



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



Wisconsin DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016  
Bad River Lodge and Casino (800-796-7121)  
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.
- 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: 1-646-749-3131

Access Code: 302-566-805

Join meeting: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/302566805>

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast

8:30

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda**  
Review/Approve Agenda  
Approve 3-8-16 Minutes  
Review notes from May 10, 2016 Teleconference
3. **Labor Database presentation by Division of Work Force Development (DWD) and Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC)**
4. **Statewide Tribal Safety Plan**  
Presentation by Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises (OTIE)
5. **Safety Summit – Action needed**  
Propose combining Tribal Safety Summit with the Governor’s Safety Conference scheduled for August 24 & 25, 2016 in Oneida. Tribal Safety Summit can either be scheduled for the day before or after on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 or Friday, August 26, 2016.
6. **American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW)**  
Presentation on Native Loan Programs – First American Capital Corporation and the Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance (WIBA)
7. **Action Item Summary from 3-8-16 ITTF Meeting**
  - Safety Work Team to research broadband connectivity grants.



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- Updated 2016 Annual Work Plan.
- Safety Posters mailed to Tribes, Tribal Law Enforcement and Wisconsin Schools.

### 8. Action Item Summary From 5-10-16 ITTF Meeting

- NV will complete Labor Reports for all five regions, and will include May data.
- SST touch base with contractor to insure they are aware of their obligations, and touch with Menominee and Sokaogon. SST will schedule a meeting in the region with KJ and the Tribes.
- KJ will confirm if Deputy Secretary will be attending June 14<sup>th</sup> ITTF meeting.
- KJ will send training notices for TraCS training.
- AF will reach out to Tribal law enforcement agencies regarding August TraCS training.
- AF will email Safety Work Team and request input on the Safety Summit.
- AF will schedule WTTTC Work Group meetings to begin planning for the 2016 Conference when KJ returns from leave.
- DF email SST information on Tribes charging processing fees for permits that WisDOT paid.

### 9. Standing Reports

#### Chairman's Report –

- Update on appointment letters
- Encourage attendance at ITTF meetings
- GLITC would like more information on TLAC outcomes (database and hiring provision)
- Suggested putting Bureau of Indian Affairs on the September agenda for an update on the 25 CFR Part 169 –Right of Way issues

#### Statewide Liaison Report – Kelly Jackson, WisDOT

- Native American Hiring Provision
- TLAC Update
- THPO Update
  - THPO Grant Application
- Tribal Liaison Position update
- Statewide Freight Plan

#### ITTF Coordinator Report – Agnes Fleming

- Work Team Meeting Reports
  - Safety/Signage
  - Real Estate Jurisdiction
  - Transit
  - Labor/Business
  - Shared Resources
- Assessment – Update on Tribal survey
- Update on ITTF Safety Funds
  - Safety funds – Sandy Stankevich & Derek Weyer
- ITTF Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) – Statement of work (SOW), budget and carryover funds

#### Tribal Reports

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| Bad River                | Ben Connors |
| Forest County Potawatomi | Nate Guldan |



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Ho-Chunk  
Lac Courte Oreilles  
Lac du Flambeau  
Menominee  
Oneida  
Red Cliff  
Sokaogon Chippewa  
St. Croix  
Stockbridge-Munsee

Vacant  
Russell Barber  
George Thompson  
Crystal Chapman-Chevalier  
David Jordan  
Jeff Benton  
Chris McGeshick  
Delores Staples/Marge Taylor  
Stacey Schreiber

Tribal Liaison Reports

Roger Larson  
Natalia Vega  
Brent Pickard  
Sandy Stankevich  
Derek Weyer  
Jennifer Robertson

WisDOT – SW  
WisDOT – SE  
WisDOT – NW  
WisDOT – NC  
WisDOT – NE  
BOTS

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Federal Highway Administration

**7. Adjournment**



**Wisconsin DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2016 - 8:30 am**  
**Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wisconsin Dells**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** JB Jeff Benton (Red Cliff); AF Agnes Fleming (ITTF Coordinator); RG Ryan Greendeer (Ho-Chunk); KJ Kelly Jackson (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); CM Chris McGeshick (Sokaogon Chippewa Community); DO Dave O'Donahue (BIA); JP James Petitjean (Oneida); BP Brent Pickard, WisDOT Tribal Liaison; JR Jennifer Robertson (WisDOT); SS Stacey Schreiber (Stockbridge-Munsee); SST Sandy Stankevich, WisDOT Tribal Liaison; DS Delores Staples (St. Croix); WS Ward Staples, St. Croix ; MT Marge Taylor, St Croix; NV Natalia Vega, WisDOT Tribal Liaison; TW Travis Wallenfang (Oneida); DW Derek Weyer (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); DY Danielle Yancey (WisDOT Tribal Liaison).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rusty Barber, ITTF Vice Chairman (LCO) delegated his proxy to AF. George Thompson (LDF); Ken Klemens, Menominee; Bill Stark (FHWA).

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** MK Marie Kuykendall, LCO; Professor Debbie Shinstine (University of Wyoming); KS Kim Swisher (ITTF Consultant).

**1. Meeting called to order at 9:06 am.**

**2. Election of ITTF Vice-Chairman.** Nominations for Vice-Chairman were accepted. Stacey Schreiber and Delores Staples were nominated. A motion made by CM to close nominations. MT seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Members cast a written or email ballot. Stacey Schreiber was elected with seven votes, and Delores Staples received four votes. The Vice-Chairman will become Chair next March (2017). Members congratulated Stacey.

**3. Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda.** A motion was made by DS and seconded by BP to accept the agenda as presented. Discussion included adding an item – Discussion on soon to be Statewide Tribal Liaison open position. With the addition included, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by KJ and seconded by CM to accept the March 8, 2016 minutes as presented. Discussion included a corrected noted by SS that the “feeding program” should be called “Elderly Center”. With the noted correction, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Tribal Transportation Safety Plan.** Professor Debbie Shinstine and Professor Khaled Ksaibati from the University of Wyoming provided a presentation on developing a transportation plan. The presentation was titled, “Comprehensive Roadway Safety Program Addressing Livability Concerns of Tribal Communities”.

The Livability report is available for viewing online at <http://www.ugpti.org/resources/reports/downloads/mpc15-293.pdf>.

The original safety Improvement program report for Wind River may be viewed online at <http://www.ugpti.org/resources/reports/details.php?id=824>.

The presentation, criteria and information documents are available on the ITTF website (<http://wisdottribaltaskforce.org/>).

SS noted that she is hoping three Tribes will participate. Professor Shinstine outlined a plan for working with the Tribes where an initial meeting with each Tribe would be one to two hours; in person field reviews, with two to three days in each community; and a community meeting. The three Tribes would need to commit at the May ITTF meeting in order for the process to be held this summer.

#### 5. Action Items Summary:

- Broadband Connectivity Grants – SS forwarded AF information, and AF will add this as an agenda item for the Safety Work Team.
- BIA Regulations – DO is talking to Sandy and Dena about presenting at the Real Estate Training in April.
- Increase Registration at Real Estate Training – It was discussed that a separate email promoting only the Real Estate Training should be sent to remind ITTF Members about the upcoming session.
- NAHP Projects – NV reported that there are no NAHP projects at this time. She is continuing to look for ways to work with the Tribes on labor opportunities.

#### 6. Standing Reports.

- **Chairman's Report.** AF reported that appointment letters were sent out seeking 2016 designees. Replies should be forwarded to KJ. AF will follow up with Tribes who have not reaffirmed, including Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Lac Courte Oreilles, and Lac du Flambeau.
- **Statewide Liaison Report.**
  - DY reported that a project meeting will be held soon with the Bureau of Aeronautics regarding application of the NAHP for the project with the Oneida Nation. DY also noted that there were two meetings held with the ITTF to redraft the NAHP.
  - Kelly Allen is no longer the TLAC Coordinator. Melinda Young, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer with LDF, is the new point of contact. When the position is posted, ITTF Members will be notified. TLAC projects include the Baseline Assessment with Bowman Performance Consulting, the DWD database updates, and TrANS classes to be coordinated by LCO College for Lac Courte Oreilles, Bad River and Red Cliff.
  - THPO hosted their annual Listening Session in February in Wausau. It was reported that there was very good attendance, estimating 55 people participated. The Federal Highways programmatic agreement is being drafted. An Inadvertent Discovery Protocol is being drafted.

- A potential second meeting with Deputy Secretary Hammer is being discussed for June 2016. Regarding maintenance, DOT is working on a briefing and best practices for Tribes. Regarding broadband, Brad Basten is reviewing external issues outside of the DOT and making suggestions.
- The Statewide Tribal Transportation Safety Plan is underway. OTIE has been selected as the consultant. The plan will include five tribes in Wisconsin and will analyze data, develop improvement recommendations, create cost benefit information, and identify potential funding. The results of the plan may open opportunities to seek funding within the HSIP program by submitting a grant application which encompasses a thematic approach on transportation safety in five Tribal communities. HSIP has previously denied Tribal projects due to size.
- John Nordbo of Bureau of Planning & Economic Development will be meeting with Tribal Leaders at the May 12<sup>th</sup> GLITC to discuss the Statewide Freight Plan. He will be providing ongoing outreach to hear what freight issues are important to the Tribes so the Plan includes Tribal information. Phase 1 of the Plan will begin in late spring or early summer. The draft Plan will be released this summer, and there will be public information meetings. KJ is seeking input from ITTF Members and Tribal Leaders.
- This is DY's last ITTF meeting. The recruitment and selection of a new Statewide Tribal Liaison should include ITTF Members. KJ is seeking input from the Task Force on approaching Administration. The group discussed sending a letter from RB affirming the critical need for two positions, and the Task Force desire to participate in recruitment and selection. The Task Force wants to be a part of the outreach. DS noted a letter should be sent right away, and RG offered to assist in drafting the letter/email. A motion was made by RG and seconded by DS to send a letter or email to the Secretary, copying Dawn Vick and KJ. Discussion included the desire to have a job description that accurately reflects the job duties and responsibilities. The Task Force Members would also like to be included in the updating of the job description. It was noted that this program is being looked at by other state and federal programs as a model for working with the Tribes. The motion passed unanimously.

KJ noted that she is encouraging Administration to keep DY a couple of hours per week through the transition, and preliminarily it looks promising.

DY shared that it was a difficult choice, and that she has enjoyed working with everyone.

- **ITTF Coordinator Report:**

- FY 2016 Annual Work Plan Adoption – KJ stated the importance of this plan, and AF shared that all of the Work Teams have provided input and recommendations for the 2016 Work Plan.

Revisions to the plan were suggested, and DY will provide a graphic outlining the state relationships that will be added to the 2016 Work Plan. A motion to approve the FY 2016 Annual Work Plan with the revisions noted was made by CM, and seconded by JR. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2015 Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference – the final report was emailed to ITTF Members. A brief review of the report including noting the conference participation, variety of attendees and that 21 Native-owned businesses participated.

A “save the date” flyer will be distributed for the 2016 Conference. The Conference will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Oneida.

- Update on Transit Peer Exchange – Approximately 25 participants attended the February 18<sup>th</sup> Exchange. Angelica Salgado (FTA), Steve Hirschfeld and Rebecca Thompson (WisDOT) were presenters. Brandon Cooper (Oneida) shared a great deal of information, and we are considering hosting a small exchange with Brandon leading the discussion.
- Tall Cop Workshop – The workshop will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Wausau. We are planning for 70, as this is a popular offering with people coming from all over.
- Real Estate Training – the training will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> in Stockbridge-Munsee. We are working to finalize the agenda.
- 2015 and 2016 ITTF Budget – AF provided an overview of the budgets. Items to be completed include the Tribal survey, site visits and revisions to the final report.
- Economic Development – AF showed the NADBE directory that is now on the ITTF website (<http://www.winadbedirectory.com/>). AF noted that discussions are being held on creating a system where project postings can be added to the ITTF and TLAC websites. Capacity building efforts including providing support to Native owned companies.
- Safety Report – AF reported that Red Cliff, St. Croix, Lac Courte Oreilles, and Lac du Flambeau are submitting request for safety funds to develop safety plans. New posters have been created, and will be mailed out to all Tribes.
- GAP Analysis – AF will contact someone to assess the ITTF IGA grant.
- Updated Work Team Rosters – AF encouraged ITTF Members to select the Work Team where they would participate and join in discussions. A list of Work Teams and current ITTF Members was distributed.
- ITTF Distribution List – AF shared a revised distribution list, and requested that everyone check that their information is correct. TW, JR, Shaun Klemens, Rich Ducane, Matt Grove will be added to their respective categories.



- **Tribal Reports:**

Bad River – no report

Forest County Potawatomi – no report

Ho-Chuck – RG reported that a meeting with WisDOT was held regarding the NAHP. The Tribe provided electronic resources of their Tribal lands. Encouraged all Tribes to recruit candidates for the State Tribal Liaison position.

Lac Courte Oreilles – KM reported the bike and pedestrian trail work will begin soon. The Tribe received a request from the school to make the road one way, and for the road by the clinic to be widened or as an exit only. Consideration is being given for a roundabout.

Lac du Flambeau – no report

Menominee – no report

Oneida – no report

Red Cliff – no report

Sokaogon Chippewa Community – no report

St. Croix – DS, MT and WS reported that there are three projects underway, and a Frontage Road addition awaiting Council approval. They also noted that road restrictions are enacted. They are awaiting approval for the Danbury safety plan.

Stockbridge-Munsee – SS reported that road projects are underway. On one project, a road sign is being added to note the cooperative effort with Shawano County, and share how the Tribe is helping improve safety. The Tribe is wrapping up its Tribal transportation safety plan. The cemetery expansion and campground improvements are nearly complete.

- **Tribal Liaison Reports:**

Roger Larson – no report

Natalia Vega – No other updates than the items discussed earlier. Remains open to suggestions for communication with the Tribes and for labor opportunities. Continues to work on ways to get contractors to update tracking information for reporting accuracy.

Brent Pickard – Noted the Hwy 2 corridor project in Bad River.

Sandy Stankevich – Attending monthly meetings with BIA and the Menominee Tribe to promote continued efforts through the real estate process. The Tribe is waiting for specific real estate answers from the BIA. Meeting with Ho-Chuck and DW to interface GIS maps. Working with DW and Matt Rausch on signage guidelines. Funding for the project was added to the Work Plan at this meeting.



Derek Weyer – Portions of the Hwy 54/Mason Street corridor study show very high crash rates. Received a resolution from the Oneida Tribe requesting additional studies.

Jennifer Robertson – Looking forward to the Tall Cop workshop. The state motorcycle program has excess funds and is seeking ideas. JR will forward ITTF Members information. The Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement program is seeking more involvement from the Tribes.

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs:**

DO reported that 100% of constructions funds were received, and the BIA is now in the process of modifying contracts.

- **Federal Highway Administration:**

Bill Stark – no report

7. **Adjournment.** A motion was made by DS and seconded by SST to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

#### **ACTIONS ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Make revisions noted at the 3/8/2016 meeting, and distribute revised 2016 Annual Work Plan to ITTF Members.
- Mail Safety Posters to all Tribes.