

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

## Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. Room #1001 of the Health & Human Services Building 303 W Chapel Street

Iowa County Wisconsin

Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.

1 Members were present. Meeting called to order at 9:32 am by Chair Hardy Roll call: Highway Commissioner Hardy, Austin Durst, Sheriff's Dept.; Kaivon Souri, Sheriff's Dept; Mathew Allen Corp Counsel; Briant Russell, State Patrol; Ryan Mayer, WisDOT; Trace Frost WisDOT 2 LE Liaison; Thomas Forbes, Iowa County Board; Sue Matye County Health; Kurt Schultz, Governor's Council of Highway Safety; Annette Biggin SWYC Driver's Education. No others present. Approve the agenda for this "05-15-2018" meeting and the minutes of the 02-20-2018 meeting. Agenda for this 05-15-2018 meeting and minutes of the 02-20-2018 meeting were approved by 3 unanimous consent with no revisions. Report from committee members or the general public: None. Review of the County Traffic Safety Commission membership. Chair distributed a listing of all members on the Iowa County TSC and asked all members to verify their contact information and advise of any Traffic Safety Coordinator's meeting recap – Durst. Durst provided an overview of the TSC regional meeting and distributed some handouts form the meeting. The handouts included documents which summarize TSC membership requirements, meeting content, and other aspects of TSC roles. He also distributed a summary of the components of the statewide traffic safety plan. Concerns with CTH P and PP intersection. Durst had received a request for a change in roadway signage at the intersection of CTH P and PP in the Town of Highland. Hardy provided some pictures of the location and the signage. Discussion of the flow of traffic and the house located in the middle of the curve of the intersection just off of right of way. The Highway department had met with the owner 4 or 5 years ago and offered to install a guardrail but the owner did not want at the time. It was decided the issues are primarily due to little/no traffic resulting in users running stop signs and etc. as no one is around. The issue is more related to enforcement of existing, but when an officer is on site nothing occurs. Discussion of changing signage by adding a Yield or Stop sign could create incidents because the traffic is used to the current travel paths. Driver's education powerpoint. Hardy advised the WCHA completed the driver's education powerpoint and presented to the statewide and one area wide conference for instructors. Biggin commented the presentations were very good, and the powerpoint would be a good training tool for the student drivers. Schultz commented the presenters did a great job at the Chula Vista presentation, and it appeared to be a valuable tool and well done. Updates on road review locations for past meetings as well. A. STH 14 – Arena - Mayer stated he had reviewed the STH 14 school bus stop request from Lamers 9 Bus company. WisDOT would be interested in installing a sign/s at the location to address the issues they are seeing. Hardy will follow up with Lamers to see what locations by fire number

are of concern to determine sign placements. STH 80 – Highland – Mayer provided some information with regards to a speed limit study WisDOT performed in the area of Farmer's Ridge Road and the conclusion is the current signage is appropriate for the location and visibility. Hardy explained the village is getting pressure to allow atv/utv's to come into the village off of Farmer's Ridge and the chief is concerned with the traffic speeds at the location. The area is zoned as 35 MPH speed, so by statute the village could adopt the route. Mayer stated WisDOT could consider installing atv crossing warning signage to assist with driver awareness, but not warranted to relocate the speed limit at this time. B. Industrial Drive/CTH ID - Barneveld - Mayer provided some background on the issues with traffic running stop signs at the intersection of CTH ID and Industrial Drive in Barneveld; although there isn't any history with traffic accidents or tickets issued. The village has asked WisDOT to consider installing flashing beacons, rumble strips, additional signage, larger signs and other changes to address the concerns. Increased traffic is occurring due to a development by Vortec south of the intersection. WisDOT has upsized and added additional stop signs and advance stop warning signage to alert drivers. Due to the lack of significant accident history, the department would not install flashing beacons or rumbles strips at the location, nor is there a desire to remove or change stop conditions at other legs of the intersection either. Mayer stated the village could install flashing beacon above the stop signs on the west leg of Industrial drive if they wanted, or even install rumble strips at the location. But if doing so cautions the village to verify with the neighboring businesses that rumbles are to be installed and why. WisDOT would allow installations by the village but would not pay for. C. STH 23 – Mineral Point – Mayer was asked to review the intersection of STH 23/39 in Mineral Point due to an increase in accidents at the location and more importantly the most recent incident. Mayer will review and provide some recommendations. BOTS report. Trace Frost provided a verbal report and some handouts from BOTS. Frost stated the fatality rate for crashes in Wisconsin for 2018 was 175, 2017 recorded 174 at the same time period. For the year 2017 a total of 594; 588 for 2016; and summarized 2018 is rounding up similar. He stated there 13 was a recent incident in Dane County which may add a few more additional. Frost stated there will be a 2018 "Click It or Ticket" campaign starting out on May 21-June 3 which is a nationwide event. Lastly, he provided a handout explaining the 2017 Act 228 with regards to lighting requirements for Amish buggies. Some discussion as to if the legislation has any teeth to it to fine and collect against the Amish. Spot map reports and review. Souri summarized the accident/incident history of the last quarter for the committee. Frost and Souri provided an overview of changes within Community Maps, The following enhancements have been made: added a tab for teen driver flags, hyperlink to Type A crash reports from TOPS, ability to link to reports back to 2000, basic searches allow options for deer crashes – include, exclude, or only by. Also, access to the TSC guidance document and strategic highway safety plan. Other business for discussion. Hardy advised WisDOT had advised the department to install about 12 and remove about 6 bridge postings throughout the county. The largest impact was made at Roaster Road and also on CTH G. Hardy explained Trooper Larson with WisDOT motor carrier enforcement division 15 has begun forwarding copies of OSOW permit violations for exceeding weight to the county TSC's to review and discuss. The committee packet included one for close to 102,000 or 22,000#'s over on local

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am by unanimous consent. Next meeting date will be on Tuesday, August

14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Health & Human Services building in Dodgeville.

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