



# ***Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

April 18, 2024

Members Present: Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk, Rachel Prellwitz, Trace Frost, Harley Reabe, Derek Mashuda, Chris Metras, Cara Abts (WisDOT, via Teams), Sgt. Matthew Strickland

Members Absent: Jason Breaker, DA Gerise LaSpisa, Judge Mark Slate, Sheriff Mark Podoll,

Guests: Tony Daley via Teams, Rachel Heiling

### **I. Call to order**

Chairman Vande Kolk called to order the regular meeting of the Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission at 11:01 in the County Board Room of the Green Lake County Government Center.

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

### **III. Certification of Open Meeting**

The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a) Motion/second (Reabe/Mashuda) to approve the minutes as written. All ayes. Motion carried

### **V. Appearances:**

- a) None

### **VI. Commission Member Reports and concerns**

- a) **Frost (BOTS)-** Gave PowerPoint presentation.
- Presented Year-to-Date traffic crashes and fatalities in Wisconsin.
    - (i) Total traffic fatalities for 2024 in WI is 115, compared to 125 at this time last year in 2023.
  - 2024 YTD GLC crashes-
    - (i) There were 87 total crashes reported in Green Lake County resulting in 0 fatalities and 19 injuries.
  - Presented top 4 county high crash probability locations based on previous 3 years' worth of (KABC) crash data. Discussion followed.
  - Governor's Conference on Highway Safety at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells on August 19<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

- (i) TSC Coordinator's Meeting and dinner at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Conference Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm.

- Upcoming Events:

- (i) Community Maps User Group Meeting- May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1pm

- (ii) Speed Awareness Day- July 31, 2024

- Presented on Safe Roads Challenge beginning this summer, in collaboration with Childrens' WI. Video on 100 Safest Days Challenge shown. Discussion followed. App for challenge found at: <https://tryscore.com>
- Reviewed Safe System Approach program. Aims to eliminate fatal and serious injuries from all road users.
- Spoke on Wrong-Way Driver in Wisconsin and what the Traffic Management Center is doing to keep motorists safe. Discussion followed.
- Legislative Updates available under TSC resources via Community Maps.
- Provided contact information for the Bureau of Transportation Safety Team.
- Gave demonstration on updates in Community Maps:
  - (i) Discussed new tabs "Training & Help" and "Admin"

b) **Abts (WisDOT)-**

- (i) Current Green Lake County projects includes:

1. Turn lanes will be constructed on STH 23 at the intersection of STH 73 and Pye Alley Rd. This will be done in conjunction with a resurfacing project of STH 73 between STH 23 south to STH 44.
2. There will also be a bridge overlay on STH 44 in Kingston.

c) **Mashuda (Green Lake County Highway Department)**

- (i) 2024 Road construction projects:

1. CTH D from Princeton to STH 73- pavement only.
2. CTH T from South of Princeton city limits to Bend Rd- full reconstruction.

- (ii) Spoke on Traffic Safety Week (April 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>) activities and initiatives, in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office.

d) **Vande Kolk (Chief Deputy Sheriff/Chairman)**

- (i) Fatality 07/22/20 AG Sprayer vs auto CTH A / Hickory Dr. Update in Courts 22CF96 **Mistrial declared**. Scheduling of new trial is April 29, 2024.
- (ii) Fatality STH 23 east of CTH W 09/29/21 Update in courts 22CF169 sentencing hearing held on 04/15/2024.
- (iii) Traffic Patrol Requests: 6 active traffic patrol requests currently. Active throughout the county. Discussion followed.
- (iv) Sheriff's office data
  - 2024 ahead of set goals for issuing warnings and citations.
  - Sheriff's Dept handled 10 personal injury crashes so far this year through March.

#### **VII. STH 44 between Hilltop and Marquette Road Parking Issue**

- a) Complaint received previously by Sheriff Podoll from community member, concern regarding Greenhouse business on STH 44 between Kingston and Manchester with parking of customers along state highway.
  - No parking ordinance passed in the Town of Manchester
  - Signage Update- 5 total signs placed along highway in area of concern.

#### **VIII. STH 49 All Saints Church and School traffic concern**

- a) Vande Kolk provided overview of traffic flow concerns and monitoring at All Saints school. Concerns regarding traffic backing up upon school release. Discussion followed. Will continue to monitor, no update.

#### **IX. CTH X cattle crossing signage**

- Mashuda communicated with property owners regarding cattle crossing on CTH X south of Kingston around Salemville Rd and South Gate Rd. Cattle crossing road twice per day during harvest season to graze field. Mashuda reported on an estimate for signage in the amount of \$6,000.00. Property owners opposed to beacon lights. Sight distances within normal limits. Discussion followed.
  - Discussed similar concerns on CTH T and TT. Mashuda to take concerns to Highway Committee to address further. Vande Kolk will put in traffic patrol request for area of concern.

**X. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 11am.**

**XI. 2024 Future meeting dates:**

a) Thursday October 17, 2024 @ 11AM

**XII. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 pm by Chairman Vande Kolk**

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Prellwitz, RN

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