

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT LISTENING SESSION
CRANDON, WISCONSIN
OCTOBER 15TH – 16TH, 2009
UNDERSTANDING WISDOT AND THPO CULTURES

Background:

In 2005, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Federal Highways Administration WI Division and Wisconsin's 11 Tribes signed the Partnership Agreement which laid has led to the undertaking of several innovative projects and initiatives including the WisDOT Tribal Historic Preservation Project, the WisDOT-Tribal Task Force, various training efforts, and WisDOT's Annual Tribal Transportation Conference to name in a few.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Project has been on the forefront in working with the Tribes to update Chapter 26 of the Facilities Development Manual (FDM) which outlines the Section 106 Consultation process. In addition, the project has organized and provided opportunities for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) and WisDOT employees to network and strengthen relationships in WisDOT project consultation efforts.

In 2006, the first listening session was held which brought together stakeholders to discuss cultural resources work in the state. This year's session, builds on those efforts and meetings held throughout the year, and is designed to facilitate discussion and understanding of both WisDOT and THPO culture, and to build better partnerships in cultural resource preservation (historic and archaeological resources). The format will include both presentations and roundtable type discussions.

Objective:

Improve working relationships at the project level by identifying and removing communication barriers, and sharing perspectives on tribal cultural resources. Participating organizations will include the tribes, WisDOT, archaeology firms, the State Historic Preservation Office, and Federal Highways.

Expected Outcome:

More effective communications between WisDOT project teams and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers resulting in better informed project decisions, earlier conflict identification, and more predictable project progress.

Targeted WisDOT Audience/attendees:

It is anticipated approximately 60 participants will attend this listening session. WisDOT is projected to send 35 individuals; no more than 5 from each region, and no more than 10 from the statewide bureaus (recommended attendees are shown in the table below). From the remaining 25, seven are expected to come from WisDOT's Local Program Master Consultants, with the remainder coming from FHWA, SHPO, and experts.

Regional Staff	Statewide Bureaus Staff	External Audience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Coordinators • Communications Staff • Tribal Liaisons • Planning/Design Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Liaisons • Cultural Resource Staff • Tribal Liaison • Planning/Design Staff • Local Roads Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Roads program (Master Consultants) • Environmental Consultants

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DAY 1: WisDOT Culture

Overview:

Day One is comprised of presentations of information from the WisDOT Staff on the functions, or Culture, of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in terms of historic preservation

Time	Topic	Presenters
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer and Drum Group • Introduction from Tribal President • Introduction to Event Expectations and the day's expectations • Participants Introduction • Information Packets and Evaluation 	
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Cultural Exchange	
10:15 am – 10:30	Break	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Summary of Partnership between WisDOT and THPOs/WITRC	Kelly Jackson and Alyssa Macy
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	FDM Update & Q&A	James Becker III
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH (provided) Cultural Exchange Karl Lusic, Presentation on Lac Butte de Morte	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	WisDOT Culture: Life of a Project	Sandy Stankevich and Brett Pickard
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break and Cultural Exchange	
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Local Roads	
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	WisDOT Maintenance Discussion	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner Event	

DAY 2: THPO Culture

Overview:

Day Two will be comprised of the THPO/WITRC members on the functions, or Culture, of tribal programs in terms of historic preservation

Time	Topic	Presenters
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome and Recap of Day 1 Cultural Exchange	Dr. Tom Gate and Corina Burke
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Tribal Preservation Programs Highlights	Corina Burke (lead
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Cultural Exchange	
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Overview of Tribal Assessments	Kelly Jackson
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	THPO Culture: More than "Review and Respond"	Dr. Tom Gates
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	LUNCH (provided) Cultural Exchange	
1:15 pm – 4:00 pm	2007 Listening Session Report Round-table discussion Working Session	Kelly Jackson