

RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes – November 12, 2020

Public Works & Development Services Conference Room
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue,
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Members Present:

Julie Anderson – Racine County Public Works and Development Services Director
David Maack - Racine County Emergency Management
Michael Payne - Racine County ~~Chief Deputy~~ Medical Examiner
John Strack – Racine Unified School District
Mike Borck – DOT Traffic Regulations
Tom Knitter – TRIAD
Shawn Barker – Racine County Sheriff’s Office
David Strobe – Mt. Pleasant Police Dept.
Matt Johnson – Waterford Police Dept.
Rick Olig - BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

1. Call to Order

David Maack called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Minutes of the September 10, 2020, meeting KNITTER moved, seconded by Strack, to approve the September 10, 2020, minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Fatalities since the last meeting

Shawn Barker of the Racine County Sheriff’s office reviewed two crashes:

1. 9/12/20: on 60th Street south of 7 Mile Rd.: single vehicle, single occupant/operator going 55 mph when failed to negotiate a soft curve and went off the road.
-Medical examiner – toxicology pending, autopsy indicated blunt force injury to torso, not belted.
2. 9/24/20, 2:20pm: on STH11 in Kansasville: two vehicle crash. Vehicle following cement truck, tried to pass in no passing zone and struck westbound vehicle. The operator of the westbound vehicle did not survive.
-Medical examiner, victim 56-year-old male from the City of Racine, cause of death multiple blunt force injuries, toxicology was negative.

Michael Payne followed up on accident on STH 38- and 4-Mile Rd in Caledonia. Multiple blunt force injuries of torso and extremities, toxicology was negative.

9/24/20 on Hwy 11 and Pritchard Dr, Inspector struck by cement truck. Multiple blunt force injuries, toxicology still pending, driver error. State Patrol is investigating.

10/19/20 on Park Ave and Water St, 36-year-old male struck a utility pole. Multiple blunt force injuries. Intoxicated – BAC .283.

Rick Olig displayed crash reports for two accidents in Caledonia:

1. 7/31/20: 9:50am, not report at last meeting, westbound on Golf Rd, failed to yield and pulled out in front of semi-truck.
-Medical examiner: autopsy came back as blunt force trauma, toxicology showed ADHD prescribed medication, not intoxicated.
2. 8/3/20: 2:20pm, STH 38- and 4-Mile Rd. Vehicles on 38 swerved to the left to avoid a non-contact vehicle that pulled out from the stop sign on 4 Mile Rd. One fatality.

4. Upcoming construction projects

Julie Anderson discussed projects approved in the County 2021 budget:

- Repaving a mile or more on CTH K West of STH 45 past Overson Road.
- Large STH S culvert needs to be replaced.
- Spot paving will be done along CTH C.
- Designing a rebuild of CTH P in Burlington.
- Temporary signals at the CTH C frontage road will be set to red flash for a week then the lights will come down and be replaced with the stop signs.
- Working to make the signal lights at the intersection of CTH C and CTH V permanent instead of temporary.

Mike Borck reviewed State projects:

- STH 20 and I-94 permanent signals should be operational by the end of the year.
- STH 11 construction will be on-going into next year.
- STH 20 bridges west of I-94 are completed.
- CTH KR project through 2021
- STH 36 from CTH Y to STH 11 repaving in 2021
- STH 11 from the West Frontage Road toward Union Grove in 2021
- STH 38 from the roundabout to CTH MM being reconstructed in 2021.

5. Review of the 2021 Monthly Safety Campaign Posters

January – Public Works snowplow safety – poster is fine.
February – Same as 2020 -rules of the Road/Inattentive driving
March – Public Works, Highway safety
April – Waterford - Boating safety
May – Mt. Pleasant – Motorcycle safety
June – TRIAD – Driving in our older years
July – Pedestrian safety
August – John Strack – School bus safety
September – Emer. Mngt – National Preparedness month
October – Caledonia - Teen Driver safety
November – Emer. Mngt – Winter Safety
December – Med. Exam. – Drunk Driving

- Let David Maack know if posters need to change at all

6. Around-the-table

Mike Borch, WISDOT:

TRAW system at STH 36 and CTH J will be activated soon
STH 11 and Pike River Pathway – Hwy Beacon installed, also being installed on
KR – pedestrian trail crossing

Rick Olig, BOTS:

- State crash numbers: fatalities are up, pedestrian crashes down.
Motorcycles are high.
Statewide: 522 (2020); 490 (2019)
19 crashes, 21 deaths, 5 were distracted and 5 were alcohol/drug related.
- Showed top 5 crash areas in East Racine County where enforcement is needed.
- Community maps have been updated; communitymaps@wi.gov.
- Drive Sober is coming up Dec.18 through Jan 1.
- Equipment grant is not available.
- Get Schools, Sheriff's page, or County social media to share messages about traffic.
- Reviewed what information can be found on crashdataanalysis@dot.wi.gov

7. Other Business

- Election of 2021 Officers:
Chair: David Maack
Vice-chair: Mike Payne
Secretary: Julie Anderson
- Next Meeting: February 11, 2021
- New Highway Safety Coordinator: Daniel Adams replacing James Weidner.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, David Maack adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.