WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes – April 13th, 2022

Members Present:

Greg Cianciolo – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Robert Doemel – Winnebago County Highway Department Rick Olig – WI DOT BOTS Scott Morrison – OASD Driver's Education Kim Biedermann – East Central WI RPC Randy Asman – WI DOT Mike McGinky – Community Representative Jason Seeverson – Fox Crossing Police Department Matt Albrecht – Menasha Police Department Travis Eichstedt – WI State Patrol

Attendance and introductions

Meeting called to order at 09:05 A.M. by Greg Cianciolo. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made to approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2022 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic crashes

Winnebago County Sheriff's Office: CTH H at CTH AH; 02/28/2022; Hours of darkness. Operator and lone occupant of a car was travelling southbound on CTH H. The vehicle veered left (East) and the operator performed a steering maneuver back to the right and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle entered the East ditch striking a tree. The operator of the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene, and was suspected of being intoxicated. Toxicology is still pending.

Pending Legislation

Rick Olig reviewed pending legislation through Communitymaps.org. Nothing new was highlighted as pending legislation has been discussed at previous meetings.

Round Table Discussion

Greg Cianciolo spoke about several townships in the northern portion of Winnebago County conducting traffic studies in an effort to reduce speed limits on several town roads. New subdivisions resulting in increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic have raised safety concerns in those areas.

Greg Cianciolo spoke about the closing of the intersection at CTH CB and CTH JJ creating heavy vehicle traffic in adjacent subdivisions due to people not following the designated detour routes. Many citizen complaints regarding the increased traffic have been fielded by the Sheriff's Office and the Highway Department. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is conducting directed traffic enforcement in the areas of concern in an effort to educate the public about utilizing the posted detour route.

Greg Cianciolo spoke about the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office recently purchasing a Trimble Scanner and accessories for accident investigation. The new equipment should reduce the time it takes to investigate serious injury and fatal accident scenes, allowing closed highways to reopen much faster.

Rick Olig spoke about enhancements to the Community Maps program which will allow data to be sorted by agency/jurisdiction for more accurate reporting. New flags were also added to the program. Olig showed some examples of how the enhancements will help with analytics for agencies to identify areas where traffic enforcement could improve highway safety.

Rick Olig spoke about upcoming BOTS sponsored DRE classes, and the importance of having DRE trained law enforcement officers to identify drug impaired drivers.

Robert Doemel spoke about navigation season opening soon on area waterways. The Winnebago County Highway Department will be cleaning bridges in preparation starting April 20th.

Robert Doemel gave an update on the CTH CB/CTH JJ project. The City of Neenah is currently doing prep work, and the roundabout construction will take place from May to September.

Robert Doemel spoke about upcoming construction on CTH T. The highway will be rerouted to continue straight onto Pioneer Road instead of going through Larson. The current roadway through Larson will be repaved, and improvements will be made to the new CTH T and CTH II intersection to improve visibility.

Randy Asman spoke about upcoming construction on USH 10, West of USH 41. The work will consist of patching, guard rail, and shoulder work. This will have minimal impact on traffic.

Randy Asman spoke about an automatic warning system that will be installed at the intersection of STH 21 and Leonard Point Road in May. The system will give a visual warning through flashing lights and signs when a vehicle is entering STH 21 from Leonard Point Road.

Kim Biedermann spoke about the upcoming Bike to School day on May 4th. There are twelve area schools participating in the event.

Next Meeting: July 13th, 2022 at 09:00 A.M. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.