

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 15, 2024

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Blaser, Todd Cummings, James Falkowski, Jason Freiboth, Christine Glaser, Gregory Grotegut, Justin Hansen, Daniel Hartwig, Joseph Jeanty, Jason Orth, Michael Polich, Todd Rasmussen, Mason Simmons, Melissa Wiesner.

Also Present: Cameron Fitzgerald, John Musial, Elizabeth Neuser.

Excused: Barbara Herrmann, Benjamin Meinnert, Brian Nack.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July 15th made by Mike Polich; seconded by Jason Freiboth. Minutes will stand as written.

Public Comment:

- Concern was raised by Elizabeth Neuser regarding safety/visibility issues at the T-intersection of CORD P and CORD R, especially during foggy conditions. Elizabeth suggested flashing lights at the intersection of CORD P and CORD R along with bold arrows to indicate curve ahead on CORD P. Mason Simmons and Greg Grotegut indicated the intersection was recently redone. Speed limit was lowered to 35 mph and does not increase to 45 mph until just north of the recycling center, 55 mph after Goodwin Rd. Mason Simmons indicated the Stop Ahead sign is 845 ft before the stop sign at the intersection. Greg Grotegut made a motion to place red reflective tape on the stop sign post at intersection. Motion seconded by James Falkowski. Motion carried.
- Citizen inquiry about sign obstructing vision at intersection of CORD XX and STHY 67 along with intersection STHY 57 and STHY 67. Mason Simmons advised the sign at CORD XX and STHY 67 is unpermitted and in encroachment process. Mason will investigate the sign at STHY 57 and STHY 67. Follow-up pending investigation.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations:

CORD AA/Park Ave at 1st St in the City of Kiel: Joseph Jeanty advised user-activated pedestrian crossing lights were installed by DPW.

CORD C/CORD CR: Greg Grotegut advised unnecessary signage has been removed. Stop bar was installed, painted, and angled to the road for better visibility.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Todd Rasmussen reported Manitowoc County crashes are down 18% from this time last year. Fatal crashes are down 10% from last year's totals. Information was provided regarding Community Maps Zoom meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at noon. Drug Recognition Expert training classes will be held in spring and fall of 2025. Contact information for those who wish to attend training is provided on attached report from Todd Rasmussen.

Recent Fatalities:

08/04/24 – Rockwood Rd / Pine Ln: Motorcycle vs UTV. Investigation determined revoked motorcycle operator (victim) was not wearing a helmet and was potentially following the UTV too close at the time he rear-ended the UTV. Toxicology pending.

09/14/24 – Maritime Dr / Huron St: Vehicle vs. pedestrian. Vehicle turning left out of Yacht Club parking lot traveled SB on Maritime Dr when pedestrian crossed Maritime Dr on N side of intersection and walked into path of striking vehicle. Victim BAC result was 0.13. Vehicle operator PBT on scene was .05--cited with OWI Causing Homicide.

09/20/24 – CORD X / Louis Corners Rd: Two-vehicle crash. EB vehicle crossed centerline before striking WB vehicle head-on. Operator of EB vehicle was flown to ThedaCare Medical Center but succumbed to injuries. Operator of WB vehicle died on scene. Investigation indicated both operators were on their way to work. Toxicology pending.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Jason Freiboth to adjourn at 10:46 a.m.; seconded by Daniel Hartwig. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Christine Glaser, Secretary