DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION July 8, 2013

Members present: Del Yaroch, Chairman, Trace Frost, DOSO; Bob Sell, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Matthew Aslesen, Wisconsin BOTS, State Patrol RPM, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department; Jim Van Erem, Beaver Dam Police Department, and A.J. Lanas and Brian Fisch, Wisconsin State Patrol. Also present were David Brown, Jeff Caine, Ken Schimmel, Linda Evans and Eugene Goodearle.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Del Yaroch at 9:30 am.
 - A. The minutes from April 8, 2013 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Frost and second by Aslesen.
- II. Fatal crash review, 2nd quarter of 2013.
 - A. There was one fatal crash with two fatalities in the quarter bringing the yearly total to 5. The Commission reviewed the video of the crash site. Eastbound driver was attempting to pass a semi on STH 33 near Madison Road. Driver aborted pass due to oncoming traffic but was blocked by semi from returning to her travel lane. Driver contacted the semi and also hit a truck coming westbound head-on. Another westbound vehicle contacted the driver post-accident. The drivers of both head-on vehicles were killed and there were 4 other injuries. The four occupants of the offending vehicle were all ejected. No road conditions were deemed contributory to the crash.

III. Old Business

- A. STH 89/CTH T/Dahlman Rd. Ryan spoke of the DOT's effort to complete sign upsizing and relocations to improve driver awareness. This work will be done as soon as possible after receipt of signs.
- B. Speed Transitions on CTH P in Rubicon. Pete explained there are advance speed reduction signs and approximately 300' from the Speed Limit signs to the first driveways at the north and south ends of the urban area. Enforcement is the issue here. Pete did not suggest any changes to the speed zone locations. Trace has had extra enforcement here in the past.
- C. STH 19 west of Watertown and STH 26 Bypass. Pete stated that Jefferson County maintains STH 19 in this area. The citizen with the concern was contacted with this information for future reference.

IV. New Business

- A. The current roster/contact info was passed out and edits will be completed for the next meeting.
- B. A grass roots effort to require school buses to have a rear STOP arm or sign was discussed. There was no formal action

C. Reports

a. BOTS. Matt supplied info on the statewide 2013 fatal report to date including a map showing fatalities per county population. The trend is down versus last year. He stated the 2013 NTSAA enforcement grants were only funded at a 50% level. The 2014 grants are now being generated. He expects full funding in fiscal 2014.

- b. DOT—Ryan stated a sign at STH 60 and Rubicon St. in Hustisford will be relocated for better visibility. There was an after action review of the USH 41 winter crash event. The 2015 paving project will install a uniform pavement type that may help deicing efforts. The DOT is also looking at snow fence options.
- c. County—Pete stated that the CTH A project from STH 33 to CTH AW will be completed this week. The next project is underway on CTH DE from USH 151 to CTH D and is scheduled to be done in October. Sealcoating of 3 highways will be done the week of July 15th.
- C. Linda Evans was present with a list of concerns. She wants a state law to have all vehicles have their lights on when moving. She wants reflector strips on STOP signs. She wants Blinker STOPs everywhere. She wants wider roads for bike/ped safety. She dislikes centerline rumble strips, which caused confusion. Some of her concerns were explained by the commission. She was thanked for her interest.
- D. Ken Schimmel, Reeseville village president, and Jeff Caine, Caine Warehousing, were present to show concern for peds/bikes traveling CTH G between Lowell and Reeseville. The co-op, rec center and Specialty Cheese in Reeseville are traffic generators for residents of Lowell. The route is also used for exercise. They requested paving of the gravel shoulders along this stretch. Pete will review for possible budget inclusion.
- E. AJ spoke of another request for deer crossing signs on CTH E near Wildcat Road.
- F. Eugene stated there was another crash at CTH TW and CTH S. He also requested a review of the signage at the entrance to Ledge Park. Pete will pass it on to the Park Dept.
- G. Next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Training Room at the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m Pete Thompson, Secretary.