



2023 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE | DRAFT AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 24 – 28, 2023 | DENA'INA CENTER | ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

DAY 1 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

TIME	TRACK	SESSION	SPEAKERS
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	OPENING PLENARY SESSION		PRESENTERS TBD
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)	VENDOR PRESENTATION - Improved Safety with Solar Lights	Dave Muckey, Green Frog Systems
1:30 PM – 3 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Tribal-State Relations to Promote Employment and Improve Transportation Systems	Adrien Carretero, Minnesota DOT Eugene Standingcloud, Red Lake Nation Duane Hill, Minnesota DOT
	TRANSIT	FTA Tribal Transit Program Listening Session	Elan Flippin, Federal Transit Administration Marianne Stock, Federal Transit Administration
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	TRB Standing Committee on Native American Transportation Issues Meeting	Misty Klann, FHWA OTT
	SAFETY	From Safety Plan to Funding	Mary Ann Wiehl, Native Village of Tanana
	PLANNING	Community-Driven Transportation Planning	AKDOT&PF James Marks, AKDOT&PF
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Round Table with SEC DOT/BIA	TBD
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Crack Sealing Best Practices I	Brandi Julian, Crafc Bryan Darling, Crafc
	HOT TOPICS	Walking and Rolling in Indian Country	Michia Casebier, M.G. Tech Writing, LLC
3 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK		
3:30 PM – 5 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Get to Know the University Transportation Center Program	Lisa Kay Schweyer, Carnegie Mellon University's Traffic21 Institute and Mobility21 (National University Transportation Center) Dr. Denver Tolliver, North Dakota State University Dr. Peter Romine, Navajo Tech University Dr. David Kack, Small Urban, Rural, and Tribal Center on Mobility, Montana State University
	TRANSIT	Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Assessment Workshop	Elan Flippin, FTA
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	TRB Standing Committee on Native American Transportation Issues Meeting	Misty Klann, FHWA OTT
	SAFETY	Safety Plans & Transportation Safety Funding	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Darren Thacker, FHWA
	PLANNING	SMART Grant Team Work Session	Clarence Daniel, AVCP Ryan Marlow, AKDOT&PF
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	DOT Townhall Discussion: What's working? What's not?	TBD



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	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Crack Sealing Best Practices II	Brandi Julian, Crafc Bryan Darling, Crafc
	HOT TOPICS	Exploring Future Transportation in Rural Alaska	Billy Connor, Alaska TTAP Alaska DOT&PF Planning North Slope Borough Port Authority Bethel Borough Planning Nome Borough Planning or Northwest Arctic Planning
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	VENDOR RECEPTION		

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Panel	Mariia Zimmerman, Office of the Secretary, US DOT
10:30 AM – 11 AM	BREAK (CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED)		
11 AM – 12:30 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Wireless Telematics Solutions (WTS) for Tribal Transit	Bernadette Kniffin, Nnee Bich'o Nii Apache Transit Services Angelo Belvado, Nnee Bich'o Nii Apache Transit Services
	TRANSIT	Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Assessment Workshop	Elan Flippin, FTA
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	Transportation Planning in Tribal Communities Research Study Revisited	Cole Grisham, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation Misty Klann, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation Jared Fijalkowski, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation
	SAFETY	Safe System Approach to Speed Management	Jeffrey King, FHWA Office of Safety
	PLANNING	Transportation Information Management is Better with Maps	Alex Wood, Precision Geographic Erika McCalvin, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Infrastructure Bill Round Table	TBD
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Ice Roads and Winter Trails	Johnathan Hutchinson, AKDOT&PF Mark Leary, Village of Napaimute Miles Brooks, FHWA
	HOT TOPICS	Unmanned Aerial Systems Training and Demonstration	AKDOT Ryan Marlow, AKDOT&PF Shane Moller, AKDOT&PF
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)	VENDOR PRESENTATION - Achieving Financial and Environmental Sustainability in Transportation with Propane	Steve Whaley, Propane Education & Research Council
1:30 PM – 3 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Steel Bridges for Tribal Communities	Michael Barker, University of Wyoming
	TRANSIT	Tribal Transit Coordination/Planning, Mobility Management & Developing Partnerships	Enjoli Dixon, National Center for Mobility Management- Easterseals Transportation Group Jeremy Bell, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Transit/EZTAG Region - Regional Mobility Leader



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			Representative of Sitka Tribe of Alaska
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	TTP Funding: The Formula and Obligation Limitation	Matthew Bird, FHWA OTT
	SAFETY	Qualitative Safety Data Collection Strategies and Implications in Indian Country	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	PLANNING	Power of GIS in TTP Program Management	Ken Picard, Red Plains Professional, Inc. Chris Robideau, Red Plains Professional, Inc.
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Infrastructure Bill Round Table	TBD
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Tundra Trails and Ice Travel Dangers	Patrick Samson, Orutsararmut Native Council
	HOT TOPICS	Connecting Tribal Communities Through Rail	Dr. Santiago Cruz-Roveda, FRA; and others
3 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK		
3:30 PM – 5 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Microsoft Office for your TTP Program	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	TRANSIT	Tribal Transit Resources 101	Taylor Klocke, CTAA Loreal Lance, CTAA Kendra McGeady, Pelivan Transit
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	Basics of Good Grant Writing	TBD
	SAFETY	Preventing Pedestrian Deaths	TBD, coordinated by Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT; Contractor
	PLANNING	Policy Round Table on Tribal Pedestrian Safety: Moving from Analysis to Action	Ian Thomas, America Walks Sheri Bozic, Pueblo of Jemez HollyAnna DeCoteau Littlebull, Yakama Nation DNR Engineering Hillary Mead, Cherokee Nation Public Health
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	How to Successfully Plan & Fund Tribal Transportation Projects: Are You Getting All the Grant Money You Could Be?	Craig Genzlinger, KLJ Engineering Becky Bey, KLJ Engineering Janis Spear, Northern Cheyenne DOT
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Accelerating and Enhancing Project Delivery in Rural Alaska	AKDOT&PF Deputy Commissioner Katherine Keith
	HOT TOPICS	The Intersection of Human Rights, Traffic Safety, and Human Trafficking	Judge Matthew Martin Margo Hill, JD, Eastern Washington University Kim Belone, BIA - OJS Indian Highway Safety Program



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DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION	TTPCC, BIADOT, OTT, FTA, OIPD	TBD
10:30 AM – 11 AM	BREAK (CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED)		
11 AM – 12:30 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	TERO	Theo De La Rosa, TERO - Colorado River Indian Tribes Jesse Garza, Chair - TERO Commission/Planning Aide - Colorado River Indian Tribes
	TRANSIT	National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) Program Overview & Updates	Neil Rodriguez, National RTAP Jeremy Bell, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Transit/EZTAG Region
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	TTP Management 101	Chris Robideau, Red Plains Professional, Inc.
	SAFETY	Road Safety BINGO	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Sam Sinclair, NHTSA
	PLANNING	Grant Opportunities for Alaskan Tribes	Billy Connor, Alaska TTAP Alaska DOT&PF ANTHC Denali Commission BLM
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Electric Vehicle Program and Tribal Nations	Manuel E. Sanchez, FHWA OTT
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	TTP Program Management	Todd Macalady, Southwestern TTAP Center
	HOT TOPICS	Kivalina School Access and Evacuation Road Project	Millie Hawley, Kivalina IRA Council
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)	VENDOR PRESENTATION - Where is My Equipment? Tribal Procurement Practices vs Supply Chain Issues	Chuck Battles Jr., The AKANA Group
1:30 PM – 3 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	National RTAP eLearning: Training at Your Fingertips	Scott Zadakis, National RTAP
	TRANSIT	Communicating Safety to Tribal Elders and Passengers Through Excellent Customer Service	Kristen Joyner, KJ Backpack Walt Diangson, South West Transit Association & National RTAP Angelo Belvado, Nnee Bich'o Nii Apache Transit Services Riley Patterson, Muckleshoot Indian Reservation Transit
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	TTP Bridge Program Update	Russell Garcia, FHWA OTT
	SAFETY	Transportation Data Collection and Analysis for Tribes	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Tom Bragan, NHTSA Sam Sinclair, NHTSA Matthew Riddell, Qk4



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	PLANNING	How to Turn Piles of Rocks into Piles of Money	Duane Matt, BIA EMDP Program
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal Grant Program and other Funding Opportunities	Lucita Valiere, EPA
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Scope Writing/RFQ Development	Todd Macalady, SWTTAP
	HOT TOPICS	Using Drones to Address Data Collection Needs	Kevin Chang, University of Idaho Jeff Ban, University of Washington
3 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK		
3:30 PM – 5 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Stop the Bleed	Kate Elkins, NHTSA Office of EMS and National 911 Program
	TRANSIT	Making Transportation Accessible - For the Community and the Feds	Carrie Diamond, National Aging & Disability Transportation Center/Easterseals Darrell Williams, Ninilchik Traditional Council
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	Fraud within Tribal Transportation Programs	Katharine Kovacek, Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General
	SAFETY	Combatting Roadway Departure	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Chris Kwilinski, FHWA OTT
	PLANNING	Meeting new National Transit Database reporting: GTFS = Planning Transit Trips on-line	Marcy Jaffe, National RTAP by Transnnoation, Inc.
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	BIL Funding & Technical Assistance for Rural/Tribal Communities	Amanda Rogers, USDOT/ROUTES Initiative
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Contracts	Todd Macalady, SWTTAP Ed Hermes, The Law Offices of Snell & Wilmer
	HOT TOPICS	Human Trafficking & Public Transit: New Training and Marketing Tools for Tribal Transit Providers	Kristen Joyner, KJ Backpack Amy Hill, Muscogee Creek Nation

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION	Climate Change: Impacts of Climate Change on Alaska's Tribal Villages: Chefornak Managed Retreat, Working Together to Create a Better Tomorrow	John Flynn, Chefarnmute Incorporated Sean Baginski, Principal Engineer, PND Engineers, Inc. Janet Erik, President, Chefornak Traditional Council Nathan Belz, Alaska TTAP TBD, UAF Climatologist TBD, North Slope Borough TBD, Village Representative from West Coast Alaska TBD, Representative from Southeast Alaska
10:30 AM – 11 AM	BREAK (CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED)		
11 AM – 12:30 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	First Aid/CPR I (three session training)	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center



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	TRANSIT	FTA Drug & Alcohol - Regulatory Requirements and Revisions	Michael Redington, US DOT/Volpe Center
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	Technology Implementations for Rural Road Safety Data Collection, Analysis & Visualization	Dr. Wei Sun, AIWaysion HollyAnna LittleBull, Yakama Nation Sam Ricord, University of Washington
	SAFETY	What's the Tea in Tribal Injury Prevention	Tabatha Austin-Harris, NHTSA Monte Yazzie, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community NHTSA moderator TBD
	PLANNING	Virtual Tours in Tribal Transportation	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Thriving Communities Program	TBD, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Construction Documentation/Contract Administration	Todd Macalady, SWTTAP
	HOT TOPICS	The New Annual Report to Secretaries Data Process	David Garcia, FHWA OTT
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)	VENDOR PRESENTATION - Hardened Trails/Mats: Start-to-Finish	Clarence Daniel, Association of Village Council Presidents Greg Smith, Bureau of Indian Affairs John Horjes, Alaska Materials, LLC
1:30 PM – 3 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	First Aid/CPR II (three session training)	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	TRANSIT	Effective Transit Accident Investigation for Native and Tribal Transit	Walt Diangson, South West Transit Association & National RTAP Jeremy Bell, Community Regional Transportation (CRT)/Choctaw Transit John Filippone, Defensive Driving Instructor, CASTA
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	When It Comes to Tribal Road Safety, Maintenance Matters	Ronald Eck, WV LTAP
	SAFETY	DUI Recidivism Strategy Collaboration/Impaired Driving Prevention	Kimberly Vachal, North Dakota State University Judge John Grinsteiner
	PLANNING	Why are Tribal Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructors (CPST-I) and Tech Proxies needed in Tribal Communities?	Tabatha Austin-Harris, NHTSA Monte Yazzie, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community NHTSA moderator TBD
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Technical Assistance Program for Rural and Tribal Applicants (transportation, project delivery and planning issues, and how to successfully apply for DOT funding opportunities)	TBD, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Construction Project Management	Todd Macalady, Southwestern TTAP Center
	HOT TOPICS	Inventory	Sheldon Kipp, BIA
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3:30 PM – 5 PM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	First Aid/CPR III (three session training)	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	TRANSIT	Food Insecurity and Access to Food for Native Americans	Dr. Jill Hough, Small Urban and Rural Center on Mobility/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute/ North Dakota State University Margo Hill JD, Eastern Washington University Ranjit Godavarthy, North Dakota State University
	TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101	Innovative Reclamation & Pedestrian Safety Project - Avenue of the Nations - Catawba Nation	Matthew, Riddell, Qk4 Brandon Lowe, Qk4
	SAFETY	EMS and 911 Systems: Critical Highway Safety Partners in Indian Country	Kate Elkins, NHTSA
	PLANNING	Sharing Tools for Gathering and Managing Safety Data	Kevin Chang, University of Idaho Yinhai Wang, University of Washington Nathan Belz, University of Alaska-Fairbanks
	LEADERSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL	Self-Governance	Gerry Hope, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, others
	PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE	Estimating/Scheduling Basics	Todd Macalady, Southwestern TTAP Center
	HOT TOPICS	Inventory	Sheldon Kipp, BIA
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	CLOSING DINNER, PAMYUA PERFORMANCE		