



# *Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission*

## *Meeting Minutes*

January 18, 2024

Members Present: Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk, Rachel Prellwitz, Trace Frost, Harley Reabe, Derek Mashuda, Sheriff Mark Podoll, Cara Abts (WisDOT), Sgt. Matthew Strickland

Members Absent: Jason Breaker, DA Laspisa, Chris Metras, Judge Mark Slate

Guests: Carson Junemann, Kevin Blank, Daniel O'Connor, Tony Daley

### **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/Podoll) 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 10, compared to 17 at this time last year in 2023.
- 2023 YTD GLC crashes-
  - (i) There were 199 total crashes reported in Green Lake County resulting in 1 fatality and 72 injuries.
- Presented Dashboard on crashes by injury and driver behavior.
- Presented top 4 county high crash probability locations based on previous 3 years' worth of (KABC) crash data. Discussion followed.

- Presented data on crashes involving horse and buggies in Green Lake County from 2017 to 2023. 3 fatalities in 2023 in horse and buggy crashes, compared to none the year prior.
- Spoke about Safe Roads Challenge Wisconsin in partnership with Children's Wisconsin. Initiative is an app that scores driver behaviors to promote healthy competition on positive driving behaviors.
- Governor's Conference on Highway Safety at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells on August 19<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- Presented on Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Toolkit to implement a phlebotomy program.
- Reviewed 511 app updates on how winter road conditions information/data is gathered/shared. Discussion followed.
- Legislative Updates available under TSC resources via Community Maps.
- Provided contact information for the Bureau of Transportation Safety Team.
- Gave demonstration in Community Maps:
  - (i) Under TSC resources, Green Lake County Traffic Safety Summary 2020-2022 has been updated. Provides information/data on crash trends and transportation safety in Green Lake County. Open to public.

**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.

**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 in progress.

- (ii) Fatality STH 23 east of CTH W 09/29/21 Update in courts 22CF169 plea hearing set for 01/26/24
- (iii) Traffic Patrol Requests: 31 traffic patrol requests issued in 2023. Occurred in all townships throughout Green Lake County.
- (iv) **GLSO Crash and enforcement update end of year 2023**
  - Property Damage accidents: 68 in 2023, compared to 89 in 2022.
  - Personal Injury accidents: 44 in 2023, compared to 53 in 2022.
  - **Citations vs. warnings: need numbers**
  - OWI alcohol related arrests: 48 in 2023, compared to 52 in 2022.
  - OWI drug arrests: 23 in 2023, compared to 29 in 2022.

## **VII. Fatality Review- CTH A near SpringBrook Rd**

- a) Provided overview of crash summary, potential contributing factors, and crash data from 2013 to 2023.
- b) Utilized the TSC Fatality Review Discussion Guide for fatality review.
  - Recommendations:
    - Increase education on speed to teen drivers
    - Consistent and visible enforcement on speeding
    - Promotion of available tools (i.e. Safe Roads Challenge app)

## **VIII. CTH A and Spring Grove Rd**

- a) Reviewed concern/complaint on speed over the top of the hill on CTH A. Discussion followed. Recommended to review last speed study and report back at next meeting.

## **IX. 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. Vande Kolk reached out to business owners, no current plans to expand parking. Busiest months for business are May and September. Discussion followed. Chairmen Vande Kolk to reach out to township to apply for no-parking signage through DOT.

## **X. STH 49 All Saints Church and School traffic concern // Sheriff Podoll and Drone Unit**

- a) Vande Kolk and Sheriff Podoll provided overview of traffic flow concerns and monitoring at All Saints school. Concerns regarding traffic backing up upon school release. Discussion followed. DOT to install school signage along STH 49.

## **XI. Cattle Crossing concern on CTH X**

- a) Mashuda communicated with property owners regarding cattle crossing on CTH X south of Kingston around Saleville Rd and South Gate Rd. Cattle crossing road twice per day during harvest season to graze field. Discussion followed. Area of concern brought up on Google maps to review current signage placement. Mashuda to discuss with property owners regarding installation of beacons at crossing location.

**XII.** Sheriff Podoll thanked Sgt. Strickland and the WI State Patrol in their assistance in patrol/enforcement efforts in Green Lake County. Discussion followed.

**XIII. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 11am.**

**XIV. 2024 Future meeting dates:**

- a) Thursday July 18, 2024 @ 11AM
- b) Thursday October 17, 2024 @ 11AM

**XV. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm by Chairman Vande Kolk**

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Prellwitz, RN