



Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Inter-Tribal Task Force
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Transit Peer Exchange

April 19, 2018



**Sevenwinds Casino, Lodge and
Convention Center, Hayward, WI**



The annual Transit Peer Exchange is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance (OBOEC), the Tribal Affairs Program and the WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF).

The WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force organized the Transit Peer Exchange to bring together transit representatives from Wisconsin's Tribes and other stakeholders to exchange resources and information regarding their respective transit programs, needs and activities, and to use this information to address challenges, develop best practices and explore enhancement opportunities.

This year, 17 people attended the Transit Peer Exchange –

- There were representatives from five Tribes including:
 - Bad River
 - Forest County Potawatomi Community
 - Menominee
 - Lac Courte Oreilles
 - Lac du Flambeau
- Eight people from Transit operations
- Two WisDOT Liaisons
- One person from FTA
- Three people from Tribal operations
- One individual from a business organization, and
- Two ITTF staff members.

After the introductions, a brief history of the Transit Peer Exchange was given. In 2015, our first Transit Peer Exchange was held in Menominee and we visited the independent Menominee Transit System. In 2016, we visited Lac du Flambeau, who operates under a contract with Menominee, so this is a Tribe-to-Tribe operation. In 2017, we visited the Oneida Nation's independent Transit system.

This year, we visited Namekagon Transit, which operates under an agreement between the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board and the Sawyer County Board. In addition to the tour, presentations were given by Evan Gross (FTA) and Neil Rodriguez (National RTAP).



TRANSIT PEER EXCHANGE

Thursday, April 19, 2018

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sevenwinds Casino, Lodge & Conference Center, LCO, WI

WisDOT ITTF (Inter-Tribal Task Force) is currently working to enhance Tribal transit programs, resources and opportunities in Wisconsin. These efforts include assessing current challenges, programs and needs.

WisDOT ITTF is organizing the **Tribal Transit Peer Exchange** to bring together transit representatives from Wisconsin's Tribes and other stakeholders to exchange resources and information regarding their respective transit programs, needs and activities, and use this information to begin addressing challenges, creating best practices and exploring enhancement opportunities.

AGENDA

8:00 am	Breakfast provided in A1 room of the convention center
8:30 am	Welcome – Jason Weaver, Secretary LCO Tribal Governing Board Opening/Introductions WisDOT ITTF Overview of Transit Goals and Objectives
9:00 am	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Evan Gross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of Vehicles • Environmental Review of Requirements for Building Facilities Question and Answers with FTA
10:00	Break
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Tour of Namekagon Transit – Karen Melasecca, Transit Manager
12:15 pm	Lunch provided in back room of the buffet area
1:00 pm	National Rural Transit Assistance Program - Neil Rodriguez, National RTAP's Project Manager
2:15 pm	Break
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Tribal Transit Program Round Table Discussion that may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program funding • Software programs • Program operations, policies, and scheduling • Program expansions • Challenges, Benefits, Best Practices
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Wrap up/ Identify Next Steps

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Tribal Leadership, Tribal Transit Program Representatives, WisDOT Tribal Task Force Members, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), WisDOT Transit Program Representatives, WisDOT Tribal Liaisons, and Local Transit Partners

SCHOLARSHIPS: WisDOT ITTF travel scholarships are available. Please contact Agnes Fleming at 715-558-7750, or via email at agnes.fleming@lco-nsn.gov for details.

LODGING: Sevenwinds Casino, Lodge & Conference Center. 800-526-2274 Room Block under ITTF



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Attendees:

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Summary of Evaluations:

Tell us about yourself. Check all that may apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Tribal Government Official
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Transit Employee Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Other Tribal Staff – Position TLAC Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Other Fleet Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 FTA Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 WisDOT Administrator/employee
<input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Indian Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Agency staff _____ |
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Content	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable
Covered Useful Material	5	5		
Practical to My Needs and Interests	5	5		
Well Organized	6	4		
Presented at the Right Level	7	3		
Effective Activities	5	4		1
Useful Visual Aids and Handouts	5	4	1	

Presentation	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable
Instructors' Knowledge	8	2		
Instructors' Presentation Style	7	3		
Instructor Covered Material Clearly	7	3		
Instructor Responded Well to Questions	8	2		

Facility				
Please check the box reflecting your opinion of the location.		EXCELLENT	FAIR	POOR
FACILITY	The location – Sevenwinds Casino, Lodge, and Convention Center	9	1	
	Room layout and conditions	7	3	

Overall, how would you evaluate this workshop training session?

Excellent - 4	Good - 4	Fair	Poor
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Additional Comments: Thank You! This information is always so helpful.



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