



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: January 19, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room A)
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. Welcome Greg Grotegut (replacing Marc Holsen)
4. Public Comment
5. Request for site evaluations:
- CORD X and CORD A intersection
6. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
- CORD K and CORD T intersection Kellnersville
7. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
8. Report on recent fatalities.
9. Next meeting date: April 20, 2021 at 10:00 am

Date: January 5, 2021

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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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



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: April 20, 2021

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9. Next meeting date: July 20, 2021 at 10:00 am

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 20, 2021

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Jason Orth, Robert Barbier, Greg Grotegut, Brian Kohlmeier, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Rick Olig BOTS, and Mason Simmons PE (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 Greg Grotegut, second by Rick Olig; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Site Evaluations:

CORD K and CORD T: Greg Grotegut stated the Village of Kellnersville has decided to leave the intersection as a two-way stop. The Village had a referendum on the April ballot resulting in no change to the current intersection. Greg Grotegut stated information was given to the Village about cost and maintenance of lighted stop signs. Jason Orth stated as Village authorities decided not to move forward with prior TSC recommendations he would accept a motion for taking no further action in accordance with the referendum results.

A motion was made based on the information provided by the Village of Kellnersville to take no further action on the intersection of CORD K and CORD T by Greg Grotegut, second by Brian Kohlmeier; motion carried.

Appoint Mason Simmons PE to replace Joshua Falk: Motion to appoint Mason Simmons PE to the Manitowoc County Traffic Safety Commission by Rick Olig, second by Greg Grotegut; motion carried.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Rick Olig reported that crash statistics for the 1st quarter show 361 accidents (deer not included) so far for 2021 as compared to 376 for 2020. Speed and age continue to be contributing factors. Fatal accidents so far this year are 106 compared to 117 in 2020. Total fatal accidents for 2020 were 598 as compared to 550 in 2019. Predictive analytics were also discussed based on crash data. Mobilizations for 2021 included Click-It or Ticket running from May 24th through June 6th and Drive Sober running August 20th through September 6th and December 17th through January 1st.

Legislative updates can be found on the Community Maps website under TSC Resources – Legislative Summary. A sample of the information available was shown. The upcoming Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held August 17th – 19th and will be virtual.

Mason Simmons stated a request was received to add a traffic light at STHY 42 and 12th St. in the City of Two Rivers near McDonalds. Brian Kohlmeier stated this a difficult location as drivers coming over the bridge may not see cars stopped at that intersection and there is a curve coming from the other direction. Mason Simmons stated the request will be forwarded to the appropriate local agency.

Recent Fatalities:

February 8, 2021 – I43 NB / Middle Rd. Single vehicle rollover. Operator was inattentive and driving too fast for conditions on icy road. An 8 YO child not wearing a seatbelt was ejected and died as a result of the accident. Operator charged with homicide by intoxicated use of vehicle, operating while revoked causing death, inattentive driving, operating motor vehicle without insurance, and homicide by use of a vehicle with PAC.

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

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

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



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 - Town of Centerville requesting site evaluation for the intersection of CORD XX and S Union Road – Stemper driveway request.
 - CORD VV / STHY 42 intersection review for safety enhancements.
5. Discussion regarding ATV's and UTV's on County roads.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Next meeting date: October 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: July 14, 2021

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July 20, 2021

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Jason Orth, Robert Barbier, Greg Grotegut, Brian Kohlmeier, David Funkhouser, Dan Hartwig, Andrew Hyer, Brian Nack, Mike Polich, Julie Reimer, Mason Simmons, Dave Nickels, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Rick Olig - BOTS, James Falkowski – Manitowoc County Board, Lori Hansen – Village of Maribel, Paul Granger – Mishicot Police Dept, and Jason Freiboth – Manitowoc Police Dept.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Jason Orth.

Minutes: No changes to the previous meeting minutes which were distributed via email.

Public Input: James Falkowski who represents the Maribel area stated the Village of Maribel is requesting a speed reduction for CORD Z from I43 to Pleasant Road. Falkowski stated this area is a TIF District that has seen the addition of a convenience store/restaurant, two trucking companies and in the future a cheese factory. A petition of 125 signatures was previously provided to the commission. Lori Hansen from the Village stated it is hard for the trucking companies to exit their driveways and several close calls have occurred. The Village would like to lower the speed from 55 mph to 45 mph in this area to increase safety.

James Falkowski added for consideration during the discussion on ATV/UTVs that he has heard from constituents about ATV/UTVs operating on County highways. He suggested that the Traffic Safety Commission consider a request process for all townships to follow. He suggested that we only allow limited stretches on County highways to allow operators to move around more easily.

Site Evaluations:

Village of Maribel requesting a speed reduction from 55 mph to 45 mph on CORD Z from Pleasant Road to I43: Jason Orth reviewed accident statistic for the area in question. Crash data showed several property damage accidents occurring in the parking lot of the convenience store and one injury accident in the last five years. No accidents resulted from speed and the crash data does not justify a speed reduction for present conditions.

Falkowski pointed out that close calls are not reflected in the crash data. It was noted that more businesses are coming to the area including possibly another trucking company and cheese factory. Extreme Trucking is also looking to expand.

Greg Grotegut stated changing the speed limit would only involve changing signs for the Highway Department.

Dan Hartwig made a motion to refer this area to the Department of Transportation for a speed study, second by Brian Nack; motion carried.

Town of Centerville requesting site evaluation for the intersection of CORD XX and S Union Road Stemper driveway request. Greg Grotegut stated the County Highway Department denied the driveway request as submitted. An excavating company purchased land at this location and wishes to enter/exit the property directly onto CORD XX. The area in question is 300' from the intersection with S Union Rd. a controlled access area.

Mason Simmons stated the State did investigate this area and coming from the east sight distance is hampered by a vertical curve and bowl. Simmons stated installing a driveway at that location would create a safety issue. Exiting the property onto the Town road would be the safer option.

Greg Grotegut stated with input from the Department of Transportation he motions to deny the driveway request, second by Brian Nack; motion carried.

CORD VV/ STHY 42 intersection review: This site evaluation was discussed later in the meeting with recent fatalities.

ATV/UTV Use on County Highways: Greg Grotegut wished to discuss this topic as all townships have ordinances that vary and he has received requests to operate on County Highways. Information from Brown County Highway Department was distributed regarding their policy. Concerns and options were discussed. Rick Olig pointed out that once you open it up it is difficult to go back, and sometimes ATVs simply have to be trailered for safety. Olig suggested having a County ordinance and a plan to determine the application and review process.

Brian Kohlmeier stated riding ATV/UTVs has been brought up in the City of Two Rivers, but there is no way to get into Two Rivers except by County or State Highway. If operation on County Highways was allowed it would be an issue for the cities as well.

Some concerns brought up included: valid driver's licenses, insurance issues, under reporting of ATV/UTV accidents, signage and noise. It was also noted that most ATV fatalities are on roadways and not on trails.

Motion by Brian Nack to table discussion and invite Warden Darren Kuhn an expert on ATV/UTVs to attend the October meeting for further discussion, second by Brian Kohlmeier; motion carried.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Rick Olig reported 266 fatal accidents so far in 2021 as compared to 292 for 2020. Some areas of concern include I43 at Fischer Creek Rd with 37 crashes in the last 5 years including 9 personal injury and one fatal. STHY 42 at CORD VV had 4 crashes in the last 5 years with 3 of those being in 2021. The Governor's Conference will be held virtually August 17-19th. Community Map changes were discussed along with the Legislative Summary. See attached Power Point from Rick Olig.

Recent Fatalities:

June 8, 2021 I43 NB at Fischer Creek Road. 24 YO male rear-ended a vehicle, crossed the median and hit a tree. Road and weather conditions were good. High speed was a contributing factor and no seatbelt was worn. Mason Simmons stated cable barriers will be added to this stretch of I43.

July 5, 2021 USHY 10 at CORD P. 86 YO male pulled out in front of milk truck. Male died at the scene. Poor vision of the victim may have contributed.

July 10, 2021 CORD VV at STHY 42. Out-of-town female operator failed to stop at the stop sign and was struck by a SB truck. Female operator and 7 YO child died as a result of crash. Intersection currently has dual stop signs. The State DOT reviewed this intersection finding the stop ahead signs had faded and an Adopt a Highway sign should be relocated. Mason Simmons also suggested adding another stop sign and 4' white tube delineators to draw attention and route vehicles appropriately. Pavement markings should also be repainted. Greg Grotegut stated this area has

been scheduled and will be repainted in 2021. Stop ahead signs will be replaced. Cross-traffic does not stop signs could also be added to existing signage.

Motion by Brian Kohlmeier to add cross traffic does not stop signs to existing stop signs, second by Dave Funkhouser; motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Olig, second by Dave Funkhouser; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Holly Herzog, Secretary



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9. Appoint Rick Olig to replace Michael Panosh from WI DOT BOTS
Appoint Jason Freiboth to replace Robert Barbier from Manitowoc Police Department
10. Next meeting date: January 18, 2022 at 10:00 am

Date: October 4, 2021

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Jason Orth, Robert Barbier, Greg Grotegut, Dan Hartwig, Brian Nack, Mike Polich, Steven Denzien, Barb Herrmann, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Rick Olig - BOTS, James Falkowski – Manitowoc County Board, Lori Hansen – Village of Maribel, Paul Granger – Mishicot Police Dept., Jason Freiboth – Manitowoc Police Dept., Darren Kuhn – WI DNR, and Eric Sikorski – WIS DOT NE Region.

Excused: Julie Reimer and Dave Funkhouser

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Jason Orth.

Minutes: No changes to the previous meeting minutes which were distributed via email.

Appointment of Members: Rick Olig will be replacing Michael Panosh who has been reassigned and will no longer be attending meetings for WI DOT BOTS.

Motion to appoint Rick Olig to replace Michael Panosh by Michael Polich, second by Greg Grotegut; motion carried.

Jason Freiboth will be replacing Robert Barbier who is retiring. Jason will represent the Manitowoc Police Department.

Motion to appoint Jason Freiboth to replace Robert Barbier by Greg Grotegut, second by Steven Denzien; motion carried.

Public Input: Lori Hansen stated the Village of Maribel would still like a reduction in speed from 55 to 45 mph from I43 to the Village limits where the speed limit is 35 mph. She explained that Advance Transport is expanding and Xtreme trucking is becoming more active. The glare from the sun at sunset is also bad decreasing visibility by the hill and driveways.

James Falkowski stated he was advocating for the reduction in speed and cited concerned citizens. He also stated near misses are not reflected in the crash data, but should be taken into consideration.

Site Evaluations:

Village of Maribel requesting a speed reduction from 55 mph to 45 mph on CORD Z from Pleasant Road to I43: Greg Grotegut stated the Highway Department hired K&L Engineering to do a speed study in this area at a cost of \$1,500. Results were sent to the WI DOT for interpretation. Eric Sikorski from WI DOT NE Region stated the State bases their recommendations on the 85th percentile. The study showed that 85% of the people are traveling at 55 mph. If the speed was reduced to 45 mph it is estimated that 40% of the people would comply. We should also expect an increase in crashes as speed differential drives an increase in accidents.

Greg Grotegut spoke with the owner of Xtreme Trucking and the owner had valid concerns. Brian Nack stated MTSO did a site visit and felt Advance Trucking had an even greater issue as they are hauling oversized loads, are closer to the hill, and have narrow driveways causing trucks to block both lanes when exiting.

Barb Herrmann questioned if the current two lane road has the capacity to handle the increase in traffic and expanding businesses. She also questioned the availability of enforcement if the speed limit was changed.

Lori Hansen pointed out that a farmer's market also opened closer to the village on CORD Z. Robert Barbier added that through personal observation it appears traffic is moving too fast.

Motion by Greg Grotegut to reduce the speed limit from 55 to 45 mph from I43 to the 35 mph sign near the village on CORD Z, second by Brian Nack; motion carried.

Greg Grotegut will take this recommendation to the Highway Committee for their meeting on November 9th.

CORD VV/STHY 42 Intersection Review: Greg Grotegut reported that all safety enhancements discussed at the last meeting have been implemented and completed.

Motion by Rick Olig to take no further action on this request, second by Dan Hartwig; motion carried.

ATV and UTV Discussion: Darren Kuhn from the WI DNR spoke about current laws and issues regarding allowing ATVs and UTVs on town roads and county highways. Michael Polich stated that all but 3 jurisdictions have opened their town roads to ATV/UTV use. A request was received by Greg Grotegut to allow ATV/UTV use on county roads.

Warden Kuhn stated that the majority of fatalities involving ATV/UTVs are on roads and not on the trails. He also explained that ATV/UTVs do not come with turn signals so hand signals must be used. He explained that ATV/UTV tires are not designed for pavement and can contribute to operators losing control. Ejections are also common as operators do not use seatbelts as required. Helmets are required for persons under 18 years of age. Warden Kuhn explained that you cannot enforce the use of ATV/UTVs like regular vehicles on the road as they have their own set of rules and will require extra training for law enforcement officers. Wardens can only enforce State laws and will not enforce town ordinances.

Motion by Greg Grotegut to not allow ATV/UTVs on County roads, second by Steven Denzien; motion carried.

Greg Grotegut will also take this recommendation to the Highway Committee.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Rick Olig reported 488 fatal accidents so far in 2021 as compared to 486 for 2020. Overall statistics show that accidents involving older drivers have increased and distracted drivers have decreased when compared to last year. Upcoming mobilizations for Drive Sober will take place on August 20 – September 6th and December 17 – January 1st. Community Maps and the Legislative Summary were also discussed.

Recent Fatalities:

October 1, 2021 at CORD R and Berringer Rd. A single female operator lost control resulting in a rollover crash and her ejection. Operator was not wearing a seatbelt and dense fog did exist at the time of the crash. Operator impairment is suspected.

October 10, 2021 at CORD XX and Pioneer Rd. A motorcycle passed a vehicle losing control and overturning. Operator was ejected and suffered traumatic brain injury. Operator was not wearing a helmet.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn by Greg Grotegut, second by Jason Freiboth; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Holly Herzog, Secretary