



Wisconsin DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (WisDOT ITTF),
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
TELECONFERENCE CALL
MEETING AGENDA

WisDOT ITTF 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.*
- *Evaluate the results and effectiveness of transportation policies and priorities upon tribal transportation systems and communities.*
- *Review and make recommendations to agency administration and elected tribal leaders.*

Teleconference line: (872) 240-3412

Access Code: 414-532-189

Join Meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/414532189>

9:30 am

1. Call to Order

2. Review Meeting Minutes

Review/Approve WisDOT ITTF Minutes from March 14, 2017 in Mole Lake

3. Action Item Summary from 03-14-17 ITTF Meeting

- Obtain TLAC and THPO reports for Annual Report. ITTF voted to table accepting the report for 60 days, and reports are due May 15, 2017.
- Rusty noted that ITTF needs a BIA and FHWA representative. Rusty and Stacey will sign a letter requesting Greg be assigned as rep.
- Draft 2018 Calendar of meetings – no teleconferences. Six face-to-face meetings.
- Per Chris, create a binder with all agreements, Tribal TEROs, Federal Determination of CFR 25, State's opinion on Indian Preference. Did TLAC already do this?
- Letter to DOT addressing three-day minimum notice. Request the three day be changed to ten days.
- Explore Tribal inclusion in LRIP.
- Share Partnership Agreement with all Tribal Leaders. Already posted on website.
- Distribute Annual Work Plan

4. Standing Reports

• **Chairwoman's Report**

- DOT Letter

• **Statewide-Liaison Report – Kelly Jackson, WisDOT**

- Tribal Affairs update on staffing
- Native American Hiring Provision
- TLAC Update
- THPO Update
- Update on Statewide Safety Plan
- LRIP Tribal Access Issue

• **ITTF Coordinator Report – Agnes Fleming**

- WI Tribal Transportation Conference (WTTC) report
- 2017 Annual Work Plan
- Update Work Team Rosters
- Partnership Agreement Revision/Update Committee
- PSA Youth Project
- Cultural Awareness
- Tribal Assessment Survey
- GAP Analysis
- Economic Development Report – EIP/One on One Mentoring
- Poster Advertising on Billboards/Tribal-Transit vehicles

5. Tribal Reports

Bad River	Ben Connors
Forest County Potawatomi	Todd Mulvey
Ho-Chunk	Vacant
Lac Courte Oreilles	Russell Barber
Lac du Flambeau	George Thompson
Menominee	Crystal Chapman-Chevalier
Oneida	David Jordan
Red Cliff	Jeff Benton
Sokaogon Chippewa	Chris McGeshick
St. Croix	Delores Staples/Marge Taylor
Stockbridge-Munsee	Stacey Schreiber

6. Tribal Liaison Reports

Franklin Marcos	WisDOT – SW
Karl Pierce	WisDOT – SE
Brent Pickard	WisDOT – NW
Sandy Stankevich	WisDOT – NC
Derek Weyer	WisDOT – NE
Jennifer Robertson	BOTS

7. Bureau of Indian Affairs

8. Federal Highway Administration

9. Adjournment

10. Materials List

- **Agenda**
- **3-14-17 minutes**
- **Notes from 4-12-17 Partnership Agreement (PA) Committee meeting**
- **WTTC Report**
- **2016 Annual Report**
- **Survey Assessment Report**
- **Draft of 2018 ITTF meeting calendar**



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Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Mole Lodge Casino, Mole Lake, WI
Meeting Minutes

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Members In Attendance: RB Rusty Barber, ITTF, Chairman (Lac Courte Oreilles); AF Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator; AM Arvina Martin (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); CM Chris McGeshick (Sokaogon); TM Todd Mulvey (Forest County Potawatomi); BP Brent Pickard (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); KP Karl Pierce (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); SS Stacey Schreiber (Stockbridge-Munsee); SST Sandy Stankevich, (WisDOT Tribal Liaison NC); DS Delores Staples (St. Croix); MT Marge Taylor, (St Croix).

Members on Phone: JB Jeff Benton (Red Cliff); CC Crystal Chapman-Chevalier (Menominee); CG Candice Green (Ho-Chunk); KJ Kelly Jackson (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); FM Franklin Marcos (WisDOT Tribal Liaison SW); GM Gary Mejchar (AICCW); CP Cyless Peterson (WisDOT Tribal Liaison).

Others Present: Lauren Abel (Lac du Flambeau THPO); Joel Valentin (LCO Tribal Governing Board Member); TW Travis Wallenfang (Oneida); Kim Swisher, ITTF Assistant.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:47 am.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by CM and seconded by DS to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognize Stacey Schreiber at the WisDOT ITTF Chairperson

A motion was made by RB and seconded by MT to recognize Stacey Schreiber at the WisDOT ITTF Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously, with SS abstaining.



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Open Nominations for Vice Chair

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair. RB nominated DS, and SS seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by CM and seconded by CC to approve the November 1, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. Discussion included THPO and TLAC reports were not included in the Annual Report presented. The Annual Report will be presented at the June 13th meeting. The motion was tabled.

A motion was made by CM and seconded by DS for THPO and TLAC to receive 60 days to forward their report to AF. The deadline for THPO and TLAC to forward their reports is May 15th. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Reports

Chairman's Report –

- RB noted that there is no Northwest WisDOT Tribal Liaison assigned as of yet.
- RB is holding off on sending the TLAC letter to GLITC as elections are coming up and could potentially impact the ITTF representatives.
- A Ho-Chunk representative has yet to be officially named.
- The group discussed face-to-face versus teleconference meetings. As teleconferences don't always have a quorum, AF suggested the 2018 calendar have six face-to-face meetings and no teleconferences. Call-in options will continue to be available. A motion was made by CC and seconded by CM to approve six face-to-face meetings and no teleconferences. Discussion included CC asking AF if the budget will cover the elimination of teleconferences, and AF confirmed that the budget will cover the six face-to-face meetings. The motion passed unanimously.
- RB suggested he and/or SS send a letter to FHWA requesting Greg Newhouse become the official FHWA ITTF representative. A motion was made by SST and seconded by DS to send a letter to FHWA requesting Greg Newhouse be named the ITTF representative. The motion passed unanimously.

Statewide Liaison Report –

- AF introduced AM and CP. AM shared that the new Secretary of Transportation is Dave Ross, the Deputy Secretary is Bob Seitz, and the Assistant Deputy Secretary is Jennifer Esser. AM also shared that Joe Nestler is the new administrator of the Division of Transportation System Development.
- Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC) – KJ shared that the IGA is moving to Mole Lake. She also shared that the Sokaogon Chippewa Community has been approved for a Menominee program.



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- THPO Update – Nothing formal to report at this time.
- Native American Hiring Provision – AM shared she is meeting with Ho-Chunk tomorrow. TW suggested a uniform format for Indian Preference be drafted for all Tribes to use. RB suggested that since there has been much discussion on the service area, this would be a good place to start. RB also noted that the road builders were not excited by this. CM suggested that a binder be created that includes all of the IGAs, Tribe's TERO and Indian Preference documents, the federal determination (CFR 25) for Indian Preference, the state's opinion on Indian Preference, BIA, FHWA and NAAP's information. CM asked if TLAC had this already compiled.

Discussion was also held on drafting a letter to the DOT addressing the three-day minimum notice after an award of contract. The group suggested the three-day minimum be increased to a 10-day minimum. A motion was made by CM and seconded by TM to send a letter to WisDOT requesting the three-day minimum be increased to 10 days. The motion passed unanimously.

- AM and CP met with the Wisconsin Building Trades Council to discuss a Focus Group and Day in the Life video. Discussion ensued, with CM noting that we should be planning and obtaining a copy of the six year plan, contacting contractors who are selected, and promote hiring Tribal Members. RB noted that each Tribe has their own data pool. TW explained the database he created to track employees. CM suggested TrANS instructors could input data.
- Update on Statewide Safety Plan – OTIE continues work on the plan.
- Long Range Improvement Plan – The group asked if Tribes current have access to the LRIP. KJ shared that the program is not currently structured internally for Tribes. A motion was made by SS and seconded by DS to explore Tribal inclusion in the LRIP. The motion passed unanimously.

ITTF Coordinator Report –

- WTTTC 2016 Report – AF shared the draft WTTTC 2016 report. The draft does not include the summary evaluations from the sessions. Danielle Yancey surveyed all attendees and included a breakdown of attendance. The complete report will be available on the ITTF website (<http://wisdottribaltaskforce.org>) when it is complete.

GM shared feedback, including adding another breakout room instead of using the Wolf Room, extending the Business Expo, building upon the timed networking, and adding a Pre-Bid Meeting for contractors and Tribes. RB noted that the TrANS graduates met with contractors. He also noted that nine counties were represented at the Conference.

Discussion continued on increasing participation by towns. TM and SST discussed reaching out selectively to towns. It was suggested that ITTF receive a list of counties and town that Tribes work with.



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- Annual Work Plan – KJ noted that a requirement of the Partnership Agreement is that it needs to be distributed to Tribal Leaders and posted on the ITTF website. The group reviewed the new items added to the Annual Work Plan (new items were highlighted in yellow).

It was suggested to change the Dual Language Signage Options item from “Obtain Dual Language Signage for Reservation communities” to “Explore options for Dual Language Signage for Reservations communities”.

It was suggested that it be added that TLAC participate in career days and career fairs.

The group reviewed the Labor & Business section of the Annual Work Plan, and discussed the NADBE database.

A motion was made by DS and seconded by RB to approve the Annual Work Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

- AF provided an update on the Transit Peer Exchange. AF is working on the report.
- AF provided an update on the Safety Summit, noting work is being done on the report.
- AF provided an update on the Assessment, noting that Bad River is the remaining survey to complete.
- AF presented the current Work Teams rosters. KP volunteered for the Business & Labor Work Team. TM will email FCP members who will participate on the Work Teams. RB requested AF obtain the new Northwest Tribal Liaison contact and add the new person to the meeting notices.
- AF shared that the Partnership Agreement Revisions committee has three meeting dates, and has met once already. The next meetings will be April 12th and June 21st at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- The PSA Youth Project is moving forward. CP is working with the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Indian Community School. CP hopes the project will be complete in May or June.

RB suggested Tribal Members from each community be included. Following discussion, it was recommended to add to the 2018 Work Plan that this project be all inclusive of Tribes.

Tribal Reports –

Bad River	No Report
Forest County Potawatomi	TM shared that Michelle Berdan will participate on the Transit and Safety/Signage Work Teams. FCP is working on a dual language project and RIFDS inventory for BIA.
Ho-Chunk	No Report



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Lac Courte Oreilles	RB shared LCO is working on the safety audit with OTIE. They are in phase two of the Pedestrian Bike Safe Routes to School project. TrANS classes are going well, and the CDL class is going great.
Lac du Flambeau	No Report
Menominee	No Report
Oneida	No Report
Red Cliff	No Report
Sokaogon Chippewa	No Report
St. Croix	DS shared St. Croix is working on the 215, 211 and Short Street projects, and the pedestrian path on Highway 35. A new road is coming on Highway 70 by the casino. The group discussed fire numbers, and what the county covers.
Stockbridge-Munsee	SS shared that Stockbridge-Munsee is in phase two of the Highway J project with Shawano County. Phase one is complete. Signage on Highway J notes the project is a partnership to provide safe roads for the community, reaffirming the Tribe is a good neighbor. Phase three will be done in 2019. Four Tribal people worked on the project. An upcoming project is School House Road. SS also shared that the impact study showed up to a 37% loss of revenue if the Ho-Chunk Casino expands in Wittenberg.
<u>Tribal Liaison Reports</u>	
Franklin Marcos – SW	No Report
Karl Pierce – NE	Discussed mapping; working on excess land sale notifications request by FCP and Ho-Chunk. There is a website, and KP will send the link and the six year program maps.
Brent Pickard – NW	BP shared he working with St. Croix on land development near Siren and their facilities in Hertel, and he is working on access and highway operational issues. Two roundabouts are planned for the casino this summer. The Hiring Provision is included. No other corridor studies are being done, and all projects are being reviewed due to budget concerns. BP will have someone, at least on a temporary basis, to participate.



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Sandy Stankevich – NC	SST shared maps showing the six year program. As BP said, every project is being reviewed. SST discussed on the Highway 55 projects in Mole Lake and Menominee. Continuing to work with Menominee on the big projects. Waiting with FCP to hear outcome of grant application. The Hiring Provision will be used on the Highway 64 project.
Derek Weyer – NE	No Report. His wife went into labor this morning.
Jennifer Robertson – BOTS	No Report
BIA	No Report
FHA	No Report

Adjournment

A motion was made by RB and seconded by SST to adjourn at 2:11 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

The next ITTF meeting will be a teleconference on May 9, 2017, at 9:30 am.

The next face-to-face ITTF meeting will be held on June 13, 2017, in Danbury.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Add THPO and TLAC reports to the Annual Report. Present revised Annual Report at June 13th meeting.
- Update 2018 calendar – no teleconferences; schedule six face-to-face meetings.
- Draft letter to FHWA requesting Greg Newhouse become the official ITTF rep.
- Compile a binder that includes all of the IGAs, Tribe's TERO and Indian Preference documents, the federal determination (CFR 25) for Indian Preference, the state's opinion on Indian Preference, BIA, FHWA and NAAP's information. Check with TLAC first to see if this has been done.
- Draft a letter to WisDOT suggesting the three-day minimum notice of award of contract be adjusted to 10 days.
- Explore inclusion of LRIP.
- Obtain a list of towns and counties that each Tribe works with. Reach out to the Tribe's contacts to invite towns and counties to WTTC.
- Distribute Partnership Agreement to Tribal Leaders. Place Partnership Agreement on website.