



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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. Public Comment
4. Request for site evaluations:
5. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
- Intersection at CORD Q and CORD V
6. Appointment of Christine Glaser to replace Holly Herzog (retirement).
7. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
8. Report on recent fatalities.
9. Next meeting date: April 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: January 5, 2024

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 16, 2024

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Blaser, Kim Bradley, Jason Freiboth, Henry Glick, Greg Grotegut, James Falkowski, Daniel Hartwig, Holly Herzog, Ben Meinnert, Ryan Menges, Gary Mueller, Brian Nack, Rick Olig, Jason Orth, and Mike Polich.

Also present: Christine Glaser

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Appointment: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Christine Glaser to replace Holly Herzog due to retirement. Motion made by Mike Polich; second by Daniel Hartwig; motion carried.

Follow-up on Site Evaluation:

Safety review of the CORD Q and CORD V intersection: Greg Grotegut reported placing permanent flags on the primary stop signs and updating existing signage at the intersection.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Rick Olig stated so far this year Manitowoc County has had 10 fatalities (4 to be added, not reported to the State/processed yet) as compared to 16 in 2023. The state as a whole has 523 this year as compared to 574 last year.

The Law Enforcement Phlebotomy (LEP) pilot program is new and enables law enforcement to perform legal blood draws in a timely cost-effective manner. Suspects are transported directly from location of traffic stop/arrest to the jail, avoiding the use of hospital staff. Using trained law enforcement personnel to conduct legal blood draws results in a timelier collection and greatly reduced cost to the agency. Contact information was provided for the NHTSA LEP Toolkit as well as information for Steve Krecji and Amy Miles of the LEP program.

Information provided on 511 and the new Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS) which provides updates on road conditions.

Information provided on legislative bills regarding Driver Education Grants, DOT Emergency Contact Records, Alcohol Regulation, ATV/UTV Open Containers, driver's ed rule suspension as of 12/31/23, and 2024 Wisconsin Spring DRE School course schedule.

Recent Fatalities:

12/25/23: I-43 SB at Fischer Creek Rd. NB two-vehicle crash where operator of striking vehicle rear-ended vehicle in front of it, causing both vehicles to enter median. Striking vehicle collided with guardrail face. Both vehicles overturned. Striking vehicle overturned and came to rest between concrete support post and guardrail of Fischer Creek Rd overpass. Driver and 1 passenger in striking vehicle were transported via ambulance for injuries sustained. Striking vehicle contained 2 fatalities. Vehicle which was struck contained two passengers who were transported to hospitals by EMS for injuries. Preliminary investigation indicates the striking vehicle's speed and

driver condition may have been contributing factors to crash. WPS conducting full crash reconstruction.

12/26/23: I-43 SB at Westview Rd. SB vehicle left lane of travel, entered median, and struck the guardrail. Vehicle crossed SB lanes and entered west ditch, striking a tree. Operator pronounced dead on scene. Operator has a history of a medical issue which may have contributed to crash along with his short stature and being positioned close to the steering wheel.

12/28/23: I-43 NB at CORD JJ. Vehicle was NB on I-43 and veered into the west median before striking embankment/inlet in median. Vehicle then minimally struck the guardrail just before the Manitowoc River and went airborne before striking a rock embankment near the river and coming to rest on its tires. No witnesses to crash. Date and time of crash unknown at this time. Kim Bradley of WI DOT to request Mason Simmons review crash, specifically the potential embankment/inlet in the median just prior to guardrail.

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

Motion to adjourn at 10:33 am by Daniel Hartwig, second by Ben Meinnert; motion carried.

Submitted by: Christine Glaser, Secretary



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (**Conference Room J**)
1025 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220

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1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public Comment.
4. Request for Site Evaluations:
 - KLPD Chief Jeanty requesting consideration to add flashing user-activated pedestrian crossing lights on CORD AA/Park Ave at 1st St in the City of Kiel.
 - Town of Newton requesting site evaluation due to safety concerns at intersection of CORD C and CORD CR.
5. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
6. Report on recent fatalities.
7. Next meeting date: July 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: April 9, 2024

By: Christine Glaser, Secretary

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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



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4. Follow-up on Site Evaluations:
 - Installation of user-activated flashing pedestrian crossing lights at intersection of CORD AA/Park Ave at 1st St in the City of Kiel.
 - Safety concerns at intersection of CORD C and CORD CR.
5. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
6. Appointment of Todd Rasmussen to replace Rick Olig (retirement).
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Next meeting date: October 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: July 5, 2024

By: Christine Glaser, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 16, 2024

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Blaser, Daniel Diedrich, James Falkowski, Jason Freiboth, Christine Glaser, Daniel Hartwig, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Jeanty, Gary Mueller, Dave Murack, Rick Olig, Jason Orth, Mike Polich, Mason Simmons, Amanda Ziarnik.

Also Present: Boden Brooks, Elizabeth Miller, Todd Rasmussen.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 16th made by Rick Olig; seconded by Jason Freiboth. Minutes will stand as written.

Public Comment: Concern was raised by 3 citizens regarding safety issues at the intersection of CORD F and Marken Rd due to the number of crashes, near crashes, and a fatal crash on 04/16/24. Citizens indicated many motorists are running the stop sign at that location, and there is poor visibility at the intersection looking east from Marken Rd. The Commission's review of this intersection is documented below under the "recent fatalities" section.

ATVs/UTVs on County Highways. Bill Rexses spoke about allowing ATVs/UTVs on Manitowoc County highways. He provided unverified statistics from other counties which do allow ATVs/UTVs on county highways. Board discussed numerous safety concerns including factors such as narrow roadway shoulders, slow-moving vehicles, distractions, speed limits, and lack of information from the DNR regarding crashes and statistics. It was also discussed that 12 to 15-year-old ATV riders could be on the roadway with limited knowledge of all the rules of the road which other licensed drivers have. Mr. Rexses brought up the fact that slow-moving farm equipment along with horse and buggies are allowed on county highways; however, those are allowed by statute. Motion made by Barbara Herrmann to table discussion until further data can be collected. Motion seconded by James Falkowski. Motion carried.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations:

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

CORD C/CORD CR: County Highway installed stop bars and flags at this location. Unnecessary signage has been removed.

Appointment of Members: Motion made by Mike Polich to appoint Todd Rasmussen to the Traffic Safety Commission, replacing Rick Olig; seconded by Todd Blaser. Motion carried.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Todd Rasmussen provided statistics regarding the current number of crashes and fatalities as compared to 2023 numbers. Information was provided regarding Community Maps Zoom meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at noon. Data was provided regarding proven safety countermeasures along with mumble vs. rumble strips and updated lighting on highways to improve safety.

As a reminder, the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be August 19-21, 2024 in Wisconsin Dells.

Recent Fatalities:

04/16/24 – CORD F / Marken Rd: WSP Daniel Diedrich advised surviving operator involved in crash received 3 Citations including an OWL Citation. Crash data was reviewed and indicated there were a total of 5 crashes reported in the last 5 years resulting in one fatality and one injury. It was discussed that this intersection already has double stop signs for NB and SB traffic, double stop ahead signs for SB traffic, and one known stop ahead sign for NB traffic. This intersection does have reduced visibility due to trees to the east. Gary Mueller indicated County Highway recently approached the property owner, and they would allow County Highway to remove the trees even though they are not within the road right-of-way. Motion made by Rick Olig to recommend County Highway remove the trees; seconded by Dan Hartwig. Recommendation forwarded to County Highway Commission.

Note: On July 17, 2024, a patrol deputy verified there is only one stop ahead sign for NB traffic, and it appears to be lower than DOT standards. Jason Orth relayed this information to Peter Moehring, Road Superintendent for the Town of Meeme. Peter indicated he will correct the height of the stop ahead sign and add a second stop ahead sign.

04/23/24 – USHY 151 / STHY 42: MTPD Jason Freiboth advised 82-YO male operator of pickup truck pulled out in front of tanker truck. Victim vehicle was T-boned, and victim was subsequently ejected. Crash data indicates lower than average crashes compared to similar intersections. There are no apparent view obstructions. Cause of crash appears to be operator error, failure to yield right-of-way. No further discussion.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Todd Blaser to adjourn at 11:39 a.m.; seconded by Joseph Jeanty. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Christine Glaser, Secretary



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2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public comment.
4. Citizen inquiry about sign possibly obstructing vision at intersection of CORD X and STHY 67.
5. Request for Site Evaluation:
 - Safety concern at T-intersection of CORD P and CORD R.
6. Follow-up on Site Evaluations:
 - Installation of user-activated flashing pedestrian crossing lights at intersection of CORD AA/Park Ave at 1st St in the City of Kiel.
 - Safety concerns at intersection of CORD C and CORD CR.
7. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative Todd Rasmussen.
8. Report on recent fatalities.
9. Next meeting date: January 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: October 2, 2024

By: Christine Glaser, Secretary

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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