



PORTAGE COUNTY

PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LEC TRAINING ROOM
1500 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

10:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to Order at 10:01 am (Ostrowski)

Members Present: N Check, J Ostrowski, B Beaudoin, D Kontos, C Budzinski, J Gemza, D Ray, D Jankowski, J Mueller, R Fox, C Loiselle, J Mulrooney

Members Attending Remotely: L Heineck, C Holman

Others Present: S Beduhn, K Norgaard, K Snow, J Wills

Members Excused: R Stertz

Members Absent: D Brugman, S Rifleman, A Haga, J Schuler, B Weinert

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 reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of March 2nd, 2021 Minutes

Motion/Second to approve the March 2nd, 2021 Minutes by Jankowski/Loiselle. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

2. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Projects/Repair Proposals:

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

WisDOT (Heineck)

- Hy 66 & I 39 NB off-ramp, signal being installed and scheduled to be completed by July 4th
- Hy 66 past airport, early July start
- Business 51 from Springville Dam to Tommy's Trpk, under construction with early 2022 completion

Portage County Highway (Check)

- Cty Tk G from Cty Tk M to Cty Tk P, starting June 7th
- Cty Tk DB from I 39 to Cty Tk X, start after Labor Day

Municipal (Beduhn)

- City project on 1st street, started June 6th
- Industrial park, starting next week

3. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report**4. Crash Spot Map**

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

PCSO (Loiselle): 136 total accidents, 130 reportable, 24 personal injury, 19 property damage, 3 fatalities, 5 hit and run, 28 people injured, 3 fatalities, 13 crashes involving alcohol

SPPD (Mueller): 117 total accidents, 114 reportable, 18 personal injury, 20 property damage, 0 fatalities, 27 hit and run, 26 people injured, no fatalities, 2 crashes involving alcohol

PPD (Fox): 48 total accidents, all reportable, 6 personal injury, 10 property damage, 0 fatalities, 10 hit and run, 10 people injured, no fatalities, 1 crash involving alcohol

5. Wis DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

(Heineck)

- No Issues to report.
- Request for No ATV signs on Hy 54 in Plover near campground. Will be going up soon.
- Signs on I 39 ramps for no semi parking for improved safety.

6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- 470 crashes YTD in Portage County. Up since last year.
- 4 fatalities YTD. Equal to our 5-year average.
- YTD top crash flags: Speed, Teen drivers, 65+ drivers, Distracted driving, Deer
- Community Maps updates and Advanced Search enhancements
- Review of Mobilizations and Traffic Safety Campaign dates
- Badger TraCS data transition in December
- Legislative Updates

DISCUSSION**7. Traffic Safety Legislation****8. Emergency Medical Services Operations****9. Traffic Incident Management Operations****10. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities**

11. Public Education Programs and Opportunities**12. Traffic Safety Grants updates**

(Wills)

- Speed Grant Task Force, started June 6th thru end of August, increased presence on roadways for speed, alcohol, distracted driving, seat belts, grant offered thru the state for PCSO and SPPD

13. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION****14. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project**

(Kontos)

- DOT looking to expand on a State Patrol project using predictive analytics.
- Will cover high crash areas with Portage County being selected as one of the 12 test counties.
- Possible funding to help with efforts at crash reductions.
- Total system approach to reduce crashes including enforcement, engineering, campaigning.
- Motion/Second for Traffic Safety Commission to begin working on project by Gemza/Jankowski. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding 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

PRESENTATION**16. January 15th, 2021 Fatal Crash Review by the Portage County Sheriff's Office (HY 13/34 & County Line Rd)**

Crash Review presented by Detective Joe Mulrooney.

Hy 13/34 at County Line Rd. Occurred January 15th, 2021 at 8:08 am. Location introduced some jurisdictional issues. Car versus dump truck. Total road closure for approximately 4 hours. Ice, snow and sleet on roadway were a factor. Driver of the truck claimed a vehicle in front of it slowed suddenly to make a turn, driver attempted to brake and swerved into other lane. Car unable to brake in time, impacted the back corner of the dump truck and was ripped open. Weather was a factor in ability to brake and move out of the way. Age and condition of dump truck was also a possible factor.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEXT MEETING DATE September 7th, 2021 at 10:00 AM, Portage County Annex Conference Rooms 1 & 2

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn by Fox/Mulrooney at 11:00 am. Motion carried unanimously.

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