

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 16, 2024

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Blaser, James Falkowski, Jason Freiboth, Christine Glaser, Curt Green, Greg Grotegut, Justin Hansen, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Jeanty, Gary Mueller, Rick Olig, Mike Polich, Mason Simmons, and Melissa Wiesner.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from January 16th made by Rick Olig, seconded by Mason Simmons. Minutes will stand as written.

Public Comment: None.

Request for Site Evaluations:

CORD AA/Park Ave at 1st St in the City of Kiel: KLPD Chief Jeanty requested consideration for adding user-activated pedestrian crossing lights at 2-way stop at above intersection. Mason Simmons advised the curb ramps at that location must be compliant. Motion made by Mike Polich to allow Kiel to install lights at crossing at their cost. Motion seconded by Rick Olig. Matter to be forwarded to the Highway Committee.

CORD C/CORD CR: Town of Newton requesting site evaluation due to safety concerns at this intersection. Number of crashes discussed. Mason Simmons indicated the Do Not Enter sign needs to be moved to its own post. Motion made by Greg Grotegut to suggest painting white stop lines at the intersection. Motion seconded by James Falkowski. Matter to be forwarded to the Highway Committee.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Rick Olig reported Manitowoc County had 1 fatality thus far in 2024 which is the same number of fatalities at this time in 2023. As a whole, the state has had 473 crashes in 2024 compared to 486 crashes in 2023.

Community Maps Update information was provided regarding the new Training and Help tab as well as the Manager User Preferences option under the Admin tab.

The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be August 19-21, 2024.

Information and a link were shared regarding the "100 Safest Days" promotional video. Statistics were provided regarding wrong way drivers and potential countermeasures that could be taken in the future to prevent these types of incidents.

Rick Olig provided information on acts recently signed into law including increasing the Failure to Stop for School Bus fine and driver education courses now including 30 minutes of work zone safety instruction.

Recent Fatalities:

Coroner Curt Green gave an update reference toxicology results and injuries sustained in the double fatal on 12/25/23 as well as fatal crashes on 12/26/23 and 12/28/23.

02/20/24: Kvitek Rd S of Zander Rd. Single-vehicle crash where vehicle came to rest in the river and was engulfed in flames upon law enforcement and FD arrival. Vehicle and victim badly burned. Toxicology did show alcohol in victim's system. Investigation revealed vehicle was traveling 80+ mph at time of crash. Due to circumstances of the crash and investigation findings, crash will be changed from fatal to suicide.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn at 10:36 am by Greg Grotegut, seconded by Todd Blaser; motion carried.

Submitted by: Christine Glaser, Secretary