



## MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

### AMENDED AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting Location: **Marathon County Highway Department, 1430 West Street Wausau WI. 54401**

Members: Randy Fifrick, Chair; Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair; Chris Dickinson; Jeff Johnson, Richard Gumz, John Robinson; Alan Christensen;

**Marathon County Mission Statement:** Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly, or in cooperation with other public and private partners, provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.

**Infrastructure Committee Mission/Purpose:** Provide leadership for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to technology and infrastructure initiatives of Marathon County, which includes, but is not limited to, highways, airways, waterways, etc.

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Executive Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. Instead of attendance in person, Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by **telephone conference**. If Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: 1-415-655-0002. Access Code: 265 727 537 - Meeting from phones- PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE!**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting
4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:
  - A. Next Steps in Broadband Task Force – Robinson, Klein
  - B. Motion to Go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote Suggested), pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for the Purpose of Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchase of Public Properties, the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session, to Wit: For the purpose of permitting the Committee to compare three possible sites within Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, for possible purchase by the County for future development and to discuss strategy to be employed by administration in negotiating a possible purchase.
  - C. Motion to Return to Open Session (No Roll Call Vote Required).
  - D. Announcements and possible action on matters discussed in closed session
5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution or Policy:
  - A. Small Purchase Procurement Resolution
6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion
  - A. Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Marathon County Update, Randy Wiessinger
  - B. County Road "J" Highway Abandonment, Town of Weston
  - C. Marathon County Highway Safety Audit Update - Griesbach
  - D. City County Information Technology Department Update
  - E. Highway Commissioner's Report
  - F. Discussion regarding County Board educational presentation on Implicit/Explicit Bias and institutional/structural discrimination and their impact on Marathon County's ability to achieve its goals (presentation available here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6lxZiSeZJI>)
    1. What opportunities do you see to improve our policies and practices to enhance diversity and inclusion and help us meet **Objective 3.8 of the Comprehensive Plan?**
7. Announcements:
  - A. Future meetings and agenda items:

1. September 10<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, 2020 Marathon County Bridge Aid, Marathon County Infrastructure Committee
2. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Monthly Committee Meeting at 1430 West Street, Wausau WI 54401
3. County Support of Sport Events Occurring on County Highways

8. Adjourn

*Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715 261-1500 or e-mail [infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting.*

**SIGNED** /s/ Randy Fifrick  
Presiding Officer or Designee

FAXED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages,  
FAXED TO: and Other Media Groups  
FAXED BY: K Pergolski  
FAXED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FAXED TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY: M. Palmer  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME: \_\_\_\_\_



# MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 2, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
Marathon County Highway Department, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Randy Fifrick, Chair	x		
Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair	x		
John Robinson	x		
Jeff Johnson	x		
Alan Christensen	x		
Richard Gumz	x		
Chris Dickinson	x		

**Also Present:** James Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Kendra Pergolski, Gerry Klein, Lance Leonhard, Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 9:01 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** N/A
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**  
**MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING PURSUANT TO ADDITION OF THE SALE PRICE ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PARCEL SECTION. MOTION CARRIED.**
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
  - A. Next Steps in Broadband Task Force**  
**Discussion:** The committee discussed how the task force has been developed and whom is on it. They revisited the tasks assigned and discussed the overview of issues. Klein discussed grant opportunities, CARES Act allocations, State vs Federal restrictions and the distribution of unused funds.  
**Action:** N/A  
**Follow through:** N/A
  - B. What are the Committee's priorities for the next two years in light of the Strategic Plan (Objective 10.12) and Comprehensive Plan (Executive Summary)**  
**Discussion:** The committee reviewed the strategic plan goals and priorities moving forward.  
**Action:** N/A  
**Follow through:** N/A
- 5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
  - A. Consideration of speed limit modifications on County Highway Y within the Towns of Plover and Easton between County Road Z and County Highway 52**  
**Discussion:** Lang addressed the committee with concerns regarding a speed limit change for County Highway Y due to conflicting speed changes and confusion caused by said changes; Lang stressed that this may cause safety concerns.  
**Action:** **MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY WIDE SPEED ZONE TO THE COUNTY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Follow through:** N/A
- 6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
  - A. Wind Farm Update**  
**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach addressed the committee with the plan to add 30 wind towers to the Western part of the county, and updated them regarding County Highway P roadway condition and how it will be effected by the construction of said wind towers. The committee also discussed the need to address environmental issues that may arise in the foreseeable future.
  - B. Marathon County Highway Safety Audit**  
**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach updated the committee with how the current data gathered is being implemented into the system for evaluation.

C. City County Information Technology Department Update

**Discussion:** Report provided.

D. Highway Commissioner's Report

**Discussion:** Report provided.

E. ATV/UTV Policy update

**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach advised that he is receiving many applications and has deemed the policy a success thus far.

7. **Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics

August 6, 9:00 AM, 1430 West Street, Wausau

8. **Adjourn**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on June 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION No. R-\_\_-20**  
**SMALL PURCHASE PROVISIONS**  
**BY**  
**Marathon County Infrastructure Committee**

WHEREAS, Marathon County, Wisconsin hereinafter referred to as the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee, each being a municipal body corporate of the State of Wisconsin, is authorized by Wis. Stat. §114.11 (1973), to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and maintain highways, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee maintains both state and county highways within Marathon County, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee follows procurement provisions as set forth in the Marathon County Code of Ordinances, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee recognizes that regular operations and maintenance expenses have steadily increased over the 20 years, and

WHEREAS, the Small Purchase Procedure identified in Sec. 3.05(3) of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances set a threshold of \$30,000 for small purchases, and

WHEREAS, this \$30,000 threshold has not been adjusted for inflation since its initial adoption and is no longer sufficient for the acquisition of regular operations and maintenance expenses, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee requests Marathon County to consider changing Sec. 3.05(3) of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances to increase the small purchase procurement threshold to \$75,000 and include an automatic escalator at least every five years to account for inflation.

DATED this 6<sup>h</sup> day of August, 2020

MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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# **Marathon County Traffic Safety Commission Quarterly Informational Slides**

Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
Division of State Patrol  
Bureau of Traffic Safety and Technical Services  
Law Enforcement Liaison

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# YTD County Crash Statistics



## Marathon Co - August 2020 TSC Mtg

1/1/2020 - 08/01/2020		1/1/2019 - 08/01/2019					
K	3	K	8				
A	21	A	24				
B	112	B	159				
C	92	C	156				
PD	1181	PD	1676				
DeerOnly	131	DeerOnly	198				
<b>All (-deer)</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>All (-deer)</b>	<b>1824</b>				
Speed	217	Speed	400				
Seatbelt	67	Seatbelt	122				
Alc/Drug	76	Alc/Drug	60				
Distracted	137	Distracted	171				
Teen	227	Teen	331				
65+	240	65+	317				
Motorcycle	23	Motorcycle	21				
Pedestrian	9	Pedestrian	19				
<i>Fatalities</i>	<i>2020 (ytd)</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>5 yr avg</i>
<b>Marathon Co</b>	3	14	9	15	9	15	12
<b>Statewide Fatality Update (08/02/2020)</b>				<i>(same day last year)</i>			
	2020-	303		2019-	287		

# Statewide Crash Statistics



As of 08/01/2020

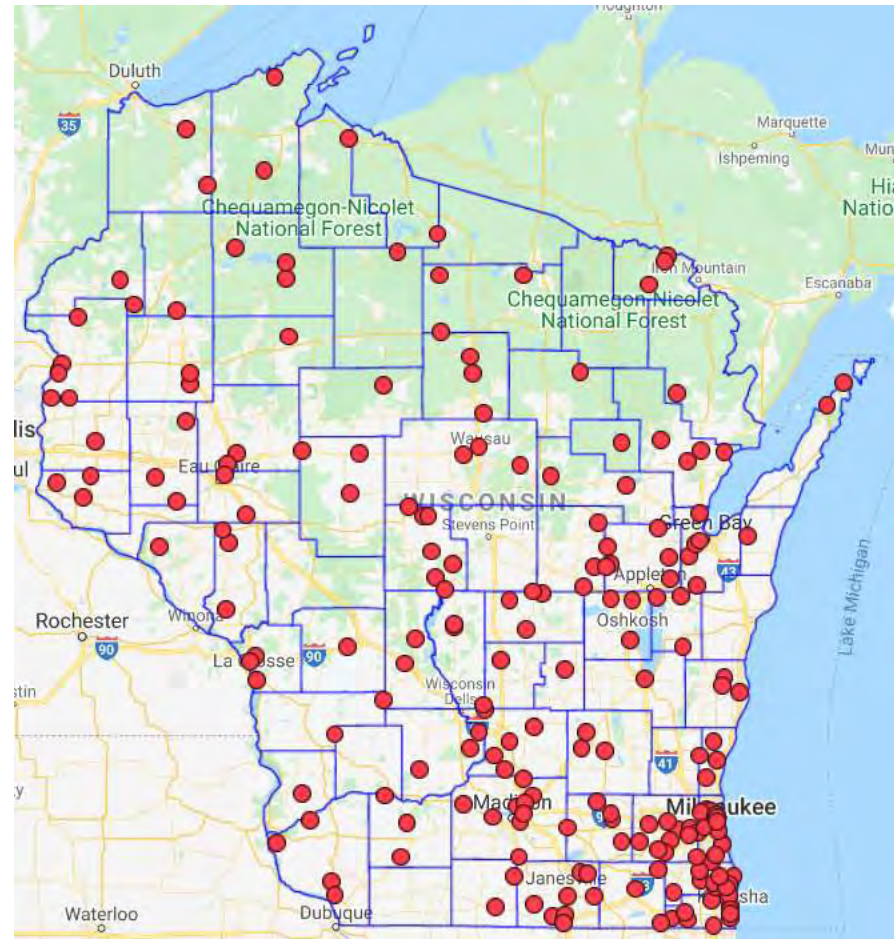
[Same Date in 2019]

Fatalities = 300\*\* [283]

● Injuries = 16,969 [22,407]

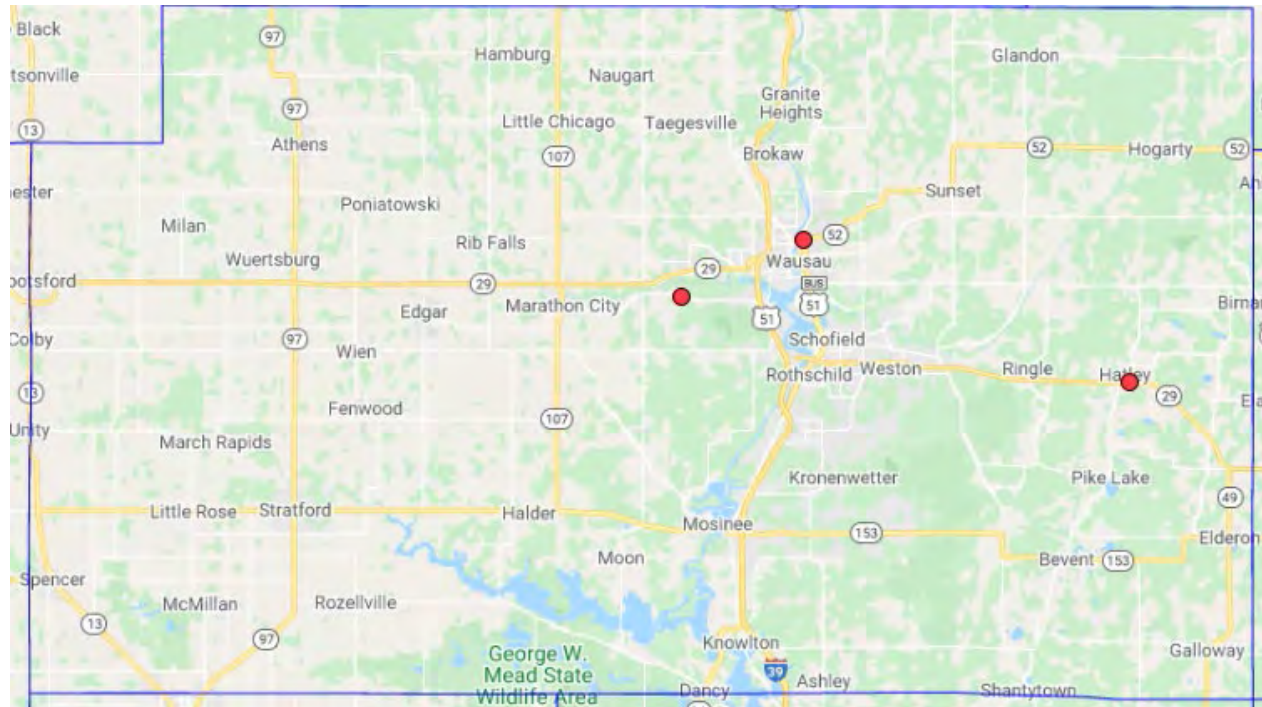
\*\*reported

Five Year Statewide Fatality  
Average = 573





# YTD Marathon County Fatalities



05/24/2020 – single vehicle, off road

06/15/2020 – single vehicle, off road

06/17/2020 – single motorcycle, off road

# Predictive Analytics

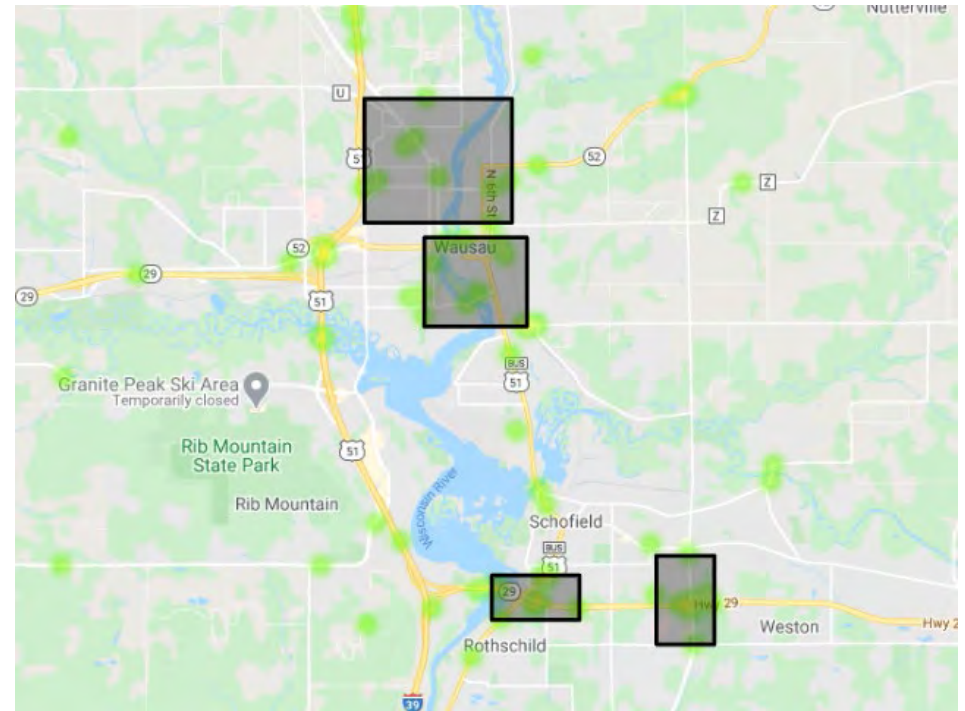


Top five county high crash probability locations based on previous three years worth of (KAB) crash data.

All crashes



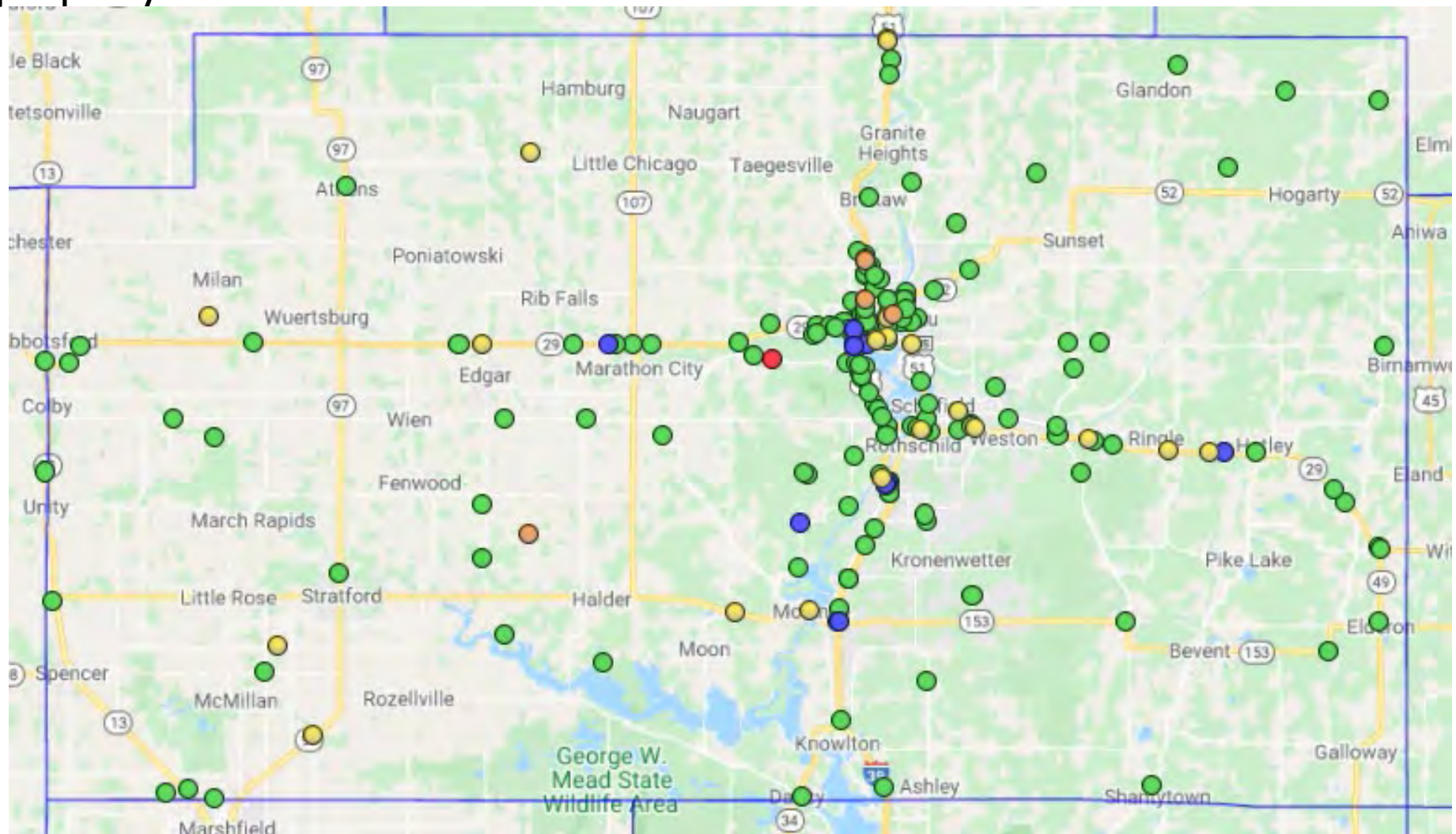
Speed



# Govt Property Damage Crashes



This search feature queries all crashes involving damage to government property.



# Community Maps Improvements



## Recently Upgraded Features

- Differentiate crashes that are stacked on top of one another with a cluster view option
- Several enhancements to the Analyze feature for predictive analytics
- New Shorter URL: [www.CommunityMaps.wi.gov](http://www.CommunityMaps.wi.gov) (redirect)
- Search by Law Enforcement Agency only

**Public access to Community Maps allows basic search ability.**

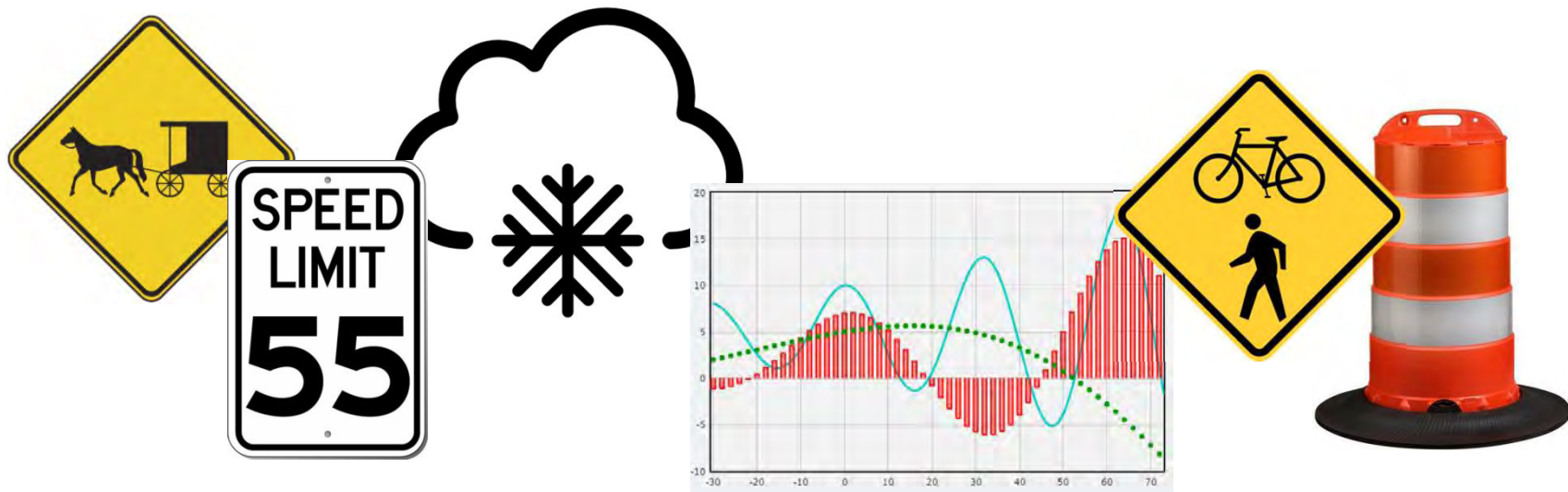
**Advanced Search capability requires log in credentials, which are available to government employees upon request.**

# Legislative Updates



- *Legislature is currently not in regular session.*
- Latest Legislative Update can be found on the [Resources Tab](#) of Community Maps.

# Specialized Data or Data Analysis Requests



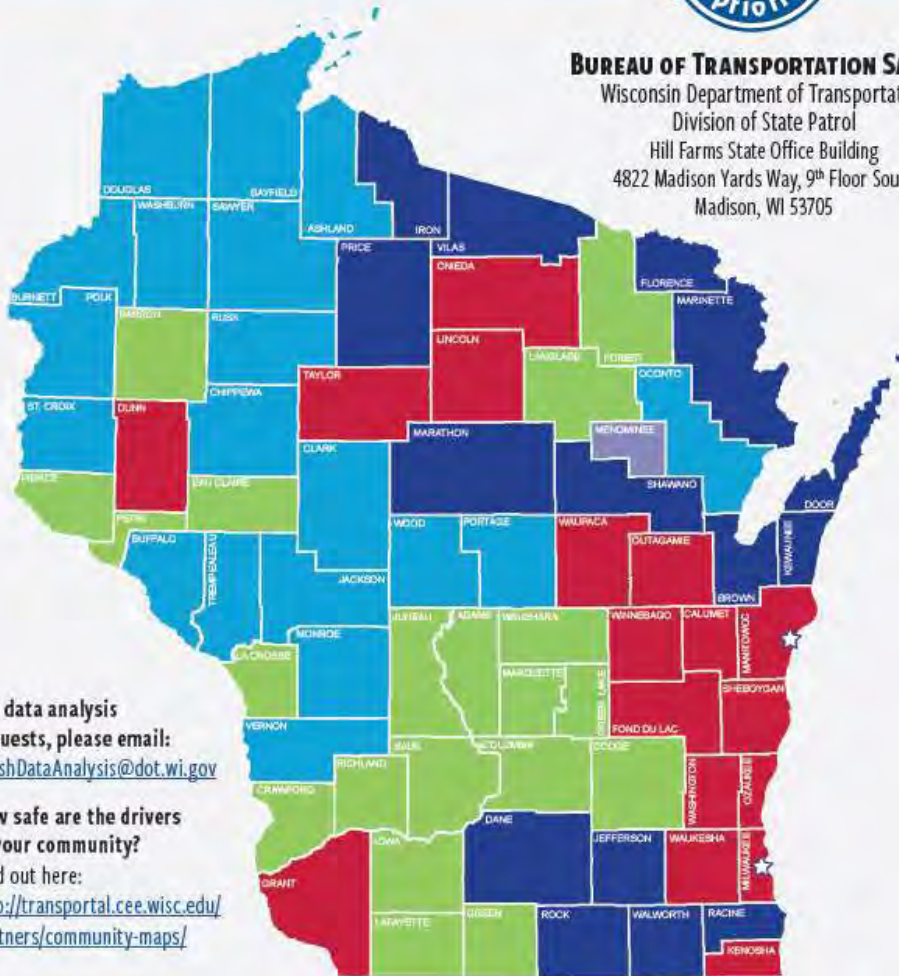
The Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technical Services provides specialized data retrieval and analysis services through their on-staff analysts. If you have any needs that cannot be addressed through Community Maps, you can request help from BOTSTS.

Email requests or questions to: [CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov](mailto:CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov)  
or contact your Law Enforcement Liaison.

# Our Team



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 4822 Madison Yards Way, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor South  
 Madison, WI 53705



For data analysis requests, please email: [CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov](mailto:CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov)

How safe are the drivers in your community?  
 Find out here: <http://transportal.cee.wisc.edu/partners/community-maps/>

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# If I Can Help...



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*Stay Safe*





# MARATHON COUNTY

## OFFICE OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

1430 WEST STREET  
WAUSAU, WI 54401

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TO: Infrastructure Committee  
FROM: Jim Griesbach  
RE: September Highway Report  
Date: September 3, 2020

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We experienced our first positive case for Covid-19 within the department. We spoke to that individual about who he had been in close contact with (close contact is considered being within 6 feet for 15 minutes). Those that meet that criteria were quarantined for 14 days; we had 4 crew members meet that criteria. To avoid any major winter issues with quarantine, we are currently working on splitting crews up into different pods. Pods will consist of smaller crews such as the Abbotsford crew, Hatley crew, Mosinee crew, Wausau State, Wausau County, bridge, Stratford State and county and non-patrolman for winter maintenance. Once assigned to their crew, to the best of our ability they will remain with the crew throughout the winter or through this covid-19 pandemic. If needed to work outside of their pod, they are to limit their exposure with the other pod members.

Our most senior employee, Jeff Koppa, has given me his retirement notice after over 44 years here at the department. Jeff will retire October 2, 2020. We are currently recruiting to fill this vacancy.

We had two ATV/UTV requests: one has been approved and signed on CTH "Y" north of Bevent from Kristof Rd to Palace Ln, just north of Bevent. The other request was on CTH "II" in the Town of Elderon. The original request was from CTH "Y" east 4 miles to Red Pine Rd., which was denied. Pending Parks department approval CTH "II" will be opened at CTH "Y" east 1.8 miles to Red Hickory Road.

I had advertised for request for proposals for our 2022-2025 bridge program and have received 9 proposals for the work. We are currently reviewing those proposals for 4 different bridge design packages.

Mary Rosensprung and I are also working on the 2021 budget with a goal of coming in with a 0% tax levy increase.

### **Summer project update**

- CTH G Bridge east of CTH Q is opened to traffic; crews will be paving the asphalt approaches in September.
- CTH M Bridge south of CTH P is currently being replaced by contractor forces; completion is scheduled for October 8th.
- CTH WW in “Brokaw” is planned for paving in early September. This project is being completed in conjunction with the sewer and water project being completed by the Village of Maine. For this section of highway, Marathon County has jurisdiction of the two driving lanes and the Village has jurisdiction of the parking lanes, curb & gutter and sidewalk.
- CTH L, FF, O & S paving projects have the paving efforts completed. Crews are shouldering a few of the remaining roadways and contractors are scheduled to complete the pavement markings.
- Crews will be paving culvert patches and other minor paving patches in September.
- Construction crews are working on a few remaining culvert projects and ditch grading for roadways that are planned for paving in future years.
- Mowing crews will have a second round of mowing in September on the County highways. State highways do not have a second round of mowing planned.
- Culvert aid projects are being reviewed and expenses are being processed.
- The Shop is working on assembling two new patrol trucks, replacing an engine in one of our quad axle dump trucks, routine maintenance and repairs and early preparation for winter plowing equipment.
- State crews recently completed a crack filling project on state highways in Portage County; this work was funded with state monies.

Submitted by

James Griesbach

Highway Commissioner