

**Final – approved at 9/21/07 ACTT Meeting**  
**Advocacy Council for Tribal Transportation**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15, 2007 – Northern Lights Casino, Walker, MN**

A meeting of the Advocacy Council for Tribal Transportation (ACTT) was held on June 15, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Northern Lights Casino, Walker, MN.

Mike Moilanen, Co-Chair, ACTT (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe), called the meeting to order and welcomed the ACTT members and guests to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.

**Members Present:**

Mike Moilanen, Co-Chair, Mille Lacs  
Marc Mogan, Prairie Island Indian Community  
Steve Kleeberger, Leech Lake  
David Enblom, Cass County  
Jeff Tillman, SEH (City Alt.)  
Dave Trooien, Mn/DOT  
Jason Hollinday, Fond du Lac  
Linda Aitken, Mn/DOT

**Members Absent:**

Carl Dagen, Bois Forte  
Dave Danz, Grand Portage  
Jody Goodthunder, Lower Sioux Community  
Jim Walker, Red Lake  
Burny Tibbetts, Co-Chair, White Earth  
Teresa Peterson, Upper Sioux Community  
Lester Morris, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux  
Community  
Donald May, Red Lake  
Mike Robinson, Mn/DOT

Jason Hollinday, Fond du Lac  
Annamarie Hill, MN Indian Affairs Council  
Cheryl Cloud, Mich TTAP  
Bill Vogel, Grand Portage (Alt.)  
Jolynn Shopteese, MIAC (Alt.)  
Tom Sorel, FHWA – MN Division  
Cheryl Martin, FHWA – MN Division  
Tom Fronk, BIA (Alt.)  
Brian Freeberg, City of Bemidji

**Guests Present:**

Sue Groth, Mn/DOT Office of Traffic, Safety & Operations  
Jim Henrickson, Mn/DOT Office of Investment Management

**Old business**

- Reviewed minutes of 3/23/07 ACTT meeting and made corrections on Page 3 – change Cheryl Martin to Cheryl Cloud.
- Roadside Vegetation Management – Mille Lacs will be meeting with Mn/DOT on June 18.

- ▶ Cheryl Cloud - Email report:
  - \* Roadside Vegetation Toolbox - I have assigned this task to TTAP staff & we are busy gathering material for it, from other federal agencies (Department of Agriculture, DNR, etc.)
  - \* Minnesota ACTT Weftab on TTAP website - Should be up and accessible on the ttap website, [www.ttap.mtu.edu](http://www.ttap.mtu.edu) by Friday's meeting. We can post things there as the committee likes - minutes, tools, resources, contacts, what have you. You guys tell me what you want there and what you don't, okay? We also have the ability to host web discussion forums, like Bernie Tibbetts does, if the group wants to utilize us for that too.
- Discussed who will replace Carl Dagen. Jeff Tillman will contact Bois Forte. Linda asked to review ACTT membership next meeting
- Discussed the D-4 noxious weed study. D-4 will bring to ACTT when the report is available.
- 2007 Tribes & Transportation Conference – October 9 & 10 (see purple handout) request input for the conference agenda
  - ▶ Steve discussed the BIA inventory issue – IRR Funding
  - ▶ Linda – how can partnerships fund projects and attract different funding
    - Highlight successful partnerships
    - Can MN come up with its own model – possible a model for the rest of the country
    - Funding breakout sessions: BIA/IRR issue/ Federal Lands (Bob Sparrow)/FTA/Forest Roads
    - Linda – would like to have more “interactive” sessions
    - Dave Emblom/Jim Koivisto – will try to get the county engineers who are within reservation lands together on October 9 & 10
- Long Range Transportation Plan – Jim Henricksen (handouts)
  - ▶ Jim presented 2 handouts on the Plan’s development, schedule and outreach. He said the updated plan (last on updated in 2003) will be a “statewide” plan instead of a Mn/DOT plan. Jim reviewed the statewide themes from the outreach meetings held during March & April, 2007 with statewide ATP. Discussed the purpose/intent of the new update
  - ▶ Jim - how do tribes want to be involved/informed. District/Tribe meetings
  - ▶ Jim – the long-range plan is to set policy guidelines
  - ▶ Steve – need a statewide plan to include IRR roads and requested this be put on the next ACTT agenda.
- Tribal Reservation Signing – Sue Groth
  - ▶ Sue provided an update of the work done by the sub-committee and the working draft of the Reservation Signing in Minnesota brochure. Sue will send out a final draft for the September meeting.

## **New Business**

- Increased Traffic Safety in Tribal Locations - Dave Trooien & Sue Groth (handouts)
  - ▶ Discussed the possibility of a TZD effort on Indian reservations, either on a tribal basis or a corridor basis
  - ▶ Sue – reviewed the TZD effort in Mn/DOT’s District 6, Rochester
  - ▶ Mille Lacs will be meeting on the issue on June 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Cloud with Sue Groth regarding the TH 169 corridor

Next meeting will be held on Friday September 21 at Mille Lacs Reservation. Meeting scheduled to run 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## **Handouts:**

Minutes of March 23, 2007 Meeting

Working Draft: Statewide Transportation Plan Development Outline & Schedule

Statewide Themes from ATP Outreach Meetings

Reservation Signing in Minnesota (draft)

ACTT Issue Description: Increased Traffic Safety in Tribal Locations

PPT – Tribal Safety Issues on American Indian Reservation (from 2006 T&T Conference)

Traffic Fatality Crash Information 2003

Minutes were provided by Dave Trooien, Mn/DOT District 8; and Linda Aitken, Mn/DOT CO.