



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

January 15, 2026

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

Members Absent: DA Griesse Laspisa, Judge Mark Slate, Derek Mashuda

Guests: Rachel Heiling, Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Jason Jerome, 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 10/16/2025; 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 2026 in WI is 6, compared to 17 at this time last year in 2025.
  - 2025 GLC crashes-
    - (i) YTD 2025 Fatal Crashes: 3
      - 1. Reviewed 3 fatal crashes and 2 additional injuries
    - (ii) YTD 2025 Injury Crashes: 108
    - (iii) YTD 2025 Total Crashes: 415

- 2026 GLC crashes:
  - i. YTD: 11 total crashes reported resulting in 0 fatalities and 2 injuries.
- Gave overview of GLC crash predictive analytics and crashes by severity/driver behavior from Jan. to Dec. 2025 vs. 1 year average.
- Provided overview of Horse and Buggy Crashes by year and crash severity from 2019 through 2025. Total of 35 crashes in WI, with 2 fatalities, 15 injuries and 18 property damage reports. GLC had a total of 14 horse and buggy crashes from 2019 through 2025.
- Community Maps Virtual Office Hours will be every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 12-1pm via Zoom.
- Shared new statewide program “Place of Last Drink” in partnership with Medical College of WI and WI Alcohol Policy Project. Identifies where the driver’s involved in alcohol related incidents are drinking and potential places where overservice might be happening. Opportunity to intervene and educate to reduce overservice with the goal of reducing alcohol related deaths. Asking for agencies to be a pilot community.
- Provided education & data on Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersections (RCUT). RCUT is a type of reduced conflict intersection that reroutes left-turn and crossing traffic through U-Turn intersections. None located in GLC at this time.
- Legislative Updates available under TSC resources via Community Maps.
- Provided contact information for the Bureau of Transportation Safety Team.
- Gave demonstration on Community Maps with “Search by” box and search by agency number. Update expected for Community Maps in future.

b) **Kemnitz (WisDOT)-**

- Gave Powerpoint presentation including:
  - 2025 WisDOT Construction Summary
    - (i) STH 44 resurfacing project from Grand River bridge to Fond du Lac County line. Project completed in 2025.
    - (ii) County A (CTH AW to CTH I) – Project is complete. Project involved a 4-mile pavement rehabilitation.

- 2026 upcoming projects
  - (i) STH 23 (CTH A to Fond du Lac Co line)- City of Green Lake and Town of Brooklyn 4.6-mile pavement mill and resurface project. Protected only left turns at WIS 23-WIS49. Work is scheduled to occur in the summer of 2026 (June-July).
  - (ii) Mill Street Bridge Replacement over Puchyan River- City of Green Lake. Mill Street will be closed and detoured via Lawson Drive to WIS 23. Construction time: June-September.
- Safety and operational concerns
  - (i) WisDOT provides reviews of safety and operational concerns on it highways within GLC (WIS 23, WIS 44, WIS 49, WIS 73, WIS 91). Safety and operational review will assess cited concerns to verify validity and evaluate possible engineering solutions to mitigate issues as allowed within WisDOT policy and guidance.
  - (ii) WisDOT performs annual safety reviews of the top 40 crash spots (WIS 23/73 intersection, HSIP improvement)
  - (iii) Shared contact information

c) **Mashuda (Green Lake County Highway Department)-** Not present, 2026 construction forecast provided from previous meeting (October 16 2025) minutes.

- (i) 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) Enforcement Report and Traffic Patrol Requests – Gave data (via Community Maps and drilled down to municipality) related to citations, warnings and crashes through the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office.
  - 2025 GLC Sherrif's Office Totals-
    - a. Traffic warnings: 3200
    - b. Citations: over 1400
    - c. PI crashes: 55
    - d. PD crashes: 82
    - e. Fatal Crashes: 1
    - f. OWI Drug related: 22

- g. OWI alcohol related: 48
- h. Drug arrests: 56
- i. 29 Traffic patrol requests were addressed by deputies during 2025.

## **VII. Community reported areas of concern**

- a) CTH A and CTH K and Scott Hill intersection – quarterly update.
  - Crash with possible injury on 11/14/25 case 252909- gave overview of crash incident. Driver was cited for inattentive driving and non-registration.
  - FLOCK camera (Sheriff Podoll)- gave project overview with installation of FLOCK camera at trouble intersections. Starting project with this intersection.

## **VIII. Future Fatality Review 25GPD290 6/25/25 (will discuss at April TSC meeting) & GLSO case 252515 10/03/25 (currently on hold)**

## **IX. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 11am.**

## **X. 2025 Future meeting dates:**

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

## **XI. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am by Chairman Vande Kolk**

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Prellwitz, GLC Health Officer