updates for 2024 and 2025.
- Safe Roads Challenge app.
- DOSCI tool for cognitive impairment assessment.

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

6. Approval of December 3rd, 2024 Minutes

Ostrowski called for a vote to approve the December 3, 2024 Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

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

- Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Grant Update

SS4A Update (Reed)

- Safety Action Plan portion - Three demonstration activities and locations. Temporary curb extensions at two locations. Temporary bike lanes in two urban areas. Wire edge lines on three rural curves. Installation in May with data collection a few days prior.
- Bipod Plan update - Survey and two workshops were held. Summarizing that information. Planning future engagements.

12. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

(Kemnitz)

- Wrong Way Driving Task Force identified Hwy 10 as a problem area. Applied to have Wrong Way Blink Lights installed at Cty J ramps for pilot program. Passed over due to ranking. Hwy 10 signage updates with larger, more visible signs later this summer.

13. 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 June 3rd, 2025, 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 10:48 AM.