



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Traffic Safety Commission
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Room #1002 of the Health & Human Services Building
303 W Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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1	Meeting was called to order at 9:33 A.M. by Chair Hardy.
2	<p>Roll Call was taken.</p> <p>Members present: Craig Hardy Highway Commissioner, Ryan Mayer WisDOT Traffic, Robert Bott WisDOT Traffic Safety, Greg Parman County Supervisor, Annette Biggin SWTC, Kaivon Souri Iowa County Sheriff's Department, Sue Matye County Health Department, Bryant Russell Wisconsin State Patrol, Joe Thomas Town of Ridgeway, and Katrina Hecimovic Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning</p> <p>Others present: None</p>
3 & 4	<p>Approve the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Agenda for this 02-17-2016 meeting and minutes of the 11-17-2015 meeting were approved by unanimous consent with no additions or corrections.</p>
5	Report from committee members. Thomas advised the committee he received two calls with regards to the Ridgeway police department parking in the turnaround near the CTH H bridge along USH 151. The vehicle is dark, and should maybe have retro-reflectivity for visibility. When it pulls out onto 151 and when passing it in the median, the vehicle surprises motorists because it can't be seen and is not expected to be there.
6	ATV Ordinances: Hardy provided a copy of the revised ATV Ordinance for Iowa County which incorporates the routes into the ordinance to satisfy concerns of the WDNR and WisDOT. The ordinance amendments were to be reviewed by the Transportation Committee in March. The Village of Linden had approved the use of STH 39 in the village from Galena street to Wearne Road. The County had also approved use of that route, but WisDOT requested some changes to the ordinance format before they would approve the route.
7	Hardy advised the committee of upcoming work zone safety week being April 11 th to the 15 th . The department was proposing a couple of resolutions for the County Board to consider with regards to recognizing work zone safety week. In addition, counties state wide will be publishing notices to advise motorists and citizens of work zone safety week proclamation in response to last year's 3 deaths to county highway workers. The commission discussed making a presence that week to alert motorists of the issues. In addition, the commissioner discussed the ability to set work zone speed limits for the county highway staff working on projects regardless of the location. The sheriff's office, state patrol, and highway department will work together to determine the locations and frequency of those temporary speed limits. Discussed the Traffic Guidelines Manual stating speed reductions of 10 or 15 MPH. The statutory authority to the commissioner does not specify an amount. The counties of the WCHA and WisDOT were working on some general guidance to be followed. Commission reviewed sample ordinances for setting temporary speed limits and sample resolutions for work zone safety week.
8	Robert Bott provided an update of the crashes and fatalities for the year on Wisconsin roads. In essence bike and pedestrian incidents are down in comparison to 2015 (which was high) but overall are running above 5-year trends. He advised the Governor's safety conference will be held in August (23-25) in Green Bay. And stated several April enforcement programs will be kicking off in late March with regards to distracted/inattentive drivers.
9	Kaivon reviewed the site/spot map information for the last quarter of the year in 2015. Passed out some

	accident reports and discussed the incidents which have occurred in the county.
10	Hardy reviewed the commission membership, which will include Sue Matye the new public health official for the county. Also, reintroduced Katrina Hecimovic form the SWRPC.
12	No other business from members.
13	Motion by Thomas, Second by Parman, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.
Minutes by Highway Department	