

Work Zone Safety Task Force

Meeting #4

October 30, 2024

Meeting Summary

Law Enforcement & Speeds

Trooper Youngblood presented on DSP's Aerial Speed Enforcement program. Will be moving forward with some 2025 projects.

Education, Public Awareness & Social Media

Will be presenting information learned for PSAs on Gas Station TV at the Directors meeting in November with hopes of moving forward with requesting WISDOT funds for acquiring ads in 2025.

New Products & Technology

The following projects are occurring at WisDOT:

- ATMA Pilot – Spring 2025 shorter pilot project
- WZDx Local Roads Pilot is ongoing
- Digital Speed Reduction System – required on projects starting in 2025

Looking to disband subcommittee due to lack of participation

Training

Continue to work on education and training rolled out by WisDOT BTO Work Zone staff. Looking to disband subcommittee due to lack of participation or postpone until publishing of WMUTCD.

Legislation and Statute Changes

No updates. Will reconvene in November post-election with likely topics of speed camera in work zones pilot program and digger/utility relocates reform.

Temporary Traffic Control

Currently developing parameters for design guidance to minimize traffic through work zones (get in-get done-get out). Guidelines will be used in project development to identify Pilot projects for implementation.

Another project is to prioritize safety for contractors and public by identifying areas of universal improvement for consistency in Wisconsin. Distributed statewide survey to locals and utilities from 10/3/24-11/1/24 sent by the UW System. The group will meet and review the results to see if other ideas come out of it.

Future of WZSTF – open discussion

- *Should we continue to have sub-task force groups?*
- *How do we get better participation and involvement?*
- *Should we focus on 1-2 topics at a time?*
- Overall agreement to keep the larger group going to keep people/stakeholders engaged. Maybe have more frequent large group meetings if subgroups dissolve and can present on topics that are active and fresh.
- Have work groups meet only when tasks are needed to be addressed (e.g., groups form, do the work, then dissolve).
- Create a mailing list where people can sign up or unsubscribe to task force updates.