



**Minutes of the  
Dodge County Traffic Safety Commission  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the TSC Coordinator at 9:33 a.m. on April 9, 2024, in the Dodge County Sheriff's Office Training Room/EOC.

**Commission Members Present:** Scott Smith, Nathan Kempke, Chris Wells, Trace Frost, Erica Ballweg-Larsen, Brandon Stommel, Matt Christian, Ted Sullivan, Matt Bartol, and David Beal.

**Others Present:** Cameron Clapper, David Gress, Eric Krueger.

**Consideration to conduct meeting out of order:** *Motion by Bartol to approve. Seconded by Kempke. Motion carried.*

**Consideration of Minutes:** *Motion by Bartol to approve the January 9, 2024, Minutes as written. Seconded by Kempke. Motion carried.*

**Public Comment:** Call for Public Comment made by Smith. *No public in attendance.*

**Old Business:** (take action/table/dismiss)

- a. **On-line driver's education with LE led presentation:** Any member's report of new information regarding supplementing online driver's education with LE-led presentation, or other in-person education segment.

*Smith stated interaction with Beaver Dam public school supervisor was meaningful.*

*Discussion to keep this topic on the agenda realizing this is a long-term versus short-term issue. Beal motioned to keep topic as old business; Bartol seconded.*

- b. **Trending of wrong way drivers (WWD) on divided highways:** Follow-up from January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Wells stated there are between 10-20 reports/week reported statewide by the Traffic Management Center (TMC) not including those that are not reported or self-corrected.*

*Kempke explained criteria for large arrow placement on highway ramps is usually reactionary.*

*Smith suggested a campaign for WWD like state seatbelt campaign; Kempke mentioned possible help from WI County Highway Association.*

*Frost mentioned defensive driving not talked about enough.*

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*Motion made by Beal to adopt language in any Dodge TSC recommendation will contain "shall be used" regarding installation of arrows. Seconded by Sullivan.*

- c. USHY 151 / CORD DE: Review possible interim safety improvement option to address the recent crashes until the safety improvement project in 2026.

*Krueger presented crash information for this location.*

*Consensus by group that multiple factors are present: age, traffic flowing down a slight rise to the intersection and possible incomplete stop/roll through/go.*

*Discussion by group to include USHY 151 / CORD C intersection. Suggestions to change the route or add signage. Possible use of R-cut or J-cut, if appropriate. Question asked if the state periodically conducts study on traffic volume since USHY 151 went from two lanes to four lanes. A study was done exploring an expressway from Dodge County to Fond du Lac, but it never went beyond that, which Wells affirmed. Agreement by group there is no one solution that fits all places; they must be looked at individually. Wells to report back regarding developing a committee to review proposed safety measures/adding them to future projects.*

**Fatal Traffic Crash review**: Fatal Traffic Crash review, *January through March 2024* and potential recommendation(s) for action(s) to appropriate department, board, committee, or other applicable branch government.

- a. Horseshoe Road (Town of Hubbard) 01/07/2024: One fatal; excessive speed and fail to control vehicle.
- b. STH 16 (Town of Elba) 03/20/2024: One fatal, crossing the center line of a two-lane highway.

*Kreuger stated that both are on-going investigations. No action was brought forward by the Commission.*

**New Business**: No new business.

**Commission Member Reports**:

- a. BOTS – Bureau of Transportation Safety: *Frost – Community Maps: allows users to pick which county loads on login; DOSO and local PD's can use Community Maps Training & Help access to meet training hours needed; May 29<sup>th</sup> is User Group Meeting but must register in advance. Speed Awareness Day is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Safe Roads Challenge – 100 Safest Days coming this summer from the TrypScore App – good to*

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*share with schools. Safe System Approach realizes people make mistakes/bad choices and tries to mitigate them.*

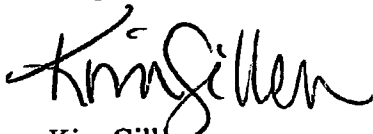
- b. *WisDOT: Wells - a roundabout is planned for STHY 33 at CORD TW; shoulder widening is planned for STHY 33 from Horicon to Washington County and for STHY 16 east of Columbus to STHY 26 with some areas wider to accommodate horse & buggies.*
- c. *Dodge County Highway Department: Kempke - there are eight locations of roadwork, please refer to the website for specific information.*
- d. *District Attorney's Office: Not present*
- e. *Law Enforcement: Nothing further.*
- f. *Medical, EMS, Emergency Management, 911: Nothing further.*
- g. *Education/Schools: Not present*

**Items for Review and Placement on Next Agenda:** Review of additional information on online driver's education programs, wrong way drivers and possible safety measures for problem intersections added to future projects.

**Determine Next Meeting Date and Time:** Proposed next meeting continues the pattern of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each quarter - Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. *Motion by Beal, seconded by Bartol. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Beal to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bartol. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Gillen  
Traffic Secretary

*\*Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next meeting of the Dodge County Traffic Safety Commission.*