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TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TTPCC)

- TTPCC Background
- Leadership
- Members
- Workgroups
- Current Work Issues
- Next Meeting
• **Purpose**

  – To provide input and recommendations to the BIA and FHWA in the development of Tribal Transportation Program policies and procedures; and

  – To supplement government to government consultation by coordinating with and obtaining input from tribes, BIA and FHWA
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*(25 CFR 170.155-158)*

- **Members**
  - The Secretary of the Interior seeks nominations for tribal regional representatives to the TTPCC.
    - One primary and one alternate representative from each of the 12 BIA Regions; and
    - One non-voting member each from BIA and FHWA.
  - The Secretary accepts only nominations for tribal representatives and alternates officially proposed by tribes within each of the 12 BIA regions.
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• Responsibilities:
  ➢ To provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA during the development or revision of:
    • BIA/FHWA TTP Program Stewardship Plan (Business Plan);
    • TTP Program policy and procedures;
    • TTP Program eligible activities’ determinations;
    • TTP Program transit policy;
    • TTP Program regulations;
    • TTP management systems policy and procedures;
    • TTP Program fund distribution formula (under 25 CFR 170.157); and
    • National tribal transportation needs;
• **Responsibilities (cont.)**
  – The Committee also reviews and provides recommendations on Tribal Transportation Program national concerns, including the implementation of 25 CFR 170, as amended.
• **Responsibilities Involving Funding Process**
  
  - To provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA for:
    
    • New **IRR (TTP)** inventory data format and form
    
    • Simplified Cost to construct (CTC) methodology (including formula calculations, program, design, and bid tab)
    
    • Cost Elements
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• **Responsibilities Involving Funding Process (cont.)**
  – To provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA for:
    • Over-design issues;
    • IRR High Priority Projects (IRRHPP) – separately funded
      – Inflationary impacts on $1 million cap
      – Ranking System; and
      – Emergency/disaster ceiling and reporting
    • *The impact of including funded but non-constructed projects in the CTC calculation.*
Committee Leadership

• Chair – Raymond J. Concho, Jr. (Southwest)
• Vice-Chair – Jacque Hostler (Pacific)
• Secretary – Rick Galloway (Northwest)
Committee Membership

• Eastern Region
  – Barak Myers
  – Jody Clark

• Midwest Region (*)
  – Mike Moilanen
  – Brett Blackdeer

• So Plains Region
  – Angela Blind
  – Art Muller

• Alaska Region (*)
  – Ed (Sam) Thomas
  – JoAnn Polston

• Great Plains Region (*)
  – Pete Red Tomahawk
  – Richard Hall

• Navajo Region (*)
  – Leonard Pete
  – Paulson Chaco

* Region undergoing re-nomination process
Committee Membership

- **Pacific Region**
  - Jacque Hostler
  - Joe James
- **Rocky Mountain Region (*)**
  - John Smith
  - Tim Rosette
- **Southwest Region**
  - Raymond Concho, Jr.
  - Royce Ghachu
- **Northwest Region**
  - Rick Galloway
  - Michael Cardwell
- **Western Region**
  - Sasha Saliego
  - Billman Lopez
- **Eastern Oklahoma**
  - Wayne Wylie
  - Zac Hawkins

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Committee Membership

• Non-voting Federal Members
  – BIA - LeRoy Gishi
  – FHWA - Robert Sparrow
TTPCC Organization Discussion

TTPCC met March 25-27, 2014:

• TTPCC Executive Officers met with FHWA and BIA ASIA on May 14, 2014 at Washington DC

• The greatest impact on the IRR Program and TTPCC itself is the 25CFR 170 “Revision Rewrite” that should have also generated intense activity for the TTPCC; but has found announcing meeting dates and cancelling meetings and basically showing no progress.

• “TTP Consultation Meetings” were held to meet Tribal Consultation Policy or the Executive Orders.
Workgroup 2014
New Structure & Focus

- All “Regular” and “Workgroup” meetings are open to the Public
- Meeting Protocol will be enforced
Workgroup New Structure & Focus (Cont.)

TTPCC developed a new workgroup structure, focus, procedures and Issue selection process that will provide a framework where TTPCC can resolve the Challenges.

• TTPCC had limited meetings with ASIA & FHWA between September 2011 until May 14, 2014.

Problem: Getting approval for a meeting with travel costs greater than $20,000 is difficult to impossible.

Solution: Sending a smaller group to DC keeps costs under $20,000.

• TTPCC Full Committee meetings are difficult to schedule.

Problem: TTPCC is committed to schedule meetings at Tribal Facilities. Scheduling a Full Committee Meeting at Tribal Facilities and keeping travel costs less than $20,000 is difficult to impossible.

Solution: Schedule Independent workgroup meetings. Keeping Travel costs under $20,000 for 12 Committee Members is much easier to accomplish.
Workgroup New Structure & Focus (Cont.)

• **Group 1: Operations**  
  (Technical Standards & Funding)  
  o Subpart C – Program Funding and Inventory  
  o Subpart D – From Planning to Construction  
  o Subpart G – Maintenance  
  o Other

• **Group 2: Administration**  
  (Delivery of Services & Policy)  
  o Subpart A – National Policy, Definitions  
  o Subpart B – Program Policy and Eligibility  
  o Subpart E – Service Delivery, Contracting Mechanisms  
  o Subpart F – Program Reviews, Stewardship Plan  
  o Rights-of-Way  
  o Other
Workgroup Membership

- 24 members of the TTPCC
- 1 member from each region should be assigned to each workgroup
  - Look at the strengths of your regional members and decide
- Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for each group
Support

• FHWA and BIA can assist with meetings, teleconferences, as well as technical advisors.
• It could lead to additional workgroup meetings in lieu of entire team, which is easier to get approved.
• Entire team would convene possibly two or three times/year.
Current Work Issues

- Review Business Plan (Memorandum of Agreement)
- Review Communication Plan
- Review Right-of-Way Amendments to 25 CFR Part 169
- FY 2014 and FY 2015 TTPCC Meetings
- Legacy Issues identified to FHWA/BIA
Next Meeting

Meetings pending for February 2015, June and September 2015 will be announced when federal approval is confirmed.

Thank you – Questions ?