



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

10:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10L00 AM (Loiselle)

Members Present: Check, Kemnitz, D Kontos, Jankowski, Uitenbroek, Schultz, Loiselle, Reed, Raikowski

Members Excused: Ostrowski, Beaudoin, Platt, Budzinski, A Kontos

Members Absent: Hicketheir, Reser, Pavelski, Weinert

Others Present: Snow, Dahms, Johnson, Turner

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

1. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Repair/Proposals

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

WIS DOT (Kemnitz): 6 projects in Portage County in 2026. Hwy 54 from Wisconsin Rapids to Cty B, will have lane closures. Hwy 13/34 from 2nd St to CtyP, with full road closure and detour. Standing Rocks Rd in Custer. Post Rd/Church St in Stevens Point, with road closure and detour. Plover River Crossing.

County Highway (Check): Cty D, from Cty A to Hwy 54, starting in May

Municipal: None

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 Q4 crash statistics. Stevens Point Police Dept included a brief review of the Oct 29th, 2025 one vehicle fatal crash on Michigan Ave by PJ Jacobs/BGC. Driver suffered medical event and left roadway. Later succumbed to injuries from crash. No traffic safety concerns for the committee.

4. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

(Kemnitz) Resident safety concerns for Hwy 161 at Cty A & Cty T. Sight distance is at minimum. Increased signage, removing brush. Hwy 54 & Maple Dr Roundabout review. Drivers are entering roundabout at speeds higher than the posted 25 mph and are not yielding to drivers in the circle. 2027 project and looking into making improvements to the approaches so drivers slow down. Hwy 66

Eastbound at Minnesota with run off crashes at the curve. Distracted driving and lack of driver awareness of upcoming curve.

5. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(D Kontos)

- 2025 State and County crash statistics
- Legislative updates concerning traffic safety and law enforcement
- 2026 safety campaigns, including OWI-related campaigns near 4th of July
- WiSTAR - Traffic stops, with warnings and citations, data now maps to Community Maps. All Portage County agencies, including State Patrol, are contributing.
- Place of Last Drink - Statewide program to identify where impaired drivers are drinking and being overserved. Opportunity to educate to reduce overservice.
- Restricted Crossing U Turn Intersections, RCUT, 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 December 2nd, 2025 Minutes

Motion by Jankowski, seconded by D Kontos, to approve the December 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) BiPed plan third draft has been presented with fourth draft coming in April. Safety Action plan second draft coming this week. Final document will be presented to municipalities, Planning & Zoning, and County Board.

- 11. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements**
- 12. Traffic Safety Grant Update - 2025 Predictive Analytics Grant Update**

(Uitenbroek) Stevens Point Police Department acquired speed boards through the grant. Deployed in problem areas of the community. Agency participated in the grant's traffic enforcement overtime.

- 13. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)**

NEXT MEETING DATE June 2nd, 2026 10:00 AM at the LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kemnitz, seconded by Jankowski, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.