



# Tribal Transportation Planning Organization

## Work Plan 2022

### Purpose

Tribal Transportation Planning Organization (TTPO) was established to support the development of tribal transportation planning and capacity building for all Washington State Tribes. This will be accomplished by promoting education of tribal planners and technical staff in the implementation and compliance of current guidelines, policies, regulations and programs relative to transportation and associated fields. TTPO will bring together Washington State tribes and tribal transportation affiliates as a consortium to foster intergovernmental cooperation, communication and coordination, as well as, a forum for the advancement of tribal transportation professionals, and transportation agencies serving the best interest of tribes at the tribal, local, regional, state, and federal levels.

This forum of TTPO transportation partners for tribes in Washington State includes transportation organizations and agencies to coordinate transportation planning issues and to help advocate direct access to national, state and regional funds for tribes. The includes all Washington State tribes, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), Small Urban, Rural and Tribal Center on Mobility (SURTCOM) Eastern Washington University (EWU), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC), Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Emergency Federal Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and all other organizations serving for the protection of tribal rights and preservation of tribal cultural.

## **Guiding Principles and Objectives of the Work Plan**

### **Ensure Education of Transportation Planners and Technical Staff on Transportation Policy and Technical Issues so Recommendations can be made to Decision Makers or Tribes, Local, State and Federal Agencies as Needed**

1. Coordinate and collaborate with EWU, TTAP, Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and other training organizations to organize and provide training that meet the needs of tribal transportation programs.
2. Provide training, workshops and best practices about tribal planning to include, partnering with stakeholders, tribal fee and trust lands, non-tribal lands, rights-of-way, cultural resources, natural resources, tribal fuel tax initiatives, economic development, climate change, tourism, tribal workforce, local state and federal government programs, and funding sources.
3. Provide for round-table discussions to identify best practices and common mistakes made on various types of projects related to transportation and infrastructure.

### **Improve Accuracy of Data and Asset Management for Tribal Transportation System, Infrastructure, Facilities & Equipment on Tribal Lands**

4. Continue with TTPO Transit Committee and coordinate Tribal Transit facilities with FTA, WSDOT, and other service providers and funding sources, to include new start-ups, shutdowns, expanding services, technical documentations and polices, etc.
5. Coordinate, share information, and identify best practices of tribal transportation programs about transportation infrastructure, transit facilities and equipment resources.
6. Coordinate with BIA to provide updates and training on Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) and National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI).

### **Encourage Tribal Participation and Coordination with Tribal Transportation Planning Partners in Developing Tribal Transportation Policies and Programs, such as through the Reauthorization of Federal, State and Regional Legislation by Offering Technical Advice, Recommendations, and/or Options to the various Agencies' Decision Makers and their Established Subcommittees or Working Groups**

7. Enhance inter-tribal communications through sharing of resources, information, methods, processes and best practices to improve tribal transportation programs.
8. Seek the participation of other agencies and organizations advocating for tribal transportation to increase awareness and opportunities for tribes, such as, TTPCC, ITA, NCAI, ATNI, CTAA, IACC, etc., to include Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (M/RTPOs).

### **Encourage Tribal Participation to seek Federal, State and Regional Transportation Funding**

9. Provide notifications of funding opportunities (NOFO) from state and federal transportation and planning agencies.
10. Identify best practices to improve tribal involvement in regional funding and increase participation in respective RTPOs/MPOs.

## **Improve Tribal Traffic Safety & Data Analysis on Tribal Lands to Achieve Target Zero**

11. Continue with WTSC's Tribal Traffic Safety Advisory Board (TTSAB) as TTPO Tribal Traffic Safety Committee to support and improve safety on reservations, tribally owned lands, historically significant lands, and associated access routes.
12. Help Tribe's create, update and implement their Tribal Safety Plans to reduce fatal and disabling collisions by using the 4E's as identified by FHWA and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) Target Zero Plan.
13. Identify and share procedures, programs, data sources for data banks, crash data analysis, and best practices for tribal transportation programs.
14. Help identify options for research and data collection for Tribal Transportation facilities, to include streamlining/consolidating crash data and traffic modeling as related to land use, employment, population, etc.
15. Support tribal emergency management for major disasters on tribal lands affecting NTTFI facilities, by assisting with developing emergency management plans and coordination with ERFO, WA State Emergency Management Division and/or FEMA for recovery services and funding.

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16. Coordinate and participate in Tribal-State Transportation Conference to include educational outreach and fundraising opportunity for the TTPO.
17. Enhance the organizational effectiveness of the TTPO including but not limited to, establishing self-sufficiency through marketing, fund raising, investments, and outreach to fund support staff for TTPO administration, seek training opportunities, organize quarterly meetings, and if necessary, carrying on with the Annual Tribal Transportation Symposium.
18. Conduct quarterly meetings and encourage participation of all Washington State tribes and stakeholders.
19. Conduct annual assessments of TTPO activities and seek input for future endeavors.

**2022 Work Plan Tasks and Deliverables**

**1. Ensure tribal staff are educated on transportation policy and technical issues, so recommendations can be made to decision makers for Tribes, local, state and federal agencies as needed and/or requested.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Assist tribes with pedestrian and bicyclist facility planning, design, construction and maintenance.	Quarterly meetings/ SURTCOM (EWU)/ TTAP WSDOT Active Transportation/ BIA/ FHWA
Keep tribes informed on latest transportation bill policies at state & federal levels addressing tribal transportation issues & funding.	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / BIA / FHWA / Tribal-StateTransportation Conference
Inform tribes on grant opportunities, and assist with grant writing, implementation and best practices.	On-going / TTAP / SURTCOM (EWU) / BIA /Tribal- State Transportation Conference
Assist tribes with Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development, goals, implementation and best practices.	Quarterly meetings / BIA / FHWA / / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)
Demonstrate best practices in project planning, design, construction, maintenance and climate change adaptation.	Quarterly meetings/subcommittees/BIA/ FHWA/Tribal-State TransportationConference
Determine training services available to cover the Tribal Transportation Program and project activities.	Outreach to SURTCOM (EWU)/ BIA / FHWA / TTAP / other organizations

**2. Improve the scope, methods and accuracy of data for all tribal transportation facilities and assets on tribal lands.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Coordinate with BIA on the development of new Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) and education of tribes.	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / BIA / FHWA /WSDOT / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)
Assist tribes with inventory data issues and asset management (RIFDS/NTTFI).	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / BIA / FHWA /WSDOT / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)
Assist tribes with developing a Control Schedule (CS), Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and process to get projects on BIA's TIP.	Outreach / on-going / BIA
Share resources, best practices and guides on Tribal TransportationPlanning.	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / BIA / FHWA / library & links on TTPO website

**3. Improve safety on reservations, tribal lands, historically significant lands, and associated access routes by reducing fatal and disabling accidents, including assisting Tribes with creating and/or updating their Tribal Traffic Safety Plans.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Continue WTSC TTSAB as TTPO Safety committee to promote, and educate on tribal traffic safety and best practices.	Quarterly meetings / WTSC TTSAB meeting
Invite tribes to give presentations about their safety programs and best practices.	Quarterly meetings/ safety committee
Promote & educate tribes to develop a Culture of Safety (Positive Community Norms).	Quarterly meetings / safety committee / outreach / Montana Institute
Promote & educate tribes to develop & perform crash data analysis.	Quarterly meetings/ safety committee/ outreach
Encourage tribes to provide and incorporate tribal crash data into WSDOT's Collision Data for development of more accurate crash data.	Outreach / on-going / safety committee
Assist and train tribes on Road Safety Audits.	Safety committee / BIA / FHWA / FLH / TTAP / SURTCOM (EWU)

**4. Encourage participation of tribes in their respective MPOs/RTPOs to seek regional funding, as similar to MPO/RTPO support from WSDOT.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Continue coordinating with WSDOT in assessing tribal participation in Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (M-RTPOs) pursuant RCW 47.80.050(2).	Quarterly meetings / WSDOT / M-RTPOs / Tribal-State Transportation Conference / WITPAC/ M-RTPO-WSDOT Coordinating Committee meetings
Provide updates of the Washington Transportation Plans.	Quarterly meetings/ Tribal-State Trans. Conference
Assist tribes with transportation funding opportunities and information about existing and new funding options and sources.	Quarterly meetings/ Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Assist tribes considering negotiating a new Fuel Tax Compact with the State of Washington.	On-going / quarterly meetings / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Consult and coordinate with tribes and State on matters relative to tribal, state, and federal regulations that affect tribal planning or economic development.	On-going / quarterly meetings / WITPAC / Tribal-State Transportation Conference

**5. Encourage tribal participation in developing tribal transportation policies and programs through the reauthorization of federal, state and regional legislation by offering technical advice, recommendations, and/or options to various Tribal, Federal, State, and Regional decision makers and their established committees or working groups.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Continue to provide a forum for tribes, federal and state agencies, RTPOs/MPOs and committees to provide input into current legislation and improving funding to meet the needs of tribes in Washington.	Quarterly meetings / ITA / ATNI Transportation Committee
Keep WSDOT apprised of tribal concerns and policy positions.	Quarterly meetings / WITPAC
Provide regular updates, presentations and relevant materials to TTPO members regarding reauthorization of federal transportation program.	Quarterly meetings / committees / BIA / FHWA / WSDOT / ITA / ATNI Transportation Committee

**6. Continue transit committee to assist tribes with new transit start-ups, expanding services, technical documentations, polices, etc.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Work with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and WSDOT Public Transportation Division (PTD) to help establish new tribal transit systems and expanding service of existing systems.	Transit committee / FTA / WSDOT PTD
Assist with workshops and presentations from FTA and WSDOT PTD to help tribes with technical support and expertise.	Quarterly meetings / Transit committee / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Highlight tribal transit successes and assist tribes with transit-related problems.	Quarterly meetings / Transit committee / Tribal-State Transportation Conference

**7. Establish Right-of-way (ROW) committee that assists tribes with issues related to ROW acquisition and 25 CR Part169.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Seek tribal participation and contacts to address emerging ROW issues.	Quarterly meetings / survey or sign-up sheet / outreach issues.
Develop work plan goals, objectives and deliverables.	Quarterly meetings / ROW committee / outreach

**8. Establish Trust land committee that assists tribes with trust land issues.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Seek tribal participation and contacts to address emerging trust land issues.	Quarterly meetings / survey or sign-up sheet / outreach
Develop work plan goals, objectives and deliverables.	Quarterly meetings / Trust Land committee / outreach

**9. Enhance organizational effectiveness of TTPO, to include but not limited to establishing paid support staff.**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deliverables / Timelines</b>
Keep TTPO website up to date with current participating tribes & transportation planners, links to TTPO partners, and important notifications for the improvement of tribal transportation.	Outreach / BIA / FHWA / FLH / ATNI / WSDOT / FTA / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU) / ITA / TTPCC / all other TTPO Partners
Manage and update the annual TTPO Work Plan.	TTPO Officers / Annual meeting
Improve TTPO efficiency and capacity through marketing, donations, and seeking funding and investment opportunities, to include internship or hiring supporting staff to administer and organize TTPO activities.	Quarterly Meetings / Outreach
Continue to develop TTPO independence and self-sufficiency by purchasing equipment and services needed to conduct quarterly meetings and maintain communication.	Quarterly meetings / TTPO Officers
Promote TTPO through multimedia, brochures, newsletters other briefing documents, and other organizations to enhance TTPO and educate on tribal transportation.	Quarterly Meetings / Outreach / TTPO website / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Use Tribal-State Transportation Conference for TTPO Fundraiser and marketing strategies.	Tribal-State Transportation Conference / Outreach
Seek membership and partnership feedback, through surveys, assessments and suggestions.	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / TTPO website

### **Additional Work Plan Tasks and Deliverables (as needed and time permitting)**

Below is a list of additional new and ongoing tasks the TTPO would like to undertake. In some cases, the quarterly TTPO meeting will serve as a forum to discuss these issues as they come up during the period of this Plan. Individual member(s) of the TTPO may also undertake some of the tasks below.

- Election of Officers at Annual TTPO Meeting
- After pandemic alternate locations for quarterly meetings, preferably tribal venues and facilities