



Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Inter-Tribal Task Force
Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference Agenda
October 27-29, 2026
Potawatomi Casino Hotel
1721 W Canal St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

Rev. 10/08/26

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026 Pre-Conference Meetings

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Everyone
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Meetings Inter-Tribal Task Force, Tribal Labor Advisory Committee, and Tribal Historic Preservation Office (Program Representatives Only)	Representatives and ITTF, THPO, and TLAC Coordinators
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Conference Setup	Tribal Affairs Team and Partners
4:30 pm Onwards	Dinner on your own	Everyone

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 WTTC - Day 1

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration Event Center	Everyone
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Session Opening Welcome Song: Fire Nation Honor Guard: Forest County Potawatomi Veterans Invocation/Welcome: Brooks Boyd, Forest County Potawatomi Chairman	Jeremy Weso Emcee
9:30am - 10:30 am	Opening Remarks WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman Todd Kennedy, Interim Director, BIA-Midwest Region Milo Booth, FHWA Director of Tribal Government Affairs	Jeremy Weso Emcee
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Morning Networking Break	Everyone
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Success Stories Panel Darian White, ANASA Traffic Control; Doris Menore, Quality Control Field Technician, Walbec Group; Tyler Pamanet, Operating Engineer, Walbec Group; Paul Gutierrez, C-Card Trainee, Walbec Group; and Dillon Wagnitz, Mole Lake Highway Department	Dan Webster Emcee
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch and Keynote Address Corey Zetts, Menominee Valley – 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Jeremy Weso Emcee
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Afternoon Networking Break	Everyone

Day 1 Breakout Sessions			
	Session 1 Room: Harmony	Session 2 Room: Prosperity	Session 3 Room: Clarity
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Tribal Transportation Program Overview Dave O'Donahue, BIA; Chris Kwilinski, FHWA; and Matt Bird, FHWA	Highway 8 Projects Todd Mulvey, FCPC Transportation Director	Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Tondra Davis, Director, WisDOT Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance (OBOEC)
Moderator	Bobbi Retzlaff	Dillon Wagnitz	Stephanie Metoxen
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Afternoon Networking Break		Everyone
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Native American Hiring Provision Panel Dan Webster, Walbec Group Director of Workforce Development & Community Engagement; Cyless Peterson, WisDOT Tribal Affairs Project Manager; and Stephanie Metoxen, Nation Building Strategy Manager	Hazardous Materials Investigations and Highway Construction Sharlene TeBeest, WisDOT Hazardous Materials Specialist	Government-to-Government Agreement Panel Oneida Nation: Troy Parr, Community Development Manager; Kyle Skenandore, Tribal Transportation Civil Engineer, and Curtis Riedy, Outagamie Co. Hwy Cmm'r,
Moderator	Jonas G. Hill	Lynn Cloud	
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Engagement Event HCST Graduates, Contractors, and DBEs		Collin Price Emcee
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Networking Reception – Harmony Room hors d'oeuvres – cash bar		Everyone
5:30 pm onwards	Dinner on your own		Everyone

Thursday, October 29, 2026
WTTC - Day 2

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration	Everyone
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Session Opening Welcoming Remarks: Noel Vandiver, ITTF Co-Chair Jerry Mentzel, WisDOT DTSD Deputy Administrator	Brian Kowalkowski Emcee
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Networking Break	Everyone

Day 2 Breakout Sessions

	Session 1 Room: Harmony	Session 2 Room: Prosperity	Session 3 Room: Clarity
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Promoting Partnership Panel Patrick Vandersanden, WCHA; Roland Hawk, Wood Co. Hwy Cmm'r; Troy Parr, Oneida Nation Roads Manager; Todd Mulvey, FCPC Transportation Director, Charlie Thannum, Northwest Regional Tribal Liaison	Rebuilding Pathways Tribal Reentry & Workforce Opportunities in Transportation – Cyless Peterson, WisDOT Tribal Affairs Project Manager; Noel Vandiver, Sokaogon Roads Manager and HCST Coordinator; Dan Webster, Walbec Group Director of Workforce Development & Community Engagement; Collin Price, Heena Development Owner	Using Data and Community Maps to Support Tribal Funding Applications Steven T. Parker, Ph.D., Information Technology Program Manager for the Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory (TOPS Lab) at the University of Wisconsin- Madison
Moderator	Jeremy Weso	Maria Rodriguez (Bay Area Workforce Development)	Brian Kowalkowski
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Networking Break		Everyone
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Mound Identification A Guide to Mound Identification in Wisconsin - Amy Rosebrough, Ph.D., Staff Archaeologist, Wisconsin Historical Society	Walking Trails and Indigenous Design Jennifer Gauthier, Director, College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute	Project Scoping Process Tree removal and preservation along roadways. Stacy Hagenbucher, WisDOT NCR Project Manager; and Kai Kilen, WisDOT NCR Project Development Engineer
Moderator	Tashena Vanzile	Stephanie Metoxen	Jonas G. Hill
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch and Tribal Excellence Award Presentation WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman and Rebecca Burkel, WisDOT DTSD Administrator Honor Dance		Everyone Honorees
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Conference Close Traveling Song by Fire Nation		Everyone
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Harley Davidson Museum Tour To Be Determined		Transportation on your own