ON BEHALF OF Governor Evers and everyone at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), welcome to the 2019 Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference.

It’s vitally important to WisDOT to maintain good working relationships with Wisconsin’s 11 Native Tribes. Good, strong partnerships do not happen overnight, and events like this are a prime opportunity to discuss the issues that shape our transportation system.

The conversations facilitated at this conference can go a long way toward guiding the investments we make and the priorities we set for our transportation system. I encourage everyone here to make as many connections as possible, and keep in touch as needed with WisDOT’s Tribal liaisons to keep our department informed of ongoing challenges.

We come together with positive momentum following the first update in nearly a decade to the partnership agreement that sets the framework for government-to-government cooperation on project development and labor issues that transcend state, federal and Tribal jurisdictions. It was a proud moment for me to be among those signing this document, pledging to continue to always find room for improvement in our relationships.

I wish you a productive conference and safe travels, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Craig Thompson
Secretary-Designee

ON BEHALF OF Oneida Nation and the Oneida Business Committee, welcome to our beautiful reservation and Radisson Hotel and Conference Center for the 2019 Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference.

Our reservation is not unique in the sense that we have several communities located within our boundaries and for Oneida that includes two counties, five municipalities, and six school districts.

Transportation needs are in abundance and there are 300 miles of roads within our boundaries the community utilizes for commuting. Funding and resources are finite, so it is important for all to work together for greater use of the funds to provide more for our communities. Past collaboration and partnerships have allowed us to bridge communities together to ensure safe access and connectivity to services and businesses. Oneida is very proud of its services provided to our community and it is our hope that we can collectively benefit from the tremendous infrastructure that continues to grow around us. The goal should be to balance and protect the environment and take care of the natural environment and ecosystem.

This annual conference will provide tools and networking opportunities for self-determination, growth and implementation of transportation needs to assist in raising the quality of life in all our communities. It is our hope that while here, you will take the time to tour our reservation to see just how Oneida has integrated culture into many designs on our roads, roundabouts and bridges. Collaborations and partnerships are always possible with a good mind, a good heart and strong fire.

Yaw’ko
Tehassi Hill
Oneida Nation Chairman
Conference Basics

Registration opens at 8 a.m.
Exhibitors (Bear Room) and Vendors (open area near Bear Room) open at 9 a.m.

Name Badges
Name badges will be provided to each registered participant at registration check-in. Your conference badge will serve as your admission ticket for all events including the networking session, awards dinner and tour of Lambeau Field. Please wear your badge at all times. If you need to change your name badge or have any questions, please see registration.

Attire
The attire for all conference sessions is business casual, including the awards dinner. Attendees are welcome to change into casual attire for the tour of Lambeau Field.

Conference Ceremonies
The annual Tribal Transportation Conference is a collaboration between Wisconsin’s 11 Tribes and state and federal agencies. It is important to integrate Native American customs and traditions into the Conference in a show of respect and appreciation for Tribal partners. In Native American culture, it is customary to begin an important gathering with an opening prayer and invocation. The Conference host this year, the Oneida Nation, will have Chairman Hill offer the invocation. The Oneida Nation drum group, Buffalo Creek will provide traditional music, while Tribal Veterans will present and post the colors to mark the start of our Conference.
Keynote Speakers

Mandela Barnes

Mandela Barnes serves as Wisconsin’s 45th Lieutenant Governor. He was elected on November 8, 2018 and sworn into office on January 7, 2019. He is the first African-American to serve as a Lieutenant Governor in Wisconsin, and the second African-American to ever hold statewide office.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Lieutenant Governor Barnes is the son of a public-school teacher and a United Auto Workers member, to whom he credits much of his success. He grew up attending Milwaukee Public Schools and graduated from John Marshall High School in 2003. He was captain of the football team, and played baseball, wrestling, track & field, and was on the chess team.

Lt. Gov. Barnes is an alumnus of Alabama A&M University. He worked for various political campaigns and in the office of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, eventually becoming an organizer for Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope, a Milwaukee-based interfaith coalition that advocates social justice. He also worked for the State Innovation Exchange, a national progressive public policy organization.

In 2012, at the age of 25, Lt. Gov. Barnes was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, where he served two two-year terms. His tenure in the State Assembly included serving as Chair of the Legislature’s Black and Latino Caucus and becoming a recognized leader on progressive economic policies and gun violence prevention legislation.

In his current role, Lt. Gov. Barnes uses a platform of sustainability and equity to fight for solutions that invest in opportunities and fairness for every child, person, and family in Wisconsin, regardless of zip code.

Kelly Jackson

“We Lift as We Climb”: Indigenous Recording Artist Kelly Jackson is a Keynote Speaker at the Conference. Kelly is also the headline entertainer. Ms. Jackson, a Tribal Member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, is a singer, songwriter, philanthropist, a Tribal advocate, and of course most importantly, a mother and grandmother. Ms. Jackson has been nominated for many prestigious music awards including the Native American Music Association Award. She expresses her life experiences through music with heart and passion and she composes rhythms that compliment her native roots and lyrical messages that invoke healing, self-empowerment, and cultural reflection.

Her self-produced debut album, Spirit of a Woman, won the Native American Music Association Award (NAMA) for the 2018 Best Americana Album of the Year. It is homage to the powerful Indigenous women in her life who helped her to get where she is today. It honors women who find the hard balance between career, community and family. It’s a shout-out to all the women who are “making it happen.”

A philanthropist, Ms. Jackson co-founded Spirit of a Woman, a Wisconsin-based nonprofit organization that provides personal and professional development for women and girls. Music is the foundation of the nonprofit, but it has flowered into a much bigger effort and body of work. Programming includes workshops and other activities designed to help young girls aged 8 to 18 grow in self-confidence. The Indigenous Girls Rock Camp is a music education camp that teaches girls how to learn an instrument, write an original song, perform their song for a live concert, and explore their inner creativity. “This camp gives girls a glimpse into life as an artist,” she said. “The journey through music is rewarding. Music is medicine. Music opens-up the spirit.”

Ms. Jackson strongly promotes the principle, “we lift as we climb” across Tribal communities. Formerly, a Tribal Historic Preservation Official and a 15-year environmental protection officer, she uses her form of music as a way of storytelling. The song “Gaawiin Niwi Izhaasiin (I Don’t Want to Go)” is the legacy of survival among America’s Indigenous communities following the mandated U.S. Indian boarding school policy in the mid-1800s, and its impact on Tribal families and communities. Boarding schools destroyed language, connections, family structures, and culture. Gaawiin Niwi Izhaasiin is a song about a young boy’s journey through boarding school and his family’s fight for him. It is an emotional bridge for listeners, but it is also a source of healing for community and culture.

Visit www.kellyjackson.net to learn about the unique flare and remarkable ability to inspire and empower listeners.
Andrea (Andi) Bill
Andrea Bill is currently the Traffic Safety Engineering Research Program Manager with the Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory and Program Director in Engineering Professional Development at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her current research incorporates aspects from traffic operations and safety, with a specific emphasis on discovering new and innovative ways to analyze traffic crashes. Andrea received her MSCE from the UW-Madison in 2006, BSCE from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2002, and BA in Physics and Classics from Mount Holyoke College in 2001.

Michael Baumann
Michael has been with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 23 years. He has held positions as a project leader in project development, region utility engineer, region programming and corridor studies engineer, and statewide utility engineer. As the Statewide Utility Engineer with the Bureau of Technical Services, Utility and Access Unit, he utilizes his experience in interpreting Wisconsin statute, administrative code and WisDOT policy to assist in the utility coordination efforts on simple to complex projects. Michael graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering and is a registered professional engineer in Wisconsin.

Tom Beekman, P.E.
Tom has worked 36 years with WisDOT. From January 2018 to present he has served as the Director of Office of Asset Management and Performance Measure Chief. From 1999 thru 2018 he was the Northwest Region Systems Planning and Operations Chief. From 1989 thru 1999 he was the District Supervisor of Technical Services and District Construction Supervisor in 1989. From 1983 through 1989, he was the District staff traffic engineer, planning engineer, staff design engineer and staff construction engineer.

Jeff Bowman
Mr. Bowman has over 30 years in the banking industry, with the majority of his career working in bank management and commercial lending positions. He specializes in helping small businesses, providing technical assistance that includes financial consulting, obtaining financing for projects and feasibility analysis.

Mr. Bowman is currently President and CEO of Bay Bank, in Green Bay, Wisconsin a Tribally owned bank with the Oneida Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. He is also active with several organizations that facilitate economic development and small business development. He specializes with assisting and capitalizing minority businesses, particularly Native American-owned small businesses.

Kelsey Brown
Kelsey Brown is the Wisconsin Disaster Fund (WDF) Coordinator within Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM). The WDF program is a state public assistance program that aids recovery efforts for local governmental units that are affected by a disaster event without federal assistance. She works with the applicants on what would be eligible for reimbursement and also reviews the applications for eligibility and payment. Prior to joining WEM, Kelsey previously worked at the WI-DNR as part of the Water ePermitting Program providing applicants with technical assistance through the submittal process.

Andrea Bill
Andrea received her MSCE from the UW-Madison in 2006, BSCE from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2002, and BA in Physics and Classics from Mount Holyoke College in 2001.

Dan Brugman, P.E.
Dan Brugman is currently a traffic engineer in the North Central Region. Dan has six years of experience working for the Department with five of them being in the safety and operations section. Dan is the county traffic safety commission representative for nine of the 18 counties in the North Central Region. Dan graduated from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in Municipal Engineering.

Michele Carter
Michele is the Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance (OBOEC) Director at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. She is responsible for the implementation of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Contractor Compliance, Equal Employment Opportunity, Title VI and Labor Development programs. Carter functions as the Chief Solutions Officer on equity practices, managing a team of staff and consultants in WisDOT’s Office of Business Opportunity & Equity Compliance.

Michele came to WisDOT with a graduate level training in Clinical Psychology, more than fifteen years experience in case management, workforce development, and organizational leadership. Prior to her tenure at WisDOT she effectively implemented the Nontraditional Employment Training model for women in Wisconsin’s job centers, coordinated and managed several community-based construction training programs. Carter served twenty-three years of enlisted and commissioned military service in the Army Reserve and National Guard trained in personnel administration, military law, signal communications and chemical operations. Her leadership assignments ranged from Sergeant through Major and included leading troops, coordinating training and staff operations. She retired as a Chemical Corps Major.

Her WisDOT career has been dedicated to Civil Rights, facilitating equity and compliance efforts mandated by federal regulations. Her civil rights practitioner approach has helped initiate and implement innovative stakeholder-inclusion practices within road construction resulting in the highest DBE participation levels in Wisconsin’s DBE program history.

Kevin Chesnik
Mr. Chesnik is an Oneida Tribal Member, and currently a senior principal civil engineer at Applied Research Associates, Inc. (ARA) working in the Research and Technology Deployment group. Mr. Chesnik is also president of Chesnik Transportation Group, LLC., and specializes in civil engineering and transportation research activities related to new product innovation, deployment and implementation, FHWA programs in SHRP2 and Every Day Counts, and State DOT transportation issues. He is nationally known for his past work in the AASHTO Standing Committee of Highways (SCOH), Standing Committee of Research (SCOR) and the past Technology Implementation Group (TIG) relating to product deployment, new technology and state DOT transportation concerns. Mr. Chesnik led the Maintenance Best Practice Pooled fund “No Boundaries” from 2011 to 2015. Mr. Chesnik also directed the FHWA Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) reclassification project to support the reclassification definition rewrite for the BIA IRR program nationally covering all 550 Tribes located in 37 states. Mr. Chesnik was an author of the NCHRP
17-49: Guide for Effective Tribal Crash Reporting. He is currently the Project Manager for the EDC 3 Local Program Stakeholder Partnering and for the NHI Risk Management Course #136065.

**Lynn Cloud**

Lynn Cloud is an Environmental Analysis and Review Specialist with the WisDOT Cultural Resource Team. She has been in the environmental section and cultural resources for the past 25 years. During her tenure, she has facilitated thousands of compliance projects statewide pertaining to various state and federal historic preservation laws and regulations.

**Chris Collier**

Chris is the Great Lakes Stream Restoration Manager for Trout Unlimited. In this role, he helps partners identify, prioritize and implement stream restoration projects, specifically relating to stream connectivity. Chris is especially interested in forming partnerships with groups across Northern Wisconsin to help leverage new resources to complete projects that benefit communities and our water resources. He came to TU after working on private lands conservation in Northwest Ohio for several years where he gained experience working on permitting for restoration projects and developing broad partnerships to tackle region-wide conservation priorities.

**Tony DeCresie**

Tony DeCresie brings a diverse and extensive background spanning numerous industries, working with both public and private entities. He is a nationally recognized training manager with several different organizations over the past 25 years. Tony’s primary areas of focus revolve around public works safety, transportation, highway and road worksite safety training and basic heavy equipment operations safety.

**Paul DeMain**

Paul DeMain (Skabewis) is a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and of Ojibwe decent. He currently resides on the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Reservation where he oversees his business, Indian Country Communications, Inc., publishers of News from Indian Country, produces video for IndianCountryTV.com and First Nations Experience (FNX). Mr. DeMain is also a Special Projects Coordinator in the Great Lakes for the Intertribal Agriculture Council and the Chairman of the Board of environmental organization Honor the Earth, headed by Executive Director Winona LaDuke.

**Jim Denomie**

Jim Denomie, a Bad River Chippewa Tribal Citizen, has had success with multi-focused applications within corporate organizations, for-profit, not-for-profit, government bodies and Tribal efforts. Applications specifically target inter-agency programs, economic development, environmental and cultural education. Initiatives which include attention to infrastructure and the environment include a position with the Commissioner, City of Milwaukee, Board of Zoning Appeals. (BOZA)

Mr. Denomie is a commissioner who cast an “AYE” vote on behalf of the Forest County Potawatomi community to conduct their hospitality and gaming business in Milwaukee’s industrial valley. He is a member of the Village of Hainesville, Illinois Wetland-Outland-Woodlands (W.O.W) Committee. While not taking a gold medal, the committee’s work was a finalist in the Illinois Governor’s Hometown beautification competition.

He is a member of the EPA “Assumable Waters” Subcommittee, Clean Waters Act Section 404 (g) (1), representing the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST). Subcommittee work was done on behalf of the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy & Technology. The N.A.C.E.P.T. 65 page “Final Report of the Assumable Waters Subcommittee” was submitted to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on June 1, 2017. Approximately one year later and just weeks before his resignation from the EPA position, Mr. Pruitt forwarded the subcommittee’s work into the EPA system. The subcommittee has since been contacted by his replacement, acting EPA Administrator Andrew R. Wheeler. The subcommittee is waiting for a final disposition. Helping with some of the efforts was Mr. Denomie’s completion of a certificate program in Environmental Health and Safety conducted by the College of Lake County on the Grayslake, Illinois, campus.

**Laurie Dolsen**

Laurie has worked for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation System Development, Northwest Region in various capacities since August 1991. She has worked in Records, Human Resources /Personnel, Project Development, Technical Services (Labor Compliance/EEO/DBE), and most recently in her position in the Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance (OBOEC) as a Labor Compliance Specialist Senior and Western Team Lead for the NC/NW/SW Regions. Laurie is headquartered in the Superior office serving the Northwest Region, consisting of the top 20 counties in the northwestern corner of the state. As the Western Team Lead, she also assists Labor Compliance Specialists (LCS) in the North Central Region, both the Madison and La Crosse offices in the Southwest Region, and the Southwest Mega Team based in Edgerton. She has mentored and trained numerous interns over the years. Laurie has worked in Labor Compliance/EEO/DBE since 2000, and has completed numerous DBE on-site reviews and assists contractors with state and federal labor compliance regulations on WisDOT highway projects. She participates and is a member of the Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC). Personally, Laurie resides on a family farm in South Range, WI, with her husband of 35 years. Together, they have three children and two grandchildren. Laurie also serves as the elected town clerk for the Town of Oakland in Douglas County. In her spare time, she enjoys camping and time with her family.

**Brian Doudna**

Brian is the first full-time executive director of this 45-year-old association, and developed new programming to serve the diverse needs of the economic development profession. These programs and activity have led to numerous partnerships including with the AICCW and WIBA. He has operated local economic development corporations for over 25 years and brings that experience to the association to develop and align statewide economic development policy. He earned an Economics degree from UW-Madison in 1990.

**Nicole Flamang**

Nicole (Nikki) has been with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 10 years. She is a Real Estate Specialist Advanced in the Northwest Region, and the Northwest Region Tribal Liaison. She does acquisition, appraisals, property management and relocations...
in the northern 10 counties. Nikki is a Tribal Liaison covering the northern 20 counties and five Tribes: Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac Courte Oreilles, St. Croix Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Nikki is a licensed Wisconsin Real Estate Broker with 25 years of experience and is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Superior with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science.

**Agnes Fleming**

Agnes is currently the Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF) Coordinator, with her main responsibility being the coordination and facilitation of all meetings and events sponsored by the ITTF. She is a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Tribe and has served in many capacities throughout her career. With the experience of being an LCO Tribal Governing Board Member, Program Director, Mother and Grandmother, she brings added knowledge to her position. She exhibits the passion to bring needed training and services to the member Tribes through the Annual Work Plan adopted by the ITTF.

**Matt Halada**

Matt has been with WisDOT for 18 years, (with his first five years at the NC Region in Wisconsin Rapids). He has been the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and Urban and Regional Planner for 13 years. This is his first year as Tribal Liaison. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Stevens Point in Geography with an emphasis in the Physical Environment, Regional Analysis and Community Development. He oversees the NE Region Bicycle and Pedestrian program, Park and Ride Program, Roadway Systems, and all Multi-Modal Planning. He and his wife Angie have blended their families of two and three kids in October 2018 and live in Appleton.

**Benjie Hayek**

Benjie Hayek joined Oneida Engineering Solutions, (OES), LLC., in August of 2018 and has over 30 years of combined experience in construction and engineering. Beginning her career as a heavy equipment operator in 1988, she rose through the ranks becoming a foreman then transitioning into the role of project engineer. After graduating from Marquette University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, she launched into the world of consultant engineering earning the title of Construction Project Manager overseeing numerous state, local and private projects.

Benjie was honored this year as one of Wisconsin's Top Women in Construction. She sits on the Executive Board of Directors for Engineers Without Borders - Wisconsin Professional Partners (EWB-WPP) and has worked in several different countries providing engineering and construction training and infrastructure improvements. In conjunction with EWB Service Corp Division, Benjie has worked with the United Nations UNDP Division on Disaster Relief Projects.

**Mike Helmrick**

Mike Helmrick is an environmental coordinator for the WisDOT Northeast region in Green Bay. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Watershed Management from UW-Stevens Point. He began his career with the WisDOT 1999. Mike is lead worker for the region environmental unit and is also responsible for reviewing environmental documents for NEPA/WEPA compliance and coordinating a broad range of environmental issues related to highway projects in Brown, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan counties.

**Brian Hudson**

Brian Hudson is an Area Director/Native American Coordinator for USDA Rural Development in Wisconsin, responsible for outreach and loan making in a 30-county service area along with outreach to the 11 Wisconsin Tribes.

**James Hughes**

James Hughes has been with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 28 years. The past four and a half years, James has served as the Chief Highway Maintenance Engineer. James works with the five DOT regions and all 72 County Highway Commissioners formulating best management practices for a variety of highway maintenance activities. Winter maintenance is one of the primary responsibilities with safety and economic impacts to the users of the state highway system.

**Sheldon Johnson**

Sheldon Johnson is the Executive Director of Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC), a 10 county regional planning organization located in Spooner. He has been with NWRPC since 1994.

**Jason Kennedy**

Jason Kennedy is an Environmental Analysis and Review Special with the WisDOT Cultural Resource team and has been a part of that team for the past 10 years. He is a Secretary of Interior Standards qualified archaeologist, having received his Master’s Degree from the University of Oklahoma. Jason helps in leading and coordinating WisDOT projects through the various historic preservation compliance laws and regulations.

**Andrea J. Kirk**

Andrea has worn many hats, both in the public and private sector, and served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1990 to 1998. The most interesting yet tedious job she held was putting eyelashes on dolls at Lee Middleton Doll Factory in Belpre, Ohio. She has a B.A. in English Literature from Ohio University, summa cum laude, 1997. J.D., Capital University Law School, with concentrations in historic preservation compliance laws and regulations.

**Wayne LaBine**

Wayne LaBine is the CEO for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC). He joined the organization in September 2018 after serving in a similar capacity for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC). Wayne has served in various levels of upper management for Tribal governments over the course of his 30 year career. Through Wayne's work experience and education in business administration, he has developed a management style and vision that lends itself to reorganizing and propelling organizations forward more effectively and efficiently.

**Todd Macalady**

Todd Macalady is the Director for The Center for Tribal Transportation, a Native-American owned and operated nonprofit corporation with principle offices in Gilbert, Arizona. The Center for Tribal Transportation provides training, education, technical assistance and program mentoring resources for Tribes and local agencies in transportation, safety and infrastructure.
Madalena Maestri, EdD, grew up in a family-owned, small business in rural Wisconsin. Her heart has remained steadfast in cultivating small businesses and fostering education opportunity throughout her career. While at Taliesin, the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, Madalena was the Director of Academic Affairs for the M. Arch degree program, and participated in curriculum and assessment development, and accreditation oversight for the institution. In private consulting, she provided guidance to small businesses in identifying vision and mission for their companies, creating strategic plans, and improving communication processes. Now at WisDOT, Madalena leads a team of DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) professionals, who are committed to helping traditionally underrepresented small business owners to participate in WisDOT highway and bridge construction projects. The DBE central office, located in Madison, provides certification services and DBE participation review. The DBE Support Services Office, located in Milwaukee, provides business development services to DBE certified firms, and firms interested in certification.

Shane Mahaffy
Shane Mahaffy joined SBA’s Wisconsin District Office as its Lead Business Opportunity Specialist in July 2015. Previously, he worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a procurement contracting officer. He served as a team lead and supervisory contracting specialist for procuring services, equipment, and supplies for facilities in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan. He maintains a Level III Federal Acquisition Certification.

Gary Mejchar
Gary Mejchar is Assistant Director/Project Manager for the First American Capital Corporation, Inc. & American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW-FACC), located in Milwaukee. Gary has a Master’s Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, focusing on Community Economic Development. Gary began his career as a Project Manager with the University of Wisconsin Extension Community Dynamics Institute, followed by becoming Director of the Wisconsin American Indian Economic Development Program, a statewide American Indian Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Prior to joining AICCW-FACC, Gary was self-employed as Project Management Consultant, serving several Wisconsin Tribal enterprises, programs and colleges associated with sustainable business and economic development initiatives. Gary enjoys fishing – particularly for that the next opportunity to advance AICCW-FACC self-sufficiency, and putting the ‘fun’ back into fundraising.

Tru Mwololo
Tru Mwololo is an Equal Opportunity Specialist for the Wisconsin Supplier Diversity Program, where she focuses on supplier diversity. Her portfolio consists mainly of Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Disabled-Veteran Owned Businesses (DV Bs), two of the targeted certified business groups in the state contracting program. She works closely with state procurement managers to help identify such firms that can participate in state and agency contracts.

Prior to her current role, she worked for Milwaukee County Community Business Development (CBDP) where she gained Procurement Compliance knowledge. She also served as an Economic Development Consultant with the Department of Administration from 2011 to 2013 and the Department of Commerce from 2005-2011. Tru earned a Masters in Business Administration from Edgewood College, and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Scott Nelson, P.E.
Scott Nelson is currently the Northeast Region Traffic Safety and Incident Management Engineer with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Scott has 23 years experience working for the department, with the last 20 working in the traffic and operations section of WisDOT. Scott is passionate about the safety of all users of the highway system including our emergency responders. Scott is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering.

Dave O’Donahue
Dave is Supervisory Highway Engineer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Midwest Region for the past 25 years.

Fern Orie
Fern Orie is the founding CEO of the Wisconsin Native Loan Fund, a statewide housing and consumer Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Fern is the Chair of the Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance (WIBA) and the Vice Chair of the Native CDFI Network. She serves on the Board of Directors and Loan Committee of Bay Bank, a Tribally owned bank, and serves on the Forward Community Investments New Markets Tax Credit Advisory Board.

She has worked in the Native housing industry for 18 years, holds a B.A. in Business Administration, and is a certified Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) through the National Development Council.

She is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

Steven T. Parker
Dr. Steven Parker is a Program Manager at the Traffic Operations and Safety (TOPS) Laboratory, part of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He currently oversees operations and development of the WisTransPortal, a large-scale data warehouse of statewide traffic operations and safety data sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). He also recently co-led development of the WisDOT Crash Database and Resolve System, part of WisDOT’s modernization of the Wisconsin police crash report form and crash data management system. His research interests include transportation safety, advanced traffic management systems, connected and autonomous vehicles, and decision support systems in transportation.
General Sessions Speakers

Norman Pawelczyk
Norman has been employed by WisDOT for 22 years. He has held positions in right-of-way acquisition for 10 years as a negotiator, appraiser, relocation agent and review appraiser. He was a Real Estate/Plats Development Supervisor in the WisDOT Northeast Region for five years, and is now a Bureau of Technical Services Chief in the Acquisition & Services area, which includes Real Estate, Access Management and Utility Coordination. Norman holds an Associate Degree in Property Appraisal/Assessment, a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management and a Masters Degree in Business - Organization Development.

Vivian Philbin
Ms. Philbin is the Assistant Chief Counsel for Federal Lands within the Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration. She has been a member of numerous Task Forces and National Committees on Tribal transportation issues including the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking, the TRB Committee on Native American issues, and the DOT’s Negotiated Rulemaking for Tribal Self-Governance. She has also contributed to TRB papers in this area. She previously served as a Staff Judge Advocate, Captain, USAFR. She attended San Diego State University and received her BA in English and was Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to the University of San Diego School of Law receiving the Juris Doctor Degree.

Hap Pigsley
Hap Pigsley has been involved in the construction industry since 1958, and has had extensive training and experience in construction related topics. He is called on to address safety issues for all construction related trades and to talk to associations regarding construction safety. He assists Employers with OSHA related problems and provides “Expert Witness” testimony in construction related litigation. Hap not only knows the “Rules” – he has helped in the formation of some of them. Identifying “Workplace Hazards and Abating Them” is his business.

Hap is the Owner of Hap Pigsley Consulting LLC., and consults for many Wisconsin contractors. He is a recognized trainer for the construction industry and general industry on required training topics. Hap’s mission is to help prevent the 15 workplace fatalities that occur every day. To accomplish this, he challenges his audience to take responsibility for their own safety, to be aware of job task hazards, and to appreciate the efforts of others who try to provide protection for them.

Hap’s lively character, experience and humor, has audiences talking about how fast time flies, and how they look forward to the next class or presentation.

Nick Place
Nick Place is an 18-year veteran of law enforcement, and is a police officer and K9 Handler for Manitowoc Police Department. He is a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certified through the International Chiefs of Police Association since 2004. He is a Regional Coordinator for the Wisconsin DRE Program and has testified as an expert witness on drug impairment. Officer Place holds multiple instructor certifications, and has taught classes certifying police officers in field sobriety tests and drug impairment. He has instructed educators and other professionals about drug use in training tailored for civilians. He has also received awards from the Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety for Top 10 DRE in Wisconsin and Outstanding Performance as a DRE.

Heather Pytskowit
Heather has worked in the Environmental Services Department with Menominee Indian Tribe for just over 20 years. While working for the Tribe, Heather is responsible for water resource management including data and grant management. While she originally only dealt with aquatic invasive species, she has recently taken a supervisory position and has learned many terrestrial invasives as well. She has two Bachelor’s Degrees, one in Environmental Sciences and the other in Biology.

Lee Shirey
Lee is the Michigan and Wisconsin Economic Development Representative for the Chicago Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). Lee has been with the EDA for over nine years and works with local units of government, Tribal governments, economic development districts and non-profit organizations to develop competitive economic development projects that will help to create high-skill, high-wage jobs, and leverage private sector investment in underserved areas of Wisconsin and Michigan. Prior to joining the EDA, Lee spent the previous 10 years leading economic development efforts for communities in Northern Michigan and in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Lee holds a Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Michigan University.

Jonathan Simonsen
Jon has worked at the DNR Rhinelander office with the Environmental Analysis and Review program since 2005. He works closely with municipalities and DOT on transportation improvement projects to help ensure that impacts to wetlands, waterways, and other natural resources are avoided and minimized. In his area of coverage, he is responsible for helping all department programs take the steps to make informed environmental impact decisions and provide for public input to meet the spirit and intent of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA). Jon also provides statewide assistance on a broad range of stream connectivity issues as well as program support for mapped floodplain issues on municipal road projects.

Jon holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Zoology and Conservation Biology and a Masters in Agronomy from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
General Sessions Speakers

Madison Smith
Madison is a mid-level environmental planner for the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission. Originally from British Columbia, Canada, she loves the outdoors and natural environment. Madison is responsible for the management of environmental programs at Bay-Lake RPC including invasive species treatment and management. She is also a strong advocate for the protection and restoration of Lake Michigan coastal resources, as well as sustainable design for healthier natural and built environments. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Sciences and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Calgary, Alberta.

Randy Soulier
Randy Soulier is Chief Operating Officer of the LDF Business Development Corporation. His 20+ years of business experience includes leadership roles in operations and marketing. He holds degrees in Marketing and Integrative Leadership with emphasis in Human Development. Randy also serves as President of LDF Construction, and is a board member for the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation and the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Inc.

Sandy Stankevich
Sandy is the Statewide Tribal Affairs Program Manager for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation having started on September 30, 2019. Sandy has worked as a Tribal Liaison in WisDOT’s North Central Region since 2005, and over the years has become a familiar face for many in the Tribal communities. Sandy is an original member of the team that developed and built the WisDOT Tribal Affairs program into one that has been nationally recognized for building strong working connections with Wisconsin’s 11 Federally Recognized Tribes. While working as the Tribal liaison, Sandy also managed WisDOT’s Local Program, making important investments in northern Wisconsin communities.

After her first careers as a nurse and owner/manager of a C-store/gas station/restaurant, Sandy returned to school and received her Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Tech in 2001 and began her WisDOT career that same year as a project engineer in the Rhinelander Office. In 2005, Sandy was named the North Central Region Tribal Liaison.

Stephen Sydow
Stephen has been with WisDOT for 19 years, working in access management, planning, project scoping and performance measures. Since October 2016, he has been the statewide Access Management Specialist, reviewing access management corridor projects, driveway permit appeals and modifications to existing access controls. He has a Master’s degree in Public History from the UW-Eau Claire, teaches high school history and journalism, and likes to coach track and cross-country in his spare time.

Craig Thompson
Craig Thompson was appointed by Governor Tony Evers to serve as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) beginning in January 2019. WisDOT is one of the largest state agencies, with 3,400 employees and a biennial budget of more than $6 billion. The department supports all modes of transportation, including state highways, local roads, railroads, public transit systems, airports, and harbors. In addition, the department includes the Division of Motor Vehicles, which serves about 50,000 customers each week, and the Division of State Patrol that enforces laws and assists motorists throughout the state.

Previously Craig was the executive director of the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin. He has more than 25 years of experience working with Wisconsin businesses, communities, legislators and units of government. Prior to leading TDA, he served as the legislative director for the Wisconsin Counties Association, managing legislative initiatives at the state and federal levels.

Craig is a native of Racine and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He lives in Madison with his wife and two teenagers.

Robert Tyllo
Robert has a wide array of professional experience including quality engineering, direct marketing, consulting and consumer research-insurance. He is a data visualization expert, a SAS programming expert, and has vast experience with large datasets and data cleansing. He is a Graduate of Math and Statistics from UW Madison.

Natalia Vega
As part of the Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance’s Statewide Labor Compliance Investigations Unit, Natalia has been leading teams and process improvement efforts responsible for monitoring and enforcing labor standards laws and regulations on WisDOT highway projects for 10 years.

Aina Vilumsons
Aina Vilumsons is the CEO of the Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI), a nonprofit established in 1987 focused on helping Wisconsin businesses compete for federal defense contracts. After joining WPI, she began expanding business mentoring and assistance services to also encompass local, state and corporate supplier contracting opportunities. Ms. Vilumsons serves on various boards including NDIA Great Lakes Chapter, SAME Lake Michigan Post, NCMA Wisconsin Chapter, ESGR, and Volk Field Community Council. She received her BS from the University of Minnesota and MBA from Marquette University.
Registration opens at 8 a.m.
Exhibitors (Bear Room) and Vendors (open area near Bear Room)
Open at 9 a.m.
Refreshments located in the Bear Room.

Tour of Lambeau Field with the Oneida Nation
9 to 10:30 a.m.
Visit the home of the Green Bay Packers. Tour will depart at 8:45 a.m. from the Radisson Hotel Lobby entrance. Bus will be returning at approximately 10:30 a.m. Seating is limited to 50 participants. Pre-Registration is required.

Concurrent Networking Sessions
10 to 11:30 a.m.
Business Speed Networking Event – Session designed for anyone interested in business contracting, sub-contracting and labor opportunities in the construction, trades and supply industries – including Tribal, local, state, and federal contracting opportunities – by meeting with representatives from major prime contractors, Tribal enterprises and county representatives.

Tribal Enterprise and Economic Development Resources Networking Event – This informal networking event opportunity provides Tribal leaders, planners, grant writers, project managers, Business and Community Development Corporations to meet one-to-one with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Economic Development Administration, USDA Rural Development, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Regional Planning Commissions, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council EDA Program, and the Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance among others.

Business Networking Luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Turtle Room
- Matt Kunstman, General Manager, Oneida Engineering Solutions (OES), will welcome attendees.
- Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator, will introduce the ITTF Wisconsin Native Business Directory and the Tribal Certification Webinar series.
- Jeff Bowman, Keynote Speaker, President and CEO, Bay Bank.

Welcome and Opening Remarks
1 to 1:30 p.m. | Wolf Room
- Drum: Buffalo Creek
- Posting of Colors by the Oneida Nation Veterans.
- Invocation by Tehassi Hill, Chairman, the Oneida Nation

Welcome and Opening Remarks
1:30 to 2 p.m. | Wolf Room
Tehassi Hill, Chair, Oneida Nation; Craig Thompson, Secretary-Designee of Transportation, State of Wisconsin; Scott Sufficool, Deputy Regional Director, BIA (invited); Glenn Fulkerson, Division Administrator, FHWA.

Keynote Address
2:15 to 3 p.m. | Wolf Room
Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes
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Technical Sessions
3:15 to 4 p.m.
Safety | Huron Room
Safety is a Secret Asset
Hap Pigsley,
Hap Pigsley Consulting, LLC.

Cultural & Environmental | Michigan Room
Invasive Species
Madison Smith, Environmental Planner, Bay-Lake
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Water Resource Specialist, the Menominee Indian
Tribe of Wisconsin

Business & Economic Development | Turtle Room
Wisconsin Tribal Enterprises, Business and
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Randy Soulier, LDF BDC; Lee Shirey,
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Sheldon Johnson, Executive Director, Northwest
Regional Planning Commission

General Transportation | Ontario Room
Asset Management and Performance
Based Practical Design at WisDOT
Tom Beekman, P.E., Division of System Development, Office of
Asset Management and Performance Measures, WisDOT

Break 4 to 4:15 p.m.

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4:15 to 5 p.m.
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Up in Smoke – Marijuana
Impaired Driving
Officer Nick Place,
Manitowoc Police Department

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Understand the NEPA/WEPA Differences and How
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Lynn Cloud, Central Office Cultural Resource Team, WisDOT;
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Business & Economic Development | Turtle Room
2020 Project Opportunities
Kevin Chesnik, Principal Engineer, ARA; David
O’Donahue, BIA; Matt Halada, Transportation Planner
and NE Regional Tribal Liaison, WisDOT

General Transportation | Ontario Room
WISLR, TraCS and Tribal Road Crash Mapping
Steven T. Parker, TOPS Laboratory, UW-Madison; Kelly
Schieldt, Highway Data Unit Supervisor, WisDOT; Darlene
Schwartz, Program Manager, Badger TraCS

Legislative Reception
(Open to All)
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tribal Excellence Awards Dinner
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Awards are presented to individuals and organizations
that have made a significant impact on Tribal Affairs
initiatives, services and labor in Tribal transportation. The
dinner includes entertainment. Additional tickets for non-
registered guests may be purchased for $25 each.
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**Breakfast and Presentation of ITTF Annual Report**
8 to 9 a.m.

**Technical Sessions**
9:15 to 10 a.m.

_Safety | Huron Room_
Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Tribes’ Emergency Management
Kelsey Brown, Wisconsin Disaster Fund Coordinator, Wisconsin Emergency Management

_Cultural & Environmental | Michigan Room_
Protecting and Preserving Your Road Right of Way
Norman Pawelczyk, Technical Services Chief, WisDOT; Nicole Flamang, Real Estate Specialist Advanced, WisDOT; Michael Baumann, Utility Engineer, WisDOT; Stephen Sydow – Highway Access Transportation Specialist, WisDOT

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Wisconsin Tribal Enterprises, Business and Community Development Corporations and Funding Opportunities
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Work Zone Safety
Andi Bill, Traffic Safety Engineering Research Program Manager with the Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory and Program Director with Engineering Professional Development at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

_Cultural & Environmental | Michigan Room_
Helping Kill the Earth, or Building Alternative Green Transportation Systems
Paul DeMain, Managing Editor, News From Indian Country

_Business & Economic Development | Turtle Room_
Tribal, Local, State and Federal Government Contracting and Certification Toolbox for Native and Tribal Businesses
Aina Vilumsons, Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI); Tru Mwololo, Wisconsin Supplier Diversity and MBE Program, DOA; Madalena Maestri, DBE Program Chief, WisDOT; Shane Mahaffy, SBA

_General Transportation | Ontario Room_
Managing Tribal Transportation Programs
Todd Macalady, Director, The Center for Tribal Transportation

**Break** 11 to 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30th
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Technical Sessions
11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Safety | Huron Room
Low Cost Safety Improvements
Scott Nelson, P.E., Safety Engineer, WisDOT; Dan Brugman, P.E., Traffic Engineer, WisDOT

Cultural & Environmental | Michigan Room
EPA 404G1 – Revising the Clean Water Act to Include Tribes in the Protection and Maintenance of Navigable Waters and Adjacent Wetlands
James DeNomie, MAST Representative

Business & Economic Development | Turtle Room
WisDOT Native American Hiring Provisions – Updates and Opportunities
WisDOT Tribal Affairs Staff; Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC); Madalena Maestri, DBE Program Chief, WisDOT; Laurie Dolsen, Western Unit Lead, WisDOT Labor Compliance Specialist; Natalia Vega, Southeast Unit Lead, WisDOT Labor Compliance Specialist

General Transportation | Ontario Room
Women In Construction – Roundtable Discussion
Michele Carter, OBOEC Director, Office of Business Opportunity & Equity Compliance, Moderator; Amy Hacker, White Buffalo; Benjie Hayek, Construction Engineer, OES; Sara Bushie, Senior Project Manager, Mission Support Services; Dori McGeshick, TrANS Graduate

Lunch and Keynote Presentation
12 to 1 p.m.
Kelly Jackson, former Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and WisDOT Statewide Tribal Liaison, will provide an oral history of the Boarding Schools era.

Technical Sessions
1:15 to 2 p.m.
Safety | Huron Room
2019 Wisconsin Seatbelt Survey Results – Upward Bound
Robert Tyllo, Program and Policy Analyst, WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS)

Cultural & Environmental | Michigan Room
Building Stronger with Culvert Inventory Data
Jonathan Simonson, WDNR; Chris Collier, Trout Unlimited

Business & Economic Development | Turtle Room
One-to-One Agency Meetings
Coordinated by AICCW

General Transportation | Ontario Room
Winter Weather Operations – How to Operate During Emergency Weather Conditions
Tony DeCresie, Training USA, Inc.

Break 2 to 2:15 p.m.
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**Technical Sessions**

2:15 to 3 p.m.

**Safety | Huron Room**
State and Tribal Partnering under 23 USC 202(a)(9)
Vivial Philbin, Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Lands – FHWA/USDOT

**Cultural & Environmental | Michigan Room**
Informal Networking
Opportunities

**Business & Economic Development | Turtle Room**
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**General Transportation | Ontario Room**
Value Capture Techniques for Tribal Transportation Programs
Andrea J. Kirk, Program Manager, FHWA Center for Local Aid Support

**Closing Refreshments**

3 p.m.
Sponsored by the WisDOT Tribal Historic Preservation Office Program
Exhibitors Expo
Event Center Prefunction

- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin-First American Capital Corporation
- Enbridge Energy
- New North
- Oneida Engineering Solutions, LLC
- Pigsley Construction Safety
- Small Business Administration
- Tribal Labor Advisory Committee
- Wisconsin Concrete Pipe
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin Economic Development Association
- Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance
- Wisconsin Procurement Institute
- Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association

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- Turtle Island Gifts
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Safe Driving PSA

In August, the WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF) and Frybread Productions came together for the fourth year to produce the newest Safe Driving public service announcement (PSA).

The PSA is an initiative by the ITTF and coordinated by Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator.

Frybread Productions is a video production company, owned and operated by Native Americans Tim Ramos, Tim Ornelas and Jim Ruel. Tim Ramos and Jim Ruel met with youth from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community and the Ho-Chunk Nation, and mentored them throughout the creation and filming the PSA.

The youth selected a theme relating to driving safety, wrote a script, acted in and filmed a 30-second public service announcement that will be aired throughout the state of Wisconsin.

“This will be our fourth project of this kind in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Inter-Tribal Task Force,” Tim explained. “This video will cover issues about driving safety. Studies reveal that for Native people under the age of 25, the major cause of death is from car accidents.”

Agnes assisted youth in completing the video, and shared that she was glad to see the willingness of the youth to take on the project with little or no experience in acting, writing scripts, creating story boards, and operating sound equipment and advanced digital movie cameras.

“Every year we do this project, I am amazed by the talent and creativity of our young people,” Agnes shared.

Leave Your Phone Alone Until You Get Home was the message of the PSA that was scripted, filmed and produced by middle school students from Indian Community School in Milwaukee last year. View the PSA on the WisDOT ITTF website at https://wisdottribaltaskforce.org/.

WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force Featured Projects

What began in 2017 as an earnest desire to provide easily accessible training materials for Native businesses to become certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) has grown to encompass providing informational webinars to Tribally owned enterprises.

The WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF) worked with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW) and Kevin Chesnik, Oneida Tribal Member and Principal Engineer of Applied Research Associates to create five webinars focused on simplifying the understanding of the DBE certification process and assisting Native firms in enhancing work opportunities with WisDOT.

Those five webinars inspired the group to create the Tribal Enterprise Certification webinars, which were completed this past August.

The three webinars explore the critical knowledge that Tribal governments need to understand in order to create Tribally owned and certified businesses. The webinars focus on MBEs, DBEs and SBA Section 8(a) programs, and provide critical information, contacts, policy guidance, and support resources for Tribally owned businesses as they work toward their certifications and enhance business opportunities.

Subject experts were recruited from state and federal departments, and representatives from Tribally-owned enterprises, who provided first-hand knowledge of their experiences and lessons learned.

View the webinars on the WisDOT ITTF website at https://wisdottribaltaskforce.org/.
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WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force 2019 Highlights

The Inter-Tribal Task Force met five times in 2019.

- January 10, 2019 - Stockbridge-Munsee
- March 14, 2019 - Forest County Potawatomi Community
- May 9, 2019 - St. Croix
- July 11, 2019 - Bad River
- October 28, 2019 - Oneida

The Business & Labor, Safety & Signage, Transit, Real Estate & Jurisdictional and the Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference work teams met periodically throughout the year.

All work teams completed and implemented the 2019-2020 Annual Work Plan in March.

The Real Estate & Jurisdictional work team hosted the Tribal Real Estate Training on April 17, 2019 in Menominee.

The Transit work team hosted the Transit Peer Exchange on April 25, 2019 in Bad River and Red Cliff.

Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator, worked with Oneida Engineering Solutions (OES), to distribute the Statewide Safety Plan to ITTF Members in June.

Agnes worked with Oneida Engineering Solutions (OES) for three months, and completed the Gap Analysis in July.

The Safety & Signage work team coordinated the filming of the Public Service Announcement with Frybread Productions and youth from Sokaogon Chippewa Community and the Ho-Chunk Nation in August. See the Featured Projects for details.

The Business & Labor work team continues work on the NADBE Directory.

The Business & Labor work team completed a request for proposal for marketing and communications services, and distributed the proposal statewide.

The Business & Labor work team coordinated the completion of three Tribal Certification webinars in September. See the Featured Projects for details.

The Shared Resources work team completed the revisions to the Partnership Agreement, an endeavor that began in 2017. The updated Partnership Agreement was signed in Red Cliff by the 11 Tribes of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Federal Highway Administration Wisconsin Division, on September 30, 2019.
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Technical Sessions

Safety - Huron Room
Low Cost Safety Improvements  Scott Nelson, P.E., Safety Engineer, WisDOT; Dan Brugman, P.E., Traffic Engineer, WisDOT

Cultural & Environmental - Michigan Room
EPA 402(a)(9) Revising the Clean Water Act to Include Tribes in the Protection and Maintenance of Navigable Waters and Adjacent Wetlands  James DeNommie, MAST Representative

Business & Economic Development - Turtle Room
WisDOT Native American Hiring Provisions Updates and Opportunities  WisDOT Tribal Affairs Staff; Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC), Madalena Maestri, DBE Program Chief, WisDOT; Laurie Dolson, Wisconsin Unit Lead, WisDOT Labor Compliance Specialist; Natalia Vega, Southeast Unit Lead, WisDOT Labor Compliance Specialist

General Transportation - Ontario Room
Women in Construction Roundtable Discussion  Michele Carter, OBOEC Director, Office of Business Opportunity & Equity Compliance, Moderator; Amy Hacker, White Buffalo; Benjie Hayek, Construction Engineer, OES; Sara Bushie, Senior Project Manager, Mission Support Services; Doris McGeshick, TRANS Graduate

12 to 1 p.m.
Lunch and Keynote Presentation
Wolf Room

Kelly Jackson, former Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and WisDOT Statewide Tribal Liaison, will provide an oral history of the Boarding Schools era.

1:15 to 2 p.m.
Technical Sessions

Safety - Huron Room
2019 Wisconsin Seatbelt Survey Results  Upward Bound? Robert Tylko, Program and Policy Analyst, WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS)

Cultural & Environmental - Michigan Room
Building Stronger with Culvert Inventory Data  Jonathan Simonsen, WDNR, Chris Collier, Trout Unlimited

Business & Economic Development - Turtle Room
One-to-One Agency Meetings - Coordinated by AICCW

General Transportation - Ontario Room
Winter Weather Operations  How to Operate During Emergency Weather Conditions  Tony Decresie, Training USA, Inc.

2:15 to 3 p.m.
Technical Sessions

Safety - Huron Room
State and Tribal Partnering under 23 USC 202(a)(9) Vital Philbin, Asst. Chief Counsel, FHWA Center for Local Aid Support

Cultural & Environmental - Michigan Room
Informal Networking Opportunities - Coordinated by AICCW

Business & Economic Development - Turtle Room
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General Transportation - Ontario Room
Value Capture Techniques for Tribal Transportation Programs  Andrea J. Kirk, Program Manager, FHWA Center for Local Aid Support

3 p.m.
Closing Refreshments
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