

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 17, 2017

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Rick Wolfe, Michael Panosh, Brian Nack, Scott Schneider, Holly Herzog, Julie Reimer, Gregg Kadow, John Kropp, Scott Luchterhand, and Jason Orth.

Also Present: Rick Olig from, WI DOT BOTS; Joshua Falk, WI DOT; Jim Muenzenmeyer, City of Manitowoc; and Dan Koski, City of Manitowoc.

Excused: Barbara Herrmann and Marc Holsen.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Jason Orth.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2017 meeting by Scott Schneider, second by Scott Luchterhand; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Request for Site Evaluations:

CORD CL (USHY 151 to Hecker Rd): Speed study by Ayres Associates distributed. The recommendation by Ayres Associates for this stretch of highway is as follows: "The posted speed limit for the southern portion of the study corridor be set at 45 mph. This posted speed limit would provide consistency with the posted speed limit on CORD CL south of Viebahn St. Given the crash history and the design speed of the curves it is recommended that the northern portion of the study corridor be posted at 35 mph."

Motion by John Kropp to adhere to the recommendations of Ayres Associates in regards to lowering the speed limit to 35 mph in the northern portion of the corridor, second by Scott Schneider; motion carried.

RAPIDS ROAD BUS STOP: Jim Muenzenmeyer from the City of Manitowoc provided a brief history on this issue. The original bus stop on Rapids Road was moved 100 feet to the north to avoid having the bus stop in the right turn lane. Having the bus stop in this position caused difficulty for the bus drivers merging back into traffic and it also caused numerous cars to illegally turn right in front of the bus. The bus stop was moved to improve safety. The bus currently stops at this location about 8 times a day. The City Transit System is requesting permission to pour a concrete pad at the new bus stop location for riders to use.

Prior to the meeting, Marc Holsen expressed concerns in an email about the new bus stop being near an extremely busy intersection. Jim Muenzenmeyer stated trees were removed to improve sight lines and 500 feet is available which is all that is required in a 55 mph zone which exceeds the requirements for this area. The bus stop has been in the new location since January and no problems have been observed. John Kropp stated that some concerns include the average daily traffic being over 14,000 cars a day, cars merging into the turning lane for Waldo Blvd, school bus traffic from Riverview, and the upcoming construction and detours that will affect the area in the near future. Jim Muenzenmeyer stated this route has been in existence for 15 years with minimal incidents.

Scott Luchterhand stated the new location was picked because it increased safety, sight lines exceed requirements, and buses commonly stop in the lane of travel in other cities. Scott Luchterhand stated they wish to pour the concrete before the cold weather comes and objections could have been raised prior to now since the bus stop has been in existence since January. Gregg Kadow also expressed frustration that objections could have been raised earlier. A normal curb and gutter exists at the site. Jason Orth stated that when the bridge is out the 14,400 vehicles could double or even triple. Moving south of Michigan Ave. was not an option because of the slope and it would not meet ADA requirements. We believe the Highway Commissioner can deny items in the right-of-way being the concrete slab.

Motion by John Kropp to table this matter until Marc Holsen can attend and present his objections in person, second by Brian Nack; motion carried with 5 yes and 3 no.

141 SPEEDWAY ~ Pedestrian Crossing: The Board of Adjustment's decision was distributed reflecting all recommendations from the Traffic Safety Commission. No further action required.

DOT Update: Michael Panosh stated total fatal accidents in Wisconsin for 2017 is 473 as compared to 463 in 2016. Fatal accidents so far this year: Sheboygan 9, Kewaunee 2, Brown 17, Calumet 4, and Manitowoc 5. The percent of alcohol related fatalities remains the same around 33%. Seatbelt usage in Wisconsin is around 90%, but this number drops to 50% in fatal accidents. The Governor's Conference for 2018 will be held on August 22nd and 23rd in Lake Geneva.

Community Maps: Rick Olig from the Bureau of Traffic Safety provided an update on Community Mapping. As of January 1, 2018 accidents will automatically upload from TRACS. It is very important that agencies use TLT for locations and amend reports to add BAC results. Suicide by vehicle does not count as a fatality nor does death caused by a medical condition resulting in a traffic accident. Community Mapping information is used to determine grants awarded.

DOT Construction Update: Joshua Falk stated STHY 42 in Two Rivers and the I43 project should be completed by Friday. Next year they will install cable guard one mile north of the south county line on I43. This project should take 2 months. The big project will be USHY 10 which will start east of the village limits in Reedsville and go to CORD R. This project will involve milling and paving with the replacement of sewer pipes in Whitelaw. Traffic will be detoured on CORD W to USHY 151 to I43. Waldo Boulevard in the city of Manitowoc will also be redone with this project lasting 2 years.

Recent Fatalities: None

Next Meeting: January 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Schneider at 10:57 am, second Scott Luchterhand; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary