

RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes – September 8, 2022

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
Daniel Adams – Highway Safety Coordinator
Roley Behm – Racine County Public Works Superintendent
Tom Cerniak – Racine County Deputy Medical Examiner
Jay Kerner – Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator
John Strack – Racine Unified School District
Tom Knitter – TRIAD (arrived later)
Mike Borck - WisDOT
Matt Johnson – Waterford Police Department
David Stroupe – Mount Pleasant Police Department
Martin Pavilonis – Racine Police Department
Randy Wiessinger – WisDOT/BOTS consultant

1. Call to Order

Julie Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Minutes of the May 12, 2022, meeting.

Tom Knitter moved, seconded by Jay Kerner, to approve the May 12, 2022, minutes.
Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 11/0

3. Fatalities since the last meeting

Randy provided details of fatalities since the May meeting and Tom Cerniak provided any autopsy/toxicology results:

5/23/22 – in Caledonia, 3:00 p.m., Motorcycle versus car. The car failed to yield the right-of-way. Motorcyclist was fatally injured, not wearing a helmet. Nothing in toxicology other than prescription medications.

6/14/22 – 10:37 a.m. in , two semi-trucks head-on crash. Unit traveling westbound crossed the center line. Toxicology indicated acute cocaine intoxication.

6/30/22 – 7:36 a.m., in Yorkville. Two vehicle crash on STH 11 west of Industrial Park Drive going westbound. Medical event suspected.

7/13/22 – Yorkville motorcycle versus vehicle at STH 11 and 56th Ave. Motorcyclist, not wearing helmet, struck vehicle slowing coming out of driveway. Toxicology pending, blunt force trauma to head.

7/26/22 – 2:45 p.m. in Norway at Loomis Rd and Fries Ln., single vehicle off-road crash, struck tree. Alcohol suspected. No seatbelt.

8/4/22 – Mount Pleasant, STH 11 going westbound near STH 31. Motorcycle at high rate of speed versus delivery truck turning into Pick N Save. No helmet, toxicology pending. Motorcyclist died at hospital.

8/16/22 – Rochester on Plank Rd vehicle going westbound and vehicle going southbound on CTH J or English Settlement failed to stop at stop sign.

4. Upcoming construction projects

Julie Anderson:

- CTH U: from CTH G to the Racine/Milwaukee County Line to finish up about mid-October.
- CTH K: from STH 36 to CTH S going north is completed.
- CTH P: on schedule and expected to open the 1st week in October.

Roundabouts:

- STH 45 & CTH A postponed by resolution.
- CTH U & 6 Mile and CTH U & 7 Mile are slated for 2023.
- State project STH 45 & STH 20 north.

Mike Borck:

- STH 11 & STH 20 standalone signal projects to be completed in a month or so.
- STH 36 – near completion.
- STH 11 – to be completed by November 1st, some landscaping to do into 2023.
- STH 20 – landscaping to be done, completion by October 15th.
- 2023 East and West Frontage Roads to be rehabilitated.

Roundabouts in 2023/2024:

- STH 11 & CTH J
- STH 75 & CTH A
- STH 45 & CTH A

5. Around-the-table

Julie Anderson, the Eagle Lake boat launch is underway but may not be completed until the end of October, beginning of November. The North beach and Zoo beach safety upgrades were completed around Memorial Day. There were zero drownings so far this summer. The North breakwater is being rehabilitated currently.

John Strack, parents in Caledonia reported vehicles passing buses with stop arm out. He requested how he should instruct parents to report problem areas in each municipality.

Matt Johnson asked when the 22/23 BOTS grants will come out for the Fall. Randy indicated that they are out already.

Jay Kerner has been following up with Amanda from the Journal Times regarding the safety posters since May, but she has not responded.

Randy Wiessinger showed some enhancements to the Community Maps, including filters such as aggressive driving flag, helmet flag, lane departure, school bus crash tracking, and intersection flags.

Teen driving is a big issue. He can provide a PowerPoint presentation for law enforcement who go into driver's education classes.

6. Other Business

With Michael Payne retiring, the Election of officers for 2023 will be postponed until the next meeting, which is scheduled for November 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Julie Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.