

**TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT LISTENING SESSION**  
**NORTH STAR CASINO & RESORT ~ BOWLER, WI**  
**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> 2011**  
*Honoring Our Past While Building Our Future*

**Background:**

In 2005, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Federal Highways Administration WI Division and Wisconsin's 11 Tribes signed the Partnership Agreement which has led to 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 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. Changes to the manual were adopted by the agency in November of 2010. 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. In 2009, the second listening session built on those efforts and meetings held throughout the year, and were 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).

This year's listening session will focus on sustaining the relationship between the WisDOT and the Tribes, while facing several changes in Administration, the newly adopted changes to the Facilities Development Manual Chapter 26 and the new Partnership Agreement. 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 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, Tribal Leadership, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Tribal Roads Programs, Planners, Environmental staff, etc.

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

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**DAY 1: WORKSHOP**

**Understanding Archaeological Reports and Other Forms of Documentation**

**Workshop Instructors:** Dr. Katherine Stevenson, Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center  
 Cynthia M. Stiles, Archaeological Consultant

The primary goal of this workshop is to familiarize the participants with various forms of documentation generated by federal and state historic preservation laws, particularly the Section 106 process. Documents include archaeological reports, research and data recovery plans, National Register of Historic Places Determinations of Eligibility and Nominations, Memoranda of Agreement, Memoranda of Understanding, permits to conduct archaeological work, and commonly used forms. The instructors will also provide a manual with examples of these documents.

**Paraprofessional certification:** This training serves as one day in the annual certification. All participants whether in the paraprofessional program or not, will receive a certificate of completion if they attend the full day.

**Participants are encouraged to bring examples of document types they would like to discuss during the workshop.**

**DAY 2: LISTENING SESSION**

Time	Topic	Presenters
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer and Drum Group</li> <li>• Introduction from Tribal President</li> <li>• Introduction from WisDOT Administration</li> <li>• Introduction to Event Expectations and the day's expectations</li> <li>• Participants Introduction</li> <li>• Information Packets and Evaluation</li> </ul>	Dan Grasser
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Cultural Exchange	Kelly Jackson and Melinda Young
10:15 am – 10:30	Break	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	ACHP - Delegation of Consultation Authority	ACHP Representative
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	New WisDOT Historic Preservation Policy: Training Overview	Jim Becker, Melinda Young and Dave Overstreet
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH (provided) Cultural Exchange Native Flute Presentation – Darren Thompson Poetry Reading – Tinker Schuman	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Integrating Cultural Resources in Local Roads Projects	Jim Becker, George Thompson, Mary Forlenza (unconfirmed)
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Break and Cultural Exchange	Kelly Jackson and Melinda Young
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Success Stories – WisDOT 47/55 Project - Lake Butte Des Morte	Rosie Meer and Dave Overstreet Jim Becker and Dave Grignon
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	TraNS and Native American Hiring Provision	Kelly Jackson and Danielle Yancey
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speaker- Understanding Tribal Sovereignty</li> <li>- Special Recognition Certificate</li> </ul>	

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**DAY 3: LISTENING SESSION**

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8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome and Recap of Day 1 Cultural Exchange	Dr. Tom Gates and Melinda Young
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Leadership Panel – Balancing Preservation and Infrastructure, Employment needs.	Tribal Leadership Panel
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Cultural Exchange	Kelly Jackson and Melinda Young
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Panel – Places of Significance in R.O.W. and Maintenance and Utility Impacts	Brent Pickard, Larry Balber, Jim Becker, and County Hwy Assoc. and/or Maintenance
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Stakeholders Panel – Discussing Preservation Partnerships: DNR, Voigt Taskforce, SHPO, FHWA	(Unconfirmed participants)
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	LUNCH (provided) Cultural Exchange Keynote Speaker	
1:15 pm – 4:00 pm	2009 Listening Session Report Round-table discussion Working Session	Dr. Tom Gates and Melinda Young