

RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes – September 14, 2023

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

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Members Present:

- Alex Freeman – Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator
 - Tom Knitter – Citizen Representative
 - Mike Borck - WisDOT
 - Matt Johnson – Waterford Police Department
 - David Stroupe – Mount Pleasant Police Department
 - Randy Wiessinger – WisDOT/BOTS consultant
 - Mike Knowlton – WI State Patrol
 - Cary Madrigal – Racine County Sheriff’s Office
 - Kim Chapman – Sturtevant Police Department
 - Frank Pritzlaff – Racine County Public Works – Engineering Manager
 - Patrice Brunette – Racine County Public Works – Superintendent
 - Kim Parsons – Racine County Public Works & Development Services
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1. Call to Order

Alex Freeman called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. Minutes of the May 11, 2023, meeting.

Matt Johnson moved, seconded by Tom Knitter, to approve the May 11, 2023, minutes. **Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 12/0**

3. Fatalities since the last meeting

Randy Wiessinger provided a list of six fatalities since the last meeting; autopsy/toxicology results were not provided by the Medical Examiner’s office at this meeting:

5/19/2023 – in Racine, 9:10 p.m., motorcycle versus car. The car turned in front of the motorcycle. Cyclist was not wearing a helmet. No impairment listed.

5/26/2023 – in Mount Pleasant, 10:00 p.m., Southbound STH 32 at Larson Street. A pedestrian, who had been drinking alcohol, was struck by several vehicles. Was a hit and run which is still under investigation.

6/9/2023 – in the County at CTH A and STH 45, 6:50 p.m. vehicle did not stop at LED lighted stop sign and the motorcycle crashed into the vehicle. The motorcyclist was DOA.

There have been other major crashes at this intersection. A round-about was slated to be installed, but local citizens voted it down. The County is still pursuing the around-about as no other counter measures will work.

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7/6/2023 – Wind Point Police at 4:50 p.m. pursuing a motorcyclist at high rate of speed on Erie St. The Motorcycle hit a concrete cut out in the road throwing the driver. No helmet, impairment not suspected.

8/15/2023 – Mount Pleasant, 9:00 p.m. This was a one vehicle crash. A twenty-four-year-old left Pudges Bar on the east frontage road at a high rate of speed, passing other vehicles on the road, missed the curve near Razor Sharp Fitness and ran into a utility pole.

8/20/2023 – Mount Pleasant, 9:23 p.m. Fourteen-year-old pedestrian was crossing STH 31 and was struck by vehicle turning left onto Newman Road. Vehicle operator stopped, then kept going. Investigation is still ongoing. Impairment unknown.

4. Upcoming construction projects

Mike Borck:

- Frontage Road project – scheduled to be finished in mid-October.
- STH 83 in the West side of the County scheduled to be done in early November.
- STH 38 from Milwaukee County/Racine County line to 6 Mile Rd. expected to be completed in mid-October.
- STH 20 from STH 36 to 45 completed last week.
- STH 20 from STH 83 split west to start next year in mid-April. The detour will be STH 83 North to STH 43.

Frank Pritzlaff:

- CTH D in Rochester is scheduled to be completed in early November.

5. Around-the-table

Randy Wiessinger shared some informational slides. Year-to-date, there have been 12 fatalities in Racine County. Last year there were 20 and the five-year average is 17. Motorcycle fatalities are up this year, 3 since the last meeting. He discussed Community maps and other information available for the benefit of the new commission members.

There was discussion about incomplete information on crash reporting.

6. Other Business

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023, with a vote for a new Chairman.

7. Adjournment

Thomas Knitter moved, seconded by Matt Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m.