

MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PRESENT: Jack Peters, Coordinator; Trooper Kris Perales, WI State Patrol; Mike Panosh, D.O.T.-W.S.P.-BOTS; Ken Pesch; Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Washington County Sheriff's Dept; Captain Steve Gonwa, Washington County Sheriff's Dept; Norbert Neuser, Chairman; Jon Edgren, Washington County Highway Commissioner; and Chief Dean Schmidt, Slinger Police Department.

ABSENT: Tom Heydel, WI D.O.T.

GUEST: Dan Goetz, Brian Bausch, and Joseph Gonnering, Washington County Transportation Committee, Dave Rank, West Bend Daily News.

CALL TO ORDER

The Washington County Traffic Safety Commission meeting of **March 3, 2010** was held at the Washington County Sheriff's Department, and was called to order by Chairman Norbert Neuser at 9:05 a.m.

The Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of **December 2, 2009** were approved as presented on the motion of Sheriff Dale Schmidt, and seconded by Kris Perales. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of sight distances and crashes on STH 144 at Newark Drive. Jon Edgren will report on STH 144 with reconstruction plans and time table.

Jon advised after review of the plans, as of September 2009, CTH HH continues to show a proposed cul-de-sac. Jon also reported he believes STH 144 is scheduled for 2011, however may be pushed back to 2012.

Tom Heydel will report at the next meeting on the time table.

Jon advised CTH H construction is scheduled for 2011. They are currently working on land acquisition for right-of-way, environmental permitting this year, and construction next year.

Brian Bausch requested a review of policies regarding bicycle races and rallies from the Sheriff's Department, WI State Patrol, and Municipal Police Departments. Tom Heydel will report on how D.O.T. addresses the issuance of permits.

The issue on how D.O.T. addresses the issuance of permits has been tabled until the next meeting.

Joseph Gonnering advised the Commission there will be a bicycle rally from 5 miles to 100 miles in length with Riveredge coming up in June. Contact Joseph if you would like a map. Joseph advised this group does not stop at stop signs. He has attended their meetings and advised them to obey the laws.

Jon Edgren presented a motion to request the County Attorney to draft a resolution for the County Board to support enforcement and traffic laws for group bicycle rides and races. Sheriff Dale Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Is there any possibility of moving up the timetable for a roundabout at STH 60 at CTH G. There have been four serious crashes including a fatal since our last meeting. Tom Heydel will report on time tables and if there were new speed studies on STH 60.

Tom advised by e-mail to the Commission the roundabout is planned for 2013. Accordingly, they evaluated the crashes, volumes and delays, and conducted a warrant analysis for an all-way stop. While the criteria is not met, it is very close for both volumes and crashes. They are considering installing an all-way stop in 2011, by including it with project 2310-10-70. This project is also on STH 60, and they plan to present it at the PIM for this project to obtain public comment. The PIM is scheduled for May or June for that project.

This item has been tabled for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Heydel will report on stage two of a speed study on STH 164.

Tom Heydel supplied by e-mail to the Commission the speed study at STH 164. The information is attached to the minutes and will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

Tom Heydel also wanted to report the installation of a blinker stop sign westbound and eastbound on Hubertus Road at STH 164 has been complete.

Jon Edgren received a request for a further study on safety issues related to USH 41 and CTH K interchange area. Jon reported there was a letter sent to D.O.T. to observe the area for long and/or short term resolutions. This is a 2 1/2 mile patch of concrete then asphalt. It is believed the concrete is causing a good portion of the accidents. The Transportation Committee is also looking for a center median cable barrier to be installed. There are trees planted in the area, however not big enough to create the break needed in the winter. Since 2005 there have been approximately 112 accidents.

REVIEW OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

Sheriff Dale Schmidt reported there were two fatalities in Washington County for the year.

On 02/03/10 Ronald G. Anas, age 59, died as a result of a three vehicle crash on STH 60 west of Tillie Lake Road in the Town of Polk. He was the only occupant in his vehicle traveling eastbound when it crossed left of center into the westbound lane of traffic and sideswiped a westbound sports utility vehicle. After the sideswipe collision, his vehicle spun sideways and was struck by a second westbound vehicle. It is believed that Ronald was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident. He was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital. Three other adults were injured. At this time the accident and cause remain under investigation.

On 02/15/10 Mark D. Stephens, age 61, was involved in a two vehicle accident in the Town of Trenton. Mark was traveling southbound on USH 41 when a northbound sports utility vehicle lost control entering the median where the vehicle rolled, crossing over into the southbound lane striking Mark's vehicle. Mark was transported to Aurora Medical Center and then to Froedtert. On 02/23/10 at 5:57 p.m. Mark was pronounced deceased at Froedtert Hospital. Mark and his passenger were wearing their seatbelts. Speed and road conditions due to weather appear to be a contributing factor; alcohol does not. The accident remains under investigation.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS PERTINENT TO THE COMMISSION

Mike Panosh reported there were 543 fatalities in 2009 and 587 fatalities in 2008. As of today there were 51 fatalities and 66 fatalities in 2009.

Ken Pesch requested car killed deer results for the last three to four years on the dead deer picked up on the state and county highways. Ken is curious to see if the deer kills are down dramatically or staying the same from a couple years ago. Jon Edgren will supply the information to Ken Pesch.

ADJOURN

The Commission Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. upon motion by Jack Peters, and seconded by Norbert Neuser. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on **June 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** in a meeting room at the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. John C. Peters, Coordinator