

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 11/13/2023 AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 730 WEST KEMP STREET, RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: HEGEMAN/COORDINATOR, KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/SECRETARY, OLIG/WISDOT BOTS, GAUTHIER/RHINELANDER POLICE DEPARTMENT, BAIER/WISDOT, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, WESTPHAL/STATE PATROL

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Kirby called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Olig/Gauthier to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Olig/Gauthier to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the change to add to item #5 Olig mentioned that Tribal lands do not have to report crashes 'to WisDOT'. All ayes.
4. Oneida County/State Crash History and Data. Oneida County has had five fatalities as of 10/31/23 compared to two the same time last year. 440 crashes this year compare to 431 last year. Discussed an area on STH 47 near McNaughton curve where there have been five crashes reported in the last year. Statewide, through November 10th, there have been 498 reported fatalities compared to 529 this same time last year. Olig reported 'aggressive' factors have increased 43% in the last year and 'impaired' have increased 33%. Pedestrian crashes increased 100%, Bicycle 300% and Work Zone 150%. Olig reviewed the importance of information needed on the crash reports. He also informed the committee of the new Judicial Outreach Liaison. Olig described 'Trypscore', a new and improved app that rewards your daily safe driving with access to exclusive contests, challenges, and the change to win gift cards and other rewards, through Safe Road Challenges. Discussed Legislative updates. Driver's Ed Rule suspension ends December 31, 2023. On the road testing will resume January 1st, 2024. 2024 Spring and Fall 2024 DRE schedule listed. Traffic Safety Dates listed. For specialized data analysis, email CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov. England mentioned that motorcycle fatalities are at the all-time high for Wisconsin. A PSA was put on the Nicolet College Facebook page. The majority of motorcycle crash victims do not have motorcycle endorsements and the proper training. The penalty for riding without an endorsement is cheaper than taking the class; so most just risk not getting caught. Olig also mentioned that Tribal lands do not have to report crashes to WisDOT.
5. Community Maps Update. Dashboard is now complete on Community Maps website, and anyone can access the information by going to <https://transportal.cee.wisc.edu/partners/community-maps/crash/public/Dashboard>
6. WisDOT Construction Updates. Baier updated the committee on the State construction projects.
Projects for 2023:
 - USH 8 and USH 45 intersection is complete
 - USH 8 West four-lane is almost complete
 - STH 17 bypass, north end complete. Working to complete south end by Printpack.2024 Project:
 - USH 51 in Minocqua, less than one mile
 - STH 17 from north end of 2023 construction to Pollyanna Rd
 - USH 8 east from STH 17 north to CTH 'P'
7. County Construction for 2023
 - Wolf River culvert on CTH 'B' done
 - Two sections on CTH 'K' done

2024 Projects:

 - All of the eastern CTH 'N'

- Section of CTH ‘K’

8. Public Comments. Hegeman mentioned, part of the legislative update was to possibly allow highway authorities to lower a speed limit up to 20 miles per hour. As of now, they only have the authority to lower 10 MPH without a speed study. Hegeman said he received a request to lower a portion of CTH ‘Q’ to 35 MPH near a campground. The speed limit was 55 MPH and was lowered to 45 MPH as allowed without a study. Because the study is costly, the Public Works Committee would not authorize or pay for the speed study. As a result, we were only about to lower the speed limit to 45 MPH. If the legislation passes, he would be allowed to lower a road up to 20 MPH without a study.
9. Future meeting dates; February 20th, May 21st, August 20th, and November 19th, 2024
10. **Motion:** Cooper/England to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson