



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room A)  
1025 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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  - Site evaluation for USHY 151 and CORD W intersection
5. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Appoint Gary Mueller to replace John Kropp.  
Accept resignations of Allan Hibbard and Julie Reimer.  
Appoint Sgt. Dan Diedrich to replace Sgt Andrew Hyer
8. Report on recent fatalities.
9. Next meeting date: April 19, 2022 at 10:00 am

Date: January 4, 2022

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Jason Orth, Dan Hartwig, Brian Nack, Mike Polich, Steven Denzien, Barb Herrmann, Jason Freiboth, David Funkhouser, Brian Kohlmeier, Rick Olig, Dave Nickels, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Eric Sikorski – WIS DOT NE Region, Gary Mueller – County Highway, Daniel Diedrich – WI State Patrol, Jamie Aulik – City of Kiel, and Curtis Green – Coroner

Excused: Greg Grotegut

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

**Minutes:** Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Brian Kohlmeier, second by David Funkhouser; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Jack Lechler from the City of Kiel spoke via telephone about the need to reduce the speed on STHY 67 through the City of Kiel from 45 mph to 35 mph. Lechler indicated there has been substantial growth over the years with Sargento, apartment buildings being added, numerous new businesses, and a Kwik Trip. The area of concern is 1.23 miles in length and based on calculations the reduction in speed would cause a 28 second difference in travel time for this length of highway.

Jamie Aulik, City Administrator for Kiel confirmed the substantial growth and stated it warrants study and possibly a reduction in speed.

Chief David Funkhouser also confirmed growth and stated complainants have been received regarding vehicles failing to yield for the cross walk.

Eric Sikorski, DOT stated their speed study person is Rod Hamilton.

**Appointment of Members:** Motion to appoint Gary Mueller by Barb Herrmann to replace John Kropp, second by Michael Polich; motion carried.

Motion to appoint Dan Diedrich by Rick Olig to replace Andrew Hyer, second by Brian Kohlmeier; motion carried.

Motion to appoint Curt Green by Brian Kohlmeier, second by David Funkhouser; motion carried.

Resignations of Allan Hibbard and Julie Reimer accepted.

### **Site Evaluations:**

**City of Kiel requesting speed study on STHY 67 within the City limits:** Discussed under Public Comments section.

Motion by Dan Hartwig to move forward with speed study and review of crash data, second by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

This request from the City of Kiel and recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission was forwarded to Rod Hamilton.

**Review USHY 151 and CORD W intersection:** A complaint was received regarding an increase of southbound traffic on CORD W failing to stop for the stop sign at the t-intersection with USHY 151. Crash history information was provided by Mason Simmons and emailed with the agenda to Commission members. He indicated rumble strips may be an option to increase awareness.

Gary Mueller agreed that rumble strips would be possible if recommended. Noise is always a concern, but not many houses are located in this area. The Highway Department also improved the site triangles by working with local farmers. This stretch of highway is not scheduled for improvement by the Highway Department at this time, but rumble strips could be added if recommended by the Traffic Safety Commission and approved by the Highway Commission. CORD W currently has a double stop ahead sign, double stop signs, and a large yellow arrow sign.

Upon reviewing accident data Rick Olig pointed out that 12 out of 20 accidents involved failure to stop.

Motion by Barb Herrmann to recommend the installation of rumble strips in the indicated area, second by Jason Freiboth; motion carried. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Manitowoc County Highway Commission for their review.

**DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Rick Olig reported 18 fatal accidents so far in 2022 statewide. Last year there were 600 as compared to 593 in 2020. In 2021 there were 1,484 crashes in Manitowoc County which was up from 1,359 in 2020. Injuries also increased from 438 in 2020 to 490 in 2021. Rick Olig also discussed upcoming mobilizations, predictive analytics, and legislative updates. See attached presentation printout.

**Recent Fatalities:**

October 27, 2021 at STHY 147 and Sturm Rd. A single male on a motorcycle attempting to pass a car, lost control, left roadway and was ejected. Victim was not wearing a helmet. Alcohol was not a factor.

November 12, 2021 at I43 and Zander Rd. A single male attempting to pass, lost control, rolled, and was ejected. Victim was not wearing a seatbelt and died 23 days after initial accident. Subject was arrested for OWI and cited for other traffic violations on the date of the crash.

November 15, 2021 at CORD K and I43. Single male exited I43 slowed for stop sign at CORD K and pulled out in front of a large truck. Driver error.

January 5, 2022 at I43 and MM 160. Southbound vehicle lost control, hit the cable barrier, and rolled over. Child sitting in rear passenger seat died. Crash is still under investigation and it is undetermined if child was properly restrained in seat. Winter road conditions were present. Accident was investigated by the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn by Barb Herrmann, second by Rick Olig; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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Appoint Sgt. Justin Hansen to replace Sgt. Daniel Diedrich.
4. Public Comment
5. Request for site evaluations:
  - Site evaluation S 10<sup>th</sup> St. on the east side of the 4200 block
  - Site evaluation CORD NN at Man-Cal Road
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April 19, 2022

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Jason Orth, Dan Hartwig, Barb Herrmann, Jason Freiboth, David Funkhouser, Curt Green, Greg Grotegut, Todd Blaser, Gary Mueller, Mason Simmons, Rick Olig, Dave Nickels, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Derek Schroeder and Kortney Klipstine WISDOT interns

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

**Minutes:** Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Dan Hartwig, second by Gregg Grotegut; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mason Simmons introduced Derek Schroeder and Kortney Klipstine interns for the Wisconsin DOT.

**Appointment of Members:** Motion to appoint Todd Blaser, replacing Gregg Kadow, and Sgt. Justin Hansen, replacing Sgt. Dan Diedrich, to the Traffic Safety Commission by Dave Funkhouser, second by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

### **Site Evaluations:**

**S 10<sup>th</sup> St. on the east side of the 4200 block:** Correspondence was received from the Town requesting a review of this location and addition of a street light near the curve. Jason Orth did not observe anything significant or unusual on this stretch of highway. Jason Orth contacted Wisconsin Public Service and was informed that any requests for an additional light must come from the municipality. A three year contract is required and any costs associated with the light must be covered by the municipality at a cost of \$14.35 per month for a 100W LED or \$22.75 per month for a 250W LED. Greg Grotegut stated the town informed him they do not want to pay for the additional light. The County will not cover the cost as crash data does not warrant it and there is nothing unusual in this area that would create a safety hazard. Dave Nickels stated he is familiar with this area and excessive speed has always been an issue which was already addressed with a speed reduction.

Motion by Greg Grotegut to deny the addition of a street light at this location, second by Jason Freiboth; motion carried.

**CORD NN at Man-Cal Road:** Greg Grotegut was contacted by the landowner at this location stating people are leaving the roadway at the curve and striking his trees which are beyond the highway right of way. Crash data does not indicate a problem at this location. Mason Simmons stated a comparison of how the road was built and what speed the road was designed for should be completed. Depending on the results there may be funds available to fund improvements or corrections. Chevrons may be a possible solution to increase awareness.

Motion to table matter until information can be gathered by Greg Grotegut; second by Jason Orth; motion carried.

**City of Kiel requesting speed study on STHY 67 within the City limits:** Mason Simmons stated the speed study will be completed in Spring as soon as the weather permits. Results should be available by the end of summer.

Motion to table matter until study can be completed by Dave Funkhouser, second by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

**Review USHY 151 and CORD W intersection:** Greg Grotegut stated rumble strips were installed at this location and the request is completed.

**DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Rick Olig reported there have been 135 fatal accidents in 2022 as compared to 112 in 2021. Distracted driving numbers have gone up, but this could be due to changes made allowing for better documentation. Community Maps was improved. The seatbelt flag has been changed to include restraint equipment only and will no longer include motorcycle helmets or eye protection. Impaired driving was combined including alcohol and drugs. The Click It or Ticket mobilization will run over Memorial Day weekend. Speed grants have been distributed. The Governor's Conference will be held August 29-31 in Wisconsin Dells. BOTS has divided attention/impairment goggles available for use at events if agencies request them in advance. DRE classes are coming up which include funds for those attending and funds to backfill vacancies while participants attend. Legislative updates were also reviewed. See attached presentation printout.

**Recent Fatalities:**

January 28, 2022 at 9:48 am on STHY 57 and STHY 32. A 24 YO male was struck by a second vehicle. Driver failing to stop for stop sign was impaired and was not wearing a seatbelt. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

March 25, 2022 at 4:46 am on W Hillcrest Road. Early morning icy conditions. A 70 YO female not wearing a seatbelt lost control of her vehicle, entered the ditch and overturned. She was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. No crash history at this location and visibility was not obstructed.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Olig, second by Greg Grotegut; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



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8. Next meeting date: October 18, 2022 at 10:00 am

Date: July 12, 2022

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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July 19, 2022

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Barb Herrmann, Jason Freiboth, David Funkhouser, Greg Grotegut, Todd Blaser, Gary Mueller, Mason Simmons, Rick Olig, James Falkowski, Steven Denzien, Brian Kohlmeier, Michael Polich, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: WSP Sgt Henry Glick; Conner Wendricks, WISDOT intern; and Officer Jacob Schweigl, Cleveland PD. Citizens: Judith Perlman and Sue Conatses.

Excused: Jason Orth, Dan Hartwig, Brian Nack, Curt Green and Justin Hansen.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Michael Polich.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Steven Denzien, second by Rick Olig; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Judith Perlman and Sue Conatses from the Village of Cleveland commented on the dangerous conditions on CORD LS near Lincoln Ave. Sue stated they were looking for options to control speed on CORD LS as the speed limit is 35 mph and 68% of the vehicles were exceeding that based on Sue's calculations. The area is very popular with pedestrians and bicyclists, and there is no shoulder for them to get off the roadway and a 4 foot ditch. She was very concerned that someone will be hit by a car and wanted to discuss preventive measures.

Judith is a 30 year resident and stated it is the worse it has ever been. She stated speed has always been a problem and with no shoulder, so many pedestrians, many non-residents driving/walking between the parks, and all the deer it presents a very dangerous situation. Judith stated if you go the speed limit you will be passed and residents are afraid to slow down to enter their driveways as cars tailgate and approach quickly.

### **Site Evaluations:**

#### **CORD LS at Lincoln Ave, Cleveland:**

Brian Kohlmeier inquired of Judith and Sue if they had brought their concerns to the Village Board. Judith stated they have and were informed that it is a County highway and their police force is down to one officer. Judith stated they would like a speed study. Officer Schweigl from the Village of Cleveland stated they have a speed board which does collect data. Officer Schweigl will attempt to download that data.

Greg Grotegut stated the Highway Department looked at the intersection, removed brush, and replaced a stop ahead sign. Lt. Polich reported that since 2010 the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office has only assisted with 2 accidents in this area. The Cleveland Police Department reported 6 accidents in the last 10 years.

Greg Grotegut stated road reconstruction within the village must go through the Village Board. This section of CORD LS is scheduled to be milled and repaved in 2026. If the Village wants to add sidewalks and a bike trail they would have to buy the right-of-way from the residents. The Board pointed out that most of the funds for these improvements would come from the Village.



Rick Olig stated that a speed study may recommend raising the speed limit and they should be aware of that.

Motion by Brian Kohlmeier to recommend a speed study for CORD LS at Lincoln Ave to evaluate the area, second by Dave Funkhouser; motion carried.

#### **Site Evaluations:**

**CORD NN at Man-Cal Road:** Greg Grotegut reported that the Highway Department has been working with the DOT. The roadway was examined and they found the slope and radius to be subpar, but met the requirements for 45 mph. An advanced warning sign and chevrons will be installed.

Motion by Greg Grotegut to install chevrons and advisory 45 mph sign, second by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

**City of Kiel requesting speed study on STHY 67 within the City limits:** Mason Simmons stated the speed study has been completed. DOT is currently drafting a memo and conducting an internal review. Results should be provided to the City of Kiel soon.

**DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Rick Olig reported there have been 293 fatal accidents in 2022 as compared to 270 in 2021. There have been 13 crashes in a construction zone in 2022 compared to 0 in 2021. Of the 13 crashes 9 have taken place on I43 involving 4 commercial vehicles. Most of these accidents occurred between 0700-1100 hrs and 1600 hrs.

Community Maps have been updated adding flag filters for aggressive, ATV/UTV, helmet, intersection, and school bus. Upcoming events include Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over August 17 – September 5, Child Passenger Safety Week September 19-25, Governor's Conference August 29-31 and Speed Awareness Day July 27. See attached PowerPoint by Rick Olig.

#### **Recent Fatalities:**

July 2, 2022 on I43 SB north of Carstens Lake Rd involved mechanical failure on a Jeep Wrangler. The Jeep lost a rear wheel causing the driver to lose control. The vehicle rolled and ejected the victim. The victim was not wearing a seatbelt. Two other individuals had seatbelts on and only suffered minor injury.

Mason Simmons indicated that seatbelt compliance is at 86% which indicates a downward trend. A review of recent fatalities showed that 44% of those killed were not wearing their seatbelt.

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

Motion to adjourn by Barbara Herrmann, second by James Falkowski; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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Date: October 3, 2022

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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October 18, 2022

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Jason Freiboth, Greg Grotegut, Todd Blaser, Mason Simmons, James Falkowski, Steven Denzien, Brian Kohlmeier, Michael Polich, Jason Orth, Justin Hansen, Dan Hartwig, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Randy Wiessinger, WI DOT and Paul Granger, Mishicot PD

Excused: Barb Herrmann, Dave Funkhouser, and Rick Olig

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Jason Orth.

**Minutes:** No changes noted. Minutes will stand as written.

**Public Comment:** None

**Requests for Site Evaluations:** None

### **Site Evaluations:**

**City of Kiel requesting speed study on STHY 67 within the City limits:** The speed study for the City of Kiel was completed by the WI DOT, and results were given to City Administrator Jamie Aulik. A copy of the speed study is attached to these minutes. The study concluded that the 45 mph speed limit is appropriate for this location.

Motion to accept study results with no further action by Greg Grotegut, second by Steven Denzien; motion carried.

### **CORD LS at Lincoln Ave, Cleveland:**

Mason Simmons received and analyzed the data provided by the Cleveland PD from their speed board. Based on this data the numbers would justify a speed increase not a decrease as requested. Mason Simmons stated the DOT will take no further action on this request.

Greg Grotegut stated if the citizens are looking for a trail the Highway Department would not create or maintain any trails within the village limits. The village would be responsible for funding, creating, and maintaining it. Information was sent to the village of Cleveland regarding this matter. Crash data does not justify any changes to the speed limit.

Motion to take no action on speed study based on initial data by Greg Grotegut, second by Brian Kohlmeier; motion carried.

**DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Randy Wiessinger reported 8 fatal crashes in Manitowoc County in 2022. Manitowoc County's average for this time of year is 10. Wisconsin has had 470 in 2022 compared to 492 in 2021. Motorcycle fatal crashes are down 36%. DOT-BOTS is working to improve data focusing on distracted driving and contributing actions. Accident data is used to determine funding for enforcement and grants. Community Maps provides access to this data in real-time which is not available in most other states.

Zero in Wisconsin stands for zero preventable deaths. The State is working to adopt a new mind set referred to as the Safe System Approach: safe road users, safe vehicles (equipment), safe speeds, safe roads (engineering), and post-crash care (EMS). Education and training will be forth-coming.

DOT is focusing on teen driver education and has developed a customizable PowerPoint presentation which is available to law enforcement. Thumb drives are available to agencies requesting them. DRE training has also been scheduled for April and October.

Mason Simmons indicated that seatbelt compliance is at 87.5%. Prior to COVID men were at 91% and women were at 93%. The 12% not wearing a seatbelt make up half of the victims in fatal crashes.

Delayed recovery is being recommended if vehicles are out of the lane of traffic and do not pose a safety risk. Delayed recovery allows agencies to remove the vehicles during quiet hours avoiding rush hour and other high traffic times thereby increasing safety.

**Recent Fatalities:**

08/06/22: I43 near Schley Rd, Cooperstown. A group of motorcycles riding through a construction zone encountered merging traffic. Solo motorcyclist entered median and lost control. Victim was not wearing a helmet and had an expired endorsement. Operator died of his injuries.

08/31/22: I43 near CORD XX, Centerville. An 88 YO female not wearing a seatbelt, left her lane of travel and ran into a parked truck. Parked vehicle had proper lighting and signage. Operator died of her injuries.

09/22/22: CORD C near Rangeline Rd, Liberty. A manure truck was parked on the side of the roadway with proper lighting and signage. Victim ran into the rear of the truck and succumbed to his injuries. The sun is believed to have been a contributing factor in reducing visibility.

10/01/22: CORD X near STHY 67, Schleswig. Pedestrian was in the lane of travel when struck by an on-coming vehicle. Pedestrian had left his vehicle and did not have proper lighting or reflective clothing.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn at 10:51 am by Dan Hartwig, second by Steven Denzien; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary