

**Iowa County Traffic Safety
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2010**

1. Meeting called to order by Craig Hardy at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Jon Pepper, Iowa County Sheriff's Dept.
Dan Pruess, WisDOT Traffic
June Meudt, Iowa County Health Dept.
Kari Bennett, Iowa County Health Dept.
Briant Russell, Wisconsin State Patrol
Craig Lindgren, Wisconsin State Patrol
Amy Seeboth, SWWRPC
Joe Thomas, County Board
Dan Meuer, City of Dodgeville
Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Dept.
Jeri Grabbert, Iowa County Highway Dept
Bert Parkos, City of Mineral Point

Absent:

Andrea Loeffelholz, WisDOT/BOTS
Dave Kieffer, Dodgeville Police Dept
Mark Springer, Drivers Education
Tim Helmberger, Corporate Counsel

Agenda:

2. Certification of open meeting by Meudt/Thomas. Carried.
3. Approval of February agenda by Pepper/Russell. Carried.
4. Approval of November 2009 minutes by Pepper/Hardy. Carried.

Old Business:

5. **USH 151/18 Limited Access Study Update.** Craig Hardy updated the Traffic Safety Committee on DOT's response to three requests made by the Transportation Committee. These are regarding CTH ID from Barneveld, a jurisdictional transfer of Hwy 191 from CTH Y to the City of Dodgeville at the Y/YZ intersection, and to review the proposed overpass at an S-curve to be re-evaluated for an underpass or to relocate the corridor.

New Business:

6. **Discussion on the questions raised by Iowa-Grant School District regarding "School Bus Stop" sign in area of STH 18 and CTH XX.** Jon Pepper stated the sheriff's department had received correspondence with regards to this topic. Dave Hottenstein of Hottenstein Bus Service has a concern about traffic which does not stop during the pickup and drop off of one child at this location. Discussion revolved around the definitions of median and divided highway, which definition does this location fall under, and the legal ramifications of whether traffic is required to stop or not at this bus stop location. Craig Hardy will discuss further with Dan Pruess and Chris Ohm of DOT. Dan Pruess will look into divided highway vs. non-divided highway status and will also look at the signing issue.
7. **2010 Summer Construction Project List.** Craig Hardy reviewed the list of county projects and also noted that the DOT has a March 23 letting for Hwy 39 from Hwy. 23 to Hollandale. This highway will be torn up and closed all summer. Also near Hwy. 151, Y at YZ, south on CTH Y to 191 in Hollandale will also be closed. The CTH C Bridge in the Town of Wyoming, which is an ARRA project with an April letting, will also be a closed road project. And CTH X will be closed for sanitary sewer, water main, and storm sewer replacements.

8. **Traffic Safety Report and Highway Safety Input – Andrea Loeffelholz, WisDOT BOTS**

- No report.

9. **Review of Accident Spot Report – Jon Pepper, Chief Deputy Sheriff**

- Jon Pepper did not have accident spot maps to distribute due to website changes that are underway. From January 1 through February 25, 2010, Iowa County has had 40 reportable accidents. Six involved injuries and there was 1 fatality by Blanchardville. Most of the accidents were speed related and failure to control.

10. **Reports from Members**

- Jeri Grabbert welcomed and introduced Bert Parkos to the committee. As a member of the Traffic Safety Committee he will be representing City of Mineral Point. Official appointment to the committee will take place at the next County Board meeting.
- Amy Seeboth noted that the application cycle for Safe Routes to School has been bumped up to the summer. The applications will be available in July.
- Amy Seeboth also mentioned that Highland is currently working on a planning grant.

11. **Comments from Members or Audience**

- Town of Ridgeway Town Chairman Bob Thomas was present to discuss traffic safety during bike events. In July 2009 a fatal accident occurred between a car and a bicycle. There is concern that the bicyclists must follow traffic safety rules as well. Chairman Thomas noted that the Town of Ridgeway is currently working on an ordinance regarding biking events as is the Town of Vermont. There is an event coming up this spring with the expectation of about 600 participants. Chairman Thomas suggested that all residents along the route be notified by the event sponsors. Craig Hardy also discussed the Centurion Bike Event that is being planned for Fall 2010 with over 2,000 participants.

12. Next meeting is May 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Iowa County Highway Dept.

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. with a motion by Jon Pepper and seconded by Jeri Grabbert. Carried unanimously.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert