

Chippewa County
COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Agenda
Regular Meeting

August 13, 2026
9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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)	Absent
Jason Moses	Chippewa County Emergency Mgmt.	Emergency Management Director	Present
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	Absent
Brian Misfeldt	Altoona School District	Director of Operations	Absent
Brady Seidlitz	Chippewa County Corp Counsel	Deputy Corporation Counsel	Present
Brian Tonnancour	City of Chippewa Falls – Fire & EMS	Fire Chief	Present
Lt. Sheridan Pabst	City of Chippewa Falls PD	Patrol Lieutenant	Present
Brandon Cesafsky	City of Chippewa Falls Public Works	Director of Public Works	Absent
Joe Simon	Chippewa County Highway Dept.	Patrol Superintendent - State	Absent
Jenny Lenbom	Chippewa County	Public Health Nurse, RN	Present

Alternates Present: Lieutenant Mark Bauman (Sheriff's Department), Trooper Brett Boley (Wisconsin State Patrol)

Others Present: Fred Anderson (Highway Department), Marla Prissel (Highway Department), Shane Birtzer (Highway Department), Pam Guthman (County Board Supervisor)

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

(Comments from the public will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes – May 14, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date – November 12, 2026 9:00 AM

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

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Amish Buggy Signs – C. Elstran
Elstran reviewed a request from County Board Supervisor Pam Guthman regarding the need for additional Amish and Mennonite buggy signage on the roads commonly used by those communities. After discussion, it was agreed that the Highway Department and the Emergency Management Department would meet with representatives from those groups to gather input on appropriate sign

locations. No vote was taken.

6. REPORTS

1. CTH H Speed Zone Request – C. Elstran & F. Anderson

Elstran provided an update on actions taken since the last meeting regarding the request to reduce the speed limit on CTH H north of the City of Stanley. A traffic count was conducted and showed that most vehicles are complying with the existing speed limit. This finding supports the consensus reached at the previous meeting that a speed reduction is not warranted.

2. State Highway Updates – J. Leech

Leech reminded commission members of the importance of using damage claim tags whenever state property is damaged. She encouraged submitting claims for minor issues as well, including shoulder damage, sign damage or significant ruts within the right-of-way. She also reminded the group to report any emergency lane closures to the Traffic Management Center (TMC) so the information is accurately reflected on the 511wi website.

She then provided an update on current state road construction projects, noting in particular that STH 178 will undergo a full lane closure overnight on August 13 for the installation of monotubes over the highway. She also reported that the intersection of STH 178 and Chippewa Crossing Blvd will be evaluated due to a recurring pattern of crashes involving vehicles turning left from Chippewa Crossing Blvd onto STH 178. She emphasized that this review does not guarantee that a project will result.

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

Cesafsky was not present at the meeting, so no update was provided.

4. Chippewa County Highway Projects – C. Elstran

Elstran provided an overview of current County construction projects. He noted that this information is also available on the Highway Department website.

5. Chippewa County Crash Statistics – A. Clark

Bauman reviewed the year-to-date crash data for Chippewa County, noting that the first fatality of the year has occurred.

6. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Updates – D. Kontos

Kontos presented information from the Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS), which included county and state crash data through the second quarter of the year and highlighted recent updates to the MUTCD manual.

7. Roundtable report – All

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

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