

Portage County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Law Enforcement Center Conference Room, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Members Present: Chief Dep. Daniel Kontos, President/Cty. Hwy. Safety Coordinator
Sgt. Gina Boettcher, VP/Traffic Safety Officer
Rhae Stertz, Secretary of Transportation Rep – Law Enforcement
Don Jankowski, Portage County Safety Officer
Joe Gemza, Assistant Chief of EMS, SPFD
Daniel Brugman, WisDOT NC Region Traffic Safety Engineer
Rick Olig, Secretary of Transportation Rep – Highway Safety
Lt. Ryan Fox, Plover Police Department
Scott Rifleman, Portage County Coroner
Christian Budzinski, County Executive Appointment – Education
Paul Reigel, Emergency Management Coordinator

Members Absent: Lt. Josh Ostrowski, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Jeffrey Schuler, Director, Portage County Planning & Zoning
Al Haga, County Board Chairman
Chris Holman, County Executive

Members Excused: Attorney David Ray, County Executive Appointment - Law
Sgt. Bob Kussow, Stevens Point Police Department
Nathan Check, County Highway Commissioner

Others Present: Sgt. Steve Spath, Stevens Point Police Department
Todd Makuski, County Highway Department
Kim Delikowski, Portage County Sheriff's Office

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Recording Secretary Delikowski at 10:00 a.m.

Quorum Call: Introductions as Needed

A roll call was read and a quorum of the Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) was present.

Election of Officers

Recording Secretary Delikowski read instructions for election of President.
Motion/Second by Boettcher/Rifleman to nominate Chief Deputy Kontos for President of Traffic Safety Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Newly elected President Kontos asked for nominations for Vice President of Traffic Safety Commission.
Motion/Second by Rifleman/Gemza to nominate Sgt. Gina Boettcher for Traffic Safety Commission Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of March 6, 2018, Meeting Minutes

Motion/second by Jankowski/Boettcher to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018, Traffic Safety Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Notice

Newly appointed President Kontos declared members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Commission President as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Correspondence None.

Status of Highway Construction and Safety Projects/Repair Proposals

State Projects: (Brugman)

- **I-39/USH 51 (WIS 54 to 2nd St.)**
 - Resurfacing project with night work.
 - Estimated completion date: June 28.
- **WIS 54 (Hoover Ave. to Harding Ave.)**
 - Project is tied to I-39 resurfacing.
- **WIS 54 Bridge Deck Replacement**
 - Temporary signals.
 - Estimated completion date: June
- **Business 51/Post Rd. Reconstruction**
 - Reconstruction and widening (Hickory Dr. to Minnesota Ave.)
 - Expected start date: July with carryover into 2019.
- **Business 51/North Point Dr. Roundabout**
 - Project estimated timeline: June 7 – August 30.
 - Business 51 interchange will be closed.
 - Temporary signals on Stanley St. at Green Ave and I-39 northbound ramps.

Portage County Highway Department Projects (Makuski)

- **CTY RD I Reconstruction**
 - Total reconstruction Cty Rd. Z to Collins Lake Rd.
- **CTY RD F (Hwy 54 to Cty Rd W)**
 - Mill & fill with three areas of pipe replacement.
 - Detour from Hwy 54 to Cty Rd U back to Cty Rd W.
 - Total shut downs of Cty Rd F possible.
- **June 16th - Dairy Days Cty Rd SS off Hwy 161**
 - Message boards to be set up on Hwy 10.
 - Traffic will be going down Hwy 161.

Municipal Projects:

- No one present. Business 51/North Point Dr. roundabout discussed above.

County Traffic Safety Coordinator Report (Kontos)

- Draft of letter (in packet) by Traffic Incident Management Committee to DOT requesting dynamic message boards along I-39 be included in upcoming projects. Brugman stated six cameras initially included in current resurfacing project. Projects put on hold across state for now. Motion/Second by Jankowski/Fox to modify letter to include cameras. Motion carried. Letter to be sent out later this week.
- Copy of Wisconsin TSC Guidelines included in packet reminder to follow state's guidelines more closely in future regarding serious or fatal accident reviews. Discussion to continue next meeting regarding best practices for reviews brought to committee. Copy will be posted to TSC website.

Crash Spot Map/Law Enforcement Agency Report

- **Portage County Sheriff's Office:** *Traffic Accident Summary Report for 01/01/2018 thru 03/31/2018.* Sgt. Gina Boettcher stated there were 157 total accidents, 149 reportable during first quarter of 2018. There were 33 personal injury accidents, 0 fatal and 50 property damage accidents. There were 14 hit and run accidents, 2 involving personal injury and 8 involving property damage. There were 41 people injured and no fatalities and 13 vehicles in accidents involving alcohol.
- **Stevens Point Police Department:** *Traffic Accident Summary Report for 01/01/2018 thru 03/31/2018.* Sgt. Steve Spath stated there were 177 accidents during first quarter of 2018, all reportable. There were 33 personal injury accidents, 24 property damage accidents, 22 hit and run accidents, 2 with personal injury and 6 with property damage. There were no fatalities, 39 people injured, and 3 vehicles in accidents involving alcohol.
- **Village of Plover Police Department:** *Traffic Accident Summary Report for 01/01/2018 thru 03/31/2018.* Lt. Ryan Fox stated there were 46 accidents during the first quarter of 2018, all reportable. There were 6 personal injury accidents, 0 fatal and 5 property damage accidents. There were 2 hit and run accidents, 0 involving personal injury and 0 involving property damage. There were 11 people injured and 0 people killed, and 0 vehicles in accidents involving alcohol.

Locations of Interest and Possible Countermeasures to Enhance Safety (Kontos)

- **Cty Rd. HH/Water St. & intersection of Riverview Ave.** Recurring issue. Westbound traveling north, right lane is right turn only; poorly signed with faded pavement markings. Daily traffic goes straight through right turn only lane. DOT made recommendation, however nothing done at this time. Will follow up with Street Department again.

Miscellaneous Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements: As stated above.

WisDOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report (Brugman)

- Still working on Harding Ave. request. Pavement markings will be assessed to help delineate turn. Small increase of crashes since local Kwik Trip opened.

Bureau of Transportation Safety Report (Olig)

- **Governor's Conference:**
 - August 21-23, 2018, Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva.
 - Registration on Eventbright.com - early bird registration extended.
 - Sessions include: Medical examiner & coroner panel, Dave Pearlman, human trafficking, analytics, with Thursday's law enforcement luncheon showcasing equipment grant awards.
- **Community Maps Presentation:**
 - New features shown on Community Mapping website.
 - Search mode include/exclude car/deer crashes.
 - Advanced tab changes:
 - Updated calendar feature
 - Access to crash reports
 - Parameter driven searches
 - Teen driver crash data
 - Seatbelt survey locations
 - Seatbelt survey app in works
 - Updates to Analysis tab
 - Historical perspectives for crash analysis
 - TSC Resource tab
- **Grants:**
 - Reminder to sign up for mobilization on WISE-Grants for entry into drawings for equipment grants. Equipment purchased must be geared toward mobilization.
- **Statewide:**
 - 189 fatal crashes compared to 199 last year; 207 individuals killed compared to 219 last year. Higher number of pedestrian accidents in Stevens Point this year (5).

Traffic Safety Legislation (Olig)

- None.

Emergency Medical Services Operations (Gemza)

- Aspirus Plover will have its own emergency room opening 6/20/18, which will have a helipad. The helipad will not be staffed but will be open landing zone, which will alleviate road shut downs.

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Operations (Kontos)

- Meeting cancelled today. TIM representative will be selected for TSC Committee at next meeting.

Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities (Kontos)

- **Train the Trainer for Traffic Incident Management:**
 - June 26-27, 2018, State Patrol Academy.
- **WISE-Grants**
 - Mandatory training coming.

Public Education Programs and Opportunities

None.

Traffic Safety Grants Update

As discussed above.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Fox/Gemza to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 10:00 AM in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/

Kim Delikowski
Recording Secretary