



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

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: 977 506 537, then press #.

To attend this meeting by video: email snowk@co.portage.wi.gov no later than August 29th, 2025, to request an invite.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: N Check, J Ostrowski, B Beaudoin, C Abts, D Kontos, D Hickethier, J Pavelski, D Jankowski, B Uitenbroek, A Kontos, H Schultz, C Loiselle, Reed, S Raikowski

Members Excused: J Pederson

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

Others Present: S Beduhn, K Snow, D Dahms

1. Introduction of Lt. Aimee Kontos to replace Assistant Chief Brian Noel as the Plover PD representative.

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

2. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Repair/Proposals

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

WIS DOT (Abts)

- CTH WW is ongoing
- All other projects done
- 2026 project on Hwy 13, Rudolph to Hwy 10. Will be lane closures and detours.

County Highway Dept (Check)

- CTH D is ongoing
- CTH J & CTH B mill overlay scheduled for September

Municipal Projects - None

3. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

Nothing to report. (Beaudoin)

4. Crash Spot Map

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

- Plover Police Department

Review of agencies 2025 Q2 crash statistics. Sheriff's Office included a brief review of both fatal crashes.

5. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- State and County crash statistics YTD.
- Intersection-related crashes are increasing. More analysis to come in 2026.
- Safety campaigns and training opportunities.
- Pilot program to track locations of traffic enforcement stops. Use to drill into data and increase traffic enforcement in certain areas.
- Wrong Way Driving review.

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 3rd, 2025 Minutes

Motion by Jankowski, seconded by Loiselle, to approve the June 3rd, 2025 minutes. Motion 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. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

Nothing to report.

11. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

- Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Update

(Reed)

- Review of SS4A updates including urban demonstrations, consultant work at ADA sites, and biped plan.

12. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

- Plover Solar Farm Update
- Hwy 54 & Hoover Ave Intersection
- Speed Study Requests
 - CTH B, Buckthorn Ln to Fawn Ln
 - CTH DB, Marathon County Line to I 39
 - CTH R, CN RR to Hwy 10

(Ostrowski)

- Update on Plover Solar Farm and traffic impact.

(Abts)

- Safety review of Hwy 54 and Hoover intersection.

(Check)

- Speed study of CTH B recommended speed limit stay at 55 mph.
- Speed study of CTH DB revealed 85% of drivers were under the posted speed limit, therefore recommended to stay at 55 mph.
- Speed study of CTH R determined that a full traffic impact study is needed with a consultant. Request will be going through the Highway Commission.

13. 2026 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Dates

All meetings are scheduled to be on the first Tuesday of the third month of the quarter, 10:00 AM, at the LEC. Any changes will be announced prior to that meeting date.

- March 3rd, 2026
- June 2nd, 2026
- September 1st, 2026
- December 1st, 2026

14. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE December 2nd, 2025, 10:00 AM at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Reed, seconded by Kontos, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.