



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: January 12, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room B)
1025 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the commission may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public Comment
4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request to review crash history at the intersection at Dewey St. and Harbor Town Ln.
 - Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q.
5. Request for site evaluations:
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Appoint Nick Reimer as the Manitowoc Police Department representative replacing Tony Dick.
9. Next meeting date: April 19, 2016 at 10:00 am

Date: January 4, 2016

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 12, 2016

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Lynne Kaminski, Scott Nelson, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Collins, Nick Reimer, Michael Galvan, Marc Holsen, Scott Schneider, Rick Wolfe, Michael Panosh, Scott Luchterhand, and Holly Herzog

Excused: Larry Zimney and Bryan Ashenbrenner

Also in attendance: Mason Simmons and Kim Foust from WI DOT.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from October 13, 2015 meeting by Joe Collins, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review crash history at the intersection of Dewey St. and Harbor Town Lane. Nick Reimer reported that in the past 3 years 6 accidents occurred in 2013, 8 in 2014, and 8 in 2015. This intersection has the highest crash rate for the city of Manitowoc. Most accidents occur as drivers do not see oncoming traffic or pull-out thinking they have time. Most accidents are property damage; however, there were 2 personal injury accidents in 2013 and 4 in 2015.

This intersection is not wired for lights and adding them may cause congestion on Calumet Ave. The speed zone for eastbound traffic is 30 mph. Several factors were identified as contributing to the accidents including: very wide crossing (4 lanes), visibility limited, speed, and the close proximity to the Calumet Ave. intersection.

Barb Herrmann suggested a reevaluation of the speed limit. Nick Reimer and Scott Luchterhand stated they did not believe the ornamentation in the area blocked motorist's view. Scott Nelson suggested restricting access with a median. Scott Luchterhand suggested closing part of the road to force motorist to use alternate routes. Rick Wolfe suggested a stop sign instead of closing. Michael Panosh noted that more development in the immediate area might naturally slow traffic. It was also noted that Meijer is considering a new store which would likely increase traffic in this area.

Scott Nelson suggested decreasing speed along with public education as the first step. Nick Reimer stated they would place their speed trailer in the area to monitor eastbound and then westbound traffic to gather more information. Nick Reimer will also discuss the issue during his next radio appearance.

No recommendation at this time. Scott Nelson and Nick Reimer will work together to conduct speed study. This matter will be left up to the city and will not be placed on the next agenda unless requested to do so by the city of Manitowoc.

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. John Kropp and Scott Nelson visited the site in question. Scott Nelson stated it is a difficult issue as the intersection is skewed and vision is restricted by trees and a power pole. John Kropp will contact Wisconsin Public Service to see if the pole can be moved. Todd Hermann stated the land owner will not respond to his letters or phone calls. Todd Hermann will go to the land owner's home and try to talk to him about the removal of the trees. Having the Highway Department add a speed advisory sign was also discussed.

Request for Site Evaluations: None

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Michael Panosh reported that the HVEE (high visibility, education and enforcement) patrols have been taking place with favorable responses. The patrols will be out during the Super Bowl and on St. Patrick's Day.

State-wide there were 561 fatalities in 2015 as compared to 494 in 2014. Manitowoc County had 5 fatal accidents as compared to 11 in 2014 and 11 in 2013. Michael Panosh pointed out that the installation of roundabouts and increased enforcement may be having a positive impact.

A demonstration of Community Maps will be given at the next Traffic Safety meeting demonstrating how fatal accidents are mapped and connected to Google Earth for better analysis opportunities.

Recent Fatalities:

Centerville Rd/Rangeline Rd.: This accident occurred on November 30, 2015 when a young driver lost control of his vehicle and slid sideways into a utility pole. Roadway was wet and dark.

I43/USH 10: This accident occurred on December 1, 2015 and was witnessed by a deputy. Driver passed deputy on a snow and slush covered roadway, lost control, overturned, and was ejected. No seatbelt was used.

Other Business: A motion to appoint Nick Reimer to replace Tony Dick and Scott Luchterhand to replace Larry Zimney by Joe Collins, second by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Schneider at 10:54 a.m., second John Kropp; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: April 19, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room A)
1025 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220

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2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public Comment
 - Request by Matt Richmond to conduct a speed study on CORD B between the intersections of VV and V.
4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q.
5. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request by Mike Panosh to review speed limit coming into the village of Whitelaw. Can the speed limit be lowered further east when you are traveling west on USH 10.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
 - Demonstration of Community Maps
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Next meeting date: July 19, 2016 at 10:00 am

Date: April 12, 2016

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 19, 2016

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Scott Nelson, Rick Wolfe, Michael Panosh, Scott Luchterhand, Bryan Ashenbrenner, Allan Hibbard, Jason Orth, and Holly Herzog

Excused: Joseph Collins, Marc Holsen, Lynne Kaminski, and Scott Schneider.

Also in attendance: Marc Roesler from WI DOT.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from January 12, 2016 meeting by John Kropp, second by Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Public Input: *Request by Matt Richmond to conduct a speed study on CORD B between the intersections of VV and V.* Matt Richmond was unable to attend the meeting so this matter was tabled until July 19, 2016. Matt Richmond was notified and invited to attend this meeting.

Request for Site Evaluations: *Request by Mike Panosh to review speed limit coming into the village of Whitelaw. Can the speed limit be lowered further east when you are traveling west on USHY 10.* Mike reported that he spoke with the Village Trustees regarding this issue. Their concern was the speed going through the village and on the east side.

It was reported that this area would be included in a resurfacing project that would also reduce the embankment and vision obstruction in 2018. Scott Nelson looked at the crash history beginning in 2011 and found that the majority of vehicles involved were eastbound. Weather contributed to most of the crashes. Todd Hermann played a squad video of the area noting speed zone sign placement. Scott Nelson explained to justify a speed reduction the State's guideline is 5 driveways within 1000 feet. He also stated that step-down zones are not the best practice and a speed study could also show an increase for the posted limit. Speed boards will be used for one week on the west side and one week on the east side. Crash history does not warrant lowering limits as most accidents appear to be weather related.

A motion to recommend no action on lowering the speed limit on USHY 10 from CORD T to the village limits by Al Hibbard, second by John Kropp; motion carried

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. Todd Hermann reported that he was unable to contact the property owner regarding the removal of the 4 cedar trees. Contact was attempted by mail and in person. John Kropp stated that speed advisory signs were placed and flagged after the last meeting.

The Highway Department also contacted WPS to move the utility pole at that intersection. As the pole supports a main line the option would be to go underground at a cost of \$61,000. Buying additional right-of-way would probably not be practical as the property owner is not cooperating. The least expensive option is to lower the speed limit from the city of Manitowoc to STHY 310. A resolution was prepared for the next County Board meeting by the Highway Committee to lower the speed limit.

Several members of the Traffic Safety Commission expressed concern that the speed limit could be lowered without a speed study. It was also felt that compliance would be a major issue. It was also expressed that this reduction could decrease safety as driver's will expect that they have more time than they do if vehicles are not complying with the posted limit. It was also felt that this may set precedence for future areas of concern.

Motion by Bryan Ashenbrenner to recommend not lowering the speed limit at this time, but to allow time to see if the flagged advisory signs have any impact. A speed study should also be conducted to judge compliance, second by Jason Orth; motion carried.

Request to review crash history at the intersection of Dewey St. and Harbor Town Lane. Scott Luchterhand reported that speed boards were placed in this area. The results showed that 75% of the vehicles traveled between 20 and 25 mph in this 30 mph zone, 15 to 20% traveled less than 20 mph and only 5% traveled above 35 mph. Rick Wolfe still felt that the decorative elements caused a distraction for drivers. The majority of the accidents are from westbound traffic on Dewey St. crossing on Harbor Town Lane.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Michael Panosh demonstrated Community Maps. This website is available to the general public and shows fatal and personal injury accidents. Google maps have been incorporated to show location and terrain. Information is still being added to the website so it may not contain all accidents at this time. An interface is being developed with TRACS.

Scott Nelson demonstrated WisTransPortal which is available to law enforcement. This website has data beginning in 1994 and allows you to view the MV4000. It may take 2 to 3 months for crash data to be available on this website. Scott also stated that a new crash form will be implemented on January 1, 2017.

Act 308 will prohibit the use of cell phones in construction zones as of October 1, 2016. Operators must be physically using the phone with their hands.

Recent Fatalities: None

Next Meeting: July 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 11:11 a.m., second Jason Orth; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: July 19, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room A)
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3. Public Comment
4. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request by Matt Richmond to conduct a speed study on CORD B between the intersections of VV and V.
 - Request by Kiel School District to investigate the intersection of CORD AA (Park Ave.) and Meggers Road (6th St.) to determine if it can be designated as a hazardous transportation zone.
5. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Next meeting date: October 18, 2016 at 10:00 am

Date: June 27, 2016

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 19, 2016

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Scott Nelson, Rick Wolfe, Michael Panosh, Scott Luchterhand, Jason Orth, Marc Holsen, Lynne Kaminski, Scott Schneider, and Holly Herzog

Excused: Barb Herrmann and Bryan Ashenbrenner

Also in attendance: Nick Tyczkowski, Intern

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 19, 2016 meeting by Rick Wolfe, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Request for Site Evaluations: None

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request by Matt Richmond to conduct a speed study on CORD B between the intersections of VV and V. Matt Richmond was invited, but did not attend meeting. Jason Orth noted that the area is long, level, flat and wide. Input was received from a Manitowoc PD captain who lives in the area. He stated he did not feel there was a problem and hoped that the speed limit was not lowered. Scott Nelson stated it may meet the requirement of 5 residences within 1,000 feet; however, it was also noted that it is a rural area and certain expectations exist. Matt Richmond was previously advised to go to the town board for their input. This matter will be held open pending further information. Request tabled.

Request by Kiel School District to investigate the intersection of CORD AA (Park Ave.) and Meggers Road (6th St.) to determine if it can be designated as a hazardous transportation zone. John Kropp stated Two Rivers faced a similar problem and by restriping and creating pedestrian crossing zones they were able to solve the issue. Rick Wolfe stated there may be State funding associated with the designation which may be prompting the request. From 2006 to 2015 there were 6 accidents at this location. Todd Hermann will follow up with Benjamin Hill and Two Rivers PD. Request tabled.

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. Marc Holsen stated that changes will be made to CORD Q to handle the tower sections coming out of Broadwind. Semis with tower sections will be required to slow down to 5 mph when crossing bridges. Issues were discussed including restricting hours, escort vehicles, speed studies, and dangers of the slow moving semis. Broadwind was awarded a substantial contract which may affect this route for some time. Marc Holsen will continue to discuss issues with Broadwind. Request was tabled pending further information.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Michael Panosh reported that Manitowoc County has been very quiet with no fatal accidents, but the State of Wisconsin has 50 more fatalities than it did last year at this time. The Governor's Conference will be held in Green Bay this year, and the national mobilization for drunk driving will begin for Labor Day.

Scott Nelson stated training for the new MV4000 will be held in Green Bay and all are welcome to attend. The new MV4000 will go live January 1.

Rick Wolfe stated that Wisconsin is going to the 8 light system for school buses. Michael Panosh stated public service messages concerning this should be coming out as the new school year gets closer.

I43 should be open by Labor Day; however, next year may be worse with counter-directional traffic.

Recent Fatalities: None

Next Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 10:50 a.m., second Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: October 18, 2016
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
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1025 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220

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1. Call to Order
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4. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request from citizen (through Jim Brey) to lower the speed limit to 35 mph on CORD R in front of County Industrial Park.
5. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q.
 - Request by Matt Richmond to conduct a speed study on CORD B between the intersections of VV and V.
 - Request by Kiel School District to investigate the intersection of CORD AA (Park Ave.) and Meggers Road (6th St.) to determine if it can be designated as a hazardous transportation zone.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Appoint Sgt. Andrew Hyer to replace Sgt. Michael Galvan. Appoint Lt. Karen Elsenpeter as alternate to Joseph Collins replacing Shawn Engleman.
9. Next meeting date: January 17, 2017 at 10:00 am

Date: September 30, 2016

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 18, 2016

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Bryan Ashenbrenner, Joseph Collins, Barbara Herrmann, Allan Hibbard, Lynne Kaminski, Scott Nelson, Jason Orth, Michael Panosh, Scott Schneider, Rick Wolfe, Scott Luchterhand, and Judy Stahl

Excused: Holly Herzog, Marc Holsen, and Lynne Kaminski

Also in attendance: Thomas C. Fricke, citizen

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July 19, 2016 meeting by Scott Schneider, second by Allan Hibbard; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request by Thomas Fricke to lower the speed limit to 35 mph on CORD R in front of County Industrial Park. Thomas Fricke requested that the speed limit be lowered from 55 mph to 35 mph on County Road R near Redwood Dr. In addition, he believes the speed limit should be consistent all the way on North Rapids Road to Calumet Avenue as it changes several times while driving North to South. Discussion was held and it was noted while speeds in residential areas are 35 mph, this road has several areas that would allow for higher speeds in less populated areas. Therefore, it isn't feasible to keep the speed limit consistent throughout the entire length of the road. Motion was made by John Kropp to conduct a speed study and compile crash data for the area in question (CORD R / Redwood Dr.); seconded by Scott Schneider; motion carried. This matter will be held open pending further information. Request tabled.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request by Matt Richmond to conduct a speed study on CORD B between the intersection of VV and V. Matt Richmond did not attend the meeting. It was determined that there is no need for change based on the crash data. This item was resolved and can be removed from the agenda.

Request by Kiel School District to investigate the intersection of CORD AA (Park Ave.) and Meggers Road (6th St.) to determine if it can be designated as a hazardous transportation zone. Todd Hermann followed up with Benjamin Hill and Two Rivers PD. He provided the Kiel School District with the letter they requested. This item was resolved can be removed from the agenda.

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. No further information received and there are no recommendations at this time. This item can be removed from agenda until new information is received.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Michael Panosh reported that Wisconsin has had 463 fatalities so far in 2016, up from 446 at this same time last year. The 5 year average for the state is 440. Manitowoc County only had 2 fatalities so far this year compared to 5 at the same time last year. The 5 year average for the county is 10.

The OWI Task Force will continue, it has been very successful and grant money will again be provided for additional officer hours.

The new law regarding cell phone use in construction areas is in effect. Drivers can't use phone to head (ear) while driving through construction zones.

Recent Fatalities:

09/11/16 - a single vehicle drifted off the roadway and hit a culvert in the Town of Two Rivers (Viceroy Rd./Sandy Hill Ln.) The 78 year old driver was not wearing a seat belt. The odor of intoxicants was detected, however, results from the Coroner are not back yet.

10/03/16 – Car vs. Semi in the Village of Mishicot. Driver of car failed to yield from stop sign to semi on STHY 147 and CORD B. Victim was driver of car; 59 years old from out of state; not familiar with area. No history of crashes prior to this crash.

Appointments:

Sgt. Andrew Hyer to replace Sgt. Michael Galvan. Motion by Bryan Ashenbrenner; second by Jason Orth; motion carried.

Lt. Karen Elsenpeter as alternate to Joseph Collins replacing Shawn Engelman. Motion by Joseph Collins; second by Scott Schneider; motion carried.

Upcoming Event:

Scott Nelson indicated that the T.I.M.E. meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office, Conference Room A.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Collins at 10:39 a.m.; second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Submitted by: Judy Stahl