



**USDOT – Office of Tribal Government Affairs**

**Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program  
(TTSGP)**



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## **PURPOSE OF THE TTSGP**

**The purpose of the TTSGP is to provide Tribes and Tribal organizations with greater control, flexibility, and decision-making authority over USDOT funds used to carry out tribal transportation programs, functions, services, and activities (PFSA) in Tribal communities.**



# TTSGP BACKGROUND

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- Section 1121 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. § 207)
- TTSGP Final Rule published on June 1, 2020 (49 C.F.R. part 29)
- Final Rule effective date - October 1, 2020
- Two phases of the TTSGP [eligibility determination and negotiation]



# HOW CAN A TRIBE PARTICIPATE IN THE TTSGP?

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- Voluntary participation
- Request by a Tribe
- Standards of eligibility
  - Financial Stability
  - Financial Management Capability
  - Transportation Program Management Capability
- Eligibility determination by Department within 120 days



# NEGOTIATING A COMPACT AND FUNDING AGREEMENT

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Ninety (90) day negotiation period

Resolution of disputes

Final offer process: 45-day response time for Department

DOT's first negotiated compact and funding agreement



# WHAT FUNDS MAY BE INCLUDED IN A FUNDING AGREEMENT?

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- Tribal Transportation Program funds
- Transit Program funds
- Discretionary or competitive grant funds
- Title 23 (Federal-aid Highway) funds
- Section 5311 funds awarded to a State



# ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM AND FUNDS

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- Tribes manage day-to-day responsibilities for PFSAs
- Financial standards and procurement standards
- Records management and property management standards
- Single annual audits and eligible costs
- Government-wide OMB Rule at 2 C.F.R. part 200



# WHAT ARE TTSGP BENEFITS TO A TRIBE?

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- Self-governance
- Administrative streamlining
- Single funding agreement
- Advance payment of funds
- Formula funds may be invested
- Department rules, policies, manuals, guidance, and circulars do not apply unless agreed to by a Tribe
- Funds may be used as local match in other Federal and non-Federal programs





# WHAT ARE TTSGP BENEFITS TO A TRIBE? (cont'd.)

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- Negotiation of ISDEAA Title I provisions in a funding agreement
- Tribe can carry out its employment and contracting preference laws
- Reduced reporting requirements
- Access to federal supply sources
- Waiver of TTSGP regulations
- Liability coverage under Federal Tort Claims Act
- Appeal and ADR regarding pre-award and post-award actions
- Technical assistance





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**QUESTIONS?**

