

**Green County Traffic Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2021**

The Green County Traffic Safety Commission met at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Green County Highway Department, Commissioner's Office located at 2813 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566 and via Zoom.

Members Present: Chris Narveson (Chairman – Green County Highway Department Commissioner), Jeff Skatrud (Green County Sheriff), Charlene Schmid, (Wisconsin Department of Transportation) via ZOOM, RoAnn Warden (Green County Health Department) and Trace Frost (Bureau of Transportation Safety)

Members Absent: Troy Maggied (SWWRPC), Craig Nolen (Law Representative), Alan Gerber (City of Monroe), Joe Davis (Bureau of Transportation Safety Regional Program Manager), Fred Kelley (Monroe Police Chief), and Wisconsin State Patrol

Others in Attendance (via ZOOM): Jeff Sturdevant, (New Glarus Police Department), Chris Hughes (Brodhead Police Department), Szvon Conway (Monticello Police Department), Andrea Bill (TOPS Lab), Bill Eichelkraut (Belleville Police Department)

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Chris Narveson.

Roll Call/Sign In: Attendees introduced themselves.

Review Proposed Agenda: A submission for the agenda was requested, agenda addition of Andrea Bill from TOPS Lab to discuss research conducted on injuries from crashes and how law enforcement codes the severity.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jeff Skatrud and seconded by Szvon Conway by to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

- a. Request on stop lights at STH 69 intersection in the Town of New Glarus. – Discussion on timing of stop lights at STH 69 and Kubly Road. Charlene Schmid advised a replacement signal cabinet to be installed to allow more options with timing and spoke on the traffic accident trends.
- b. Request from Green County ATV Club regarding opening up County Trunk Highways. – Chris Narveson advised the Committee on the Highway Committee approving the request to allow ATV/UTV on county highways pending County Board approval. Scheduled for July County Board meeting. Committee was advised on current ATV bill pending in Legislative trying to codify ATV, UTV alcohol violations. Discussion was held on requiring local Municipalities to approve county road access thru municipalities limits and discussion on the operating hours of ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset. After Committee discussion, Committee objected the proposed hours due to visibility and made a proposal that the County Board consider no operation between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. No objection to propose hours to County Board.
- c. Request on Reduction of Speed Limit on STH 81 to past CTH N to the West – Chris Narveson requested a 45-mph speed limit to the west of CTH N and advised the Committee of a proposed housing subdivision. Charlene Schmid reported thirteen crashes in the past five years. Tabled for the next meeting.

- d. Discussion of CTH KS & CTH S intersection in the Town of Jefferson – Specifically STH 11 and CTH S intersection. Discussion on possible turn lane, bypass lanes. Charlene reported twenty crashes with two fatalities since 1/1/2016. Recommendation of a deceleration lane on CTH S or a potential roundabout. Concerns with oversize/overweight traffic to support a roundabout.
- e. Discussion of considering rumble strips and flashing lights on the stop sign at the intersection of CTH T and STH 81 (southbound). – Charlene reported an application has been submitted for a roundabout with a scheduled 2026 project year. Chris recommended an interim solution of installing rumble strips to the South. Chris to follow-up with Rock County Highway Commissioner regarding rumble strips.
- f. Request from Bailey’s Run Vineyard on reduction of speed limit on STH 39 and Klitzke Road. Chris Narveson advised traffic count is needed and proposed a bypass/turn lane for business.

New Business:

- a. Request on speed reduction on CTH E from Atkinson Road to Golf Course Road (North intersection) – Discussion was held on GCSD Deputies requesting speed reduction specifically northbound on CTH E to Decatur Albany Road, current posted 55 mph speed limit. Concerns with additional traffic during the summer months (May – September). Review of ATV/UTV traffic will be conducted and will be reported and reviewed at the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting.
- b. Request on eliminating passing zone on STH 104 within the Village of Brooklyn - A resident in the Village of Brooklyn contacted Chris Narveson with concerns on the passing zone in a 25-mph speed zone south of STH 92 near Railroad Street in the Village Limits. Charlene advised the no passing is based on sight distance. Committee spoke on enforcement and coverage issues. Sheriff Skatrud to contact Dane County regarding complaint.
- c. Presentation conducted by Andrea Bill with TOPS Lab.

Reports, Correspondence, and Updates

Commissioner Chris Narveson reported on the Village of Browntown proposing speed bumps being installed.

Sheriff Skatrud’s Quarterly Accident Reports and Review – Sheriff Skatrud provided the Committee with a March 18, 2021 – June 16, 2021 report of traffic fatalities and crashes investigated by GCSO.

Trace Frost presented on the WisDOT/BOT Quarterly Informational Slides and provided the latest DSP Legislative Update via email for review.

Green County Traffic Safety Task Force Update – Chief Chris Hughes provided the Committee via email OWI, Speed and Seatbelt Traffic Safety Task Force Quarterly Reports.

Next Meeting Date: September 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned by unanimous consent