

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes- July 10, 2013

Members Present:

Mike McGinley-Community Representative
Bob Doemel-Winnebago County Highway
Daunita Kline-Community Representative
Mike Panosh-DOT-BOTS
Todd Christie- Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Matt Albrecht-Menasha PD
Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah PD
James Merten-City of Neenah Traffic Engineer
Dan Kussman-City of Oshkosh Transit
Rod Hamilton-DOT NE Region
Steve Weyers-City of Oshkosh PD
Phil Koehler- State Patrol
Steve Krantz-Gold Cross Ambulance

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Bob Doemel. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made by McGinley to approve the minutes from last meeting was 2nd by Panosh. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Doemel-Introductions, welcome Steve Krantz from Gold Cross Ambulance to committee.

Discussed other representation per TSC guidelines, Doemel stated he will contact a drivers education instructor within the Oshkosh school district to represent education, which McGinley recommended.

ROUNDTABLE

Christie-one fatality June 25th 41 SB @ 441, motorcycle struck a vehicle. State Patrol is investigating the crash. 5th fatality for the year in Winnebago County.

Weyers-one fatality in the City of Oshkosh, no details @ time of meeting

Kline- Reported low lying branches within the City of Oshkosh creating a vision problem, Kussman stated he would pass it on to the Forestry Dept..

McGinley-A statement was made to McGinley regarding traffic backups @ 41 SB and 45 interchange during the July 4th holiday. Long traffic delays occurred entering onto 41 SB from 45 SB ramp.

-Discussed recent media coverage regarding "texting while driving". Reinforcing the dangers of texting while driving.

-Discussed steep slopes at state interchanges on the on/exit ramps.

Koehler-Nothing to report

Wikinson- Stated City of Neenah was educating students about the dangers of texting and driving this fall.

-Starbucks coffee building in Neenah was struck by a vehicle.

-Proposed as a committee, we track statistically, "number of accidents within County", "number of fatalities within County". Panosh offered to produce existing facts/stats from the DOT.

Merten- Asked if any local agencies used remotes to control traffic signals during special events or peak traffic hours. City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County and City of Menasha commented they have used the remotes with good results.

Panosh- 5 fatalities in Winnebago County to date, 7 fatalities total in 2012. Also stated Fond du Lac County had 22 fatalities in 2012 and 2 thus far in 2013, which led to a discussion on how change in weather plays a roll in traffic accidents/trends in fatalities.

-Stated lack of Federal Funding will affect some local/regional grant projects, due to the loss of "carry over balance". He hopes "they" can get back on track to fund some of the much needed projects.

Hamilton-Construction updates:

-CTH-G over USH 41 bridge will be repainted and receive a deck overlay starting in July and completed in October.

-CTH-GG and CTH-Y over USH 41 will be rebuilt starting in March 2014 and completed in August 2014.

-presented information regarding proposed "Diverging Diamond Interchange" at 441 and Oneida St.

-discussed "J turn" configuration, being constructed on STH-29 between Green Bay and Door County.

Albrecht-commented on poor signing at the intersection of Tritt Rd. and Rushford Ave. in the Town of Poygan. Doemel stated he should contact Town Chairman to address concern.

Doemel- 150 lift bridge openings per bridge within the City of Oshkosh over the long July 4th holiday.

-CTH-K bridge in Eureka has been removed and contractor is working on piers.

-Oshkosh Corp. has permitted truck routes to test military vehicles, not allowing to truck on all County roads.

Krantz- advised Life fest will be held this week/end and Gold Cross Ambulance will be on site.

Next meeting scheduled for 10/09/13

Motion made by Wilkinson and 2nd by Albrecht to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.