



WisDOT Tribal Affairs Program

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Presentation Overview

- Background & Authority
- Partnership Agreement
- Program Structure
- Consultation & Coordination
- Initiatives
- Project Coordination



Tribal Affairs Overview

- Executive Order #39
 - Establish under Doyle administration in February 2004
 - Reaffirmed under Walker Administration in 2011
 - Affirms the government-to-government relationship
 - Requires cabinet agencies to consult tribes on policies and program



Tribal Affairs Overview

- What is government-to-government relationship?
 - Formal relationship that exists between agencies of the federal government and tribal governments under the laws of the United States.
- What is sovereignty?
 - The status, dominion, rule or power of a sovereign. Tribes have the power to make and enforce laws for their tribe and reservation, and to establish courts and other forums for the resolution of disputes.

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○ Partnership Agreement

- First of its kind agreement that creates and defines the processes by which WisDOT and the Wisconsin Division-Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) work in collaboration with tribes on transportation related issues.
- Includes guiding principles, issue/dispute resolution process, and emphasis areas and measurable achievements.
- Originally signed in May of 2005 and resigned in October of 2010.
- Revisions Underway





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Emphasis areas of the Partnership Agreement

- Partnership
- Transportation Safety
- Economic Development
- Building Capacity for Tribally Run Businesses
- Native American Labor Development
- Training
- Cultural Resources



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Tribal Affairs Structure

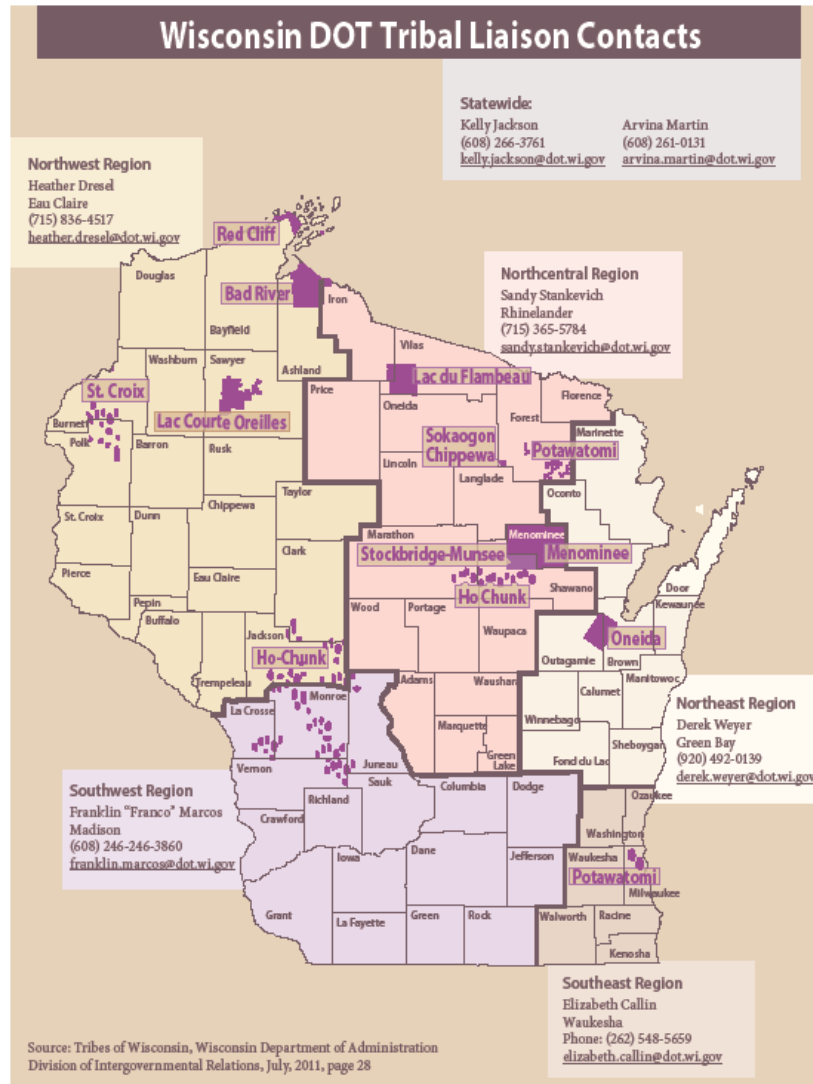
Statewide tribal liaisons

- Statewide tribal liaisons serve as statewide point of contact for regional tribal liaisons and statewide tribal issues, programs, policies and initiatives.

Regional tribal liaisons

- Regional tribal liaisons serve as first point of contact for tribes in their respective region.

Tribal Affairs Staff





Consultation & Coordination

Executive Order 13175

“...executive departments and agencies (agencies) are charged with engaging in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, and are responsible for strengthening the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes.”

William Clinton
November 2000

Tribal Initiatives & Programs

Secretary's Annual Consultation

- The annual consultation meeting with the Secretary of WisDOT provides an opportunity for tribal leaders and representatives to express concerns, highlight issues and make recommendations regarding statewide tribal affairs.



Tribal Initiatives & Programs

Tribal Task Force

- Memorandum of Agreement (IGA) with the Lac Courte Oreilles Band.
- Membership consists of WisDOT agency representatives, federal agency representatives and tribal designees that are appointed by each respective tribal government.
- Created as a result of the Partnership Agreement
- Responsible for creating an annual work plan





Tribal Initiatives & Programs

Tribal Historic Preservation Project

- Established through a IGA with the Sokaogon Chippewa Community
- Membership consists of THPOs (Tribal Historic Preservation Officers), FHWA and WisDOT agency representatives. Meetings occur on a quarterly basis.
- Designed to define and enhance the relationship between WisDOT, WITRC (Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee), and THPOs on matters related to historic and cultural preservation.
- Develops and provides guidance on policies and consultation processes.
- **Highlight:** Rewrite and adoption of Chapter 26, Section 106 of the Facilities Development Manual (FDM).
- Hosts an Annual Listening Session
- Provides training and education opportunities.



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Business Development

- Purpose is to assist Indian businesses and economic development programs on and off reservations in building their capacity to obtain Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification.
- **Highlights:**
 - Increased the number of Native American DBE's
 - Held certification trainings throughout the state
 - Provided technical assistance to DBE and pre-DBE's
 - Coordinated networking events with prime contractors and DBE's



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Labor Development

- Facilitated through an IGA with Sokaogon Chippewa Community
- Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC)
 - 8 recommendations to enhance the utilization of Native American employment on WisDOT projects
 - Statewide labor database
 - Training programs
 - Recruitment and outreach strategies
 - Incentives
 - Tracking and monitoring
 - Special hiring provision
- Native American Hiring Provision
- Transportation Alliance for New Solutions (TrANS)

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Tribal Transportation Safety Project

- Road Safety Audits (RSA) and Safety Plans
- Tribal Roads Safety Summit
- Safety Education campaign



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National Summer Transportation Institute

- College of the Menominee Nation
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College



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Training

- Cultural Sensitivity
- How to do work with tribes





Questions/ Discussion