

# Meeting Notes

## Wisconsin Department of Transportation - SE Region 2018 Tribal Outreach Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM

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### In Attendance:

Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator, Lac Coutre Orielles / ITTF  
Andrew Levy, SE Region Planning Supervisor, WisDOT  
Brett Blackdeer, Transportation Planner, Ho-Chunk  
Cindy Flower, SE Region Program Manager, WisDOT  
Cyless Peterson, TLAC Coordinator, Sokaogon Chippewa Community / TLAC  
David Nguyen, Project Development Chief, WisDOT  
Denise Waheed, SE Region Real Estate Specialist, WisDOT  
Dewayne Johnson, SE Region Director, WisDOT  
Joan Bonack, SE Region Local Program Manager, WisDOT  
Kathy Kramer, SE Region Local Program Manager, WisDOT  
Kelly Jackson, Statewide Tribal Liaison, WisDOT  
Liz Callin, SE Region Tribal Liaison, WisDOT  
Melissa Cook, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
Sandy Stankevich, NC Region Tribal Liaison, WisDOT  
Tim McElmeel, Regional Environmental Coordinator, WisDOT  
Todd Mulvey, Roads Manager, Forest County Potawatomi Community  
Tony Barth, SE Region Planning Chief, WisDOT  
Travis Wallenfang, Oneida Nation

### Discussion Notes:

1. **Welcome – Dewayne Johnson, Region Director – no discussion**
2. **Introductions and Meeting Overview – Liz Callin, SE Region Tribal Liaison – no discussion**
3. **Central Office Tribal Affairs Overview – Kelly Jackson, Statewide Tribal Liaison – no discussion**
4. **Overview of Region and Organizational Structure – Andrew Levy, Systems Planning Supervisor – no discussion**
5. **Life of a Project with Tribal Involvement – Tim McElmeel, Region Environmental Coordinator**

Kelly stated that WisDOT Facilities Development Manual (FDM) was updated in 2011 for consistency with federal requirements. It recognizes the requirement for federal agencies and agencies that use federal funds to engage with tribal governments regarding Areas of Potential impact, methods used to determine historic/cultural significance and eligibility determinations. WisDOT consults with tribes long before impacts are identified.

Is the engagement process working?

- SE Region hears from tribes need for additional outreach regarding projects
  - o Discussions regarding electronic notification system may provide benefits

- Follow-up: this is an ongoing discussion with ITTF
- FHWA is working on a programmatic agreement under the National Historic Preservation Act to clearly articulate the responsibilities that are delegated to funding recipients.
  - Follow-up: SE Region will continue to monitor this process and react appropriately
- What kinds of training are available?
  - Tribal monitoring – offered now
  - Cultural resource legal – open to THPO's
  - Annual listening session – seeking to increase dialog with cultural resource management consultants
- Are internship programs provided?
  - Bad River Tribe received a contract for monitoring
  - Tribes can request training
  - TrANS program
- Are internship programs available to tribal members living in SE Region?
  - Yes, but no specific outreach at this time
  - WisDOT has a variety of internship opportunities available
    - Follow-up: work to provide specific outreach to tribal communities regarding WisDOT internship opportunities. Region Tribal Liaison interns is a possibility.

#### **6. Surplus Land Sales and Tribal Involvement – Denise Waheed, Real Estate**

- How are tribes notified of surplus land availability?
  - BEES portal and WisDOT website
    - The portal is only available to THPO's, not real estate managers.
      - Follow-up: revisit process that tribal real estate managers use to learn about surplus land availability – Kelly to add to real estate subgroup agenda

#### **7. Foxconn Updates include I-94 N-S and Racine County Development Roads Project Overview – David Nguyen, PDS Chief**

- Are projects funded by state or federal funds?
  - Development roads are state funded, I-94 NS is a mix of funding sources including Federal and State
  - Development roads did not receive federal funds due to schedule demands
    - No FY2018 state projects were delayed due to the state funding the development roads
- Tribes would like additional coordination related to economic development for Foxconn projects.
  - Brett Wallace will work with Kelly Jackson to develop a strategy. Region liaison (Liz Callin) will assist as appropriate.

#### **8. Southeast Region Six Year Program Overview – Cindy Flower, Region Programming Engineer**

- Are there projects that will include the Native American Hiring provision?

- One is upcoming S. 60<sup>th</sup> St. SE Region has had one project previously
  - Follow-up: SE Region to receive best practices, hold pre-ad meeting with tribes and project team
- Mega/Majors projects could establish stronger outreach to tribal communities
  - Follow-up: Brett Wallace to contact Kelly Jackson about outreach opportunities for development roads. Kelly Jackson and Liz Callin to discuss opportunities for tribal involvement in I-94 N-S Mega project.

**9. Project updates (projects with tribal involvement) – Liz Callin, SE Region Tribal Liaison**

- No discussion

**10. Native American labor utilization for region projects – reports and trends – Liz Callin and Cyless Peterson, TLAC Coordinator**

- What are the total employment hours available?
  - Follow-up: Liz to provide an update (included in FTP link and email)
- Are the numbers/percentages different in other regions
  - Similar numbers, other regions have fewer projects but more tribal lands and tribal preference.

**11. Open Discussion**

- Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development has added specific tribal identifiers to their database. WisDOT would like to do similar.
- Forest County would like to have additional economic development coordination.
  - Follow-up: Todd Mulvey to provide contact information
- Surplus lands
  - Liz Callin will Send link to WisDOT website (included in email)
- Presentations
  - Liz Callin will send to the invitees (included in FTP link)