

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: March 8th, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM

**Place: Conference Room
Wood County Highway Dept
Wisconsin Rapids, WI**

Present – Roland Hawk Wood County Hwy, Dan Kontos DOT BOTS, Cara Abts WisDOT, Joseph Zurfluh Wood County Board Supervisor, Bill Clendenning Wood County Board, Dennis Polach Wood County Board, Emily Covarrubias Wood County Emergency Management, Charlie Hoogesteger Wood County Sheriff's Department, David Drinkwine Grand Rapids Police Department, Rhae Stertz Wisconsin State Patrol

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:30 AM.
2. Minutes of the March 2022 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

Motion by Roland Hawk to accept the minutes, second by Joseph Zurfluh. Motion carried unanimously.

3. No Fatality Crash Reports for review.
4. Cara Abts is present for WISDOT today to report for Tony Kemnitz. She shares that there are no 2023 projects, several planned for 2024 that may be moved to 2025.
 - a. WisDOT is working with Joe Eichsteadt at WI Rapids on an HSIP application to install a pedestrian island and crossing on 8th street at Wood Ave (near Jimmy John's). The city drafted an application in response to annual crash spot scans completed in from data gathered in 2016 – 2020. Award of this project notice is shall follow application deadline in May 2023.
 - b. Traffic operations are being assessed at the following locations in Wood County for safety improvements using 2017 – 21 crash data sets. They will be reviewed and if significant trends remain, a field review may be conducted to improve safety of these areas.
 - i. WIS 13/Riverview Expressway at Lincoln Street (by Kwik Trip) – WI Rapids
 - ii. Roundabout at WIS 54/17th Avenue and Gaynor Street – WI Rapids

- iii. WIS 13 at WIS 66 intersection – Town of Rudolph
- iv. WIS 73 at WIS 80/County A – Pittsville
- v. WIS 13 at Church Avenue – Town of Saratoga near the BP Gas Station

5. Local Program Specialist report –

See attached PowerPoint. Dan then went through the reports and noted certain crash statistics are trending downward and many upcoming safety initiatives planned for the year. Also highlighted was the Governor's Conference planned for later this year. See attached power point for details.

6. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project

Discussed deploying the message board on STH 54 and US 10 in the areas where the grant is covering enforcement notifying drivers to be aware of cross traffic and/or to put phones down. Sheriff's Department has had some but not a significant amount of time charged to the grant but expect to see it pickup in the coming months.

Neither Sheriff nor Highway Department has heard back regarding the additional grant requests.

7. Other business

- a. Community Maps meetings are upcoming. Registration is new this year and participants are encouraged to register and attend these.

8. Public Comments - No public comments

9. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:31 a.m.**

Minutes taken by: Emily Covarrubias – Wood County Emergency Management