

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
January 13, 2020

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Captain Chad Enright, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, Ron Zenk, Wisconsin State Patrol, Maggie Kunisch, Asst. District Attorney, Trace Frost and Jeremy Kloss, WISDOT BOTS, Dave Beal, Juneau P.D., Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F.D., and Dennis Kaczor, HNR School.

Also present were Eugene Goodearle, Judy Haddad, Scott Smith, Roger Schepp, Anthony LaPrest and Jennifer Fouts.

Members absent: Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D., Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D., Mary Wendel, Rob Kocinski and Joe Davis, Sr.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kiesow at 9:30 am.
- II. Attendance sheet was circulated and introductions were made.
- III. The minutes from the October 14, 2019 meeting were approved with minor edits on a motion by Beal and second by Christian.

Old Business

1. Sign relocations to improve visibility for a STOP AHEAD sign at STH 26 and STH 33 were completed.
2. Roger Schepp, resident, was again present and asked for the status of the vision obstruction removal at the corner of CTH S and CTH SS. Thompson stated the process has begun with service of a Notice of Removal to the owner. The process will continue following state statutes.
3. Speed complaint CTH MM south of Waupun. Thompson stated the County Board has passed a resolution enacting a 45 MPH speed zone beginning at the south city limits extending to the CTH M intersection. This ordinance replaced a City of Waupun ordinance enacted in error.
4. Point of Last Drink. Due to the large number of guests, this item was not discussed.

New Business

1. Kiesow announced he is stepping down as coordinator effective this meeting. Scott Smith is awaiting confirmation at the January County Board meeting to become the next coordinator. Mayer announced that he has taken a different position within WISDOT and may attend just one more meeting. Thompson announced his retirement. Kocinski will be stepping down as his schedule no longer allows time for attendance. All were thanked for their service on the Commission.

Fatal Crash review. There was 1 fatal crash with 1 fatality in the fourth quarter. YTD there have been 13 fatalities.

On 12/6/19, a crash occurred at approximately 9:30 a.m. on STH 33 near Fabisch Road. A westbound vehicle driven by Jacob Anderson, 19, driving a Washington County Parks vehicle crossed centerline and struck an eastbound vehicle driven by Charles Schultz, 66 of Juneau. The Commission viewed the video. Anderson stated he fell asleep prior to the crash. Schultz died at the scene. He was not wearing a seat belt. The crash is still under investigation. There were no road factors that contributed to the crash.

Reports

A. BOTS.

Frost stated Dodge County had 13 fatalities from 12 fatal crashes in 2019. The 5-year average was also 13.

There have been 5 fatalities YTD statewide vs. 17 in 2019. Preliminary 2019 total was 550 versus 576 in 2018 and 594 in 2017.

On the Community Maps webpage, the [TSC Resources](#) tab contains the weekly Legislative Summary and is available to the general public.

Jeremy Kloss showed slides as to what data he can provide based on crash analysis—such as hotspots and time of day/day of week info.

B. WIDSOT.

Mayer stated he will most likely accompany his replacement to the next meeting

C. County.

Thompson stated the following projects are scheduled for 2020

CTH M reconstruction—from CTH E to near CTH JM

CTH MM repaving—from CTH M to Waupun limits

CTH AY repaving—from STH 33 to STH 28/67

CTH J repaving—from CTH M to CTH DJ.

D. Public Comment

- a. Tony LaPrest, Lomira resident, stated his concern with speeding and unnecessary engine braking on STH 49 from STH 175 to I 41. This section is posted at 45 MPH. Lomira P.D. has been doing enforcement. There is a question of jurisdiction here due to the fact the Village and Town of Lomira share this road. Mayer says there is a DOT process to erect No Engine Braking signs. He also stated this section may be due for a new speed study and hoped it could be done by the July meeting, although 45 MPH seems reasonable.
- b. Noreen and Al Van Buren, residents on CTH C, stated their concern with vehicles passing their slow-moving farm vehicles when they are turning into their driveway. They also stated speeds are up since this road has been reconstructed. Enright confirmed the speeding problem exists. Thompson stated No Passing Zones are established without regard to driveways and minor side road intersections. He will have the existing passing zones checked for accuracy. The Commission suggested No Passing Pennants could be installed as a supplement to the painted lines. Highway Department will review. Enright and Zenk will continue enforcement efforts as time permits. Thompson stated signs may not correct driver actions.
- c. Jennifer Fouts, rural Lowell resident, stated her concern with speeding and engine braking on CTH G entering the north Lowell limits. Lowell P.D. has done enforcement in the area. The location of the Reduced Speed Ahead sign will be confirmed. The Commission urged Fouts to work with village officials to erect No Engine Braking signs.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 10:58 a.m.
Pete Thompson, Secretary.