



DRAFT MINUTES
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting
Tuesday August 8, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.
Room #1001 of the Health & Human Services Building
303 W Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.

1	The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chair Hardy.
2	Roll Call: Highway Commissioner Hardy; Sheriff Peterson; Trace Frost, Law Enforcement Liaison; Joe Thomas, Ridgeway Town Chair; Sup. Meyers; Briant Russell, State Patrol; Havlik Iowa County Deputy; Chris Wells WisDOT Traffic Engineer Absent: Iowa County Corp Council and Health Department Director; Troy Maggied SWWRPC; Austin Durst deputy Sheriff; Joe Davis, WisDOT - BOTS; Logan Prochaska, SWTC Driver's Education; Diane Halverson, Wildlife Forever ATV Club. Also Present on Zoom: Greg Lee, Dodgeville Public Works.
3	Agenda for this 08-08-2023 meeting and minutes of the 05-08-2023 meeting were approved by unanimous consent with one correction regarding the reference to the Village of Hollandale in lieu of the Village of Blanchardville in the Draft Minutes.
4	Report from Committee members and audience. No public comments. Comments from Commission members: Joe Thomas commented on recent crashes along the curves on CTH K north of Barneveld. Hardy commented the Department was working on a Curve Warning signage upgrade project, which could address some of those concerns. The item will be added to the next meeting for further discussion. Sheriff Peterson commented that a commission member Briant Russell, State Patrol was retiring before our next meeting and, on behalf of the county and the commission he wanted to thank Officer Russell for his years of service to and within Iowa County. Some comments regarding the shortage of state trooper staff and timeline for back-filling positions due to low class enrollments in the State Trooper program.
5	Project updates: Commissioner Hardy summarized the various construction projects going to in the county and the schedules for the work: A. STH 133 Lone Rock Bridge Road Closure to continue thru November. B. STH 39 Edmund – Mineral Point was completed and re-opened to traffic. C. STH 80 Cobb – Highland mill and overlay is wrapping up with pavement marking next week. D. STH 14 Wisconsin River bridge to Oak Street Arena was completed and reopened to traffic. E. CTH K – USH 18/511 to CTH ID was completed and reopened to traffic. F. CTH W Jonesdale Bridge was closing on Monday August 14 for 3 months for replacement. G. CTH H Culvert HN-42 at Knobs Road – Anticipated to close CTH H in mid-September. H. The Department would be sealcoating STH 23 from Norton Road to the Wisconsin River on Tuesday August 15th. I. The Department would be sealcoating CTH G South, N, NN, and T North the week of August 21st.

6	Hardy provided an update on some speed limit revisions at the request of the Village of Barneveld and Cobb: CTH T would be reduced from the current 55MPH to 35MPH due to annexations of property from the Birch Lake dam and park to Wood Street per a request from the village. That signage would be erected and in effect with the reconstruction of CTH T in 2024. CTH G would be reduced from the current 35MPH at the STH 18 intersection to 25MPH within the village limit starting at STH 18 intersection and proceeding south to Fire # 3042 CTH G.
6	Frost – BOTS Report. Frost screen shared a powerpoint deck, which was distributed via separate email after the meeting. The powerpoint covered the metrics for accidents in the County to-date 2023. Discussion of the fatalities in the county to-date, including the recent motorcycle incident near Dodgeville which was not posting in Community Maps for Frost's report. Discussed the legislative bill proposal summary; WisDOT's accident contributing factors review; community maps dashboard updates; and other county specific information and reports. Frost distributed his powerpoint information to the group post meeting via email. Also, reminded commission members the Governor's safety conference was coming up in late August, and the members still had time to register to attend. Frost commended Iowa County for achieving a 100% on the geo-positioning / geo-locationing of crash reports. Discussion of an enforcement action by Russell where he stated 5/12 drivers pulled over had no driver's license or it was suspended. He commented it would be nice to see more enforcement language or penalties for violations, is a growing problem. If driving without a license or suspended, driver's don't seem to care; just pay the penalty and keep driving – not enough deterrent in legislature.
7	Spot Maps report – covered by Frost in the BOTS update. Discussed some information relative to the fatalities in the county; and community hot spot or heat map reports.
8	Other business for discussion. Wells commented on information received from an FHWA conference session that 54% of the fatalities are on rural roads where only 19% of the population drives. Thomas commented on the STH 80 intersection with CTH P (Muscoda) north of Highland and the number of truck turnovers in the vicinity. Hardy commented he could have staff review the location and compare some data to the before versus after construction of the pavement at the location. Depending on the timeline, that item may also appear on the next meeting agenda.
9	Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM by Motion – Russell, seconded by Hardy. Next meeting date will be on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the Health & Human Services building in Dodgeville.
Minutes by: Craig Hardy.	