



PORTAGE COUNTY

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

10:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called ot Order at 10:00 AM (Ostrowski)

Members Present: J Ostrowski, N Check, B Beaudoin, T Kemnitz, R Stertz, D Kontos, C Budzinski, D Ray, A Haga, D Jankowski, J Mueller, B Noel, H Schultz, C Loiselle, J Mulrooney, T Reed, A Luchini

Members Excused: Bob Weinert

Members Absent: D Brugman, J Gemza, C Holman

Others Present: S Beduhn, M Tracy, R Fox, K Snow

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 the December 7th, 2021 Minutes

Motion/Second to approve the December 7th, 2021 Minutes by Jankowski/Loiselle. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

2. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Project/Repair Proposals

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

WisDOT (Kemnitz)

- Six projects in 2022 totaling over \$28M
- Business 51/Post Rd from Springville Dr to Tommy's Tpk, construction resumes April thru Oct
- I 39, Cty B and CN Railroad Bridges, Resurfacing and replacements, March thru summer
- Hwy 10 from Country Club Dr to Wildwood Dr, Intersection improvements, signal upgrades and bridge rehabilitation, April 2022 into 2023
- I 39, Birch Dr to Waushara County line, Resurfacing, mid-April thru mid-July
- I 39, Cty X to Marathon County line, resurfacing, mid-June thru mid-August

- Cty Y Bridge over Plover River, Bridge Replacement, mid-June thru September, Road will be closed with detour from Hwy J to Hwy 66

Portage County Highway (Check)

- CTH HH(Old Hwy 10) from Cornell Ave to CTH P/STH 34 – Resurfacing project - Mill and Overlay with culvert replacements. Culvert replacements will begin in May with milling planned 1st two weeks in June followed by paving at the end of June. Roadway will be open to traffic with flaggers.
- County-wide chipsealing program will begin July 11th and planned for 3 to 4 weeks.
- CTH Z(Edgewood Road to CTH A) – Reconstruction project. Off roadway grading and rock removal will resume in Spring. Majority of traffic impacts will be full closure in early August for Tomorrow River structure replacement(2 to 3 weeks) and pulverizing, paving in late August through September.

Municipal Projects (Beduhn)

- Continuation of last year's project
- Resurfacing of Plover Hills subdivision
- Major project just north of downtown to include Portage, Smith and Washington, road closures similar to last year

3. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

4. Crash Spot Map

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

Review of Q4 2021 Traffic Accident Statistics by agency (Loiselle, Mueller, Fox). Three fatal crashes in County with three fatalities.

5. WI DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- Crash Spot Mar Review - 1474 Total Crashes in 2021, up from 2020 which was low due to Covid impact on travel
- 10 Fatal Crashes resulting in 11 fatalities, 5 Year average is now 6 fatalities
- 6.6% crashes involved alcohol and 1.7% involved drugs
- Seat belt usage statewide is going down (88%) but Portage County is over the average at 94%
- Predictive Analytics - High crash probability areas same on weekdays and weekends however weekends have fewer crashes
- March - Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving, April - Distracted Driving Awareness, May - Click-It or Ticket kickoff
- No new legislation
- NEW Fatal Vision ® Goggles for Marijuana or Opioid simulation. If agency is interested, contact DOT to borrow.

DISCUSSION

7. Traffic Safety Legislation

8. Emergency Medical Services Operations

9. Traffic Incident Management Operations

(Mulrooney)

- Point and Plover had recent TIM Responder Training

10. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

11. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

(Check)

- National Work Zone Safety Week is April 11th - 15th
- Will be working with County Executive to issue proclamation

12. Traffic Safety Grant Updates

13. Locations of Traffic hazards and Recommended Improvements

(Check)

- Highway committee meeting had discussion on clear zones and tree clearing on Cty PP. Study will be conducted on reducing speed to 45mph.
- New large scale development on NE corner of Cty HH and Hoover which may impact the intersection and signals. Traffic Impact Analysis to come.
- Sentry re-opening in summer 2023 may impact traffic.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

14. 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

15. May 8th, 2021 Fatal Crash Review by the Plover Police Department (Hoover Ave & Porter Rd)

(Plover PD Sgt. Tracy)

- Occurred mid-day, 12:38 pm, on Saturday May 8th, 2021. Clear day. No road or weather conditions.
- Involved three vehicles at the fourway stop sign.
- Ram truck rear-ended a stopped Camaro which was then pushed into the stopped Jeep in front.
- Driver of the Camaro passed on the way to the hospital.
- Inattentive driving was the main factor in the crash. Both driver and passenger of the Ram admitted to looking at phone for directions/using map app.
- Crash history of that intersection/corridor - no major crashes, not a high volume, distracted driving frequent cause of crashes.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEXT MEETING DATE June 7th, 2022 at 10:00 AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn by Kemnitz/Fox at 10:47 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

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