

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 21, 2025

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Blaser, Todd Cummings, Christine Glaser, Curt Green, Gregory Grotegut, Justin Hansen, Daniel Hartwig, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Jeanty, Benjamin Meinnert, Jason Orth, Todd Rasmussen, Mason Simmons, Kyle Stotzheim.

Excused: David Murack.

Also Present: David Dahms, Jacinta Lehner, Brian Reif, Amanda Ziarnik.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July 15th made by Ben Meinnert, seconded by Joseph Jeanty. Minutes will stand as written.

Public Comment: Brian Reif requested information on how to obtain approval for usage of ATVs/UTVs on landlocked properties or small sections of the county. Greg Grotegut advised Brian Reif of additional information required to bring this matter to the Highway Committee for further discussion.

Request for Site Evaluation:

Move Speed Limit Reduction Signs on CORD K approaching Kellnersville: Greg Grotegut advised he went to the location and observed traffic. Greg Grotegut indicated he does not recommend moving the speed limit reduction signs or adding flags as he did not view any obstructions. Motion made by Greg Grotegut to forward matter to Highway Committee, seconded by Todd Blaser.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations:

Intersection of E Hillcrest Rd at STHY 147: Mason Simmons advised site signage and marking improvements have been made. Matter can be removed from the agenda.

CORD XX / STHY 67 and STHY 67 / STHY 57: Mason Simmons advised this item is on hold due to legal involvement.

DOT Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Todd Rasmussen reviewed crash data and reported there were 4 traffic fatalities and 361 injuries with a total of 1502 crashes in Manitowoc County thus far in 2025. Uniform Traffic Citations and Field Warnings will soon be visible in Community Maps under advanced tab. Update was given on the Wisconsin Statewide Law Enforcement Phlebotomy training program. Two 1-week courses will be offered at Madison College in 2026 reference this training. Information was provided regarding numerous legislative proposals as well as those recently signed into law.

Recent Fatalities:

CORD G North of Taus Rd: Todd Cummings indicated two motorcycles were NB on CORD G when operator #1 (decedent) lost control and laid his bike down in W ditch. Operator #1 was pronounced deceased on scene. Following the crash, operator #2's bike went down in the roadway and slid for a considerable distance causing operator to sustain significant road rash.

Operator #2 was transported to Aurora BayCare and later cited for OWI, 1st-Offense. Speed and alcohol were identified as contributors to the crash. Neither operator was wearing a helmet.

S 26th St / Franklin St: Curt Green reviewed fatal crash and indicated cause of crash is undetermined.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Ben Meinnert to adjourn at 10:47 a.m., seconded by Jason Orth. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Christine Glaser, Traffic Safety Commission Secretary