



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, December 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 in a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 119 917 363, then press #.

To attend this meeting by video: email snowk@co.portage.wi.gov no later than December 1st, 2025 to request an invite.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Check, Ostrowski, Beaudoin, Abts, Kontos, Hicketheir, Jankowski, Kontos, Schultz, Loiselle, Reed, Raikowski

Members Excused: Uitenbroek

Members Absent: Pederson, Budzinski, Reser, Pavelski, Weinert

Others Present: Bowers, Snow, Dahms

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

1. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Repair/Proposals

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

WIS DOT (Abts): 2025 projects complete. 2026 projects include Hwy 13, Hwy 54 Railroad crossing, and local projects in Stockton and Stevens Point.

County Highway Dept (Check): 2025 projects complete. 2026 projects include Cty Hwy D.

Municipal Projects (Bowers): 2026 includes Church St and other more local projects.

2. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

3. Crash Spot Map

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

Review of agency's 2025 Q3 crash statistics. Sheriff's Office included a brief review of the fatal crash where contributing factors included reckless driving, no seatbelt use, standing in sunroof. No traffic safety concerns for the committee.

4. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

(Abts) Hwy 10 between Hwy J and Hwy K/QQ with standing water on roadway was reviewed and no guard will be added.

(Dahms) 2026 Grant approvals will be coming in next few weeks.

5. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- State and County crash statistics YTD.
- Hwy 54 & Maple Dr Roundabout review.
- Legal updates including impounding vehicles for reckless drivers.
- 2025 into 2026 safety campaigns.
- Community Maps 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

6. Approval of September 2nd, 2025 Minutes

Motion by Jankowski, seconded by Beaudoin, to approve the September 2nd, 2025 minutes. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- 7. Traffic Safety Legislation**
- 8. Emergency Medical Services Operations**
- 9. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities**
- 10. Public Education Programs and Opportunities**
 - Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Update

(Reed) Review of SS4A updates including draft plans, demonstrations and public informational meetings. Final draft expected spring 2026, then approval through Planning & Zoning committee and then County Board by late fall 2026.

11. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

(Check) Speed Zone Requests by Townships

- Cty Hwy B - No changes.
- Cty Hwy DB - Proposed reduction to 45 mph going to County Board in December 2025.
- Cty Hwy R - Recommend full study.
- Cty Hwy D - Two locations, both recommended to reduce to 45 mph as part of upcoming capital improvement plans. Highway Committee removed from ordinance.
- Cty Hwy KK - Action by Highway Committee to increase to 45 mph without study.
- Cty Hwy Y - Spring 2026 Study.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE March 3rd, 2026, 10:00 AM at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jankowski, seconded by Hickethier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.