



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

10:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: N Check, J Ostrowski, B Beaudoin, T Kemnitz, D Kontos, C Budzinski, J Pavelski, D Jankowski, B Uitenbroek, B Noel, H Schultz, C Loiselle, T Reed

Members Absent: D Brugman, R Stertz, J Gemza, D Ray, A Haga, B Weinert, N Erickson

Others Present: K Snow, C Johnson

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 June 7th, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Kontos, seconded by Check, to approve the June 7th, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

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

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

WISDOT (Kemnitz)

- Business 51 (Springville Dr to Tommy's Turnpike) - Urban roadway reconstruction. On schedule for November 13th completion.
- I 39 bridges at Cty B and Railroad overpass - Bridge deck rehabilitation. Rescoped to completely replace the North/southbound I 39 bridge over Cty B. Interstate traffic running in SB lanes with single NB and SB lane. NB bridges planned to be completed by Oct 8th. Traffic will then shift to NB lanes. Expected completion mid-November.
- I 39 (Marathon County line to Cty X) - Pavement resurfacing. Work is substantially complete with minor clean up items.
- I 39 (Waushara County line to Birch Dr) - Pavement resurfacing. Work is ongoing, passing lanes paved. Will run through October.
- Hy 10 (County Club Ln to Wildwood Dr) - Intersection and turn lane improvements. Redecking of Hwy 66 overpass. North half of bridge is done and traffic moved to northern lanes. I 39 closures to accommodate south half bridge removal. Detour in

place on Cty HH to Hwy 10. Work ongoing with lane closures through this year. Project will start up again in Spring 2023.

- Cty Y Bridge - Bridge replacement project. New beams set and bridge deck set to be poured. Detour in place through September with early October completion.
- Cty HH Bridge Painting over I 39 - Project let in June and pre-construction conference held. Start this week with traffic control to be installed to accommodate lane shifts. Completed by November.

County Highway Dept (Check)

- Cty Z (Edgewood to Cty A in Polonia) - Still active and will go until November.

Municipal Projects - not present

3. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

Nothing to Report.

4. Crash Spot Map

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

Review of Q2 2022 Traffic Accident Statistics for PTSO (Loiselle), SPPD (Uitenbroek) and PLPD (Noel). Two fatal crashes in county. Hy 10 fatal driver drifted off roadway and rolled. Hy 66 was alcohol related. No further review of either fatal crash at this time.

5. WI DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

(Kemnitz)

I 39 NB Offramp at Cty HH - Identified as a top crash spot for annual hot spot screening. Will be going out to conduct traffic counts. 2025 I 39 project which includes ramp paving so may be able to add intersection changes through safety funding. Possible signage and marking changes. 60 rear end collisions in last 5 years.

6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- YTD 905 crashes in county, 3 fatalities, 237 personal injury
- Review of top crash flags, demographics, nature of crashes, non-class D crashes including bicycle-related crashes
- Impaired Driving is 5.3%, down from 9.2% last year for Portage County
- Child Passenger Safety Week 9/18 -9/24 and National Seat Check Saturday 9/24
- October: Teen Driver Week 16-22, School Bus Safety Week 17-21 and Start of Q4 Impaired Driving campaign messaging
- November: Crash Responder Safety Week 14-18
- Community Map User Group Meeting on 9/28 will include site updates

DISCUSSION

7. Traffic Safety Legislation

Johnson had legislation question regarding truck mounted attenuators. Check will send link to DOT work zone field manuals with more information.

8. Emergency Medical Services Operations

(Jankowski)

EMS on September 29th from 5-7 PM is having a forum with equipment viewing at the Plover Fire Department.

9. Traffic Incident Management Operations

(Ostrowski)

Group has diminished and looking for new representative to send to meetings.

10. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

Nothing to Report.

11. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

(Johnson)

City of Stevens Point holding training/discussion on approach to winter storms and roadway safety. September 20th at 8AM at Stevens Point Streets Garage.

12. Traffic Safety Grant updates

- Fatal Vision Marijuana/Opiates Goggles
- Highway Message Boards

(Ostrowski)

- Grant for the county to obtain a set of Fatal Vision Marijuana/Opiates Goggles. Has current set to use but has grant in process to obtain a permanent set that will be here in near future.
- Message boards for the Predictive Analytics project. Grant process complete and county highway has 4 portable messaging boards.

13. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

(Check)

Request from Tomorrow River Charter School on Cty M. Population has doubled. Reviewed traffic analysis and design and did recommend lowering to 45 mph through the school zone. County Board approved change at last meeting.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

14. 2023 Traffic Safety Meeting Dates (All meetings will be held at 10AM at the LEC unless otherwise mentioned)

- Tuesday March 7th, 2023
- Tuesday June 6th, 2023
- Tuesday September 5th, 2023
- Tuesday December 5th, 2023

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

CORRESPONDENCE

NEXT MEETING DATE December 6th, 2022 at 10 AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kemnitz, seconded by Loiselle to adjourn meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

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