



Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
**Inter-Tribal Task Force**



Wisconsin DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wisconsin Dells  
Lower Dells E  
Meeting Agenda

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**PURPOSE STATEMENT**

- *Review and provide consultation to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and tribal leaders on short and long-term transportation policies and priorities that have the potential to impact tribal transportation systems and communities.*
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Teleconference: 1-408-650-3123

Access Code: 256-958-717

Join meeting: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/256958717>

Reservations: 1-800-746-2486

8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda**  
Review/Approve Agenda  
Review/Approve Minutes from teleconference call held on February 9, 2016
3. **Election of ITTF Vice-Chairman**
4. **Action Item Summary From 12-2-15 Meeting**
  - Safety Work Team to research broadband connectivity grants. Discussion was held on grants that are available, and Danielle noted that perhaps these could tie to safety funding resources. (Carryover)
  - Natalia will follow up to see if there are any projects that could qualify for the NAHP. (Carryover)
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5. **Standing Reports**  
Chairman's Report –



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## Statewide Liaison Report – Kelly Jackson & Danielle Yancey, WisDOT

- Native American Hiring Provision
- TLAC Update
- THPO Update
- Compensability Policy Update
- Other

## ITTF Coordinator Report – Agnes Fleming

- 2016 Draft Annual Plan
- Update on Transit Peer Exchange – February 18, 2016
- Update on “Tall Cop Training” – March 17, 2016
- Update on Real Estate Training – April 5, 2016
- 2015 and 2016 ITTF Budget
- Updated Work Team Members rosters
- Updated distribution list

## Tribal Reports

Bad River	Ben Connors
Forest County Potawatomi	Nate Guldán
Ho-Chunk	Ryan Greendeer
Lac Courte Oreilles	Russell Barber
Lac du Flambeau	George Thompson
Menominee	Ken Klemens
Oneida	David Jordan
Red Cliff	Jeff Benton
Sokaogon Chippewa	Chris McGeshick
St. Croix	Delores Staples/Marge Taylor
Stockbridge-Munsee	Stacey Schreiber

## Tribal Liaison Reports

Roger Larson	WisDOT – SW
Natalia Vega	WisDOT – SE
Brent Pickard	WisDOT – NW
Sandy Stankevich	WisDOT – NC
Derek Weyer	WisDOT – NE

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Federal Highway Administration

## 7. Adjournment



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**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**  
**9:30 to 11:30 am Teleconference Call**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

RB Rusty Barber, ITTF Vice Chairman (LCO) JB Jeff Benton (Red Cliff); EC Emerson Coy (LDF); AF Agnes Fleming (ITTF Coordinator); RG Ryan Greendeer (Ho-Chunk); RL Roger Larson (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); GM Gary Mejchar (AICCW); MJN Mary Jo Nash (Oneida); TP Troy Parr (Oneida); James Petitjean (Oneida); JR Jennifer Robertson (WisDOT); SS Stacey Schreiber (Stockbridge-Munsee); DS Delores Staples (St. Croix); BSK Bill Stark (FTA); DW Derek Weyer (WisDOT Tribal Liaison), DY Danielle Yancey (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); KS Kim Swisher (ITTF Consultant).

1. **Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by RB.**
2. **Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda.** A motion was made by SS and seconded by RG to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by RG and seconded by RL to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Action Item Summary from 12/2/2015 Meeting.**

**Action Items from 12/2/2015**

- Safety Work Team to research broadband connectivity grants. Discussion was held on grants that are available, and DY noted that perhaps these could tie to safety funding resources. AF will add to March ITTF agenda meeting. Stacey recommended looking at USDA, and will share information she received from the Laguna Tribe.
- Letter to PH summarizing meeting with bullet points. The letter was sent last week. Discussion was held on Tribal/County relationships, and EC noted that LDF has a contract with the county for summer maintenance and is looking at a winter contract as well. EC will talk with George Thompson (LDF) as a follow-up. KJ noted that a debriefing meeting was, and that she is waiting for a list of what's next. KJ noted that best practices need to be developed and be shared with other Tribes.
- Obtain information on the BIA regulations published in the CFR. Invite a BIA real estate person to participate at next ITTF meeting and at the Real Estate Training on April 5th. AF received the information and invited Dena Ness and Sandy Dietz to present on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- AF invited ITTF Members to attend Cultural Sensitivity training and share your stories. TW noted that this information should also be shared with contractor's employees. GM suggested a shorter video be created for Primes and Contractor HR programs. The last training will be held in Rhinelander on February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. The session will be recorded.

- Natalia will follow up to see if there are any projects that could qualify for the NAHP. **Carry over to March meeting.**
- Consider recruitment attention for Native America Hiring Provision. RB noted that TLAC is discussing this.
- Add BIA regulations published in the CFR to the Real Estate Training agenda. Completed.
- Survey Members to move March ITTF meeting from Danbury to Wisconsin Dells to coincide with Ho-Chunk's PL 280 training on March 9 and March 10, 2016. Notices went out, and the draft agenda will be sent.

A motion was made by DS and seconded by SS to accept the Action Item update as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Standing Reports –

**Chairman's Report –** RB reported that Gerald Warrington has accepted a new job, and wished him the best. A motion was made by SS and seconded by DS to appoint RB as Chairman of the ITTF. The motion passed unanimously. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

#### Statewide Liaison Report –

KJ discussed the Native American Hiring Provision, noting that TLAC is exploring ways to apply provisions on projects close to Tribal communities. Preliminary results from applicable projects in Oneida are being reviewed, and best practices need to be documented.

**TLAC Update –** KJ noted two major accomplishments: (1) DWD is finalizing features on the database, and DWD will be presenting at the next GLITC meeting. TLAC is facilitating monthly meetings to discuss labor issues. A survey for the contracting and construction industry is being drafted to create recruitment and referral process. (2) A TrANS provider has been selected. Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College was selected, and training will be provided in Washburn and Lac Courte Oreilles.

**THPO Update –** THPO is exploring a data management processing and notification system. There will be a Listening Session in Wausau February 23<sup>rd</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup>. The first half of the Listening Session will focus on listening, and the second half will focus on FDM training.

**Compensability Policy Update –** No report.

**Other –** RB and KJ noted that several TLAC representatives attended the C-E Conference in Madison following the last TLAC meeting. GM noted that three NADBE firms used ITTF scholarships to attend the Conference – Arrow Creek (Oneida), UPI, LLC. (LCO) and Hard Rock (Menominee).

A motion was made by RG and accepted by DS to accept the Statewide Liaison Report. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ITTF Coordinator Report –

AF noted that the Work Teams have met, and provided input for the 2016 Work Plan. AF asked if any Work Team Members have ideas to please contact her.

Cultural Sensitivity trainings were held in Oneida, Madison and Superior, and were well attended – 30 to 50 people at each session. The final session will be held in Rhinelander.

The Transit Peer Exchange will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> in Lac du Flambeau. Angelica Salgado, Steve Hirshfeld and Rebecca Thompson will be attending. As of this morning, 10 people are registered to attend.

The Tall Cop Workshop to be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> in Wausau has been moved to a larger location to facilitate the interest. As of this morning, 63 people are registered to attend.

The Real Estate Workshop will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Keshena. As of this morning, 8 people are registered to attend. The Work Team is finalizing the agenda.

AF met with Amber from Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College regarding the Safety posters. The posters are printed, and AF is in the process of distributing the posters. AF also noted that she may have reprints done on better paper.

AF is working on the Safety brochure. She is working with a graphic designer to create a brochure similar to the MN DOT brochure.

AF reported that letters were mailed to Tribal leadership requesting that leadership reappoint a representative to the ITTF.

AF is in the process of updating the ITTF Distribution list. The list will be segregated by functions, noting who is a voting member, and adding Tribal Education departments.

GM provided an Economic Development Report, noting of the five projects listed, the first three are completed. GM is cooperatively working EC for a pre-bid meeting training session. GM is continuing work on the website development and NADBE directory. Early Intervention (EIP) analysis, a SWOT analysis, curriculum development, mentoring and more in-depth training are components of the final two projects. GM is in dialog to considering moving two projects forward in 2016.

RB added that there will be DWD database training held in Madison on February 15<sup>th</sup>, and a presentation will be made to GLITC on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by RL and seconded by DS to accept the ITTF Coordinator's report. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Tribal Reports –

Ho-Chunk

Ryan Greendeer

RG shared the PL280 training will be held in March.

Lac Courte Oreilles

Russell Barber

RB shared the Safe Routes to School work should begin in spring. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathways should be completed this year. The goal is to have the TrANS classes completed before construction season, and noted the IGA ends in April. RB also noted that Marie Kakendahl (sp!!) is joining ITTF as a LCO representative.

Lac du Flambeau

Emerson Coy

LDF is holding public meetings, as they have received a contract for the safety planning process. Several larger projects are now out for bid – the Youth Center and the Indian Bowl. EM also noted that LDF received a transit grant and is looking to expand service and expand the Tribal garage.

Oneida

Troy Parr

TP is working with the BIA on a safety study. Received a resolution to engage in the Hwy 54 corridor study. Oneida is also rolling a five year maintenance program, and five roads will be completely resurfaced this year.

Red Cliff

Jeff Benton

JB has been with grant reporting and keeping up with the snow. JB also noted they have begun their safety plan.

St. Croix

Delores Staples

DS noted that three projects are awaiting construction. She also noted that St. Croix is still waiting for their safety grant.

Stockbridge-Munsee

Stacey Schreiber

SS noted that they are working with OTIE on a transportation safety plan. They are presenting their plan next Friday, and anticipate approval in late March. They are also working on a walking plan. They are moving forward with their new Elderly feeling program, hoping to begin construction in March, and open in late fall. Tribal Roads is working with Historic Preservation and Land Management to add expand the cemetery, adding 225 additional sites.

Bad River

No Report

Forest County Potawatomi

No Report

Menominee

No Report

Sokaogon Chippewa Community

No Report

A motion was made by DS and seconded by SS to accept the Tribal Reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Robertson introduced herself, and the group welcomed her. JR is the new State Patrol Bureau of Operations (BOTS).

RG asked about the status of the ITTF budget. KJ noted the budget will be shared at the March meeting.

RG noted that safety remains an ongoing issue (lack of seatbelts, mishandling of vehicle, etc.) and wants to see a new strategy that comes out quickly. KJ asked the group how a program could be built for Tribal communities. Discussion followed

Tribal Liaisons Reports –

RL noted the Ho-Chunk projects on I-39 and Hwys 12/19. DW noted that Oneida will be doing a business community study.

A motion was made by SS and seconded by JB to accept the Tribal Liaisons reports. The motion passed unanimously.

BIA Report – No report.

Federal Highway Administration Report –

BTK noted that guidance is beginning to come on the five year federal highway law known as FASTACT. Fact sheets are now available, and webinars, presentations and other documents will eventually follow. AF will forward information BSK sends.

A motion was made by JB and seconded by DS to accept the Federal Highway Administration reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment –

A motion was made by RL and seconded by DS to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.