

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2016

### **Members Present:**

Matt Albrecht – Menasha Police Department  
Chris Bordeaux – NM Transfer Co.  
Bob Doemel – Winnebago County Highway Department  
Scott Nelson – WI DOT  
Mike McGinley – Community Representative  
Scott Morrison – Oshkosh Area School District  
Mike Panosh – DOT BOTS  
Rick Olig – DOT BOTS  
Chris Gorte – Oshkosh Police Department  
Kevin Wilkinson – Neenah Police Department

### **Special Guests:** None

Meeting was called to order at 0900 A.M. by Kevin Wilkinson. Members recorded and collected.

Minutes of July 12 meeting: Motion made and seconded to approve, motion carried.

### **New Business:** None

### **Public Comment:** None

### **Review of county wide fatal and serious accidents:**

- Matt Albrecht reported a fatal accident in the Calumet County portion of their jurisdiction (Menasha Police). This was a motorcycle accident that was briefly discussed but not reviewed in depth because it was out of county.
- Chris Gorte reported no fatalities in the quarter for Oshkosh PD, but concerns with Highway A at Highway Y and at Snell Road. The committee would like to discuss those concerns further at the January meeting.
- Members were made aware of a fatal accident on July 17 at Grandview Road with a 20-year-old driver, however there was not a representative from the Sheriff's Office present to provide details. This accident will be reviewed at the January meeting
- No other fatalities or serious accidents were reported out in the meeting

### **Review of available highway safety data:**

Rick Olig from BOTS was present and delivered the "County Profile" prepared by DOT. The profile will be emailed to members and reviewed at the next meeting.

Review of traffic history at Leonard Point Rd/STH 21

Members viewed a satellite image of the intersection and surrounding area to understand the factors that contribute to traffic problems.

Scott Nelson pointed out that this location is a recurring concern and has been discussed for many years. It is a difficult intersection because of the curve. There have been 15 crashes from 2011 to 2015. The most common type of accident is from a southbound vehicle pulling out in front of a westbound vehicle. While there have been no recent fatalities, there have been 5 type B injury accidents and 3 type C injury accidents in the study period.

Wisconsin DOT would like to see this eventually become a roundabout, but it is not on any immediate project plans. There is a possibility of development to the south of the intersection that could potentially increase the likelihood for reconstructing the intersection.

Members discussed possible future options, including “J-turn” intersection construction (there are 3 of these in our region: STH 29 at VV in Brown County, STH 57 at C in Door County, STH 23 at M in Sheboygan County).

No specific recommendations for action were made.

**Review of potential letter to county board on STH 76 concerns:**

Roundabouts are planned for the intersections with JJ, G, and GG. This topic was tabled while DOT members obtain more details about the 2020 construction plans for that portion of STH 76.

**Pending and potential legislation affecting highway safety: None**

Act 198 was signed into law and became effective October 1. This is an Act to amend 346.95 (1); and to create 346.89 (4m) of the statutes prohibiting the use of a handheld cellular or other wireless telephone while driving a motor vehicle in a construction zone.

Rick Olig updated members on Act 170, which will affect Off-highway Vehicle rules and now includes Off-highway motorcycles. Because we do not currently have a trail network in Winnebago County we anticipate this act to have little to no effect in the county.

**Round Table Discussion:**

Doemel – A 1.5 million dollar grant has been secured to construct a roundabout at Hwy CB/Oakridge Rd.

Navigation season closes October 15

On November 10 there will be Community Maps training at Lake Delton FD at 10 a.m.

McGinley – Challenged law enforcement agencies to try working enforcement initiatives at problem roundabouts to decrease violations and accidents

Would like us to use news and social media to increase driver knowledge

Bordeaux – Discussed concerns with the new roundabout at Racine/441 being too small for trucks

Nelson – There will be a TIME (traffic incident management) program at the 441 Field Office (near the Appleton airport) from 9 a.m. to noon on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:**

January 11, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.