

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 – 10:00 AM
OCONTO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
LEC CONFERENCE ROOM – NORTH/SOUTH
301 WASHINGTON ST. OCONTO, WI 54153
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(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)

PRESENT: Todd Skarban, Sheriff; Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner; Jon Spice, Emergency Management Director; Jaelyn Scanlan, Public Heath Nurse; Sergeant Jenny Austin, Wisconsin State Patrol; Macalister Crowe, WIDOT BOT Representative; Rita Krause, Office Manager; Dan Kontos, WIDOT;

1. Call to Order

Sheriff Todd Skarban called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Scanlan/Hytinen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and was carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Hytinen/Spice to approve the October 23, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion was voted on and was carried.

4. Public Appearances / Communications

- Wisconsin DOT new BOT Regional Program Manager, Macalister Crowe, introduced himself. He will be the new representative for our county to replace Mike Panosh. The Commission welcomed him.
- Wisconsin DOT Representative Kim Bradely introduced herself and stated she is here in place of Rodney Hamilton. The commission welcomed her.

5. Reports

5.1. Status of Area Highway Construction and Repair Proposals

- Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WIDOT) representative Kim Bradely stated no major projects to update for 2025 to-date. Discussion followed. Informational only. Bradely asked commission to remind all drivers to call in wrong-way drivers into the TMC. No action taken.

Online updates can be found at: <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>

5.2. WDOT BOTS Report and Updates

- Dan Kontos, WIDOT, presented a slide show of the quarterly WIDOT information. Two fatal crashes occurred in Oconto County in quarter four 2024. Traffic safety data was reviewed. Kontos stated Community Maps virtual meetings are still being held, as well as training videos are available online now. Discussion followed. Informational only. More information can be found at <http://zeroinwisconsin.gov>. No action taken.

5.3. Traffic Safety Legislation Report

- Kontos stated there is no traffic safety specific legislative update at this time. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.
- Sheriff Skarban stated at the state level the Sheriff's are looking into updating statutes regarding types of lighting on public safety vehicles.

5.4. Traffic Safety Coordinator Report

- Jon Spice stated there were no new updates.

5.5. Commission Member Reports

- Public Health Manager, Jaelyn Scanlan, stated all safety town maps are received and stored in the old recycling center. Program updates were shared. Discussion followed. No action taken.

6. Locations of Traffic Hazard and Recommended Improvements to Enhance Safety

- Sheriff stated that a County Rd I resident stated they want a flashing radar sign affixed to a post in the 25 mile per hour area. Scanlan stated the ones that are by the schools were from a grant received through the safe. Bradely stated she will

provide the information to the state for consideration. Informational only. No action taken.

- Hytinen stated a HISA project will be completed in 2027 around the CTY Rd VV area. Informational only. No action taken.

7. Traffic Crashes – Community Maps Review

7.1. Spot Map Report

- Kontos shared the spot map report. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

7.2. Fatality Crash Review

- Sheriff Skarban reviewed the two fatal accidents which occurred in quarter four 2024. A handout was provided of fatal crash data. Informational only. No action taken.

8. Traffic Safety Training

- TIME weekend train-the-trainer class will be held in the area soon. Informational only. No action taken.

9. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)

- None.

10. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for April 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

11. Adjournment

Sheriff Skarban declared the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Rita Krause, Recorder

Date Posted: 2/5/2025