

Chippewa County
COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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Agenda
Regular Meeting

May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Commission Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status
Chris Elstran	Chippewa County Highway Dept.	Highway Commissioner (Chair)	Present
Sgt. Andrew Clark	Chippewa County Sheriff Dept.	Sergeant (Vice Chair)	Present
Jason Moses	Chippewa County Emergency Mgmt.	Emergency Management Director	Absent
Jennifer Leech	Wisconsin DOT	Traffic Safety Engineer	Present
Dan Kontos	Bureau of Traffic Safety	Law Enforcement Liaison	Present
Sgt. Jonathan Luck	Wisconsin State Patrol	Sergeant	Present
Brian Misfeldt	Altoona School District	Director of Operations	Present
Brady Seidlitz	Chippewa County Corp Counsel	Deputy Corporation Counsel	Present
Brian Tonnancour	City of Chippewa Falls – Fire & EMS	Emergency Medicine	Present
Lt. Sheridan Pabst	City of Chippewa Falls PD	Patrol Lieutenant	Present
Brandon Cesafsky	City of Chippewa Falls Public Works	Director of Public Works	Present
Joe Simon	Chippewa County Highway Dept.	Patrol Superintendent - State	Present
Jenny Lenbom	Chippewa County	Public Health Nurse, RN	Present

Alternates Present:

Others Present: Fred Anderson (Highway Department), Marla Prissel (Highway Department), Shane Birtzer (Highway Department), Amy Heizler (Wisconsin State Patrol Chem Test Section), Rich Abramczak, Joe Winger, Kim Koepl, Dana Carlson

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Rich Abramczak: Spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit on CTH H near the new Grace Community Bible Church North of Stanley.

Joe Winger: Asked that the commission consider increasing speed limit enforcement or reducing the posted speed limit of CTH H north of Stanley.

Kim Koepl: Spoke regarding safety concerns related to traffic near the new Grace Community Bible Church and asked that the commission consider lowering the speed limit on CTH H North of Stanley.

Dana Carlson: Voiced concerns about traffic speeds in the area of the new Mennonite school on CTH H near Stanley, asking the commission to consider a reduced speed limit and appropriate school-zone signs, noting that children will be walking to school. Additionally, she requested consideration of a four-way stop or rumble strips at the intersection of CTH MM and CTH G.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes – February 12, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date – August 13, 2026 9:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Misfeldt
SECONDER:	Pabst

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discuss proposed Temporary No Parking Zone on CTH S per Sheriff Department's request (Anson Park) – C. Elstran

Elstran updated the commission and showed a map of the temporary no parking zone that will be in effect during Sturgeon Fest in Jim Falls in September. An agreement had already been reached between the Jim Falls Lion's Club and the Highway Department, so no motion or further action was required at this meeting.

2. Discuss request for temporary ATV/UTV access on CTH S to Anson Park – C. Elstran

Elstran shared that a request to allow ATV/UTV access on CTH S during Sturgeon Fest had been reviewed by the Sheriff's Department and Highway Department, who agree it should not be permitted. No action by the commission was necessary.

6. REPORTS

1. Chippewa County Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan – C. Elstran

Elstran informed the commission that the Chippewa County Safety Action Plan has been approved by both the Highway Committee and the County Board. Work on the final reports is currently underway.

2. State Highway Projects – J. Leech

Leech provided an update on the 2026 state highway projects. She noted that the STH 29 resurfacing project will continue through mid-September. On STH 53, from 40th Avenue to CTH B, intermittent single-lane closures are expected until June 26 (weather permitting). Work on STH 124 from High Street to Bridge Street is wrapping up, and milling and binder placement from Duncan Creek to CTH S is scheduled for later this week. The overall project is anticipated to be complete by the end of June, with the exception of the roundabout at CTH S, where work is planned between July 20 and August 6. Leech also reported that a stoplight will be installed at the intersection of STH 178 and Olson Drive, along with additional work at the intersection of STH 178 and Cashman Drive; these projects do not yet have a firm start date but are expected to begin in June or July.

Lt. Sheridan Pabst asked about the possibility of adding safety improvements at the intersection of STH 178 and Chippewa Crossing Boulevard. Leech provided information on how such improvements are typically evaluated.

3. City of Chippewa Falls Street Projects – B. Cesafsky

Cesafsky provided an update on road construction within the City of Chippewa Falls, noting that there are only small local road projects beyond the state projects already discussed. Elm Street is expected to be finished after the holiday, and the city is in preliminary discussions with the state regarding a project at the intersection of STH 124 and Woodward Avenue scheduled for 2027.

4. Chippewa County Highway Projects – S. Birtzer

Birtzer provided a report of the 2026 construction project plans. He shared a list of upcoming projects. Construction projects will be posted on the Chippewa County Highway Department website and will be updated throughout this construction season.

5. Chippewa County Crash Statistics – A. Clark

Clark reviewed crash data so far for the year 2026 and also noted that no fatal crashes have occurred in the county to date.

6. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Updates – D. Kontos

Kontos provided a presentation from the Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS). Kontos also provided information on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP).

Jennifer Leech with the Wisconsin DOT noted that she can serve as a good starting resource for municipalities looking to pursue HSIP project submissions.

7. WisDOT Chem Test Section updates – A. Heizler

Heizler provided an overview of the Wisconsin DOT Chem Test Section, including a map identifying regional contacts, and provided updates related to Wisconsin's oral fluid testing law.

Sgt. Jonathan Luck left the meeting at 10:04 AM

Brian Misfeldt left the meeting at 10:11 AM

8. Roundtable report – All

Brian Tonnancour – reported on a recent meeting with the County Chief's, noting the importance of better communication regarding construction activity and road closures throughout the county.

Brandon Cesafsky – updated the commission on a potential safety improvement project on Bridgewater Avenue and noted that the City has applied for funding.

Chris Elstran – noted that the Highway Department will follow up on the two public-comment requests for a speed limit reduction on CTH H near Stanley.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pabst
SECONDER:	Tonnancour

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