

Iowa County Traffic Safety

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2011

1. Meeting called to order by Craig Hardy at 9:35 a.m.

Present:

Jeff Berens, WisDOT Traffic

Todd Carl, Wisconsin State Patrol

Andrea Loeffelholz, WisDOT/BOTS

Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Dept

Jeri Grabbert, Iowa County Highway Dept

Absent:

Jon Pepper, Iowa County Sheriff's Dept.

June Meudt, Iowa County Health Dept.

Greg Lee, City of Dodgeville

Joe Thomas, County Board

Amy Seeboth, SWWRPC

Craig Lindgren, Wisconsin State Patrol

Bert Parkos, City of Mineral Point

Dave Kieffer, Dodgeville Police Dept

Mark Springer, Drivers Education

Tim Helmberger, Corporate Counsel

The committee felt there was not a quorum and did not take action on any issues.

Agenda:

2. Craig Hardy indicated that the meeting had been duly noticed.

3. Approval of May 10, 2011 agenda and February 8, 2011 minutes. No action.

Old Business:

4. **US 18/151 Revised Preferred Alternative Map.** Craig Hardy distributed the June 30, 2011 minutes of the WisDOT Coordination Meeting on the US 18/151 Freeway Conversion Study. He also distributed a map of the proposed interchange with CTH BB. Craig discussed the alternatives of a round-about at Moon Road vs. a 90% turn at Moon Road and Prairie Road. A traffic count showed that 50 vehicles traveled towards Dodgeville from Prairie Road and 52 vehicles travelled towards Madison. The DOT prefers a round-about rather than a "T" intersection. They are still working with the Town of Ridgeway.
5. **US 18/151 Beamguard Upgrade Project in Cue for 2012 Construction.** No update.

New Business:

6. **Revised Speed Limit – HHH East of Ridgeway.** Craig Hardy notified the Traffic Safety Committee of the action taken by the Transportation Committee to reduce the speed limit on CTH HHH east of Ridgeway to 45 mph. It is posted and flagged and the Sheriff's Office is monitoring the area for additional enforcement.
7. **Traffic Safety Report and Highway Safety Input – Andrea Loeffelholz, WisDOT BOTS.** Andrea Loeffelholz distributed the Weekly Fatality Report as of Monday August 8, 2011. Motorcycle crashes are down from last year, however pedestrian accidents have increased and the DOT is looking into as to how to best address the situations. Iowa County had 3 fatalities this reporting quarter – 2 in July and 1 in May. One involved an 82 year old woman on Business 151 and another occurred near Highland where a motorcycle hit a cow. Andrea reviewed bills that have been introduced and/or passed through legislation. Craig Hardy for stat's for CTH F from Blandchardville to STH 39. He would like it compared across the state and determine if it is high risk. If so, then he wonders if it eligible for HSIP funds. Jeff Berens indicated that those within the top 5% have a better chance of getting funds. A cost/benefit ratio analysis would have to be done for the expected results. For example, shoulder paving or rumble strips. An application with crash data would need to be submitted to Jeff Berens and then a determination would be made as to if it is a cost effective project. The due date for applications is August 15th therefore this would have to be submitted for next year.
8. **Review of Accident Spot Report – Jon Pepper, Chief Deputy Sheriff,** No report.
9. **Reports from other members.** None
10. **Comments from Members or Audience.** Craig Hardy noted that this summer's construction projects will not cause any road closures on county highways.

Jeff Berens noted that he had received a citizen complaint regarding the speed of traffic on STH 39 in the Village of Linden. There was concern for pedestrians trying to cross the road.

The Sheriff's Office will be asked to increase patrols in this area. The village asked for crosswalk information and was made aware that any costs involved would be the responsibility of the village. Craig Hardy noted that visibility is bad due to structures. Jeff Berens will send information on an application to the village. Craig Hardy asked if the Village of Cobb applied for their crosswalk. Jeff Berens indicated that they had, however there are some site concerns regarding the ADA ramps.

11. Next meeting scheduled for November 8, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.

12. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert

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