

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 19, 2021

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Jason Orth, Robert Barbier, Steven Denzien, Daniel Hartwig, Allan Hibbard, Greg Grotegut, Andrew Hyer, Mike Polich, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Rick Olig BOTS, and Joshua Falk (telephone) WI DOT NE Region

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Jason Orth.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Steven Denzien, second by Dan Hartwig; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Welcome: Greg Grotegut will be replacing Marc Holsen for County Highway and Joshua Falk, PE will be replacing Scott Nelson for the WI DOT NE Region.

Site Evaluations:

CORD X and CORD A: Greg Grotegut stated this intersection has been reviewed. Dual stop signs and rumble strips were present at this intersection. The rumble strips have been refreshed and dual stop ahead signs with flags have been added. Stop signs have also been updated with reflective markers.

Injury accidents occurring at this intersection were reviewed and it was found that most drivers stopped and then pulled out into on-coming traffic. Vegetation and obstructions were checked and the intersection was found to be clear and vision was not impaired.

Joshua Falk stated the best option would be to add "cross traffic does not stop" signs below the stop sign on the right side if the committee wanted to take additional action.

Dan Hartwig made a motion to recommend the addition of a sign "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" below the stop sign on the right side, second by Greg Grotegut; motion carried.

CORD K and CORD T 4-Way Stop: Greg Grotegut reported that the Village of Kellnersville has not added any stop signs to this intersection and will be placing this issue on the April ballot as a referendum. Matter tabled pending outcome of referendum.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Rick Olig reported that Manitowoc County had 9 fatal accidents with 10 deaths in 2020 as compared to 15 in 2019. Property damage accidents were down in 2020. Statewide there were 550 fatal accidents in 2019 and 596 in 2020. The five year crash history was reviewed for fatal crash sites. Predictive Analytics for high crash probability areas based on the previous 3 years were reviewed with all 5 sites identified being located in the City of Manitowoc. High crash probability based on speed, distracted driving, alcohol, drugs and safety equipment violations produced 3 spots also within the City of Manitowoc. Two enforcement grants are being offered this year focusing on occupant protection and speed. Crash Mapping is currently at 99% which assists DOT in analysis and planning. Agencies wishing specialized analysis or have media requests can send requests to CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov.

Legislative Update: LRB-1284 will allow 15 year olds to apply for an instruction permit, and LRB1338 will allow for "Cocktails To Go" allowing Class B licensees to sell cocktails in sealed containers with a tamper evident seal.

Joshua Falk reported construction projects for 2020 include installation of cable guard on I43 N of CORD K in April. Overlay on I43 from the north county line to the south county line in July with single lane closures. Overlay will also be placed on STHY 67 from Sheboygan County to STHY 32/57 near Kiel. The final project was USHY 151 which will be milled and paved in June from STHY 67 to Valders.

Recent Fatalities:

August 30, 2020 – Lakeshore Dr. / Jefferson Ave., Cleveland. Motorcycle operator lost control. Passenger was ejected and died as a result of the crash. Alcohol was a factor

September 19, 2020 – CORD CR / Silver Creek Rd. Younger driver (19 YO) lost control and was ejected. Sole operator died. No seatbelt worn.

November 22, 2020 – Tannery Rd. Subject was off-loading equipment from a trailer in the dark with no lights on the back of the trailer. Vehicle operator hit trailer causing vehicle to go up trailer becoming airborne and rolling several times upon impacted. Sole operator died.

November 25, 2020 – CORD A / CORD X. This accident was discussed earlier in the meeting. Vehicle operator pulled into the intersection and was struck by a semi-truck. Two passengers died.

November 26, 2020 – CORD X / Centerville Rd. Vehicle ran off the roadway and collided with a tree. Alcohol was a factor. Sole operator died.

December 30, 2020 – Polifka Rd. / Popelar Rd. Tractor in lane of traffic conducting snow removal in the dark with no lighting to the rear. Passenger car rear ended tractor and the operator of the tractor died. Wisconsin State Patrol is completing reconstruction and investigation.

January 7, 2021 – I43. A serious personal injury accident occurred where a young woman collided with the end of a guardrail on I43 causing her vehicle to roll over and her ejection. She sustained life threatening injuries, but recently regained consciousness.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn at 10:45 am by Daniel Hartwig, second Greg Grotegut; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary