

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 17th, 2024

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Thursday, October 17th, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Department.

ROLL CALL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Wells, Maze, Preuss, Horn, Udovich, McGeary

Members absent: Lorenzen, Ward, Cooper, Heaslip

Also present: Macalister Crowe, Bureau of Traffic Safety

Dave Gress, Bureau of Traffic Safety

Laura Payne, Town of Oakland

Nicole Styles, St. Coletta of Wisconsin

Peggy Stewart

Anita Martin

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES:

The minutes from the July 18, 2024, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Wells and seconded by Preuss to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peggy Stewart expressed continued concern about speed and truck traffic on STH 89. This was discussed further during Old Business.

Nicole Styles expressed her concern for pedestrian safety at the crosswalk near STH 18 and CTH Y. This was discussed further in New Business.

Laura Payne expressed her concern for excessive speed on STH 18 near Cambridge. This was discussed further in Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussed speed concern on USH 18: Chris Wells said there is a safety project scheduled in 2027 & WisDOT to study (collect speed data & investigate speed limit reduction/improvements)

b. Discussed speed and additional truck traffic (Kikkoman) concerns on STH 89. Peggy Stewart has list of trucks. Chris Wells is looking into potential options (truck route/speed study).

Jake brake signs installed per Mike Hollinger, Jefferson Town Chair (semi issue, not dump trucks). Todd Horn mentioned State Patrol heavy vehicle inspection. Travis Maze said Sheriff speed board no longer works.

c. The Traffic Safety website & Subcommittee outreach efforts were discussed. Elizabeth McGeary said no events are currently scheduled for the Subcommittee outreach, but e-mail was sent to school administrators; staff attended Jefferson Night Out and Lake Mills event.

d. The commission discussed the 2024 Speed Awareness Day which was on July 31st.

e. The commission discussed the 2024 Governor's Conference on Highway Safety which was held August 19th-21st.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The commission discussed speed concerns on CTH B near Lake Mills and Concord. Traffic studies were conducted in multiple locations in both areas: compliance in Concord, but look at speed board and/or enforcement in Lake Mills (additional count to be done on east end).
- b. The commission discussed concerns for pedestrian safety at the crosswalk at STH 18 and CTH Y. Chris Wells will look into who permittee is (responsible for faded crosswalk) and options for increasing safety and awareness (beacon out of date/look at sidewalk extension on north side).
- c. The commission discussed the importance of local law enforcement/ legal involvement in these meetings. They discussed ways to get the word out to increase participation/contact absent members.
- d. The commission discussed the possibility of municipalities installing Emergency Vehicle Preemption in their emergency vehicles. They noted the importance of compatibility of systems between nearby municipalities. Table issue and discuss with local Fire/Police/EMS.

10. Traffic Accident Spot Map – Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department

The Spot Map was reviewed by the Committee (9 fatalities this year – 5 since last meeting). Travis Maze indicated wrong way driving on I-94 is a problem (7 in one night); has asked WisDOT to look at ramps at STH 89 (additional Do Not Enter signs, overhead lights, “light blockers” on barrier wall, etc.). No Motion.

11. WisDOT Southwest Region, Madison - Traffic Section

Christopher Wells discussed numerous important dates, programs, and legislation related to DOT.

12. WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety – Transportation Safety Report & Highway Safety Input

Todd Horn presented the 3rd quarter crash data.
Saturday, October 18th: Move Over/Slow Down
Community Maps Virtual Office Hours: 2nd Monday of each month (Noon – 1:00 P.M.)
Regional TIME Meeting: November 21st
Traffic Safety Culture Presentation: Public Health Issue/Tech vs. Adaptive Challenges/Presence at County Fair/Involve tow truck operators, Fire, Police, EMS, schools, & Health (1 or 2 “big” meetings per year: Spring in April & Fall in October)
Travis Maze said there is a Chief meeting every 2 months (next one in December)

13. Wisconsin State Patrol

None

14. Village/City Police Department-Reports

None

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for January 16th, 2025, at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

It was motioned by Preuss and seconded by Wells to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. Carried unanimously.