

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

## **Traffic Safety Commission Meeting** Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.

## **Community Room 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 Members were present. Meeting called to order at 9:30am by Chair Hardy Roll call: Highway Commissioner Hardy, Steve Bennett, Sheriff's Dept.; Kaivon Souri, Sheriff's Dept; Briant Russell, State Patrol; Ryan Mayer, WisDOT; Robert Bott, WisDOT/BOT; Greg Lee, Dodgeville Public Works; Katrina Hecimovic, SWWRPC; Sue Matye, Iowa County Health Dept; Kurt Schultz, Governor's Council of Highway Safety. Also present: John Christianson of Waldwick, Doug Hansmann of Ridgeway, Tammy Fitzsimons, Iowa County Highway Dept Approve the agenda for this "05-16-2017" meeting and the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting. Agenda for this 05-16-2017 meeting and minutes of the 02-14-2017 meeting were approved unanimously. Report from committee members: 4 Doug Hansmann brought forth an issue with Agenda postings online. Hardy will look into the issue and resolve the posting issue. STH 130/133 Lone Rock Bridge alternatives discussion: Commissioner Hardy gave an overview of the alternative plans. Commission discussed transportation impacts including closures, long-term advantages, emergency services, weight limits, and financial differences. After discussion, the Commission agreed alternative plan 1P may be less of a transportation impact and result in greater long-term advantages. A motion to approve Alternative Plan 1P by Greg Lee, Second by Briant Russell, carried unanimously. ATV Route updates. Hardy gave an update on new ATV routes, changes to the county ATV/UTV Ordinance earlier this year with regards to signage installation, and designation of new/revised routes. Doug Hansmann, of Ridgeway, spoke about requests he received for ATV route signage in Ridgeway and verbiage within Ordinances. Hardy explained the County Ordinance and revised timelines of ATV/UTV route review by this commission to be in November on an annual basis. CTH speed concerns - Speed Limits / signage – other options – enforcement, rumbles, etc. Hardy explained the speed concerns from Hyde and Waldwick. Bennett brought forth a concern from Muscoda regarding CTH P & STH 133 intersection. The Commission discussed resolutions to the concerns including rumble strips, speed lights, signage, speed limit changes, or increased enforcement. Souri gave a report of accidents and fatalities that have occurred at these locations.

John Christenson, of Waldwick, shared his concerns of speed and safety on CTH W in Waldwick. Christenson expressed great concern for the safety of the children at play and requested rumble strips or an alternative plan to slow traffic. Steve Bennett commented with limited resources and the demands for service along the USH 151 corridor, the sheriff's department cannot be at that location on a daily basis.

He summarized the department spent some time on site at the intersection and distributed one violation notice for rolling through the stop sign – it went to a local resident. Mayer and Hardy stated rumble strips are used to notify drivers of an impending stop condition due to poor visibility or unexpected conditions. They are not used for changes in speed posting notice. Discussion of other venues to make motorists more aware such as speed boards, duplication of signage to both sides of the road at the intersections, flashing beacon signage, and some other engineering controls. Discussion tabled until next meeting. Hardy, Bennett, and Mayer will review the location and report to the next commission meeting with their findings. Road closures for 2017 & other upcoming projects: Hardy presented a slide show of upcoming projects and road closures, along with timelines for the following locations CTH K from Mounds Park Road to Knight Hollow Road, STH 191 from Dodgeville to Hollandale, CTH Q between CTH CH and CTH B, STH 23 from Military Ridge Road to CTH ZZ, and the new CTH BB interchange at Ridgeway. BOTS Report – Bike Safety, Legislative update, and other information: Bott summarized 2017 accidents to-date, end of year 2016 results, and the upcoming calendar of events for the Bureau: A.Click it or ticket campaign kickoff May 21st thru June 4th – Wisconsin has an 88% compliance rate and WisDOT is hoping to increase that to >90% similar to all of our neighboring states. 9 B. BOTS would like to increase school participation in the campaign, as they have recognized a decline in awareness by school aged children for seatbelt safety. C. Some organizations include a session on Buckle up for Safety, which is a teaching session to assist senior drivers. D. The Region wide Traffic Safety Coordinator sessions will occur on May 25th at the White House in Richland Center. The main sessions will run from 10AM to 1PM, with an afternoon session on the revised DT4000 reports and any issues with those. Kaivon Souri reviewed one Iowa County fatality crash, and other incidents throughout the county since the last meeting: 10 1. Fatality on Northbound USH 151 just north of the Dodgeville SRTH 23 interchange involving a pickup and a farm implement. 2. Spot map review of other locations for incidents throughout the county. No comments for other business discussion. 11 Next meeting date – tentative – and adjournment. 12 Motion to adjourn by Hardy, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am. Next meeting will be on Tuesday August 15th at 9:30AM. Minutes by Highway Department