

DATE:	January 7, 2014
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room A) 1025 S. 9 th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of previous minutes.
- 3. Public Input
- 4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request for 4 way stop at CTH JJ and CTH S or other measures to increase safety.

- Request to review current no parking policy/ordinance on E Parkview Rd. and Middle Rd. to allow parking or designate a parking area for individuals using mountain bike trails recently completed at Camp Vits. (E Parkview Rd. north of Middle Rd. or on Middle Rd. west of E Parkview Rd.)

- 5. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request to review speed limit signage on Hecker Road.
 - Request for speed reduction by Silver Lake College on USH 151 from S Alverno Rd. to W Custer St.
 - Request to move existing speed limit signs on CTH O. 40 mph to city limit and 25 mph to 2627 CTH O.
- 6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
- 7. Report on recent fatalities.
- 8. Appoint Sgt. Christopher Jushka as the Wisconsin State Patrol representative replacing Bradley Seymour. Appoint <u>(to be determined)</u> alternate for Chief Joseph Collins replacing Robert Kappelmann. Appoint Chief Gregg Kadow as the Manitowoc Fire Department representative replacing Bill Manis.
- 9. Next meeting date: April 15, 2014 at 10:00 am

Date: December 19, 2013

Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

Date: January 7, 2014 Location: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, Holly Herzog, Joseph Collins, Michael Panosh, Barbara Herrmann, Larry Zimney, Bryan Ashenbrenner, John Kropp, Valders Police Chief Bill Riesterer, and Randy Ammerman.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of October 15, 2013 meeting by Joseph Collins, seconded by Bryan Ashenbrenner; motion carried.

Public Input: Randy Ammerman, Manager of Silver Lake College's Safety and Security requested a site evaluation for the area of *USH 151 from S Alverno Rd. to W Custer St.* Ammerman stated that the college recently completed a music center with a seating capacity of 450 seats and a parking lot of 128 spaces. He stated access for this new building is directly onto USH 151. There are no street lights in the area and the speed limit is 55 mph. Ammerman is requesting to lower the speed limit to 45 mph in this area. Ammerman has been in contact with the Town and State engineers. The State would be willing to do a speed study if the proper recommendations were received. Joseph Collins made a motion to request a speed study be done on this section of USH 151 pending receipt of a letter from the Town chairman, seconded by Barbara Herrmann; motion carried.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request for 4 way stop at CTH JJ and CTH S or other measures to increase safety. Accidents for this stretch of highway were sent to Scott Nelson at DOT. All accidents involved driver error. Flags have been added to the signs at this intersection and reflectors add to the post. John Kropp made a motion stating there will be no other action taken by the Traffic Safety Commission on this request, seconded by Bryan Ashenbrenner; motion carried.

Request to review current no parking policy/ordinance on E Parkview Rd. and Middle Rd. to allow parking or designate a parking area for individuals using mountain bike trails recently completed at Camp Vits. (E Parkview Rd. north of Middle Rd. west of E Parkview Rd.) Officer Zimney stated the Chairman of Parks and Recreation has no plans for a parking facility. They may talk to a local farmer to see if land could be purchased for a parking area. Todd Hermann requested that this matter be placed on the next agenda pending follow up with the Town for their recommendation.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to review speed limit signage on Hecker Rd. A request was received via the Open Line radio show to review the signage on Hecker Rd. Todd Hermann stated that there are warning signs in place for the curves and the rest of the area is posted 45 mph. No traffic concern or safety issue could be identified. It was felt that the curves naturally slow drivers down and the curves are visible. A motion was made by John Kropp to make no recommendation for additional speed zone signs, second Larry Zimney; motion carried.

Request to move existing speed limit signs on CTH O. 45 mph to city limit and 25 mph to 2627 CTH O. This request was received from citizen Kevin Perry who could not be reached for this meeting. Joseph Collins stated the 45 mph sign is visible from a distance and people may accelerate in anticipation. The sign in question is in the County. There is no crash history and as development continues in this area traffic may increase. A motion was made by Joseph Collins to make no recommendation at this time, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative:

Mike Panosh reported that 2013 was the safest year since 1944. Wisconsin is below the national average in seatbelt use. Alcohol enforcement grants have been awarded to multiple agencies in Manitowoc County. Hopefully this will help take impaired drivers off the road as 40 - 42% of all fatal accidents are alcohol related. The effort to raise the speed limit to 70 mph was unsuccessful.

Recent Fatalities:

<u>19th St. at Washington St., Two Rivers</u>: Chief Collins reported this was a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident which occurred on 11/5/13. The 19 YOA driver did not see the 80 YOA pedestrian as it was a rainy dark night. When changing lanes he struck the pedestrian who did not complain of injuries at the scene, but died at the hospital.

<u>3310 Memorial Dr., Two Rivers</u>: This accident occurred on 11/19/13 and was intentional. Subjects had been involved in a fight and hit speeds of 90+ mph. The door on the vehicle would not shut which ultimately resulted in the driver being thrown from the vehicle, dying of his injuries, after the victim's vehicle was struck by the other vehicle. Alcohol and drugs were involved. Charges are pending.

Appointments:

Motion to appoint Sgt. Christopher Jushka to replace Bradley Seymour by Bryan Ashenbrenner, seconded by Todd Hermann; motion carried.

Motion to appoint Lt. Shawn Engleman to replace Robert Kappelmann by Joseph Collins, seconded by Todd Hermann; motion carried.

Motion to appoint Chief Gregg Kadow to replace Bill Manis by Todd Hermann, seconded by Joseph Collins; motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 10:43 a.m., seconded by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Holly Herzog Secretary



DATE:	April 15, 2014
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 Request for speed reduction by Silver Lake College on USH 151 from S Alverno Rd. to W Custer St.
- 5. Request for site evaluations:

- Request to modify median on STH 42/Memorial Dr. in the area of Memorial Vet Clinic, Nash Law Offices, and the Chamber of Commerce.

- Request from the Town of Cooperstown to extend 35 mph speed limit on CTH Z from the Village limit past Cooperstown Transfer Station.

- 6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
- 7. Report on recent fatalities.
- 8. Next meeting date: July 15, 2014 at 10:00 am

Date: April 1, 2014

Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

Date: April 15, 2014 LOCATION: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd, Hermann, Patty Shimek, Michael Panosh, Allan Hibbard, Barbara Herrmann, John Kropp, Scott Nelson and Scott Schneider.

Also in attendance: Karen Szyman from The Chamber Manitowoc County and Chuck Behnke from Manitowoc County Highway.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of January 7, 2014, meeting by John Kropp, seconded by Barbara Herrmann; motion carried.

Public Input: Karen Szyman, Executive Director of The Chamber of Manitowoc County, requested modification of the median on STH 42/Memorial Drive. Szyman stated due to the Vet Clinic, The Chamber, the Mariner's Trail and the new addition of an attorney's office, this area is a disaster waiting to happen with the increased traffic. Scott Nelson from DOT discussed an alternative of adding a left turn bay lane and stated medians should be only open to crossroads and not driveway accesses. Nelson gave 4 options: changing the area at resurfacing time, acquiring highway funding for a stand-alone safety project, normal funding as a stand-alone project or issue permit for the City of Manitowoc to take on as their own project. John Kropp made a motion and agreed to check with City of Manitowoc Engineer Greg Minikel and see if the City of Manitowoc is willing to take on the project. Todd Hermann requested this matter be placed on the next agenda pending follow-up with City of Manitowoc Engineer. Motion seconded by Barbara Herrmann, motion carried.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to Review Current No-Parking Policy on E. Parkview and Middle Rd. Todd Hermann reported Town of Manitowoc Rapids Chairperson David Korte advised that no additional parking will be permitted per the town. Parking will not be permitted on side roads as local farmers use large machinery on the roads. Westbury Road is the only road near the bike trail that parking will be allowed on.

Request to review speed reduction by Silver Lake College on USH 151. Scott Nelson from DOT advised no change has occurred over the winter months and follow-up will be done at the next meeting.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to modify median on STH 42/Memorial Dr. This was handled in the Public Input.

Request to extend 35 mph speed limit on CTH Z in the Town of Cooperstown. Todd Hermann reported the Town of Cooperstown will request a sign for the driveway at their next board meeting. The Town will monitor area to determine if other steps are needed. At this time, they are no longer requesting a speeding reduction.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Mike Panosh reported that fatals this year in Wisconsin are at 92 which are down from 114 at this time in 2013. There have been 6 fatals in Manitowoc County which puts us at the 4th highest in the state. He would like to get the message to the public by radio and newspaper next month.

Recent Fatalities:

<u>Hilltop Rd at Hempton Lake Rd:</u> This accident occurred on 01/23/14 in which a male operator failed to yield right of way from stop sign and struck driver's door of an elderly female who died of her injuries. Road conditions and alcohol were not contributing factors.

<u>County Line Rd and STH 42:</u> This double fatality accident occurred on 02/04/14 when the 26 year old operator of a pickup truck lost control on County Line Rd and struck a large tree. The driver and front seat passenger were both killed. The rear seat passenger survived. Alcohol was a factor.

<u>USH 10 & Village Dr.</u>: This fatal accident occurred on 02/16/14 in which a 20 year old driver of an EB pickup truck crossed the centerline and struck a WB vehicle on USHY 10. The operator of the WB vehicle died at the scene. The operator of the pickup truck was cited for Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle.

<u>STY 42 and Newtonburg Rd</u>: On 03/24/14, a 23 year old female driver lost control of her vehicle NB on STH 42 in which she overturned and struck a rock embankment. This female driver died from injuries at the scene. Investigation is still pending.

<u>I-43 just north of Silver Creek Rd</u>: This fatal accident occurred on 04/11/14 in which a 26 year old pedestrian jumped out in front of a SB semi on I-43. This accident is still under investigation.

Appointments: None

Next Meeting: July 15, 2014, at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Herrmann at 10:55 a.m., seconded by John Kropp, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Patty Shimek Acting Secretary



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- 5. Request for site evaluations:Request by J. Krause to review intersection at Nuclear Rd. and Saxonburg Rd.
- 6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
- 7. Report on recent fatalities.
- 8. Next meeting date: October 14, 2014 at 10:00 am

Date: July 1, 2014 Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

July 15, 2014 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, Michael Panosh, Allan Hibbard, John Kropp, Scott Nelson, Scott Schneider, Joseph Collins, Holly Herzog, Bryan Ashenbrenner, and Christopher Jushka.

Also in attendance: Chuck Behnke from the Highway Department and Intern Kayla Ahrens from the State of Wisconsin.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of April 15, 2014, meeting by John Kropp, seconded by Bryan Ashenbrenner; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review speed reduction by Silver Lake College on USH 151. Scott Nelson from the DOT advised that a speed study was completed on June 16, 2014. The findings showed the prevailing speed to be 59.9 with an average speed of 57.4 so the 55 mph speed limit is appropriate. The crash history indicator was also close to the State average. The compliance rate for the 55 mph speed limit was 37%. Nelson explained that if the speed limit was reduced to 45 mph the compliance rate would also likely decrease. A letter was sent to the Town of Manitowoc Rapids by the State of Wisconsin advising them that the State's recommendation was that the speed limit stay at 55 mph.

Joseph Collins expressed concern that the study may not reflect current conditions as the college is not in session, there is a new access and also a new building.

Scott Nelson stated a speed study is done on a typical day, during non-prime hours, and observes vehicles operating under free flow conditions. It tries to establish speeds at which drivers would naturally drive under those conditions or voluntary speed.

Joseph Collins made a motion to table this matter until the October meeting and requested another study be completed in September after college classes resume. This new study should take speed and volume into consideration, seconded by Christopher Jushka; motion carried.

Scott Nelson stated he would note the request, but their program was being discontinued and studies during that time period would be contracted out. He was uncertain at this point how the transition to contracted services would work. Allan Hibbard requested that volume be taken into consideration reflecting student activity. Crash data for 2014 should also be provided to Scott Nelson prior to the next meeting. *Request to modify median on STH 42/Memorial Dr*. John Kropp reported that Gary Kennedy from the Highway Department proposed to the City of Manitowoc that if they would design the improvements the County would split the cost.

The City of Manitowoc estimates this project will cost \$100,000. This money was not included in the City's budget for this year and will be considered during the next budget session. The Traffic Safety Commission will not act on this request as improvements are planned and awaiting financing from the City of Manitowoc.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to review intersection at Nuclear Rd. and Saxonburg Rd. Bryan Ashenbrenner stated that he had an opportunity to observe the intersection. He stated the intersection is wide open and visibility is good. There is a house on the corner for EB traffic, but it does not obstruct visibility. John Kropp stated visibility is good, grade is good, and there are warning signs prior to the stop sign. Two personal injury accidents have occurred at the intersection in the past five years both involved driver error.

A motion for no change to the intersection was made by Joseph Collins, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Mike Panosh reported that fatalities in Wisconsin are at 229 as compared to 247 in 2013 which is below the 5 year average. Brown County has 6, Sheboygan County has 5, and Manitowoc County has 8 so far this year. Motorcycle fatalities are the same as last year at 36. Grants will begin in October and Manitowoc County will have the OWI Task Force again this year. The Governor's Conference will be held next month in Green Bay.

Recent Fatalities:

<u>Long Lake Rd. at Rusch Rd.</u>: This accident occurred on 05/22/14. The male operator drifted off the roadway hitting a field access causing the vehicle to overturn. Alcohol was a contributing factor.

<u>CTH X near CTH M</u>: This accident occurred on 05/26/14 at 7:15 a.m. The male operator was operating a motorcycle EB on CTH X. He collided with the rear of a farm implement also traveling EB. Alcohol was a contributing factor.

Other Business: Joseph Collins stated a letter was sent to the State of Wisconsin by the Two Rivers City Council regarding the improvements at Columbus St. and STH 42.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2014, at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 10:32 a.m., seconded by Joseph Collins; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



DATE:	October 21, 2014
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
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- 3. Public Comment
- Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 Request for speed reduction by Silver Lake College on USH 151 from S Alverno Rd. to W Custer St.
- 5. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request for extension of 35 mph speed limit on CTH LS from Pheasant Ln. to S 26th St.
 - Request for speed reduction on CTH B from Shoto to Mishicot.
 - Request for traffic signal at STH 42 and Columbus St., Two Rivers.
- 6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
- 7. Report on recent fatalities.
- 8. Next meeting date: January 13, 2015 at 10:00 am

Date: October 10, 2014

Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

October 21, 2014 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, Michael Panosh, Rick Wolfe, John Kropp, Scott Schneider, Joseph Collins, Holly Herzog, Barbara Herrmann, and Gregg Kadow.

Also in attendance: Chris Blazek and Matt Talcott from the Wisconsin DOT and two students from Roncalli High School.

Excused: Allan Hibbard and Larry Zimney.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July 15, 2014, meeting by Joseph Collins, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review speed reduction by Silver Lake College on USH 151. Chris Blazek from the DOT advised that a second speed study was completed. The findings showed while college was in session the prevailing speed was 58 as compared to 59.9 during the June study. The average speed was 56 as compared to 57.4 in June. The conclusion is that the 55 mph speed limit is appropriate. The State's recommendation is that the speed limit remain at 55 mph.

Motion to not change the speed limit based on the speed studies conducted by the DOT by Rick Wolfe, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to review extension of 35 mph speed limit on CTH LS from Pheasant Ln. to S 26th St. This would be a .5 mile stretch of roadway through residential and rural areas. John Kropp stated the Highway Department is not in favor of the reduction and this area has controlled access by the County. It was also noted that crash data does not support change. Todd Hermann stated that this area has been looked at before and extra patrol was conducted at that time.

A motion was made to not make a recommendation to lower the speed limit to 35 mph by John Kropp, seconded by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Request for speed reduction on CTH B from Shoto to Mishicot. Todd Hermann reported that a recent crash in this area prompted Mr. Richmond to express his concern. Mr. Richmond was given the proper procedure and told to contact the township for their input. Speed studies and additional signage were discussed and explained. Request was tabled and will not be added to the next agenda.

Request for traffic signal at STH 42 and Columbus St., Two Rivers. Joseph Collins presented numerous letters from the City of Two Rivers and surrounding businesses in support of the traffic signal. He noted several areas of concern including no safe place for pedestrians and cyclist to cross to the bike trail and semi traffic increasing by 500 truck movements a week with the opening of a new business in the area.

John Kropp stated that he discussed the issue with Gary Kennedy and it was their understanding that the traffic light at Taylor St. was supposed to be moved to Woodland Dr. and this issue should be corrected prior to adding another signal.

Joseph Collins stated he felt the signal would still be needed at Columbus St. and should be considered as a separate issue. Chris Blazek from the DOT stated a meeting was scheduled for 10/22/14 with the City of Two Rivers and this issue would be discussed. Barb Herrmann pointed out that the new business was scheduled to open in January and there was time to make this decision.

Funding for the signal was discussed and Chris Blazek stated there was no money in the six year program for this and could cost approximately \$500,000. Blazek also stated that they will move forward on this issue regardless of the Traffic Safety Commission recommendation if an agreement is reached with the City of Two Rivers.

A motion was made to table the issue until the January meeting when more information would be available by Rick Wolfe, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway. Todd Hermann stated he received a request from the Town of Kossuth regarding parking on CTH R during races. Todd Hermann will contact the Town Board prior to the next meeting. The race season is coming to an end for this year allowing time to gather more information. Request will be added to the next agenda.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Mike Panosh reported that fatalities in Wisconsin are at 378. 2013 was the safest year in recent history and we are currently below that level. The OWI Task Force is being reevaluated and its future direction will hopefully be determined soon. The Manitowoc Police Department has stated they will take a break, but other agencies are still interested in participating. There are no other OWI grants available.

Recent Fatalities:

<u>USH 10 at Maple Rock Rd.</u>: This accident occurred on 08/18/14 at 6:47 p.m. The female operator entered the ditch area, hit a curb, and rolled the vehicle over. She was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected. Weather conditions included rain and clouds. Lax Chapel Rd. at Reichardt Rd.: This accident occurred on 10/11/14 at 7:22 p.m. The male operator was operating a motorcycle which left the roadway and entered the ditch. The operator was ejected.

Other Business: None.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Herrmann at 10:43 a.m., seconded Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Holly Herzog, Secretary