



**Minutes of the
Dodge County Traffic Safety Commission
Thursday, October 14th, 2021**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the TSC Coordinator at approximately 9:30am on October 14th, 2021 in the Dodge County Administration Building's auditorium.

Roll Call and Non-Commission Member County Board Supervisors Attendance and other attendees present:

Scott Smith, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Chad Enright, Co-Coordinator DOSO; Nathan Kempke, Dodge County Highway Department; Brian Field Dodge County Highway Department; Sue Nast, P.E. WISDOT; Detrick Zimmerman, Wisconsin State Patrol; Kevin Meier Wisconsin State Patrol; Trace Frost, BOTS LEL; Kurt Klomberg, Dodge County DA; Amy Haase, Dodge County Emergency Management; Joe Meagher Dodge County Emergency Management; Dave Beal, Juneau Police Department; Mary Wendel, DOC; Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam Police Department; Matt Christian, Fox Lake EMS; Sgt. E Larson, Wisconsin State Patrol; Amy Yahnke, Horicon Police Department; Heather Cramer, Hustisford School District.

Joseph Marsik, Dodge County Supervisor; Jeff Cain, Dodge County Supervisor; James Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Jerry Gaska, citizen Town of Elba; Peter Larson, citizen Town of Elba; Aiaz Schnitzler citizen;

Public Comment:

- Ajay Schnitzler- discussion of Highway 16/60/CORD J. Hazard of Amish buggies being driven on the roadways. Suggestion to improve the shoulder to allow the buggies to stay off the road. All speed limits on county and local roads should be dropped to 45mph for safety reasons.
- Jerry Gaska- Town chairman for town of Elba. Concerned about accidents at 16/60 TT and 16/60 and T. He would like the Town Board to participate and work to improve intersection safety.

Consideration of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from July 1st, 2021 by Nathan Kempke.

Seconded by Dave Beal. Motion carried.

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Review a proposed Dodge Co. TSC membership list 2022:

Commission discussed membership list with addition of designee alternate for each agency represented, and for forward to the County Administrator and the Chair of County Board of Supervisors. Motion by Brian Field and seconded by Dave Beal. Motion carried.

Predictive Analytics and Crash Reduction Strategies:

BOTS LEL Frost described the Traffic Crash Hot Spot Deployment Plan. SO Capt Enright discussed the Sheriff's Office plan on traffic enforcement and how we are now coordinating the efforts through the BOTS/State Patrol and local law enforcement. Work includes handing out pamphlets and focus on education of the public.

WSP Sgt. Larson discussed assigning troopers to hot spot zones.

Continue as a future agenda item as recurring review of crash reduction strategies and predictive analytics. No further action taken.

Information presented for discussion, deliberation and possible recommendation for action.

- County Road (CORD) TT/ State HY 16/60 Intersection.

Smith presented an overview of the intersection and crash history statistics. Discussion topics included:

1. Majority of crashes occur with offending vehicle traveling north thru the CORD TT intersection with HY 16/60;
2. Line of sight / obstruction of stop signs at intersection, line of sight / obstructions on south side of intersection;
3. No rumble strips have been installed on TT to south of intersection because of homes and daycare in close proximity (noise);
4. Discussed flashing red lights installed with current stop signs;
5. Move of stop signs (south side) closer to CORD TT;
6. County HY Dept and WISDOT discussion of what is involved with speed reduction (currently 55mph) on CORD TT to the south of the intersection (north of Danville).

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Dodge Co HY to review speed reduction feasibility, review of lines of sight & obstructions due to shrubs and a UTV sign at SW corner of intersection. WISDOT to review speed reduction, stop sign placement, and warning light installation feasibility. Smith/Enright to research crash data in attempt to determine if offending drivers stopped prior to intersection entry, resulting in crash, or did not stop. No further action taken at this time.

- State HY 151 and CORD DE and State HY 151 & CORD C follow up of agenda item from previous meetings.

Smith proposed a no left turn sign to prevent large trucks with trailers from turning left.

WISDOT (Sue Nast) commented the intersection (151/C) would not qualify for a no left turn installation from CORD C (**NOTE: intersection improvements on USHY 151 under purview of WISDOT*).

WISDOT identified 151 DE in the 5 year plan for R cut installation. Members questioned spending of funds on an R Cut when other options exist and/or work could be implemented as Phase 1 of move toward an eventual freeway. Members suggested (151/DE) creation of frontage road to current interchange or improvement and use of Iron Rd. Creation of an overpass at 151/C suggested as Phase 1 action toward eventual freeway. WISDOT stated no improvements are currently planned for 151/C. Planning for an R Cut (151/C) would be 5 years if they (WISDOT) began now. WISDOT also stated any additional work toward freeway would be a long term solution; 15-20 years.

C.A. Meilke recommended the Commission focus on the safety issue in the near term rather than the long term.

DA Klomberg recommended this topic remain on the agenda going forward due to being a constant recurring concern and due to long term nature of current solutions proposed.

WISDOT will review funding alternatives in effort to speed up R Cut installation at 151/DE intersection. No further action recommended at this time.

- CORD AY near Madison Rd.

Sheriff's Office deputies requested a review of guard rail protection from culvert on CORD A at this location. Highway Department reported this was reviewed before this meeting and a guardrail will be installed. No further action taken.

- HWY 26/CORD E.

Concerned citizen reported she has witnessed HWY 26 traffic failing to stop at the four way stop, and at highway speeds.

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Dodge Highway has previously relayed concern to WISDOT officials; intersection with State HY under WISDOT jurisdiction.

Sheriff's Office is aware of the concern/citizen complaint and will continue to monitor the intersection for compliance with stop signs as able. No further action taken.

- **CORD E/ Crystal Lake Rd (near Prairie View Elementary School);**

Concerned citizen reported drivers' fail to stop at stop sign at the intersection.

Sheriff's Office is aware and will monitor the intersection as able. No further action taken.

Fatal Traffic Crash Review, July thru Sept, 2021.

- a. USH 151 near CORD B (Town of Beaver Dam) 8/7/21 21-24944 3 fatalities. Driver failed to obey signs and operated on wrong side of divided highway. No action recommended.
- b. County Road AW at East Rock River Road (Town of Trenton) 8/22/21 21-26619. Operator of bicycle failed to obey a stop sign and yield to traffic. 1 fatality. No action recommended.
- c. County Road C, at intersection of Jersey Rd, (Town of Trenton) 08/22/21 21-26627. Driver failed to obey sign and did not yield to oncoming vehicle. 1 fatality. No action recommended.
- d. STH 16/60, West of intersection of CORD J (Town of Lowell), 09/10/21 21-28595. 1 fatality.

Members discussed and indicated signage is present warning drivers about Amish buggy traffic. Dodge Co HY reviewed the area prior to this meeting and determined they can work to improve shoulder slope allowing for safer buggy traffic on the shoulder of the highway. A recommendation was made that the Sheriff's Office complete safety training in the Amish Schools. No further action taken.

Commission Member Reports

- e. BOTS – Bureau of Transportation Safety – presentation on statistics.
- f. WisDOT – Wisconsin Department of Transportation; nothing further was reported.

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- g. Dodge County Highway Department; 4 construction projects. HWY BB- open this week. HWY EM- still paving due to rain delays. Open end of October. Hwy CP- mill and overlay. End of October. HWY S bridge repair open on Friday.
- h. District Attorney's Office; Longtime OWI prosecutor expected to retire soon. Meth Levels are skyrocketing and correlation to impaired driving events.
- i. Law Enforcement; nothing further to report.
- j. Medical, EMS, Emergency Management, 911; nothing further to report.
- k. Education/Schools; no report

Determine Next Meeting: January 13, 2022

Adjourn at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Enright , Co-Coordinator