



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, June 3, 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: J Ostrowski, B Beaudoin, C Abts, D Kontos, C Budzinski, D Hickethier, J Pavelski, D Jankowski, B Uitenbroek, C Loiselle, T Reed, S Raikowski

Members Excused: N Check, B Noel, H Schultz

Members Absent: R Stertz, J Gemza, R Reser, B Weinert

Others Present: K Snow, S Beduhn, D Johnson

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 (Abts)

- All previous projects are going as planned.

County Highway Dept (Johnson)

- Cty D, Cty J to Cty A - Project has started and road is closed through October.
- Chip sealing projects will start in July.
- Cty B, Cty R to Kennedy Ave - Mill and pave project that will start in August. Road will be open in one lane.
- Cty B & Cty J Intersection will start late fall.

Municipal Projects (Beduhn)

- Stevens Point has a number of projects, mostly on local roads with minimal impact to general public.
- Hoover Ave signalization project - Signals are coming late summer.
- Country Club Dr - Project was just bid with work starting mid August.
- House Moving - Main St will be closed for house moving in August for two to three days.

2. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

Nothing to report. (Beaudoin)

3. Crash Spot Map

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

From January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025:

- PTSO (Loiselle) - 164 total crashes, 129 property only, 35 personal injury, 0 fatal. 44 persons injured, 0 fatalities. 11 hit-and-run. 4 involving impairment, 4 injuries resulting from impairment.
- SPPD (Uitenbroek) - 197 total crashes, 175 property only, 15 personal injury, 0 fatal. 22 persons injured, 0 fatalities.
- PLPD (Sent in by Noel and read by Ostrowski) - 118 total crashes, 106 property only, 12 personal injury, 0 fatal. 18 persons injured, 0 fatalities. 14 hit-and-run. 3 involving impairment, 1 injury resulting from impairment.

4. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

Nothing to report. (Abts)

5. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- Review of 2025 Q1 crash statistics including driving behaviors, crash types,
- Impaired driving campaign from June to July 6th. Speed campaigns rest of summer. August impaired driving campaign. Child Safety Week in September.
- Fall DRE school is open for applications.
- Review of 2024 Work Zone-related crashes.

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 March 25th, 2025 Minutes

Motion by Beaudoin, seconded by Jankowski, to approve the March 25th, 2025 minutes. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

7. Traffic Safety Legislation

None

8. Emergency Medical Services Operations

None

9. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

None

10. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

- Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Grant Update

SS4A Updates (Reed)

- Safety Action Plan portion has completed data collection and installation at four of seven demonstration activities. Includes temporary curb extensions, temporary protected bike lanes. Wider edge lines and optical speed bars at three rural curves.
- Working with consultant for safety analysis at 25 ADA sites.

- BiPed Plan has completed three walk and roll audits.

11. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

- Plover Solar Farm @ Hwy 54 & Monroe Ave - Fall 2025

Wrong Way Driver signs update (Johnson)

- Wrong Way Driver signs on Hwy 10 at eleven intersections is completed for safety improvement.

Solar Farm Traffic Concerns (Ostrowski)

- Large solar farm installation project may lead to traffic concerns due to location and amount of employees. 200-250 employees will be entering/leaving site at Monroe and Hwy 54 from August to December. Looking for alternate routes and staggering start/end times of employees. Also looking into message boards on Hwy 54 and possibly contracting law enforcement services.
- Still working on Emergency Action Plan.
- Jankowski brings up busing concerns with school schedules.
- Beaudoin brings up concerns with alternate routes being through residential areas that have lower speed limits and a higher biped activity. Will need Plover PD assistance with law enforcement efforts.

12. 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 September 2nd, 2025, 10:00 AM at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hickethier, seconded by Loiselle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.