

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 14, 2014

Members present: Del Yaroch, Chairman, Trace Frost, DSO; Bob Sell, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department; Terrence Gebhardt, Beaver Dam Police Department, Corey Foster, DOT-BOTS and AJ Llanas, Wisconsin State Patrol. Also present was Eugene Goodearle, Jim Licari, Robert and Mary Rist

- I. The meeting was called to order by Del Yaroch at 9:35 am.
- II. The minutes from January 13, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Frost and second by Mayer.
- III. Del was re-elected as Chairman and Pete was re-elected as Secretary by motions of the commission.
- IV. Fatal crash review, 1st quarter of 2014.
 - A. There were four fatal crashes with four fatalities in the quarter bringing the yearly total to 4. The Commission reviewed the videos of the crash sites.
 1. Driver of northbound vehicle on CTH M lost control and struck the railroad gate, killing his passenger. Drifting may have been a partial cause.
 2. Single-occupant vehicle westbound on STH 33 slid into the path of an oncoming vehicle in snowy conditions and died. Driver was not wearing a seat belt
 3. Driver of northbound vehicle on Lehman Road failed to yield right of way at STH 33 and pulled into the path of an eastbound milk truck. The front passenger was killed. The deceased was unbelted.
 4. Driver of a northbound vehicle on CTH T failed to yield right of way at STH 16/60 and pulled into the path of an eastbound vehicle. Passenger in the eastbound vehicle died 9 days after the crash. She was unbelted.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Corey informed the commission of the Community Maps system through BOTS and will send login directions to Trace and Bob. Subsequent to the meeting, Pete was able to log in with his access credential.
 - B. STH 33 and Niblick Road was on agenda due to citizen request, however he did not attend. Ryan had a 5-year crash history and there were none at Niblick. It is signed and marked correctly. No action will be taken.
 - C. STH 89/CTH T and Dahlman Road. Jim Licari, bus driver, attended to present his local knowledge of this intersection. He read a letter from a mother whose daughter was killed at the intersection. It was noted the daughter was at fault. Jim suggested a 4-way STOP or roundabout. Ryan will continue to monitor for historic crash rate to see if it rose to the level to be eligible for HSIP funding. Simply adding STOP signs is not feasible due to the superelevated curve on STH 89.
 - D. STH 26/CTH L and Q. Further info regarding the 2013 fatal crash was given. The driver may have been taking this route to avoid roundabouts
 - E. STH 60/CTH P. The roundabout construction is beginning and will be completed later this year. (STH 33 and CTH P overhead beacons have been installed and Ryan is monitoring this intersection)

- F. STH 33/ STH 26 AND STH 33/CTH A. Ryan said these intersections are included in a master study by DOT. Results of the study with possible recommendations should be available at our next meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. STH 33 east of Beaver Dam. Request for Deer Crossing signs. Ryan stated DOT does not install any new signs. Existing signs remain until faded or knocked down. Pete stated that is County policy also.
- B. STH 49/USH 151 ramps. A citizen requested lighting on these ramps. Ryan said the existing condition will not change.
- C. Bob provided a handout highlighting the spring startup of the STH 26 construction from Watertown to STH 60. Work will continue until late 2015. A detour utilizing CTH J and K will begin in May, 2014.
- D. Ryan stated DOT practice is to improve guardrail end treatments on all their project. He also explained the new style Diverging Diamond interchange being proposed for I-39.
- E. STH 26 and CTH J visibility improvements have been made prior to the snow season by the Contractor.
- F. Robert and Mary Rist, Juneau crossing guards, spoke to their concerns with the Fairfield and STH 26/W. Oak Grove St. intersection. Robert was requesting some switchable beacons or other item to slow down drivers. The centerline sign was not yet installed after the plowing season. AJ suggested collapsible cones with flashing beacons. Corey will pursue supplying these to Robert.
- G. Reports
- a. BOTS. Corey supplied the YTD fatal crash history with a downward trend versus 2013. Corey has been assigned to our county.
 - b. DOT—Ryan stated the DOT was completing a review of STH 33 from Horicon to the east county line. Truck traffic is increasing and there have been fatalities. No Passing Zones are also being checked.
 - c. County—Pete stated that the first year of two for construction projects on the County's HSIP project will begin in April. Work includes beam guard upgrades, cross culvert extensions and driveway pipe improvements on parts of CTH A, O and P. The CTH C (CTH A to Lakeland Rd) project should start in May

Next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2014 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 a.m
Pete Thompson,
Secretary.