

RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes – May 9, 2024

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

Members Present:

Frank Pritzlaff – Racine County Public Works Engineering Manager
Patrice Brunette – Racine County Highway and Parks Superintendent
Tom Knitter – Senior Representative
Todd Horn - WisDOT/BOTS consultant
Kim Parsons – PWDS Admin Assistant
Cary Madrigal – Highway Safety Coordinator (via TEAMS)
Madeline Baumeister– Racine County Deputy Medical Examiner (via TEAMS)
Mike Borck – WisDOT (via TEAMS)
Alex Freeman – Racine County Emergency Management Director (via TEAMS)
Greg Sousek – WisDOT/WSP

1. Call to Order

Frank Pritzlaff called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes of the February 8, 2023, meeting.

Tom Knitter moved, seconded by Greg Sousek, to approve the February 8, 2024, minutes. **Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 9/0**

3. Fatalities since the last meeting

Cary presented information on three County crashes:

4/15/24 – Burlington, in the parking lot of a restaurant at 960 Milwaukee Ave. Truck backed up and ran other victim carrying trash to a dumpster.

4/10/24 – in the Village of Mt. Pleasant at Ole Davidson Rd and Indian Hills Apartment complex. Vehicle crashed into fence.

Todd Horn introduced himself as the Law Enforcement Liaison and reviewed fatalities comparing this year's numbers to last year's.

He provided information on two other fatal crashes:

3/2/24 – 3:53 p.m. on Memorial Drive by Twelfth St. Conditionals were dry and clear. A vehicle was passing another vehicle, crossed over into oncoming traffic and caused a head-on collision. Fatal injuries to both drivers.

4/9/24 – 7:45 a.m. on STH 38 at Emmertsen Rd. vehicle one: failure to yield while turning left onto Emmertsen, crashing into vehicle 2, which hit the curb and hit a traffic standard and stopped in the grass. Fatal injury to driver vehicle 2.

4/10/24 – 1:08 p.m. in the Village of Mt. Pleasant, Ole Davidson Road and Indian Hills which Capt. Madrigal initially introduced. One vehicle crash, dry, clear, daylight, level, and straight roadway, crossed through median divider. Vehicle slid, struck fence, and trees then came to a stop.

Madeline Baumeister indicated that there were six fatalities. An additional one pronounced at the Aurora Burlington hospital, but injuries consistent with being hit by a car found on STH 36 and CTH J. It is possible a crash report was not completed.

Todd presented crash information from the Community maps program comparing 2023 and 2024 data by jurisdiction showing less crashes in 2024 due to the mild winter. Charts were also presented showing time of day crash data, unbelted crashes, and five-year data. He also showed where on Community maps where to look for legislative updates and discussed various road safety programs.

4. Candidates for Countermeasures

No new issues to report.

5. Upcoming construction projects

Mike Borck:

- STH 20 from Waterford, Buena Vista Rd to CTH S 45 has not started yet, it is a 14-day project which must be completed by May 31st.
- The roundabout at STH 75 and CTH A, is slated to start mid-summer.
- The roundabout at STH 11 and CTH J is scheduled to start mid-summer.
- The bridge over the Root River on STH 38, is expected to start on June 10th.
- The resurface on STH 20 from Oakes Rd to STH 31 is expected to be completed by late fall.
- The resurface on STH 20 from 90th St to STH 31 project to be completed by early fall.

Frank Pritzlaff:

- A roundabout project at CTH U and 7 Mile Rd, anticipating a June start date and August completion. Also, a box culvert project south of this intersection will have the same detour and timeframe as the roundabout.
- Currently repaving three sections of CTH S from CTH K to S. Wind Lake Rd. Roads are closed, but open to through traffic.
- Resurface CTH G from E. Frontage Rd to CTH H, August 1 to November 1.
- A development is causing CTH A in the Town of Burlington to be closed starting 5/13 ending 6/14. Notices have gone out. The road will be closed, but open to local traffic.

6. Around-the-table

Alex Freeman: Shared a news release regarding grants from the State. He is wondering if this is being done in Racine County and if not, is it beneficial.

Todd Horn: Spoke of predictive analytics through Community Maps which provide information on hot spots. He explained that he can work with Law Enforcement.

Greg Sousek: he is attending Traffic Safety Commission meetings in his jurisdiction to encourage law enforcement to do breathe analysis in lieu of or prior to blood testing. His department provides free training.

7. Other Business

The next meeting will be on September 12, 2024.

8. Adjournment

Thomas Knitter moved, seconded by Patrice Brunette, to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m.