



**ITTF Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, November 12, 2020 – Teleconference  
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**Members on Teleconference:** Brett Blackdeer (Ho-Chunk), Crystal Chapman-Chevalier (Menominee), Renita Warrington (Menominee), Amy Coughlin (WisDOT), Emerson Coy (Lac du Flambeau), Dakota Fatla (Forest County Potawatomi), Aaron Gustafson (WisDOT), Matt Halada (WisDOT), Daniel Holt (FHWA), Kirby Metoxen (Oneida), Todd Mulvey (Forest County Potawatomi), Greg Newhouse (BIA), Troy Parr (Oneida), Cyless Peterson (WisDOT), Mike Schwendau (BOTS), Dana Shinnors (WisDOT), Sandy Stankevich (WisDOT), Delores Staples (St. Croix) and Ward Staples (St. Croix).

**Others in Attendance:** Stacie Cutbank (Oneida, THPO Coordinator), Agnes Fleming (Lac Courte Oreilles, ITTF Coordinator), Greg Newhouse, and Collin Price (TLAC Consultant)

**Guests:** Andrea Bill, Laura Vande Hey.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Delores Staples, Chair. Six Tribes were represented on the call.

**Guest Speakers:** Andrea Bill and Laura Vande Hey presented on Community Maps.

Mike Schwendau provided a link for the Community Maps - Wisconsin County TSC Crash Mapping:  
<https://transportal.cee.wisc.edu/testing/community-maps/crash/search/BasicSearch.do;jsessionid=9FBF925BB0524FF61E14BACD1922D984>

Following the presentation, Delores Staples requested additional State Police presence in the northern regions. Mike will forward Delores's request, and she noted this should be added to the next meeting agenda.

Mike suggested the Tribes become active in their local Traffic Safety Commissions (TSCs), and if there is not a TSC, there is nothing holding Tribes back from forming their own. It was also suggested to look at trainings for local law enforcement to possibly fill the gaps.

**Approve Agenda:** Sandy Stankevich made a motion to approve the agenda. Emerson Coy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approve September Meeting Minutes:** Mike Schwendau made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Aaron Gustafson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items from the September 10, 2020, meeting:**

- **Transit Peer Exchange** – The Transit Peer Exchange was held on September 30, 2020.
- **Law Enforcement Training and Peer Exchange** – Agnes will work with Mike Schwendau on this.
- **WISLR** – Sandy and Matt Halada are working with WisDOT staff on this.
- **Awards Category** – Nothing at this time. Agnes and Cyless will form a work group to develop an awards category for the development of potential Tribal services projects that will increase safety awareness and provide funding for projects such as signage and billboards.



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- **NAHP WisDOT Construction Projects List** – Todd requested a list be available of upcoming projects with the Native American Hiring Provision as this could be helpful for future employment opportunities. Cyless noted this should be a TLAC project. Update – Collin Price will move forward with updating the TLAC website.
- **Cultural Awareness Curriculum Rollout** – Collin shared that a meeting will be held next week to schedule a TLAC meeting and rollout. He anticipates the rollout to be in early December.
- **TTP Meeting** – Brett shared no meeting date has been set yet.
- **Suggestions for Guest Speakers at Future ITTF Meetings** – Sandy requested suggestions for future guest speakers and topics.

**Chairwoman's Report:**

Todd Mulvey has been appointed to be the ITTF rep on the State Transportation Innovation Committee (STIC) and will be attending the virtual summit on December 8<sup>th</sup> thru December 10<sup>th</sup>. Todd will forward the information to Agnes to share with the group.

Madalena Maestri, the DBE Program Chief, was unable to join the meeting. Sandy provided a look at the new interactive map, and noted she would like to add a layer showing Tribal lands. WisDOT is working to obtain approvals and hopes to have the website live in a couple of weeks. Sandy will forward the link when the site is public.

Agnes asked if the map can be searched for Native DBEs, and Cyless didn't think ethnicity was a searchable option. Matt asked if this could be added, and Cyless was unsure. Sandy will follow up on this.

**Standing Reports:**

- State Tribal Affairs Program – Sandy Stankevich
  - Cultural Awareness Training – Two of the five planned sessions have been held. Sandy noted the evaluations have been good, and hopes to have remaining three sessions completed in the first quarter of 2021.
  - Dual Language Signs – Sandy is working with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to obtain approval from FHWA. There are two categories of signs – welcome and geographical points of interest. Sandy noted they are hoping to fund this through unexpended THPO funds. She also noted that Ian Chidister, Daniel Holt and Greg Newhouse are working on this with the Minnesota DOT to learn more about their program.
  - Tribal License Plates – Ho-Chunk and St. Croix are working on this. The Secretary approved St. Croix and the process is now between St. Croix and the DMV. Ho-Chunk is moving forward.
- WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force – Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator
  - Real Estate Training – Agnes shared the event went well and that she has received the final report. Most people liked the three day format.
  - Transit Peer Exchange – The event went well, with Forest County Potawatomi providing a virtual tour. Agnes is working on the final report.
  - Bylaws – Agnes will be scheduling a work team meeting after Thanksgiving.



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- Stacey Schreiber Schinko requested assistance for banners and billboards for awareness of human trafficking and missing and murdered indigenous women. Mike suggested distributing posters to C-Stores. The group supported the request, and Collin suggested this be forwarded to the newly formed Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) task force. Collin will forward Sandy more information on the MMIW task force, and this will be discussed at the next meeting. Mike suggested forming a sub-committee to explore ITTF resources and actions for MMIW. Todd made a motion to form the subcommittee and Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Agnes will research costs of billboards. Agnes will email the group asking for volunteers to serve on the subcommittee.
- Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC) – Collin Price
  - TLAC is working with BOTS to explore ways to share resources, partner and help each other on labor.
  - Collin is working to obtain drone images of pre-construction and post-construction projects.
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) – Stacie Cutbank
  - The Annual Work Plan budget received an extension, which will include the dual language signs and internship projects.
  - Stacie provided an overview of upcoming and future trainings.
  - The Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee (WITRC) is working with the City of Neenah and the Wisconsin State Historical Society for protocols on the remains that were found.
  - Stacie is requesting Tribal staff contacts from the WisDOT liaisons, and requesting presentations for the upcoming Listening Session.

#### **Tribal Reports:**

Reports were given by Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Lac du Flambeau, Oneida and St. Croix. Sandy asked if the Tribes could share the status of their operations and note what business entities are open.

Todd asked about the transportation bill that would provide \$125,000 in gaming funds to counties with Tribal headquarters and a casino, and wondered why this did not come before the ITTF. Sandy will check if this bill is being considered.

Delores asked about the Hwy 35 no passing status, and Sandy will follow up with Aaron. Todd suggested submitting a written request and copy the Secretary. Sandy will provide other contacts to include.

**WisDOT Tribal Liaison Reports:** Amy, Aaron, Dana, Matt and Sandy provided brief reports.

**FHA:** Daniel Holt provided an update, and will share BUILD/TIGER project updates to Agnes.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Matt and seconded by Emerson. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.



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**November 12<sup>th</sup> Action Items:**

- Agnes - She will email the group seeking volunteers for the ITTF subcommittee to explore resources and actions for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) task force.
- Brett - He will update the group when a meeting date has been set.
- Collin - He will update the TLAC website to include a NAHP WisDOT construction projects list.
- Cyless and Agnes - They will form a work group to develop an awards category for the development of potential Tribal services projects that will increase safety awareness and provide funding for projects such as signage and billboards.
- Mike and Agnes - They will work together to gather contacts for the Law Enforcement Training and Peer Exchange.
- Mike - Following the Community Maps presentation, Delores Staples requested additional State Police presence in the northern regions. Mike will forward Delores's request, and she noted this should be added to the next meeting agenda.
- Sandy and Matt - They will work with WisDOT staff on WISLR.
- Sandy - Delores asked about the Hwy 35 no passing status, and Sandy will follow up with Aaron. Todd suggested submitting a written request and copy the Secretary. Sandy will provide other contacts to include.
- Sandy - She will provide a link for the DBE interactive map, and will request a layer be added showing Tribal lands. Sandy will also ask if the map can be searched for Native DBEs.
- Sandy - Todd asked about the transportation bill that would provide \$125,000 in gaming funds to counties with Tribal headquarters and a casino, and wondered why this did not come before the ITTF. Sandy will check if this bill is being considered.
- Tribal Liaisons - Please forward Tribal staff contacts to Stacie.
- GROUP - Sandy asked that the group to suggest future guest speakers and topics for ITTF meetings.

**Upcoming ITTF Meetings:**

January 14, 2021 at 8:30 am

**Zoom Meeting Information -**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82304634157?pwd=cythcm55RjRtRXZlVGNIQ0t2TTQvQT09>

Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 823 0463 4157

Password: 7155587750 (if needed)

Respectfully submitted by  
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