



# MINUTES

Eau Claire County Traffic Safety Commission  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 9:30 a.m. CST  
Eau Claire County Courthouse  
721 Oxford Ave., Room 3312, Eau Claire, WI 54703

**In Attendance:** Jon Johnson-ECC Highway Dept., Natalie Szews-ECC Highway Dept., Travis Pickering-ECC Engineer, Chad Hoyard-ECPD, Mike Heffernan-WSP, John Staber-Augusta PD, Dustin Walters-ECSO, Chad Hines-WisDOT, Tyler Esh-ECC Emergency Mgmt., Edwin Rothrock-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Leah Ness-City of Eau Claire Engineer, Trace Frost-Bureau of Transportation Safety Law Enforcement Liaison (BOTS LEL)

**1. Meeting called to order by Jon Johnson at 9:32 a.m.**

**2. Review/Approval of Past Committee Meeting Minutes (01/24/23) – Discussion/Action**

- Motion by Chad Hoyard to approve, Leah Ness seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**3. Public Comment**

**4. Review of Committee Members/Recruitment – Discussion**

- Jon Johnson discussed having new members from law, medicine, education, and other fields join the commission. The County Administrator and County Board Chair would need to appoint new members.

**5. Traffic Crash Summary**

- City of Eau Claire
  - No major trends or problems in the city. Will be spending a lot more time on Clairemont Ave. this summer for the BOTS grant, which is focused on Clairemont Ave./USH 12.
  - Crash reports on USH 12 at intersection in front of Hy-Vee have increased.
- City of Altoona - Not present
- Eau Claire County – Was unable to pull reports for meeting. Trace Frost advised could help with pulling reports from Community Maps Dashboard going forward.

**6. Commission Member Reports**

- Wisconsin State Patrol Report
  - State Troopers will be patrolling more in the area.
  - Starting Tomorrow there will be region/county wide influx of troopers.
  - ASU (Air Support Unit) details are all scheduled, the majority will be on Hwy 53 near River Prairie area. There have been very high speeds in the area during the day from 11-2.
  - Down to one pilot for search and rescue.
  
  - Influx of Troopers in area from 5/15 to 6/4 for Click It or Ticket campaign.

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- Still doing predictive analytics in the area.
- OWI BOTS overtime will be done over holiday weekends from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- Reviewed predictive analytics on USH 12 for fatalities and serious injuries. With Costco coming into the area, may experience an increase in accidents in area like what’s happening by Hy-Vee.
- Jon Johnson discussed action plan for Safe Streets for All Grant for St. Croix, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties.
- DOT Traffic Safety Coordinator Report
  - Trace Frost reviewed fatality and crash reports. There has been 121 people killed so far in the state this year compared to 154 to same time from last year. Last year the state reached 600 fatalities for the first time in 10 years.
  - Went over predictive analytics for the top 5 county high crash probability locations.
  - Reviewed Safe System approach.
  - Discussed Community Maps updates and crash report options.
- DOT Highway Engineer Report
  - Construction Updates
    1. I94 from Hwy 312 to Chippewa River - Running behind but hoping to have it open Thursday before Memorial Day weekend.
    2. Asphalt overlay from CTH C down to river and milling/repaving CTH C to CTH E – Late September completion.
    3. CTH M from South County Line Rd to Lange Rd. – Road will be closed, haven’t received a start date from Monarch.
    4. South Hastings Way from Gateway to Pine Lodge Rd. – Pre-construction meeting is tomorrow.
  - Towns of Pleasant Valley and Washington requested lights at Hwy 93 and Hickory Rd. Working on a traffic study and need to do traffic counts before school is out or do it in the fall.

## 7. Construction Status Report

- Eau Claire County
  - In addition to CTH M project, four projects are planned this year that will be done by contractors.
    1. Monarch will be doing CTH RR from Stagecoach Rd to STH 12/27. Will be starting this week and road will remain open for most of project except for a short-term closure for main-line cross culvert replacement.
    2. Following CTH RR project, contractors will be doing CTH FW from CTH W to FF, CTH II from STH 93 to Talmadge Rd, and CTH I from CTH V/HH to Peuse Rd.
  - Four projects are being done by the Highway Department.
    1. Highway Department is starting this week on CTH NN from Seig Rd. to CTH R. Will be realigning Schultz Rd. intersection as part of project.
    2. Following CTH NN project, the Highway Department will be working on CTH F from CTH FF to CTH HH, CTH N from Rolleen Dr. to CTH NL, and CTH O from CTH HH to CTH R.
  - Second phase of CTH CC project was supposed to be completed this year but is going to be pushed to 2024 due to DNR permitting.

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– Two bridge replacement projects scheduled for this summer.

1. CTH H over McGaver Creek will be done in late summer.

2. CTH V over Bears Grass Creek is planned to be done in July.

- City of Eau Claire

– Jeffers Rd. is detouring onto Hwy 312 to CTH T which should be done end of July/August.

– Mill and overlay on Fairfax will have minimal impact on USH 12/Clairemont.

8. Discussed increase in high-speed chases in the last 6 months.

9. Discussed CTH T and Country Jam concerns.

- City of Eau Claire is working on traffic control plans with Chippewa County, Town of Wheaton, and Town of Union.

- CTH T project is getting submitted to the state as a Congressional Spending Project.

**10. Future Meeting Dates/Times/Agenda Items - Discussion**

- Next meetings: Tuesday, July 25 at 9:00 a.m.

– Can send out dashboard reports a week before next meeting.

**11. Adjourn at 10:29 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPROVED 07/25/23**

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