

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 15, 2025

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Blaser, Todd Cummings, Daniel Diedrich, James Falkowski, Aaron Gauthier, Christine Glaser, Gregory Grotegut, Daniel Hartwig, Gary Mueller, John Musial, Todd Rasmussen, Mason Simmons, Kyle Stotzheim, Amanda Ziarnik.

Excused: Dave Murack, Jason Orth.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Todd Cummings.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 15th made by Kyle Stotzheim, seconded by James Falkowski. Minutes will stand as written.

Public Comment: None.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Speed limit at CORD Q and Goodwin Rd: Gary Mueller spoke with the property owner of residence in NW corner of intersection. Greg Grotegut advised recommendation to Highway Committee to remove 2 trees in right-of-way and Township to consider raising the road on west side of CORD Q. Recommendation was also made to not lower the speed limit at this location. Motion made by James Falkowski, seconded by Todd Blaser.

Speeding concerns on Stone Rd between Rockwood Rd and USHY 10: Todd Cummings indicated MTSO Patrol has been conducting extra patrol at this location. Speed trailer to be placed in farm field access. Request to lower speed limit denied by the Township.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations:

Intersection of E Hillcrest Rd at STHY 147: Mason Simmons advised site evaluation was conducted in May. To maximize visibility, Mason advised stop bar could be painted, and old stop ahead sign could be replaced. Recommendation was made to see if Township will replace the stop ahead sign.

CORD XX/STHY 67 and STHY 67 / STHY 57: Mason Simmons advised Kiel School District contacted their lawyer about the matter at both locations. Follow-up on hold due to legal involvement.

DOT Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Todd Rasmussen reviewed crash data and reported there were 2 traffic fatalities and a total of 999 crashes in Manitowoc County thus far in 2025. A Wrong Way Driver Task Force has been established to collect data on WWD incidents occurring on divided highways and freeways on the state truck network. Every wrong way driver incident is to be reported to the Traffic Management Center. Traffic citations will soon be visible in Community Maps. Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program update was given indicating 3 certification classes have occurred with 20 LEPS active across the state. Emergency Contact Law was explained with a link to register on the DOT's website. Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held at the Kalahari Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells on August 19 and 20, 2025.

Recent Fatality:

USHY 10 E of Maertz Rd: SUV vs Amish buggy. The 27-year-old male operator of the buggy was ejected and pronounced deceased. A 13-year-old male passenger was transported due to injuries sustained in crash. The 42-year-old female operator of striking vehicle was not injured. Crash investigation shows WB Amish buggy was operating on roadway with its passenger side tires near the fog line. Striking vehicle was also WB on USHY 10 behind buggy. Factors leading to crash are believed be inattentive/distracted driving by the vehicle operator. Crash investigation is ongoing.

Due in part to a large Amish population in the Reedsville area, the shoulder at this location had been previously widened to accommodate a buggy to be operated along the far-right shoulder. Mason Simmons will conduct follow-up reference further widening of shoulder at this location.

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

Motion made by Greg Grotegut to adjourn at 10:44 a.m., seconded by Daniel Hartwig. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Christine Glaser, Secretary