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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

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Wednesday, July 27, 2016

10 a.m. to 12 noon

San Pasqual Indian Reservation
San Pasqual Tribal Hall
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Valley Center, CA 92082

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **INTRAREGIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY - UPDATE**



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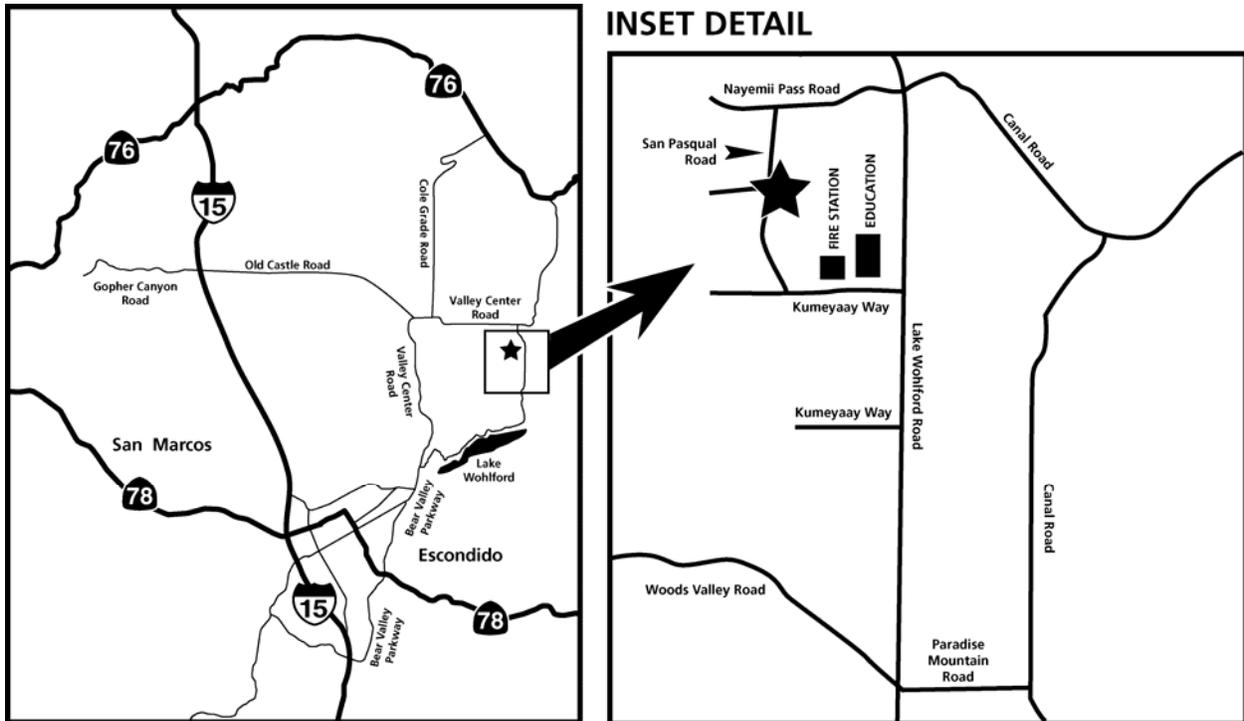
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Look for signs for Valley View Casino
Turn right on N Lake Wohlford Road
Turn Right on Kumeayaay Way
Go up hill, look for signs for Tribal Hall
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INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

ITEM NO.		RECOMMENDATION
1.	<p>WELCOME BY SAN PASQUAL TRIBAL COUNCIL AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>The San Pasqual Tribal Council will welcome the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues (Working Group) members and public to their tribal nation.</p>	INFORMATION
2.	<p>PUBLIC/MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Adam Geisler, Working Group Co-Chair, La Jolla)</p> <p>Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Working Group on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a "Request to Speak" form and giving it to the meeting coordinator prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the meeting coordinator if they have a handout for distribution to Working Group members. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Working Group members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.</p>	INFORMATION
+3.	<p>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Adam Geisler, Working Group Co-Chair, La Jolla)</p> <p>The Working Group is asked to review approve the minutes from its April 4, 2016, meeting hosted by the Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indians.</p>	APPROVE
CONSENT		
+4.	<p>UPDATE ON TRIBAL ASPECTS OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT (James Glaze; Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP)</p> <p>2016 is an important year for tribal transportation policy development. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act is bringing major changes to tribal transportation programs, most importantly the extension of tribal self-governance principles to all branches of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT). A new tribal-federal negotiated-rulemaking committee will develop rules to govern the new U.S. DOT tribal self-governance program. The U.S. DOT self-governance program also will open up new opportunities for tribal governments to access and manage grant funds from U.S. DOT agencies that tribes may not have worked with in the past. Attached is the Tribal Transportation Coalition Monthly Report courtesy of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP.</p>	INFORMATION

REPORTS

- +5. **DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED ROADWAY DEPARTURE SAFETY WORKSHOP IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
(Kelly Myers, National Indian Justice Center; Ken Kochevar, Federal Highway Administration Safety Program Manager)
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in conjunction with the National Indian Justice Center and others, have developed and provided two similar workshops in central and northern California. A modified version of the workshop will be offered to southern California tribes. A short description of what the workshop is on, why it is needed, and what is in it for the tribes will be presented. To have the best participation with the right tribal members, it will be proposed to have this at a future Working Group meeting in the afternoon (12 noon to 4 p.m.). Following the presentation, there will be time for members to ask questions and vote on if they think this workshop would be beneficial at a future meeting in August or September. Attached is the purpose and outline of the workshop.
6. **CALIFORNIA STATE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN**
(Frances Dea-Sanchez, Associate Transportation Planner, Caltrans)
- Caltrans is developing its first ever California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Plan), which will guide the planning and development of non-motorized transportation facilities and maximize the use of future investments on the State Highway System and other state facilities. The Plan also will lead to improved connectivity between the state's bicycle and pedestrian facilities with the network of local and regional roads, public transit, and intercity and passenger rail. Caltrans staff will share with the Working Group the timeline and opportunities for getting involved in the Plan.
- +7. **INTRAREGIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY - UPDATE**
(Jane Clough, SANDAG; Matt Horton, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; and Claudine Montes, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association)
- The Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association and SANDAG received a Caltrans Strategic Partnership Planning grant to develop an Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy. The first step is to gather existing information on projects in the region of significance to tribes, as well as information from all of the tribes in the region regarding their transportation issues. SANDAG staff and the project consultant will provide an update to the Working Group on the data collected thus far, as well as review ideas for the next step of developing project evaluation criteria. A dedicated workshop will be held later in the summer or early fall when all of the tribal surveys are processed.
- DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION
- INFORMATION
- DISCUSSION

**8. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT
(Adam Geisler, Working Group Co-Chair, La Jolla)**

**DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Working Group is asked to discuss potential topics for the next quarterly meeting, which should take place in September. As the July meeting was in the north, it is recommended that the meeting be held in the south. Note that a special Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy Project Advisory Meeting may be held prior to the next regular Working Group meeting; this may be in August.

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San Diego Association of Governments
INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL
TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

July 27, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

Action Requested: APPROVE

APRIL 4, 2016, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3400500

The meeting of the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues (Working Group) was called to order by Working Group Co-Chair, Adam Geisler (La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians) at 9:10 a.m.

1. WELCOME BY VIEJAS TRIBAL COUNCIL AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS (INFORMATION)

Councilmember Gabriel TeSam, Jr. (Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians) welcomed the group to the Viejas Tribal Hall. Tribal Elder Albert 'Boxie' Phoenix (Barona Band of Mission Indians) conducted the opening prayer. Meeting attendees made self-introductions.

Tribal Nations Represented: Barona Band of Mission Indians, Campo Kumeyaay Nation, Iipay Naion of Santa Ysabel, Jamul Indian Village. A Kumeyaay Nation, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians, and Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

2. MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public or member comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Eric LaChappa (La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation) made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2016, Working Group meeting. The motion was seconded by Erica Pinto (Jamul Indian Village. A Kumeyaay Nation). The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Working Group Co-Chair Geisler, Raymond Welch (Barona Band of Mission Indians), Mr. Phoenix, Marcus Cuero (Campo Kumeyaay Nation), Virgil Perez (Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel), Ms. Pinto, Mr. LaChappa, Dave Toler (San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians), and Donald Butz (Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians); No: None; Abstain: Councilmember TeSam, Jr.; Absent: Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Los Coyotes Band of Cahuila/Cupeño Indians, Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, and Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

CONSENT

4. 2016 TRIBAL TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY (INFORMATION)

Jane Clough (SANDAG) provided the Working Group with information regarding the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act Tribal Transit Grant Program, which was increased to \$35 million per year. Complete proposals for the Tribal Transit Program must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 13, 2016. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV APPLY function. Any tribe intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on the Federal Transportation Administration's website at http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/15926_3553.html and in the "FIND" module of GRANTS.GOV. The Federal Register Notice of Opportunity is attached. California and Nevada tribal grantees should direct all questions on grant development to Hymie Luden at hymie.luden@dot.gov.

REPORTS

5. FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT: IMPLICATIONS FOR TRIBAL NATIONS (INFORMATION)

Jim Glaze (Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP) provided an overview of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act Tribal Transportation Program Funding, which will provide funding for five years. There is a \$175 million increase in funding for tribes over the five-year period. The other funding increase is in formula funding for transit, which is going from \$30 million to \$35 million. The new 'self-governance' program will allow tribes to develop a master agreement with the Department of Transportation that will apply to their contracts with any agency under the Department of Transportation. There will be a new rulemaking process to put this law into place. It is important for tribal leaders to be involved in how this law is set up. The Rulemaking deadline is September 27, 2016. This is an opportunity for tribes to work directly with federal agency staff who most likely have never worked with tribes before, which makes it an opportunity to educate and to be sure tribes are able to be part of all programs and expand the menu of grants available to tribes. For further reference, the presentation from Mr. Glaze is posted on the SANDAG website at: sandag.org/index.asp?meetingid=4422&fuseaction=meetings.detail.

Working Group Co-Chair Geisler commented that participating in the Rulemaking process is critical because this is where the money is and if tribes don't weigh in on how the rules are set up, they will pay the price. Setting up the rules on how the self-governance agreements will look is critical. The structure of the funding agreements is vitally important. He noted that there are a lot of opportunities for tribes to access funding from many new sources. Mr. Glaze also mentioned that the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Tribal Government Affairs position has not been filled. This position would oversee the rulemaking process so it is critical this position be filled. It is long overdue. Mr. Geisler thought the Working Group should write a letter to advocate for filling the position, as well as individual tribes. Mr. Glaze encouraged the tribal representatives to think about sending a letter as it would be helpful to have California tribes included in the tribes sending letters urging the fulfillment of this position. He offered to send a sample template letter along after the meeting.

Kelly Myers (National Indian Justice Center) added that the first study mentioned on page 22 of the agenda package is due on August 1, 2016. The purpose of this study is to improve the collection and

sharing of data on crashes on Indian reservations. Ms. Myers also noted that Adam Larsen of the U.S. Department of Transportation has made himself available for assistance with the study at adam.larsen@dot.gov.

6. INTRAREGIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY – UPDATE (DISCUSSION)

Working Group Co-Chair Geisler introduced the item and emphasized the importance of developing a strategy as a group. He further commented that documents and data are what lead to the funding opportunities.

Jane Clough (SANDAG), Andrew Orozco (San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians), and Matt Horton (Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.) updated the Working Group on the Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy (ITTS). Draft surveys specific to each tribe were handed out for review.

Mr. Horton provided an overview of the scope of work and key tasks. He provided a list of the type of data compiled to date, which is an inventory of transportation needs. Mr. Horton explained that the data has been compiled for each tribe and included in personalized surveys. He continued to explain how the survey will be used to confirm the listed projects and to add new projects. Emphasis was placed on explaining the paired comparison exercise on page 3 of the survey.

Mr. Orozco introduced himself to the Working Group and noted his work with the ITTS Project Development Team. Mr. Orozco provided commentary on the importance of tribal participation in the survey. He continued by noting that finalized printed copies of the survey would be handed out during the next Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (SCTCA) meeting on April 19, 2016. Upon receiving the surveys, delegates of each tribe will have five weeks to complete the survey and return to Ms. Clough and/or Claudine Montes (SCTCA) by Friday, May 27, 2016.

Mr. LaChappa is interested in having Ms. Montes go to La Posta Tribe to go through the survey.

Mr. Butz asked that the survey be provided digitally in order to share the draft with other tribal members for additional input. Mr. Geisler added that having the survey put on a USB port would also be beneficial for sharing electronically.

Mr. Geisler commented on the importance of safety and cultural resources in setting the goals and priorities.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT CALL FOR PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

Sarah Pierce (SANDAG) gave a brief presentation of the Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant, noting that tribes are eligible and highly encouraged to apply.

Working Group Co-Chair Charles “Muggs” Stoll (SANDAG) further emphasized the interest in having tribes participate in the program.

Mr. Geisler asked about matching requirements. Ms. Pierce explained that no match is required for the first program and that points are awarded for matching funds in the second program.

Mr. Geisler asked about contract waivers, to which Ms. Pierce noted she would look into and that SANDAG contract staff will be available at the April 20 workshop.

8. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Mr. Toler offered to host the next Working Group meeting. Two potential dates were identified in June: June 15 or June 22.

Agenda topics to be considered included:

- Update on rulemaking process
- Update on Tribal Transportation Strategy
- 202 funds transfers
- Caltrans Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance templates and updates

Co-Chair Adam Geisler adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

WORKSHOP

9. CALIFORNIA TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ASSESSMENTS PROJECT

Eduardo Serafin (University of California, Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies) gave a brief presentation on the Technology Transfer Program (Tech Transfer), which is implementing a new Caltrans-funded program to help California Native American communities identify and implement transportation safety solutions that will lead to improved safety for all. The new program is called the California Tribal Transportation Safety Assessment (T2SA) and will serve 15 selected federally-recognized Indian tribes in California.

Mr. Serafin introduced Nazir Lalani (Tech Transfer) and noted that he has done the only safety assessment for a tribal group in California, which was for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians.

Mr. Geisler emphasized that completing surveys is a great way to document tribal safety concerns, which could lead to funding resources. He noted, 'data leads to dollars.' Mr. Serafin added that in transportation, if it is not documented, it does not exist and that surveys are a great way to document issues.

Kelly Myers (Western Tribal Technical Assistance Program Project Manager, National Indian Justice Center) briefly presented a PowerPoint on the Western Tribal Transportation Training and Technical Assistance Program. She showed how the various projects related to tribal safety are connected.

Kristin Hawkom (Department of Public Health, Caltrans Districts 8, 11, 12) gave a brief presentation on the California State Bike and Ped Plan and Safe Routes to School. Mr. Serafin noted that active transportation cannot work unless there is an established safety plan or component, then continued to summarize T2SA by visiting the Berkeley Tech Transfer website <http://www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu>.

Mr. Butz commented that if all tribes within the San Diego region participate in the T2SA project that the Working Group will get a regional summary that could contribute significantly to the Tribal Transportation Strategy Project.

When whether geography would play into the selection of the 15 tribes to receive the technical assistance for the Safety Assessments, Chad Riding (Caltrans) explained that Caltrans would try to have geographic equity, although the overriding criteria will be how bad the conditions are in the different tribal areas. He also noted that the greatest number and most severe accidents occur between Central and Southern California.

Ms. Perez asked if as they are filling out the survey they should consider land outside of their reservation. Mr. Serafin responded that they should look at a five-mile buffer around their reservations.

Mr. Riding noted that some tribes in California straddle state borders, to which Ms. Myers responded that she would be willing to coordinate cross-border issues.

Mr. Serafin closed the session.

**INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 4, 2016**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Adam Geisler, Co-Chair	Yes	
Barona Band of Mission Indians	Raymond Welch	Yes	
	Albert "Boxie" Phoenix	Yes	
	Clifford LaChappa	No	
	Sheilla Alvarez, Alternate	Yes	
	Melissa Donayre, Alternate	No	
Campo Kumeyaay Nation	Harry Cuero, Jr.	No	
	Marcus Cuero, Alternate	Yes	
Ewiiapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Roberto Pinto, Sr.	No	
Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	Virgil Perez	Yes	
Inaja-Cosmit Reservation	VACANT	No	
Jamul Indian Village. A Kumeyaay Nation	Erica Pinto	Yes	
	Michael A. Hunter, Alternate	Yes	
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Thomas Rodriguez	No	
	Nathan Stout, Alternate	No	
	James Trujillo, Alternate	No	
	Mark Lofton, Alternate	No	
La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Eric LaChappa	Yes	
	Jovaughn Miller, Alternate	No	
Los Coyotes Band of Cahuila/Cupeño Indians	Shane Chapparosa	No	
Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Angela Elliott Santos	No	
Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians	Virgil Oyos	No	
Pala Band of Mission Indians	Robert Smith	No	
	Howard Maxcy Jr.	No	
	Sheila Lopez, Alternate	No	
	Marcos Orozco, Alternate	No	
Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians	Temet Aguilar	No	
	Dale Brush, Alternate	No	
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Frank Mazzetti, III	No	
	Alfonso Kolb, Sr., Alternate	No	

San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians	Steve Cope	No	
	Andrew Orosco, Jr., Alternate	Yes	
	Dave Toler, Alternate	Yes	
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Cody Martinez	No	
	Sid Morris, Alternate	No	
Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Robert "Cita" Welch, Jr.	Yes	Councilmember Gabriel TeSam, Jr.
	Victor Woods	No	
	Don Butz, Alternate	Yes	
	Darwin Tewanger, Alternate	No	
	Samuel Brown, Alternate	No	
ADVISORY MEMBERS LISTED BELOW (ATTENDANCE NOT COUNTED FOR QUORUM PURPOSES)			
Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association	Claudine Montes	Yes	
	Denis Turner, Alternate	No	
Reservation Transportation Authority	Tony Largo	No	
	Tanya Kingsley, Alternate	No	
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California	Steve Wilkie	No	Scarlett Carmona
	Robert "RJ" Eben, Alternate	No	Demery Bill
Caltrans, District 11	Chi Vargas	Yes	
County of San Diego	Eric Lardy	No	Bob Citrano
	Sheri McPherson, Alternate	No	Josh Menveille
Metropolitan Transit System	Janelle Carey	Yes	
	Sharon Cooney, Alternate	No	
North County Transit District	Johnny Dunning	No	
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TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION COALITION MONTHLY REPORT

1. Lobbying/Non-Lobbying Tribal Transportation Coalition Activities

- Appointment of first Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Tribal Government Affairs.
We are pleased to report that our Coalition member tribes have led a successful effort - supported by the Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus (TTUC) and other tribes across Indian Country – to convince President Obama and U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx to appoint the very first Deputy Assistant for Tribal Government Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation. The DAS position was first created in SAFETEA-LU, enacted in 2005, but tribes have had to wait for over 10 years for the federal government to fill this important position. With the support of our Coalition, Matt Jaffe was able to work closely with White House staff and Transportation Department officials to help ensure that the Obama Administration took action before leaving office.

Karen Diver, White House Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs, announced that Kenneth Martin has been appointed DAS for Tribal Government Affairs and will begin his duties at USDOT on May 16, 2016. To date, the position has been a collateral assignment of USDOT officials within the Office of the Secretary. The Tribal DAS is responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing the Department’s policy and programs serving tribes, coordinating tribal transportation programs and activities in all

modal administrations of the Department and being a participant in any negotiated rulemaking relating to, or having an impact on, programs, projects and funding associated with the tribal transportation program. With the recent notice in the Federal Register by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on April 25, 2016, announcing the establishment of a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to draft proposed regulations to implement the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program within the Department of Transportation, the President's appointment is quite timely.

Mr. Martin should have sufficient time in his new position at the Department prior to the first meeting of the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. In addition to his likely service as a senior agency official on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, Mr. Martin should also be able to educate USDOT officials as to the transportation needs and challenges faced by tribes. We wish Mr. Martin much success in his new position.

- Development of New Legislation to Improve BIA Right-Of-Way (ROW) Record-Keeping and Provide a Remedy for Tribes when the BIA Is Unable to Locate Proper ROW Records. We are currently working with Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) and his staff to advance right-of-way legislation that was originally part of the Tribal Transportation Unity Act (TTUA), but was not included in the FAST Act. Congressman Lujan's district includes the Navajo Nation and he is interested in ensuring that the BIA will promptly respond to Tribal and Congressional requests for ROW records. He was surprised to learn that the BIA often cannot locate critical Tribal ROW records so his staff asked Matt Jaffe and Jim Glaze to provide technical assistance to advance this important legislation. We are continuing to work with Congressman Lujan's staff, as well as NCAI officials and other tribal advocates, to advance this legislation and will keep you updated on new developments as they occur.
- Outreach to State and Municipal Officials to Partner with Tribal Governments on Mutually Beneficial Transportation Projects and Policies. We continue working to develop improved partnerships among Tribal, State and municipal transportation departments and to speed the transfer of funds from States to Tribes under the new 202(a)(9) fund transfer agreements. So far, at least three States have used the 202(a)(9) process to transfer federal –aid and other transportation funds to Tribes, and the list will grow in the near future. If your Tribe is interested in using this fund transfer process, please contact [Jim Glaze](#).

Mr. Glaze has also participated in several recent meetings with senior State and municipal transportation department officials - as well as the mayor of a major metropolitan area - to identify transportation program and funding efficiencies that can be employed to make it easier for our Tribal clients to work with States, counties, boroughs and cities on joint

transportation projects without waiving their sovereign immunity or exposing them to lawsuits in State courts. This effort has already resulting in several States joining with Tribes to press President Obama and Secretary Foxx to appoint the new Tribal DAS noted above, and they also supported the TTUC legislation during development of the FAST Act. We are also working to create new Tribal Transportation Advisory Committees in States that do not currently have them. Mr. Glaze has held meetings with top transportation officials from Alaska, California, Washington and Oklahoma to demonstrate the tremendous benefits that come from improved communication, collaboration and cooperation among Tribal, State and municipal transportation agencies. This work is on-going and we will report more in the months ahead.

- [Tribal Comments Regarding Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan](#). In response to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) request for comment concerning its proposed rule on Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans, we filed comments on behalf of a number of tribal clients. The FTA's proposed rule would require all public transportation operators receiving federal funding under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code, including Indian tribes, to create and certify compliance for a Public Agency Transportation Plan that meets certain regulatory conditions. The proposed rule would presume that states would be the primary drafters of agency safety plans, even for those tribal transit systems that receive only direct federal funding and have no contact with state transportation agencies.

The tribal comments propose exempting tribal transit systems from the proposed rule until the FTA has engaged in meaningful consultation with Indian tribes and published a model Tribal Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan—drafted in consultation with tribes—that could be used as a template by tribal transit agencies to satisfy the requirements of the rule. Further, after consultation and additional guidance, tribal transit agencies—rather than states—would then be responsible for implementing their safety plans. A copy of the tribal comments is available at the above hyperlink.

2. News from the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee

Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee Meets in New York, Elects New Chairman and Vice-Chairman and adds Regional Representatives to the Committee. The Committee convened at the Seneca Nation territories in New York State (Niagara Falls, Cattaraugus, and Allegeny) on May 2 through May 5, 2016. The Committee chose Rocky Mountain Region Primary Tribal representative and Eastern Shoshone Transportation Director, John “Big John” Smith, its new Chairman and Alaska Region Primary representative Edward K. “Sam” Thomas, Jr., Vice Chairman. Northwest Regional representative, Rick Galloway, will continue to serve as Committee Secretary. We congratulate them all. In addition, on April 27, 2016 letter, BIA Director Michael Black

notified the Coordinating Committee that the following individuals would serve two-year terms on the Committee: Wayne Wylie, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (Eastern Oklahoma Region – Primary representative); Lindsay Earls, Cherokee Nation (Eastern Oklahoma Region – Alternate representative); Ryan Riley, Pueblo of Laguna (Southwest Region Primary representative); Sasha Pachito, Gila River Indian Community (Western Region Primary representative); Sandra Shade, Ak-Chin Indian Community (Western Region Alternate tribal representative). According to BIA Director Black, the BIA did not receive any nominations from the Northwest Region.

Robert Sparrow, Director, Office of Tribal Transportation Programs, FHWA, presented an update to the Committee on the five-year highway measures, the “FAST Act,” including the establishment of the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program within the Department of Transportation and the new reporting obligations required of both tribes and the Secretary of Transportation. Tribes will need to provide an ARRA-type report on the use of “tribal shares” (project descriptions, status of work, expenditures, jobs created and maintained, etc.) by the end of the year. FHWA and BIADOT have developed a reporting mechanism through OMB-MAX which will be on-line for use by tribes by October 1, 2016. Mr. Sparrow also noted the two reports USDOT must provide to Congress in December 2016 and 2017, after consultation with the Secretaries of the Interior and Health and Human Services, the Attorney General and tribes (including the Tribal Transportation SMS Steering Committee), concerning the quality of transportation safety data, and an evaluation of options to improve safety on public roads in Indian country. We provide an [electronic copy](#) of Mr. Sparrow’s presentation.

Mr. Sparrow noted that his duties concerning the Coordinating Committee would be assumed by Mr. Brian Allen of his staff. Mr. Sparrow will stay on at FHWA and will oversee the convening of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to draft the proposed rule for the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program (Sec. 207 of the FAST Act).

BIADOT Division Chief, LeRoy Gishi, provided a presentation concerning the BIA Road Maintenance Program. He reported that for FY 2015, the BIA estimated that the deferred maintenance figure on BIA System-only roads, bridges and for the purchase of equipment was \$289.6 million. The BIA’s methodology for calculating deferred maintenance needs on BIA System roads was to estimate maintenance needs on these routes based on their Service Level Index (1-excellent, 2-good, 3-fair, 4-poor, and 5-failing).

Mr. Gishi’s presentation noted that the NTTFI includes an additional 18,328 miles of existing Tribally-owned public roads, only 1,067 of which are paved. Thus, 17,261 miles (94%) are gravel and earth routes that require more frequent maintenance than paved routes. Mr. Gishi noted that in addition to the reports required under the FAST Act

regarding the condition and safety of public roads in Indian country, Congressional Appropriations Committee reports and a GOA study are also directing the agencies to propose measures to improve road conditions and assess their existing unacceptable condition as it relates to school attendance and other quality of life measurements. BIADOT is also participating in the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) Road Maintenance Workgroup to analyze, record and develop data for road maintenance budget needs. We provide an [electronic copy](#) of Mr. Gishi's power point presentation. To date, BIADOT has not attempted to quantify the deferred maintenance figure for the 18,328 miles of tribally-owned public roads as well as an estimated 200 tribally-owned public bridges.

To rectify this, the Committee took up and approved a [letter](#) to the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) Tribal Co-Chairs, Edward K. "Sam" Thomas, Jr. and Ron Allen, informing them that the Coordinating Committee had asked BIADOT to develop a methodology to estimate deferred maintenance needs for Tribally-owned public transportation facilities, similar to the method BIADOT uses to estimate deferred maintenance needs on BIA System routes. As stated in the letter to the TIBC Tribal Co-chairs, "The lack of data regarding deferred maintenance needs for over 18,000 miles of existing tribal public routes undermines federal, State, local and tribal government measures to improve road safety and promote best practices to extend the useful life of such facilities." BIADOT was to develop its initial estimate of deferred maintenance needs for tribally-owned public roads and provide that data to the Committee at its next meeting.

The Committee also approved a letter to Lawrence Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, BIA, to follow up on the Committee's last letter to AS-IA Washburn and FHWA Associate Administrator Hess from November 2015. The Committee asked Mr. Roberts to provide the BIA's response on such "legacy" issues as detailed information on the breakdown, by tribe and BIA Region, regarding deferred maintenance data; a roll-out of and technical assistance training concerning the final Part 170 regulation for the Tribal Transportation Program which the agencies stated would be published in the Federal Register this month; a roll-out of and technical assistance training on the BIA's final rule concerning rights-of-way over Indian lands (25 CFR Part 169) now that the rule is in effect (April 21, 2016); implementation of the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) team; streamlining the award of TTP "tribal shares" in compliance with the 30 day statutory time-frame; and approving the Coordinating Committee's meeting schedule in advance to ensure the timely convening of meetings. We provide an electronic copy of the Committee's [May 5, 2016 letter](#) and referenced [November 17, 2015 letter](#).

Mr. Gareth Couch, National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center (NTGISC) Board President, presented an update on NTGISC and BIA's GIS Route Centerline Pilot

Project to the Committee. The project seeks to develop best practices regarding the use of GIS by tribal transportation departments to improve transportation programs, assets and facilities. A number of Indian tribes are participating in the pilot project, including Coalition clients the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and the Chickaloon Nation. Tribes are encouraged to go to www.tribalgis.com for more information.

3. News from Congress/The Administration

- [House and Senate differ on reauthorization of FAA.](#) With the Senate's overwhelmingly endorsement of the "Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016," April 19, 2016, by a vote of 95-3, the Senate is now on record as rejecting the proposal by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman, Bill Shuster (R-PA), to privatize the air traffic control (ATC) system in the United States. Chairman Shuster, joined by all House T&I Republicans, favorably reported H.R. 4441, the Aviation, Innovation Reauthorization and Reform Act, out of the T&I Committee earlier this year. No further action has occurred in the House regarding the measure.

4. Transportation and Infrastructure Development News from Federal Agencies

- [USDOT Announces Establishment of Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program.](#) Consistent with the FAST Act, the FHWA has published a Federal Register notice of intent to establish the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and is requesting comments and nominations. This notice marks the beginning of a new chapter to empower Indian tribes to assume greater responsibilities in the transportation arena. The Department is seeking representatives from all 12 BIA Regions and may convene a committee of up to 25 representatives. Nominations are due by June 9, 2016, and should be sent to Robert W. Sparrow, Director – Office of Tribal Transportation Program, Federal Highway Administration, Room E61-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20590. The notice is available at the above hyperlink.
- [FTA Hosting Online Dialogue on Best Practice Procurement Manual.](#) The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is revising its Best Practices Procurement Manual (BPPM), which provides assistance to grant recipients conducting FTA-funded procurements. As part of the revision process, the FTA is asking grantees, third party contractors, and other stakeholders to share via an Online Dialogue their challenges and common procurement concerns, as well as best practices and lessons learned. The Online Dialogue is open until May 20, 2016 and is available at the above hyperlink.
- [FHWA Develops Transportation and Health Tool.](#) The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has developed a Framework for Better Integrating Health into Transportation

Corridor Planning (“Framework”) to help transportation practitioners integrate health into their existing corridor planning processes. The tool provides data on a set of transportation and public health indicators for each U.S. state and metropolitan area that describe how the transportation environment affects safety, active transportation, air quality, and connectivity to destinations. The Transportation and Health Tool is available at the above hyperlink.

- [DOT Announces Grant Recipients for Clean Buses, Infrastructure](#). The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced the latest project selections for the Low and No-Emission Vehicle Deployment Program, known as Low-No. Seven transit providers in five states will receive a share of \$22.5 million toward transit buses and related facilities that utilize battery-electric, fuel cell, and other innovative technologies to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and improve operating efficiency. The press release, containing a link to the list of recipients, is available at the hyperlink above.
- [FTA Requests Nominations for Administrator’s Award](#). The FTA invites nominations from rural transit systems to be considered for the 2016 FTA Administrator’s Award for Outstanding Public Service in Rural Public Transportation. Nominations are due May 15th. The awards will be presented at the 22nd National Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference in Asheville, NC October 2-5, 2016. More information is available at the above hyperlink.
- [FTA Announces New Environmental Q&As](#). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have issued guidance on the applicability of certain FAST Act environmental provisions. [One guidance document](#) concerns the applicability of the statutory environmental review framework at 23 U.S.C. § 139 to projects. The [second guidance document](#) provides information on the applicability of new statutory provisions on environmental requirements for parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites.
- [National Aging and Disability Transportation Center Launches New Website](#). The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC), the Federal Transit Administration’s newest technical assistance center, has launched a new website to provide easy access to a wealth of useful resources and information. The site provides free resources that support the work of public transportation, from front-line operators to board members. The website also offers online community forums, registration for upcoming distance learning opportunities such as webinars and online courses, and links to grant opportunities. The website is available at the above hyperlink.

- [FTA Announces Transit and Oversight Spotlight](#). The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Office of Transit Safety and Oversight has announced the first issue of the Transit Safety and Oversight Spotlight, a new monthly newsletter about safety and oversight topics, events, training, and guidance that affect the public transportation industry. This first issue discusses the current status of FTA safety rulemakings, training opportunities, interesting statistics from the Office of Program Oversight and more. A copy of the newsletter is available at the above hyperlink.

5. Transportation and Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

- [DOT Funding for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations](#). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has just announced the availability of approximately \$5 million in funding provided by the Tribal Transit Program and is soliciting project proposals. The funding aims to support planning, capital, and, in limited circumstances, operating assistance for tribal public transit services. Completed proposals must be submitted electronically by May 13, 2016 on the grants.gov website. The Notice of Funding Opportunity and the Request for Proposals contain more details and may be viewed at the above hyperlink.
- [FTA Section 5389 Funding](#). The FTA has announced that \$266 million in Section 5389 funding is available to improve bus service: [\\$211 million for buses and bus facilities](#) and [\\$55 million for the Low-No Emissions program](#). Tribes are eligible to apply. Proposals are due May 13, 2016.
- [FY 2016 Tribal Climate Resilience Program](#). The BIA is providing \$6.5 million in funding for federally-recognized Tribes and Alaska Native communities (and organizations with 638-contracting authority) for Tribal climate change adaptation, ocean and coastal management planning, and youth internships focused on climate adaptation. Applications are due May 23, 2016. For more information, please see the above hyperlink.
- [Ride to Wellness Demonstration Grants](#). The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced approximately \$5.3 million of funding to support Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants. The goal of the program is to find and test promising, replicable public transportation healthcare access solutions that support the following goals: increased access to care, improved health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. Tribes are eligible to apply and applications are due by May 31, 2016. More information, including the Federal Register notice, is available at the above hyperlink.

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- [FTA Grants to Improve Access to Transit](#). The Federal Transit Administration has announced the availability of \$20.5 million in competitive grant funds to support comprehensive planning associated with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement projects that are seeking or have recently received funding through FTA's Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program. The grant funds are provided through FTA's Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning. Applications are due June 13, 2016. Please visit the above hyperlink for more information, including the Notice of Funding Availability.
 - [Indian Community Development Block Grants \(ICDBG\)](#). HUD has posted its Notice of Funding Availability for FY 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG) for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Applications are due by June 14, 2016. More information is available at the above hyperlink.
 - [FEMA Grants for Pre-Disaster and Flood Mitigation](#). FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program provides grants for implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program. Federally-recognized Tribes and local communities are eligible to apply. Applications for FY 2016 are due by June 15, 2016. For more information, please visit the program website at the above hyperlink.
 - [Community Connect - USDA Broadband Program Grants](#). The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides grants to fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. Applications are due June 17, 2016. For more information, see the above hyperlink.
 - [Tribal Energy Development Capacity Program](#). The BIA's Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant Program provides funding to develop tribal capacity to regulate and manage energy resources. These awards are intended to complement the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act, which restores the authority of tribes to develop and implement tribal laws governing the leasing of tribal surface trust lands for business and other purposes. Eligible entities include federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native villages, regional or village corporations, tribal organizations, and tribal energy resource development organizations. Applications are due July 8, 2016. A list of eligible projects and more detailed instructions are available at the above hyperlink.
 - [Energy and Mineral Development Program](#). The BIA's Energy and Mineral Development Program provides funding for projects that assess, evaluate, or otherwise promote the processing, use, or development of energy and mineral resources on Indian lands, particularly feasibility studies of community-scale energy development projects that

promote local economic benefits and stronger tribal economies. Eligible entities include federally recognized tribes, authorized tribal organizations, and tribal energy resource development organizations. Applications are due July 8, 2016. Please see the above hyperlink for eligible projects and more detailed instructions.

- [FY 2016 Economic Development Assistance Programs](#). The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is seeking applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs. Funding will support strategic investments that foster job creation and attract private investment in economically distressed areas. Applications are due September 30, 2016. More information is available at the above hyperlink.
- [VA Direct Home Loans for Native Americans](#). The Native American Direct Loan (NADL) program makes home loans available to eligible Native American Veterans who wish to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Federal Trust land or to reduce the interest rate. Veterans who are not Native American, but who are married to a Native American non-Veteran, may be eligible for a direct loan under this program. For more information, please see the above hyperlink.
- [USDA Water & Waste Disposal Grants](#). The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for its Water & Waste Disposal Loans and Grants Programs. The program provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. Those interested should apply at the above hyperlink.
- [Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program](#). The U.S. Department of the Interior's Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. For more information on how to apply, see the above hyperlink.
- [Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#). USDA-RD is providing grants to help eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households & businesses. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible to apply. For more information, see the above hyperlink.

6. Transportation and Infrastructure Conferences and Trainings

- [National RTAP Peer Call on Procurement \(May 18, 2016, 2:30-3:30 p.m. ET\)](#). National RTAP is hosting a peer call for participants who have been through an IT procurement or are looking to procure technology soon. Issues that may be discussed include how to specify the technology and write the RFP, the most common procurements seen for IT, and the most common problems. To register, please visit the above hyperlink.
- [CTAA 2016 Expo \(May 22-27, 2016, Portland, OR\)](#). The Community Transportation Association is hosting its annual EXPO, featuring various training sessions, workshops and networking events to permit participants to advance their understanding of transit issues, develop new solutions, and help outline new approaches to their work. For more information, see the above hyperlink.
- [NTI Best Practices for Improving Bus Operator Health and Retention \(June 7, 2:30 p.m.\)](#). The National Transit Institute (NTI) is hosting a webinar on the Transportation Research Board's Report 169: Developing Best-Practice Guidelines for Improving Bus Operator Health and Retention. Participants will be asked about their experiences with using the report and its tools and will explore establishing an ongoing dialogue on transit workplace health protection and promotion. For more information, please visit the above hyperlink.
- [Grant Writing Training for Affordable Housing Programs \(June 7-9, 2016, Phoenix, AZ\)](#). The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is hosting a training focused on preparing proposals designed for affordable housing projects or programs, such as housing, construction/rehabilitation, program capacity building, community project/facilities, and infrastructure. Those interested should register at the above hyperlink.
- [NADO National Regional Transportation Conference \(June 13-15, 2016, Nashville, TN\)](#). The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) is hosting a regional transportation conference focused on rural and small metropolitan topics. See the above hyperlink for more details and registration information.
- [Tribal Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Training \(June 14-16, Alexandria, VA\)](#). The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is hosting a course for employees of federally-recognized tribes focusing on the development of a tribal-specific Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. The course is limited to 20 participants and ITEP will cover lodging expenses and reimburse per diem and transportation expenses. Applications are due May 13, 2016. For more information, e-mail [Roberta Tohannie](#) or contact her by phone at (928) 523-2082.

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- [National RTAP Webinar: Procurement 101 \(June 15, 2016, 2:30-3:30 p.m. ET\)](#). National RTAP is hosting a webinar on procurement basics. Ryan Hammon of FTA Region 8 will provide a presentation on procurement basics and Mike LaBello of Main Street Connections will go over a few case studies and give an overview of National RTAP's ProcurementPRO tool. To register, please visit the above hyperlink.
 - [Proposal Writing for Tribal Personnel \(June 15-17, 2016, Albuquerque, NM\)](#). The National Indian Justice Center is hosting a training session to provide instruction on grant writing for tribal programs. It will examine various grant sources for tribal communities and present methods for writing successful applications. Participants will learn how to search for and target federal, state, and private grants and discuss electronic application procedures. They will also will develop major sections of a grant proposal and consider how each of them would be reviewed. All attendees will receive a comprehensive training manual and a certificate of achievement. Tuition is free for tribal transportation personnel from California and Nevada. For more information, see the above hyperlink.
 - [NCAI Mid-Year Conference \(June 27-30, 2016, Spokane, WA\)](#). NCAI is hosting its mid-year conference in Spokane, Washington around the theme, "Changing Climates, Inspiring Hope: Using Research to Transform Systems." For more information, please see the above hyperlink.
 - [2016 CBA Credit Builders Alliance Symposium \(July 13-14, 2016, Washington, DC\)](#). The Credit Builders Alliance (CBA) is hosting a symposium exploring the relationship between the credit-building field and broader issues of income inequality, poverty reduction, and asset building. Rent reporting is an important component of Tribal Housing Management, so this is an opportunity for Tribes and TDHEs to learn more. Those interested should register at the above hyperlink.
 - [LTAP/TTAP 2016 National Conference \(July 18-21, 2016, Madison, WI\)](#). The Local and Tribal Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) are hosting their 2016 National Conference in Madison, WI. The conference will include workshops, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities. To register, please visit the above hyperlink.
 - [CTAA Small Urban Network Conference \(Aug. 10-12, 2016, Denver, CO\)](#). This conference will feature interactive panel sessions, peer group roundtable, and peer case presentations regarding around first mile, last mile, fare collection, local ballot initiatives, effective communications for General Managers, ITS, staffing, rider engagement, innovative funding sources, university coordination, and more. More details and registration information are available at the above hyperlink.

- [Rural Public and Intercity Bus National Conference \(Oct. 2-5, 2016, Asheville, NC\)](#). The Transportation Research Board (TRB) is hosting its 22nd National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation. Held once every two years, the conference offers a valuable experience for rural transit and human service transit providers, including tribal transit managers, and includes learning sessions that cover planning and design, policy, funding and finance, rural transportation in today's operating environment, and special topics in rural mobility. For registration information, please see the above hyperlink.
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- [National Tribal Transportation Conference \(Oct. 3-6, 2016, Anaheim, CA\)](#). The 19th Annual National Tribal Transportation Conference will be held this year in Anaheim, California. For more information, and to register, please visit the above hyperlink.
- [National Summit on Transportation in Rural America \(Sept. 7-9, 2016, Denver, CO\)](#). The National Center for Rural Road Safety in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, among others, is hosting a working summit on transportation in rural America. The goal of the summit is to produce a white paper outlining solutions to the serious issues surrounding rural transportation. For example, the brochure notes, "5 to 7 more Native American people are dying in traffic-related crashes than everyone else." For more information, please see the brochure at the above hyperlink.
- [Grant Administration Training \(Nov. 2-4, 2016, New Orleans, LA\)](#). The National Indian Justice Center is hosting a comprehensive overview of how federally-funded tribal grant programs should be implemented and managed from beginning to end. The training is free for tribal transportation personnel from California and Nevada. More information is available at the above hyperlink.
- [DOE Tribal Energy Program Technical Assistance](#). DOE's Tribal Energy Program along with the DOE Office of Indian Energy provides technical assistance to federally recognized tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized groups and communities to advance tribal renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. DOE

technical experts are available to provide up to 40 hours of in-depth support, including strategic energy planning and project development support. There is no deadline to apply.

- [FTA Safety and Oversight Training & Resources Website](#). The FTA Office of Safety and Oversight has launched a new training and resource website. Individuals can now take online courses; sign up for in-person courses, and find resources and templates for all aspects of transit safety.
- [BIA to Conduct RIFDS Training in Western TTAP Region](#). The Bureau of Indian Affairs is planning to conduct a Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) Training in the Western TTAP region. To determine where and when the RIFDS Training will be conducted, those interested should fill out the RIFDS Training survey at the above hyperlink.

7. Other Tribal News

- [Century Foundation Report on Transportation Principles](#). The Century Foundation has published a new report identifying four key transportation issues (1) the lack of national vision that has resulted in a program still focused on the challenge of the 1950s—building an interstate highway system; (2) a political system that has made identifying such a broad vision unlikely; (3) the FAST legislation, which is inadequate and does not answer major needs or suggest a constructive direction; and (4) the funding limitations of a gasoline tax stuck at the level Congress set over twenty years ago. A copy of the report is available at the above hyperlink.
- [Webinar on National Aging and Disability Transportation Center Overview](#). National RTAP's webinar on the National Aging and Disability Center (NADC), the newest FTA-funded technical assistance center, is now available online. The presentation covers the goals and activities of the new center, which include trainings; resources and publications; a toll-free hotline; technical assistance; a community grant program; and more. The presentation is available at the above hyperlink.

Quotes of the Month

“This bill [S.2658 – The ‘Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016’] reauthorizes the FAA through fiscal year 2017 and includes provisions to help passengers, strengthen aviation security, and provide for safer operation of drones.”

“We’ve given the House a good bipartisan blueprint to follow and one that they ought to pass easily. Adding controversial measures could put the bill in jeopardy and result in a big loss for consumers and for the safety of the flying public.”

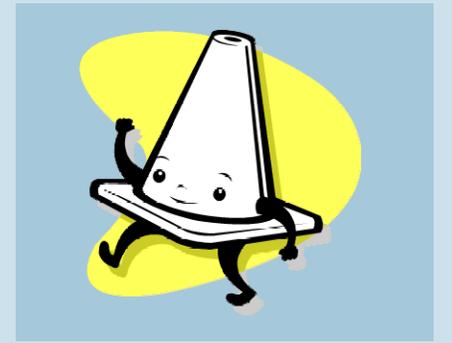
- *Statements by Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation Chairman John Thune (R-SD) and Ranking Member Bill Nelson (D-FL) on Senate passage of the FAA reauthorization bill, S.2658, on April 19, 2016, by a vote of 95-3. The current FAA reauthorization measure expires July 15th.*

“I appreciate the work of the Senate and Chairman Thune in moving an FAA bill. We will take a look at the completed product, but in the House, we will continue to push forward with the AIRR Act, H.R. 4441 [the ‘Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act’ which would privatize the air traffic control (ATC) system]. Transformational air traffic control reform is absolutely necessary to end the unacceptable status quo at the FAA and to ensure the future of America’s aviation system. I look forward to working with the Senate to complete a final bill this Congress.”

- *Statement of House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman, Bill Shuster (R-PA), April 19, 2016, on passage of the Senate bill. The House T&I Committee favorably reported H.R. 4441 out of Committee on a party-line vote of 34-25 on February 11, 2016.*

ROADWAY DEPARTURE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Proposed



Roadway Departure Safety Workshop Series for Tribal Communities in California:

A “roadway departure crash” is defined as a “non-intersection crash which occurs after a vehicle crosses an edge line or a center line, or otherwise leaves the traveled way.”

Many behavioral, environmental, and roadway infrastructure factors contribute to roadway departure crashes. We believe that California tribal communities experience a large number of such events but data about the contributing factors is lacking. As data becomes available to substantiate the number of collisions and crash factors on and near tribal roadways, it is important for tribes to be able to know the resources that are available to them to help them compete for funding and to select and implement safety measures that can be initiated quickly, cost-effectively and in alignment with state and national transportation safety initiatives.

The Roadway Departure Safety Workshop Series is designed for tribal leaders, transportation personnel and community members who will learn about the causes of roadway departure crashes (DUI and Drugged Driving, Speeding and Aggressive Driving and Distracted Driving) and the use of High Friction Surface Treatments, Safety Edge and other proven countermeasures and initiatives for reducing roadway departure crashes. The Workshops will include presentations on the Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS), a web-based tool the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) has implemented within the Safe Transportation Research and Education Center at the University of California at Berkeley (SafeTREC) to help local agencies prepare their own analysis of high crash corridors, make proactive assessments of low-cost systemic countermeasures and apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Highway Safety Plan (HSP) funds.

This workshop is funded by the FHWA - Accelerating Safety Activities Program and coordinated by the Western TTAP administered by the National Indian Justice Center.

DRAFT AGENDA:

Half-day workshop - 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Overview of Roadway Departure Safety

National Proven Safety Countermeasures for Roadway Departure Safety

Local Proven Safety Countermeasures for Roadway Departure Safety

Funding Opportunities through the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Roundtable Discussion, Q&A



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INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON TRIBAL
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INTRAREGIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY - UPDATE

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Introduction

San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (Regional Plan) is the SANDAG Board-adopted Regional Transportation Plan and its Sustainable Communities Strategy, adopted on October 2015. The Regional Plan focuses transportation investments in the most urbanized areas, where the vast majority of the region’s population lives and works, to provide transportation options that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with the California climate change legislation. At the same time, the transportation system also must support the needs of federally-recognized tribal nations located in the sparsely populated rural areas of the region. SANDAG, in partnership with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association and other agencies that influence tribal transportation, working to develop an Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy, which identifies key multimodal projects and programs that will improve tribal mobility consistent with the Regional Plan.

Discussion

The Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy is following the planning process outlined in the graphic below.



Project work is underway in the tasks highlighted in red, above. A mobility needs assessment survey was developed with input from the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues. The survey is being used to identify transportation projects and programs that are most important to the region’s tribal nations. The survey was tailored to each tribe by including a list and maps of transportation projects that have previously received consideration from either the Regional Plan, the tribe’s transportation plan, or the County of San Diego Circulation Element.

The survey was distributed in April 2016 and members of the project development team have met with tribal representatives over the last few months to work with them in completing the survey. To date, twelve tribes have submitted surveys, two tribes are not participating in the survey, and three tribes are in the process of completing the surveys or obtaining Tribal Council approval of completed surveys. Approximately 92 transportation improvement projects have been identified, which are in the process of being mapped and summarized. Projects include roadway-related improvements, as well as transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements.

Another aspect of the survey involved rating the relative importance of transportation goals to assist in future planning of the Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy. Based on the survey results received to date, the relative importance of the goal areas were:

- Safety – 22.4 percent
- Roadway Condition – 20.9 percent
- Economic Vitality – 18.3 percent
- Regional Connectivity – 16.6 percent
- Transit Mobility – 12.1 percent
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility – 9.8 percent

The survey asked about cultural resource awareness/preservation considerations to include in the final strategy. In general, comments included the following points:

- The appropriate cultural resource department, office, or committee should be consulted as early as possible in the planning process, before environmental documents are produced, so that they may have a say in how cultural resource surveys and evaluations are carried out. This applies to projects on or near the reservation.
- All tribal, federal, and state regulations shall be followed. This includes engaging in government to government consultation with tribes. All projects, regardless of sponsoring agency, must adhere to laws regarding protection of cultural resources.
- On-site cultural resource monitors are typically used during construction, or during any ground disturbance. A number of tribes mentioned assigning a Tribal Cultural Resource representative to a project.

Next Steps

Consultant staff is continuing to summarize survey responses, which will continue through August. Planning level costs will be identified for projects. An evaluation criteria workshop is planned for early fall 2016 to help identify common goals, priorities, and potential opportunities for project coordination and funding.

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