



Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Inter-Tribal Task Force



Wisconsin DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force
Tuesday, August 9, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference Meeting Agenda

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: 1-669-224-3412

Access Code: 516-595-381

Join meeting: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/516595381>

9:30

1. Call to Order

2. Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda

Review/Approve Agenda

Approve 6-14-16 Minutes

3. Action Item Summary from 6-14-16 ITTF Meeting

- Update on appointment letters
- Encourage attendance at ITTF meetings- very important
- 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. Dave will try to have real estate person for September 13th meeting at Red Cliff.
- Confirm hosting Fall Peer Exchange
- Thank You/Award for Bill Stark
- Safety Funds Update

4. Standing Reports

Chairman's Report –

- Update on appointment letters

Statewide Liaison Report – Kelly Jackson, WisDOT

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



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- Update on Statewide Safety Plan
- Update on August 4, 2016 WisDOT Consultation

ITTF Coordinator Report – Agnes Fleming

- Work Team Meeting Reports
 - Safety/Signage
 - Labor/Business
- Assessment – Update on Tribal survey
- Update on Safety Summit – August 25th & 26th, 2016 in Green Bay
- Safety Funds Update – Sandy & Derek

Tribal Reports

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

Tribal Liaison Reports

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

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Federal Highway Administration

7. Adjournment



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Tuesday, June 14, 2016
Bad River Lodge and Casino (800-795-7121)
Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: RB Rusty Barber, ITTF, Chairman (Lac Courte Oreilles); JB Jeff Benton (Red Cliff); GT George Thompson (phone) (Lac du Flambeau); AVZ Adam VanZile (Sokaogon); SS Stacey Schreiber (Stockbridge-Munsee); MT Marge Taylor, (St Croix); DS Delores Staples (St. Croix); WS Ward Staples, (St. Croix) ; TM Todd Mulvey (FCPC); CC Crystal Chapman-Chevalier Menominee); KJ Kelly Jackson (phone) (WisDOT Tribal Liaison); RL Roger Larson (WisDOT Tribal Liaison SW); NV Natalia Vega, (phone) (WisDOT Tribal Liaison SE); BP Brent Pickard, (WisDOT Tribal Liaison NW); DW Derek Weyer (WisDOT Tribal Liaison NE); SST Sandy Stankevich, (WisDOT Tribal Liaison NC); JR Jennifer Robertson (WisDOT BOTS);.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Jordon (Oneida); a Ho-Chunk representative

OTHERS PRESENT: RBB Robert (Buzz) Blanchard, Chairman of the Bad River Tribe; DO Dave O'Donahue (BIA); TW Travis Wallenfang (Oneida); RG Ryan Greendeer (WisDOT); Dawn Vick (WI DOA); GM Gary Mejchar (AICCW); FO Fern Orie, Wisconsin Native Loan Fund Chief Executive Officer; Lloyd Hartwell (Bad River Transit Manager); LA Lauren Abel (Lac du Flambeau THPO); AR Angelica Ramirez (St. Croix); RG Rosalie Gokee (Lac Courte Oreilles); DR Donald Rosin (Bad River HR Manager); BS Becky Stone (Bad River HR); LS Leah Sunn (Lac du Flambeau TLAC/TERO); Michael Berlin (Bad River Council Member); RM Ryan Murphy (OTIE); KS Kim Swisher (ITTF Assistant) AF Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:34 am. RB thanked everyone for allowing him to return as Chair. He wished Gerald well in his new position, noting that he did a good job. RB also thanked the Chairman of the Bad River Tribe for his hospitality. Chairman Blanchard welcomed everyone and shared his hopes that we have a productive day.



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Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda

Review/Approve Agenda – A motion was made by CC and seconded by SS to accept the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve 3-8-2016 Minutes – A motion made by DS to approve the minutes and seconded by DW. The motion passed unanimously with CC abstaining.

Reviewed notes from the 5-10-2016 teleconference meeting. No action was required.

Labor Database presentation by Division of Work Force Development (DWD) and Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC)

RG was in contact with the DWD, who said they were unaware of today's meeting. It was suggested that this project be discussed at the 8-4-2016 Consultation in Carter.

Loan Opportunities with Development Services for WI Indian Country

Gary Mejchar, AICCW, and Fern Orie, Chair of the Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance (WIBA) gave a presentation on Native loan opportunities and development services.

WIBA is a coalition of four Native CDFI's and GLITC's small business technical assistant program. They offer loans for equipment, start-up and working capital, building capacity and self-sustainability. WIBA has built relationships with funding partners, and is able to bring national funds to Wisconsin. WIBA also has access to the national CDFI as resource.

Annual average impact was reviewed, and included one-to-one loan readiness, classroom training, loan deployment, consumer loans ("anti-payday loans"). There is a focus on "Indian-preneurship" and a workshop will be held in Oneida in July. The goal is to graduate and build capacity. Resources are available on ITTF website.

RFPs and Employment Opportunities

A web page has been created on the ITTF website to showcase RFPs and employment opportunities. When finalized, this will also be linked to the TLAC website. GM has noted that this will be an "Opportunity Clearinghouse". DO noted that BIA has letting contacts that we could make aware of this resource.

JB asked if we can add analytics, and KS said yes this should be available. AF noted that we need the contacts at each Tribe that handles RFPs. AF will be sending ITTF Members an email asking for each Tribal contact(s).

DS noted that each Tribe's Indian Preference statement should be included.



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OTIE Presentation- Statewide Tribal Safety Plan

Ryan Murphy, Transportation Project Engineer with OTIE, gave a presentation. Items covered included:

A Tribal Transportation Safety Plan (TTSP) identifies existing safety issues, identifies emphasis areas for safety improvements, identifies strategies for improving safety, and may be used to apply for funding to make safety improvements. RM noted that FHWA, BIA, and WisDOT guidance is followed in preparing a TTSP.

Some Tribes have individual TTSPs. This project will cover all 11 Tribes in Wisconsin. The study will be completed in two phases - Phase 1 will cover five Tribes, and Phase 2 will cover six Tribes. The final report will combine both phases. The Tribes have not yet been selected.

The Plan process includes reviewing existing Tribal Road Safety Audits (RSA) and Safety Plans, obtaining and reviewing updated crash data, summarizing crash/safety data and identify safety concerns common to all Tribes, and identifying the Tribes to be included in Phase 1 of the study; remaining Tribes will be included in Phase 2.

The Plan process and components including preparing the TTSP, establishing a safety leadership framework, collecting and analyze safety data, determining emphasis areas, researching and identifying potential strategies, prioritizing strategies, drafting the TTSP, and evaluating and updating the TTSP.

A kick-off meeting will be held for Phase 1 (5 Tribes) and Phase 2 (6 Tribes). OTIE will seek a resolution from the Tribes in support of the TTSP, perhaps from GLITC. RB and OTIE could make a presentation to GLITC. DO noted that the BIA has set aside funds, and the notice will come out this summer. If you have your audit complete, you will be in a position to apply. DO suggested moving up the schedule so this isn't a missed opportunity. SST suggested notifying every one of the dates as early as possible.

Safety Summit

AF noted that it has been proposed to combine the Tribal Safety Summit with the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety that is scheduled for August 23 through August 25, 2016, in Green Bay. The Safety/Signage work team met and recommends that we hold the Tribal Safety Summit in Green Bay on Thursday, August 25, 2016 beginning at 12:00 and ending on Friday, August 26, 2016 at 12:00. A motion was made by SS and seconded by CC to move forward in hosting the Tribal Safety Summit. ITTF will reimburse authorized attendees.



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Actions Items from Past Meetings

- Safety Work Team to research broadband connectivity grants. ~ *Ongoing*
- Updated 2016 Annual Work Plan. ~ *Completed*
- Safety Posters mailed to Tribes, Tribal Law Enforcement and Wisconsin Schools. ~ *Completed*
- NV will complete Labor Reports for all five regions, and will include May data. ~ *Upcoming*
- SST touch base with contractors 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. ~ *Completed*
- KJ will confirm if Deputy Secretary will be attending June 14th ITTF meeting. ~ *Completed*
- KJ will send training notices for TraCS training. ~ *Completed*
- AF will reach out to Tribal law enforcement agencies regarding August TraCS training. ~ *Completed*
- AF will email Safety Work Team and request input on the Safety Summit. ~ *Completed*
- AF will schedule WTTTC Work Group meetings to begin planning for the 2016 Conference when KJ returns from leave. ~ *Completed*
- DF email SST information on Tribes charging processing fees for permits that WisDOT paid. ~ *Resolved*
- Prepare email announcing Safety Summit, TraCS training and Governor's Conference ~ *Completed*
- Ho-Chunk's letter of appointment needs to be submitted. RB noted that it's important to have Tribes represented at these meetings, and RB encouraged Tribal Leaders to appoint someone.
- GLITC moving to results driven agendas. If we're working on something, share results. RB suggested researching ownership of roads and challenges especially in Northern Wisconsin. DO noted that BIA lawyers in the Solicitor's Office take a hard line. DO will try to have a BIA Real Estate person at the September ITTF meeting in Red Cliff.

Standing Reports

Chairman's Report –

- We are waiting for a response from Ho-Chunk on the new representative.
- GLITC would like more information on TLAC outcomes (database and hiring provision).

Statewide Liaison Report – Kelly Jackson, WisDOT

- TLAC Update: Just finished the two year grant. The next TLAC meeting is July 12, 2016, at North Star Mohican Casino in Bowler, WI.
- THPO Update: LA shared the grant opportunity that THPO is offering for capacity building. Maximum amount is \$4,500. Deadline is 6/30/2016. A revised Inadvertent Discovery Protocol is being done, and LA will forward the updated protocol when the revisions are complete. THPO meetings will be held in July and September 2016.
- The next Consultation is being held 8/4/2016 in Carter. If you have any specific topics you wish to be included in discussions, please email KJ or RG.



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ITTF Coordinator Report – Agnes Fleming

- Work Team Meeting Reports
 - o Safety/Signage - Sandy agreed to serve as Chair. The group is working on timelines. Discussion on First Net, the DOJ initiative for Broadband for First Responders.
 - o Real Estate Jurisdiction – Everything held over to next meeting. SST suggested inviting a WisDOT real estate person be invited to join the work team and will email Agnes information.
 - o Transit – Agnes invited Brandon from Menominee and he accepted. The work team is considering hosting a Peer Exchange in the fall.
 - o Labor/Business – one of the biggest sections in the work plan. AICCW is working with OTIE on EIPs (Early Intervention Plans) and one-on-one mentoring. The work team is also working on plans for the WTTC Business Expo. St. Croix invited folks to join GM for the DBE information session they are hosting. The ITTF website now has the RFP/Employment web page.
 - o Shared Resources –BS announced his retirement at the 5/25 work team meeting. DW suggested writing a thank you letter, and AF asked about an award. It was noted that this work team needs more Tribal representation.

- Assessment/Tribal Survey – AF has contracted with MTTAP. She is now reaching out to Tribes.
- Update on Safety Funds – DW and SST have developed an application for small set-aside funding for signage. Has approval from the Central office, and needs to meet with KJ. Will be providing an update at the September meeting.
- ITTF Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) – The contract year is 5/1 through 4/30. There is a carryover from last year totaling \$90,325. AF is proposing to spend this on safety and signage – printing and distributing additional posters, and possibly have billboards on major highways. Work is moving forward on the signage brochure. Research and verbiage is complete – AF is seeking additional images.

Tribal Reports

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| Bad River | No Report |
| Forest County Potawatomi | TM noted this is his first meeting, and that he’s glad to be a part of this group. |
| Ho-Chunk | No Report |
| Lac Courte Oreilles | Expanding road on Bacon strip road and Water Tower road. Installing speed mounds that will be taken out in fall - Completed safety plan – Complete two miles of paving on Larson Road – Safe routes to school project – need right of way on section of trail – Trail will meet up with Sawyer county – Trepania Rd will be turned over to the Tribe – Will approach sand lake on getting Boundary road and Butler Road turned over to the tribe. Worked cooperatively with Sawyer County, Bass Lake – need to work on maintaining roads until we receive BIA funds for that road. |
| Lac du Flambeau | No Report |



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| Menominee | CC still new to her position. Shared that they are working on paving lots and a section of the Fairgrounds for the Pow Wow that will be held the first weekend in August. |
| Oneida | TW shared that the Airport project should be completed the first week in July. Still working on two cull du sacs and wetland delineation. |
| Red Cliff | JB shared that revisions are beginning on the long range safety plans and projects including culvert replacement and a paving project by Water Tower Road. Suggested viewing FTA's website for grant funding information. |
| Sokaogon Chippewa | AVZ shared that Pow wow grounds paving |
| St. Croix | DS and MT shared that a notice to proceed on frontage road and Polk county black bear on 211 -215 – cemetery road new frontage road Angeline road to west hurtle – Bearheart drive into a circle drive – maple plains need a lot of work. Busy summer |
| Stockbridge-Munsee | SS noted that the partnership with Shawano County will result in signs that show that Tribe payed for part of the project and is a good neighbor. Posted RFBs for paving the Taconite subdivision. USDA project bids are in. The Roads Department did a huge expansion of the cemetery, adding 225 grave sites. Improvements are also being made to the campground and Bowl. |
| <u>Tribal Liaison Reports</u> | |
| Roger Larson – SW | The NAHP will be implemented at the Baraboo Airport project. |
| Natalia Vega – SE | No projects. Reported 1% of workers in the SE region are Native American. Heavy equipment operator positions seem to have the greatest numbers in employment; there are also a few iron workers. |
| Brent Pickard – NW | Numbers looking consistently the same as last year, with fewer and less robust projects. Danbury project is applying the NAHP. Working with Ho-Chunk on looking long term at Hwy 54 development and corridor plans. |
| Sandy Stankevich – NC | Hwy 55 project was advanced from 2020/2021. She is contacting HR and TrANS programs for the construction season. Northeast Asphalt received all four projects. Project should begin after July 4 th . |



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Derek Weyer – NE

Safe Route to School project is being reviewed, and waiting for submission of invoices. As TW mentioned, mitigation is nearly complete. Researching a parking lot for airplanes. Hwy 41 project is wrapping up, and landscaping will be in 2017. DOT is looking at early resurfacing (every eight years) vs reconstruction every 15 years.

Jennifer Robertson – BOTS

New safety grants coming through BOTS will be delayed because of the STAR program implementation. TrACS grants are available for equipment and training.

Dave O'Donahue – BIA

Scheduling bridge inspections in August/September; last done in 2014. The region is requesting new Tribal resolutions for contract. Funding modifications are being awarded if you submitted your resolutions. DO reminded everyone that the PIA Conference will be held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, in July.

Bill Starks – FHA

No report

Adjournment

Delores made a motion to adjourn at 2:03 pm. Seconded by Stacey. Motion passes.

Next meeting is 9/13/2016. There will be a teleconference meeting on 8/9/2016.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- Safety Work Team to research broadband connectivity grants.
- NV will complete Labor Reports for the five regions.
- WTTC Planning
- Ho-Chunk ITTF Representative Needed
- Invite a WisDOT real estate person be invited to join the Real Estate work team.
- Retirement gift for Bill Stark
- SST & DW - Update on Safety Funds.