

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 8, 2019

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Captain Chad Enright and CJ Micale, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, Ben Hildebrandt and Ron Zenk, Wisconsin State Patrol, Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney, Joe Davis, Sr. and Trace Frost, WISDOT BOTS, Dave Beal, Chief Juneau P.D., Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D., Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F.D., Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D., Dennis Kaczor, HNR Schools and Rob Kocinski.

Also present were MaryAnn Miller, County Board Supervisor, Eugene Goodearle, Judy Haddad

Members absent: Mary Wendel

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kiesow at 9:30 am.
- II. Attendance sheet was circulated and introductions were made.
- III. The minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Christian and second by Beal.

Old Business

1. Sign relocations to improve visibility for a STOP AHEAD sign at STH 26 and STH 33 are still on the list to be done by the WISDOT sign crew. There have been no crashes as a result of this issue.
2. STH 33 and STH 26 no passing zone concern. Mike Zastrow had a complaint about vehicles passing his farm equipment in a no passing zone near this intersection. Mike was unable to attend, so this item was laid over to a future meeting.
3. STH 16/60 and O'Conner Road. Review stemmed from a 2018 fatal crash. Mayer stated there were 5 crashes in 5 years, 3 alcohol related, 1 snow/ice and 1 sideswipe. Curve and warning signs are adequate. Mayer said no improvements are recommended.
4. STH 33 at the west limits of Fox Lake. Due to new development in the area, Mayer is recommending relocation of both the 25 MPH and 35 MPH speed zones—extending each further west than existing. Signs should be installed soon.
5. Point of Last Drink. Enright stated data is being gathered. Should have some info at the next meeting.

New Business

1. STH 16 and CTH L near Watertown. Complaints were received about lack of divided highway signs/reflectors here. Thompson stated the crash cushion near the CTH L turn lane has been hit multiple times. Mayer will review and report at a future meeting.
2. USH 151 and CTH C. The committee reviewed the crash report with serious injury at this intersection. An eastbound semi on CTH C stopped at USH 151 to turn north. It pulled out in front of a southbound vehicle which struck the rear of the trailer. The driver sustained serious injuries. The semi driver stated he did not see the southbound car. It was first thought the reason for this crash was that the semi with trailer did not fit in the median and was hanging in traffic waiting to turn. This was not the case, however there is limited length in the median. This route seems to be favored in GPS/map routing for all vehicles. Mayer stated there have been 7 crashes in 5 years. None of the crashes were indicative of a median length issue. The overall crash rate was very low based on the volume of traffic. Thompson will review with Highway Committee as to should semis be prohibited on CTH C from CTH A to USH 151. This may push semis on other local town roads.

3. CTH G and CTH S. Multiple citizens have concerns about the number of vehicles running the stop signs on CTH S at this intersection. DSO has done targeted enforcement and did not encounter this issue during this time. Crash history yielded only two intersection crashes, but they were not for running the stop sign.

The complainants had a list of improvements they wanted to see including increased signage, speed reduction and a 4-way stop. The committee did not endorse any improvements based on the history. Thompson stated Highway will complete a traffic count in the future.

Fatal Crash reviews. There were 2 fatal crashes and two fatalities in the first quarter.

On 1/10/19, a crash occurred at approximately noon on I-41 near Soo Rd. A pickup driven by Cale Deitrich, 41 of Cambellsport was driving northbound in the southbound lanes. His vehicle struck a southbound semi and caught fire ending up in median. The driver was trapped and was not wearing a seat belt. There were no road factors contributing to this crash. The crash is still under investigation as to reason or cause.

On 2/28/19, a crash occurred at approximately 9:45 am on STH 60 near Jefferson Road. A car driven by Tamara Bratten, 25 of Hustisford was driving eastbound on STH 60 and crossed centerline, striking a westbound pickup driven by Calvin Fix of Waupun. Nathan Pattee, 23 of Oakfield, a passenger in the Bratten vehicle died. There were no road factors contributing to this crash. The crash is still under investigation as to reason or cause.

Reports

A. BOTS.

Davis stated targeted funding for seat belt and speed enforcement has been issued to Dodge County. He is encouraging all agencies to do deployments. Enright said the effort is there, but response has been difficult. Davis encouraged all to participate in the national mobilization of Click It or Ticket starting May 20th.

State Patrol will be made aware when initiatives happen. They will piggy back if available. Zenk offered to patrol in county workzones when he is able. Highway will contact him with times and locations.

Frost reported the Governor's Conference on Safety is August 20 through 22 in Wisconsin Dells. DSO has sent an attendee most every year. Equipment give away is available at the conference by luck of the draw.

Frost stated there were unofficially 575 fatalities in 2018 vs. 594 in 2017 vs. 588 in 2016. The State 5-year average is 561.

There have been 101 fatalities YTD statewide vs. 129 in 2018.

Frost showed the committee the enhancement in Community Maps whereby crash heat maps can be generated and then Analysis Areas can be further defined. A WAMS ID is required for these features. Crash reports are also available, but only with a WAMS ID.

B. WIDSOT.

Mayer stated the STH 33 and CTH P roundabout construction will begin April 15th, with installation of the detour. The project is estimated to be complete by July 3, 2019. He also stated an All-Way stop will be installed on April 16th at the STH 28/67/175 and CTH TW intersection north of Theresa. This will remain until a new roundabout is constructed in 2022.

- C. County. Thompson stated the CTH EE bridge south of STH 60 will be replaced this year.

Also the week of April 8th is National Workzone Awareness Week. Media releases have been issued.

Stommel stated there was a fatality in Beaver Dam. Someone drove off a bridge. This will be reviewed next meeting.

Goodearle inquired if STH 60 was on a repaving list. Mayer will check.

Kaczor will reach out to his counterparts to alert them of the upcoming long-term detours and effect on busing.

Rasch stated Madison St. reconstruction will occur this year in Waupun. There has been a truck route change and also they participate in both Dodge and Fond du Lac County task forces.

Zenk stated the right turn lane for northbound USH 151 at CTH S is too short and should be lengthened with any upcoming project.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2019 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at 7/8/19 meeting

Peter Thompson