



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Traffic Safety Commission
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Langlade County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

The Committee held the following discussion at the meeting detailed above:

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Duley. The Committee recognized members excused from today's meeting.
2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Traffic Safety Commission			
Representative	Designee Name	Role	Status
Sheriff Office	Chris May	Chairman	Absent
Antigo Chief of Police	Dan Duley	Vice-Chair	Present
WI State Patrol	Jon Pederson	Member	Present
Emergency Management	Travis Krueger	Member	Absent
Langlade County Board	Terry Poltrock	Member	Present
Towns	Dave Kautza	Member	Present
Kids Travel Safe	Sheila Rine	Member	Absent
Highway Department	Brian Braun	Member	Present
Driving School	Anne Osborne	Member	Absent
Sheriff	Mark Westen	Member	Present
Antigo Fire Department	Corey Smith	Member	Present
Langlade County Administrator	Jason Hilger	Member	Present
City Street Department	Kirk Packard	Member	Present
WisDOT- Traffic Engineer	Tony Kemnitz	Member	Present
BOTS LEC	Trace Frost	Member	Present
Karl's Transport	Karl Schulz	Member	Present
Non-Committee Members Present			
Name	Interest		
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk, Recording Secretary		
Nicole VanVonderen	Citizen		
Dewey Chrudimsky	Maintenance		
Randie Rudy	WisDOT, Traffic Operations Engineer		

3. **Approve previous meeting minutes (May 9, 2024).** Motion by Kautza, second by Pederson to approve the previous meeting minutes of May 9, 2024. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Public requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.** Citizen Nicole VanVonderen would like the intersection of State Highway 52/ State Highway 64 by the Airport reviewed due to an unsafe right turn lane. Sheriff Westen stated this intersection is not a turn-only lane. Highway Commissioner Braun did verify there is no marking for a right turn only at that intersection. P.E. PTOE Kemnitz stated the Committee did review this intersection at the May 9, 2024 meeting. At the May meeting, Kemnitz stated that the intersection was previously studied in 2020 with operations noted within safety norms. The current crash data was reviewed on Community Maps with data indicating the intersection is operating safely. The next step would be to monitor the crash history for changes.
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **Fatalities in Langlade County, if any.** Item discussed during the DOT Update.

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7. **DOT Updates.** BOTS LEC Frost presented the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation. Frost stated per Statewide data there have been 275 crashes with 319 fatalities thus far in Wisconsin. Frost stated there were 231 total crashes reported in Langlade County with 2 fatalities and 47 injuries. Frost stated the first fatality happened on 5/12/2024 at the intersection of Y and Beattie Road, flags listed as distracted, impaired, speed, teen driver, lane depart. The second fatality happened on 5/23/2024 at the intersection of Fifth Avenue Road and Lost Lane, flags listed as distracted, 65+ driver, lane depart. Frost discussed the top 2 high crash probability locations based on the previous 3 years' worth of county-wide crash data. The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held August 19-21, 2024 at the Kalahari Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells. Frost discussed upgrades to the Community Map Website. Frost stated the Federal Highway Administration identifies a collection of countermeasures effective at reducing fatal and serious injury crashes: by using standardized wet reflective epoxy markings within improvement projects; adjusted standards from 4" markings to 6" at the edging and centerline lane lines; adding rumble strips; lighting; install high friction surface treatment at intersection, curves and structures to mitigate lane departure crashes; high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian hybrid beacons, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, roadway reconfiguration, bicycle lanes, medians/pedestrian refuge islands; continued implementation of roundabouts; dedicated left and right-turns and intersections; reduced left-turn conflict intersections.

P.E. PTOE Kemnitz gave a verbal update on 2024 WisDOT Construction Projects in Langlade County: State Highway 55 (over Nine Mile Creek) bridge replacement in the Town of Wolf River. Kemnitz stated the deck was poured on Monday, August 12, 2024. The completion date is projected to be mid-September; 4th Avenue in the City of Antigo bridge replacement. Projected started in June, Kemnitz stated this project is a little behind schedule with a projected end date of the end of September. Kemnitz stated there is a Safety Spot review at the intersection of State Highway 45 and County Road C. Kemnitz stated signage has been added, still waiting for the reflexive strips to be added.

8. New Business:

- **Discuss uncontrolled crosswalks in the City of Antigo.** Vice-Chair Duley stated this item came forth from a concerned citizen. Chief Duley stated the City Police Department has been watching crosswalks for concerns. Chief Duley stated the cross-walk flags are being replaced. Information only.
- **Community Health Fair on Thursday, August 22, 2024, 1-6 p.m. Free Car Seat Safety Checks.** Fire Chief Smith stated car seat checks will be held at the event. The event flier was presented to the Committee prior to the meeting. Information only.
- **Discuss traffic flow during the 2024 Langlade County Fair:** Vice-Chair Duley stated he is unaware of any traffic issues. Chief Duley stated the Antigo Police Department had Officers flagging vehicles during high-traffic events with State Patrol on call. Highway Commissioner Braun stated the traffic flow ran smoothly this year. At the public entrance, the Highway Department put lane dividers to control traffic flow into the park. Maintenance Department worker Chrudimsky stated the only time he saw the traffic get bound up was when the general parking got full and overflow parking was needed. Information only.
- **Discuss speed board placement and improvement in driving patterns:** Sheriff Westen stated the Speed Board will be operational during fair weather, stating they will not have it in use with snow on the roads. Sheriff stated they have done data dumps of information; however, the formatting is not compatible with the County's system, working with the vendor to get that corrected. Sheriff Westen stated the Speed Board was used South of Antigo during Memorial Day, in Elcho during the 4th of July, and East of Antigo during the Off-Road Races and baseball tournaments. Sheriff Westen would like this agenda item to remain on the agenda for future discussion.

9. **Set next meeting:** November 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

10. **Adjourn meeting:** Motion by Kemnitz, second by Kautza to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:

Becky Rank,
Recording Secretary