

US 2 Study

Ashland – Hurley (Corridor Study)
East Corporate Limits to US 51 Intersection
Ashland and Iron Counties
WisDOT Project ID 1180-05-03

Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting #1

November 13, 2014
Chief Blackbird Center, Odanah



Study Team

- ▶ Tribal Advisory Committee
- ▶ WisDOT
 - Brent Pickard – NW Region
 - Marc Bowker – NW Region Project Manager
- ▶ Consultant Team
 - Darin Blang (OTIE) – Consultant Project Manager
 - Ryan Murphy (OTIE) – Consultant Project Engineer
- ▶ Tribal Liaison
 - Mike Berlin



Purpose of Meeting

- ▶ Provide an overview of the US 2 study
- ▶ Discuss the role of Tribal Advisory Committee
- ▶ Discuss study objectives and approach
- ▶ Review the study schedule
- ▶ Gather information and input



Project Overview



Tribal Advisory Committee

- ▶ Provide tribal information and input
- ▶ Made up of tribal members
 - Tribal council members
 - Tribal operations
 - Others?
- ▶ Will meet five times
 - Introduce study and gather data
 - Review existing conditions
 - Develop alternatives
 - Discuss impacts of alternatives
 - Discuss Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



Study History

- ▶ Reconstruction design began in 2000
- ▶ Due to unresolved construction staging issues and deterioration of driving surface, WisDOT committed to:
 - Complete resurface project under traffic
 - Complete advanced coordination with the tribe for future reconstruction project



Study Objectives and Approach

- ▶ Evaluate existing roadway
 - Operations/safety
 - Historic/cultural resources
 - Environmental constraints
 - Standards
- ▶ Develop alternatives
 - Maintain or improve safety and operations
 - Address local concerns



Study Approach

- ▶ Evaluate alternatives and quantify impacts
- ▶ Develop consensus
 - Mutually agreed upon improvement plan and construction staging
 - MOU



Existing Data

- ▶ Traffic volumes
 - 2012 traffic volumes range from 4,500 to 5,100 vehicles per day
- ▶ Crash data
 - 65 crashes (2009 – July 2014)
 - Total and injury crash rates are below statewide averages for similar roadways
 - Fatal crash rate is slightly above statewide average
 - 65% of crashes are single vehicle crashes



Study Schedule

Data gathering	Fall/Winter 2014
Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting #1 (Introduce Study and Gather Info).....	November 13, 2014
Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting #2 (Data Gathering Review).....	Winter 2015
Summary of Existing Conditions	Winter 2015
Local Officials Meeting #1	Winter/Spring 2015
Alternatives Development and Evaluations	Spring/Summer 2015
Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting #3 (Develop Alternatives).....	Spring 2015
Local Officials Meeting #2.....	Summer 2015
Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting #4 (Discuss Impacts of Alternatives)	Fall 2015
Local Officials Meeting #3.....	Fall 2015
Draft MOU	Winter 2015
Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting #5 (Discuss MOU).....	Winter 2015-2016
Final MOU	Winter 2016



What do we want to accomplish today?

- ▶ Identify major resources and concerns
 - Historic/cultural
 - Additional safety concerns
 - Others?
- ▶ Identify appropriate contacts for data gathering
 - Arch/historic
 - Wetlands and other environmental resources
 - Potential hazardous materials sites
- ▶ Begin discussion on priorities for US 2 corridor

