

# TTPO Meeting Summary

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Full Minutes Recorded via Zoom and Available Upon Request*

Attendance (Voting Tribal Representatives Are in Red)

Alan Adolf, Yakama COG

Al Pinkham, Yakima Nation, Pres.

Annette Nesse, Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe, Tres.

Blane Kunihisa, FHWA

Casey Stevens, Stillaguamish Tribe

Cheryl Johnson, Lummi Nation

Chamisa Radford, Spokane Tribe of Indians

Chris Robideau, Red Plains Professionals

Dan Tolliver, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Daniel Mendoza,

David Strich, Samish Nation

David Tano, BIA NWRO

Dez Hayes, Sound Transit

Erika Mascorro, WTSC

Erin Andrada, BIA

Elissa Jellison, WSDOT

Elizabeth Safsten, WSDOT

HollyAnne Little Bull, Yakama Nation

Keri Cleary, Swinomish Tribe, Sec.

Maria Cullooyah, Spokane Tribe, VP

Marianna Hanefeld, WSDOT

Mary Beth Frank, Nez Peirce Tribe, ITA

Matthew Kenna, WSDOT

Megan Cotton, WSDOT

Megan Nicodemus, WSDOT

Nichole Smith, NWWIHB

Olivia Whiting, NWWIHB

Richard Rolland, Rolland and Assoc.

Robert Barandon, Puyallup Tribe

Robert Huitt, Swinomish Tribe

Robin Kieffer, Spokane Tribe of Indians

Travis Duxbury, Stillaguamish Tribe

- Al Pinkham provided Welcome and introductions.
- Keri Cleary performed roll call and identified voting members from each tribe (ID in red above).
- Motion made by Cheryl Johnson to approve May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes, seconded by Robert Brandon.

Approved 9/0/0

- Motion made by David Strich to approve September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 minutes, seconded by Cheryl Johnson.

Approved 9/0/0 to

- Broadband presentation made by Blane Kunihisa (see powerpoint). Blane noted that he would be sending out a survey on how to better coordinate broadband information in LRTPs to gauge interest from tribes. Various discussions occurred, details below. Casey Stevens brought up the issue of using satellite broadband technology that is starting to become popular for remote areas. Megan Nicodemus helped Blane identify various funding agencies for broadband grants. Richard Rolland said much of rural Alaska depends on microwave/satellite services and north Idaho has a provider too. Many rural ranches use it, but he can't get it at his house however. Chris Robineau said this is a big thing. They announce almost quarterly when they have capacity to add accounts. This is developing and improving at very reasonable costs. A friend of is currently signed up @ \$100 a month for service that will start in a couple months. Nichole Smith said I hear broadband is still faster than starlink, but nice to have an overlay network. Richard Rolland said Starlink has a \$500 dollar hardware charge on top of the \$100 per month. He is still waiting for broadband too (slower motum speeds), so doesn't much matter. Dan Tolliver asked if there are some things to help stream line permits for broad band. He said that there are several ways to do broadband and it seems that fiber is best as it is future proof. Also noaNET is a good

group to work with for broadband (mainly focused in East side WA). Their main mission is to assist smaller organizations with broadband help and with deployment. Local Skagit net-broadband deployment in Skagit County is occurring and they have partnership with Ports and some others. Blane Kunihisa doesn't really know much about permitting and how that process works or how to improve it. It is region by region, some states won't let broadband be in the ROW as of now, so really it varies. Chris Robineau stated that for years we have been able to upload our 3D designs into construction equipment and the certain 3D enabled equipment can operate and grade according to the 3D designs. We used this for the grading of a very tight flat ditch at Shoalwater to prevent operator error in creating low spots along the ditch. Worked very well! This is technology not available by all contractors but when you can make it happen it is impressive. You need a proper 3D design...some Engineering firms do not create 3D designs and surfaces in their electronic deliverables. More modern design firms are providing this as a standard deliverable now. In regards to remote excavation tablet work that Casey Stevens discussed.

- HollyAnne Little Bull presented on the "HERITAGE TRAIL CONNECTIVITY TRAIL PLAN" (see handouts). Then she presented on USDA funded pedestrian and vehicle and weather "Must Sensor" to record live data. The mobile unit is for sensing traffic using Star Lab and C Net (see handout).
- Matthew Kenna presented on the updated WSDOT Human Services Transportation Plan.
- Erika Mascorro and Dez Hayes presented on the Washington traffic Safety Commission and the TTASB. They gave the history of the TTASB (see slides) and made recommendations to having TTASB become a subcommittee of TTPO as discussed several years ago. TTPO agreed to doing this.
- Mary Beth Frank provided an update on Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA). Dan Tolliver asked if the proposed transportation bill will still be including safety grants. MaryBeth said yes and they are adding high priority projects grants back in along with increasing funding for both. Dan then asked how much reduction is there in the overall bill proposal in funding. Dan Tano stated that currently it is increasing at a 12% rate, however that changes yearly.
- Keri Cleary presented the treasurer's report for Nora Pederson (see handout).
- Al Pinkham presented a draft work plan (see handout) and asked for comments. He would like to have it adopted at the next annual TTPO meeting (Jan 2022 tentative).
- Al Pinkham started discussions on future training ideas for the TTPO to help with. He asked about interest in forming additional subcommittees like ROW, Land-Use, and requested verification on current committees and their memberships like the transit subgroup. Keri Cleary said she would work on getting that information re; the transit and report back. Al and the other officers will look into other subcommittees being developed and report back. Richard Rolland said to check in with Margo Hill (EWU) because she may be able to help research and training development. Marybeth Frank asked about including some additional training and information on VMT fees at future meetings as it is moving forward with implementation. Dan Tolliver recommended have a subcommittee that could assist with grant design and applications. Casey Steven recommended a subcommittee that would help work on finding different funding sources as the fuel tax will dry up with VMT implementation.
- Chris Robendue gave an update to the TTPO website and requested that planners send in short bios for themselves, tribal logo, and picture for that information to be listed on the website. He will send out a link to everyone to use.
- For the Good of the Order, Dez Hayes gave a quick briefing on WA State employee mandate that will go into effect for mask and vaccine requirements.
- Next meeting Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Zoom.

Adjourned