



Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025

Members Present: Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk, Trace Frost, Harley Reabe, Rachel Prellwitz, Sheriff Mark Podoll, Tony Kemnitz via Teams (WisDOT), Derek Mashuda, Timothy Brown

Members Absent: DA Griesse Laspisa, Judge Mark Slate, Matthew Strickland

Guests: Rachel Heiling, Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Jason Jerome, Supervisor Wendt, Supervisor Thom, Jorge Verduzco (Ripon College Student Intern), Tony Daley

I. Call to order

Chairman Vande Kolk called to order the regular meeting of the Green Lake County Traffic Safety Commission at 11:00 am 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) Approval of Minutes from 7/17/2025; Motion/second (Reabe/Sheriff Podoll) to approve the minutes. 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 2025 in WI is 448, compared to 452 at this time last year in 2024.
 - 2025 GLC crashes-
 - (i) YTD 2025 Fatal Crashes: 3
 - (ii) YTD 2025 Injury Crashes: 77
 - (iii) YTD 2025 Total Crashes: 292

- Gave overview of GLC crash predictive analytics and crashes by severity/driver behavior for 2025 vs. 1 year average.
- National Move Over Day observed on Saturday, October 18, 2025.
- Community Maps Virtual Office Hours will be every 2nd Monday of the month from 12-1pm via Zoom.
- Update on Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program. Classes in January and May 2026 being held in Madison.
- Shared information on upcoming WI Spring DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) School class starting in March of 2026.
- Legislative Updates available under TSC resources via Community Maps.
- Provided contact information for the Bureau of Transportation Safety Team.
- Spoke on WI Traffic Safety Challenge that was presented on at the Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety. Traffic Safety is a Public Health issue. WI DOT is looking into the Safe System Approach.
- Spoke on "Driving is a Learned Behavior"
- Gave demonstration on Community Maps. Discussion followed.

b) Kemnitz (WisDOT)-

- Current & upcoming projects-
 - (i) Update on CTH AW to CTH I – Project is complete. Project involved a 4-mile pavement rehabilitation.
 - (ii) STH 44 resurfacing project from Grand River bridge to Fond du Lac County line. Project is ongoing and is expected to be complete in 2025.
 - (iii) Upcoming projects 2026- STH 23 (CTH A to Fond du Lac Co line)- 4.6-mile pavement mill and resurface project. Work is scheduled to occur in the summer of 2026.

c) Mashuda (Green Lake County Highway Department)

- (i) 2025 Remaining Construction Forecast
 - CTH GG & CTH H – finishing up this project
- (ii) 2026 Construction Forecast –
 - CTH A- from CTH AA to CTH V
 - CTH N – CTH K to CTH B
 - CTH H – STH 44 to CTH B
 - CTH O – CTH K to CTH B

d) Vande Kolk (Chief Deputy Sheriff/Chairman)

- (i) Introduced Ripon College Student, Jorge Verduzco, intern at the GLC Sheriff's Office.
- (ii) Enforcement Report and Traffic Patrol Requests – Gave data related to drug/OWI arrests, citations, warnings and crashes through the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office.

VII. Governor's Conference on Highway Traffic Safety Recap

- a) Big takeaway- say the word Crash, instead of Accident. Culture was a huge component of the conference this year and advancing technology.

VIII. Community reported areas of concern

- a) CTH J speed limit discussion- Cost of speed study is \$12,000 to \$15,000 per Mashuda. Discussion followed. Motion made by Mashuda (second by Reabe) to monitor CTH J ½ mile west of STH 73 for change in crashes.
- b) Discussion held on intersection of CTH A & Commercial Street in Green Lake. Discussed crash data and increase in traffic.
- c) CTH A and CTH K and Scott Hill intersection – quarterly update.
 - No crashes since July 1, 2025 at this location.

IX. Future Fatality Review 25GPD290 6/25/25 & GLSO case 252515 10/03/25 – Will review at a future meetings.

X. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 11am.

XI. 2025 Future meeting dates:

- a) Thursday January 15, 2026 @ 11AM
- b) Thursday April 16, 2026 @ 11AM
- c) Thursday July 16, 2026 @ 11AM
- d) Thursday October 15, 2026 @ 11AM

XII. Meeting adjourned at 12:06pm by Chairman Vande Kolk

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Prellwitz, GLC Health Officer