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Western ND Transportation Liaison

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The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute / Local Technical Assistance Program (UGPTI/LTAP) have partnered to advance transportation technical support to the leaders of Western ND and the MHA Nation.

The objective is to expand the level of multi-jurisdictional transportation planning, programming and operations to create a new model for inter-jurisdictional transportation management.

Early identification of transportation issues and potential solutions, processes or training to assist the local leaders in Western ND.

One full time position and one half time position are provided for this effort with office space located in the NDDOT - Williston District offices.

NDDOT is funding this partnership until December 31, 2024.



Matthew Johnson, PE

27 years of experience in the transportation industry

Assistant City Engineer and City Engineer from 1994 to 2002 in MN and IA

18 years as a Consultant Engineer in Bottineau, ND

Graduate of the University of North Dakota with a BS in Civil Engineering



Ed Ryen, PE

Ed has more than 40 years of experience in transportation engineering. He brings valuable knowledge in construction, bridge inspection/structures, planning, emergency operations and highway technology, such as ESS, RWIS and ITS.

Experience:

2020 – Present, Western ND Transportation Liaison Assistant, NDLTAP

2016 – 2020, Senior Project Manager, WSB – Bismarck ND

2013 – 2016, TRAC Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation

2011 – 2012, Transportation Manager, HDR – Bismarck ND

1979 – 2011, Transportation Engineer, North Dakota Department of Transportation

Graduate of North Dakota State University with a BS in Civil Engineering

Main Objectives of the Western North Dakota Transportation Liaison Program (WNDTLP)

- Advance transportation planning, project scheduling, asset management, and operations-based technology-transfer concepts.
- Promote uniform transportation level-of-service concepts for local road networks.
- Identify multi-jurisdictional transportation issues at the earliest point in time.
- Monitor transportation issue development within the 4 largest oil producing counties and the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

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- Coordinate initial transportation issue resolution discussions with the state, county, city, township and/or tribal entities to determine logical resolution steps and strategies.
- Enhance the current UGPTI Tribal Liaison Program by providing travel reduction opportunities.
- Identify training and technology training needs for the jurisdictions and coordinate the delivery with the appropriate state or university provider.

Partnerships and Assistance Needed

- Collaborate with local officials to identify needs in the transportation network.
- Work to integrate transportation planning across a regional network.
- Collaborate with the energy industry to provide Counties and Cities a real time transportation forecast.
- Attend County Commission and City Council meetings to identify needs and potential transportation issues.
- Work with MHA Nation to assist in transportation planning and programming.

Thank you for the time to present the Western ND Transportation Liaison Program

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