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Will Ware Appointed to Governor’s Transportation Advisory Board



JUNEAU, AK (October 28, 2016) – Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) Tribal Transportation Manager Will Ware has been appointed to the tribal seat on the Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board. Will joins 12 other members who have been tasked to analyze community and public transportation services in Alaska and make recommendations for improved agency coordination and combining of services to achieve cost savings in the funding and delivery of transportation services. The board will also assess the community and public transportation needs of Alaskans and recommend means for the removal of barriers that prevent coordination of services to meet those needs—the board was established in 2012.

“Transportation in Alaska is vital to our communities and economy. I’m excited to serve on this board and represent our Alaska Native people to advance the transportation needs for our villages as the state moves forward in making efficiency improvements to the infrastructure of Alaska’s transportation services,” said Will Ware.

Will was hired as Tribal Transportation Manager in June 2013. He is responsible for administering all Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funding for Central Council and the Organized Village of Saxman. The Tribal Transportation department also partners with Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority, State of Alaska, City and Borough of Juneau, City of Saxman, and Ketchikan Gateway Borough to identify transportation system priorities which are developed and incorporated into the Tribe’s Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Will currently serves as the Chair for the Inter-Tribal Transportation Association, Co-Chair of the National Congress of American Indians Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and committee member on the Alaska Marine Highway System Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Will (*Lgeik’I Eesh*) is of the Raven moiety and *Ta’k Dein Taan* clan. He was raised in Petersburg, Alaska by his mother Patricia Svetlak (*Chanaat Tlaa*) and grandparents Billy (*Sagooch*) and Martha James (*Kaatsu Waa*) where Tlingit culture, values, and traditions were a part of his everyday life. Will and his wife Christy have four children - Evan (9), Adam (15), Brandon (16), and Billy (20).

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