



Tribal Transportation Planning Organization

Work Plan 2022

Purpose

Tribal Transportation Planning Organization (TTPO) promotes tribal transportation by educating tribal planners and technical staff in the implementation and compliance of current guidelines, policies, regulations, and programs relative to transportation and associated fields. TTPO supports Washington State tribes and all tribal transportation affiliates as a consortium by fostering intergovernmental cooperation, communication and coordination, and providing 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 for tribes in Washington State includes Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and other transportation providers to coordinate transportation planning issues and to help advocate direct access to national, state and regional funds for tribes.

The TTPO will continue to work with all Washington State tribes, BIA, Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), Small Urban, Rural and Tribal Center on Mobility (SURTCOM) Eastern Washington University (EWU), WSDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 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.

Guidelines and Activities 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 or Requested.

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. Coordinate, share information, and identify best practices of tribal transportation programs about transportation infrastructure, transit facilities and equipment resources.
5. 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.

6. Enhance inter-tribal communications through sharing of resources, information, methods, processes and best practices to improve tribal transportation programs.
7. 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.

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

Continue Tribal Transit Subcommittee.

10. Support Tribal Transit, by continuing a transit sub-committee to assist with tribal transits, FTA, WSDOT, and other service providers and funding sources, to include new start-ups, shutdowns, expanding services, technical documentations and polices, etc.

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.

Work Plan Activities and Deliverables

- 1. Ensure technical 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.**

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
Educate tribes on grant opportunities, writing, implementation and best practices.	On-going / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU) / BIA / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Assist tribes with pedestrian and bicyclist facility planning, design, construction and maintenance.	TTAP & SURTCOM / Tribal-State Transportation Conference / BIA / EWU
Track bills and policies at state and federal levels that address important tribal transportation issues, and keep tribes informed on legal and financial responsibilities.	Quarterly meetings / reports from Tribes / subcommittees / BIA / FHWA / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Assist tribes with Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development, goals, implementation and best practices.	Reports from tribes / BIA / FHWA // TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)
Support tribal training and respond to emergent issues and needs.	On-going / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU) / BIA / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Determine EWU SURTCOM & TTAP training services available.	TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)/ FHWA / FLH
Demonstrate highlights and best practices in project planning, development, construction and maintenance.	Quarterly meetings / reports from Tribes / subcommittees / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Assist tribes with road maintenance issues and best practices.	TTAP / Tribal-State Transportation Conference / BIA / FHWA
Assist tribes with bridge planning, design, construction and maintenance.	BIA / FHWA / Tribal-State Transportation Conference

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

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
Assist tribes with inventory data issues and asset management (RIFDS/NTTFI).	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / BIA / FHWA / WSDOT / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)
Serve as a forum for tribes to share data information and reports.	On-going / quarterly meetings / subcommittees
Communicate with the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee (TTPCC) to help tribes and other agencies coordinate and share emergent data issues nationally.	Quarterly meetings / TTPO Officers

3. Improve methods to research and collect data to improve Tribal Transportation facilities, infrastructure and system.

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
Assist in the establishment of local and regional transportation coalitions and committees.	Outreach / on-going
Research and obtain case studies for Tribal Transportation Program (TTP).	Outreach / on-going / BIA / FHWA
Assist tribes with developing a Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and process to get projects on BIA's TIP.	Outreach / on-going / BIA
Collect and share resources and guides on Tribal Transportation Planning.	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / BIA / FHWA / library & links on TTPO website
Collect and share resources and guides on Economic Development & Tourism.	Quarterly meetings / Tribal-State Transportation Conference / library & links on TTPO website

4. Improve safety on reservations, tribal lands, historically significant lands, and associated access routes by reducing fatal and disabling accidents by using the 4E's as identified in the WTSC Target Zero Plan, including assisting Tribes with creating and/or updating their current Tribal Traffic Safety Plans.

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
Continue WTSC TTSAB as TTPO subcommittee to promote & improve tribal traffic safety, through education & learned best practices.	Quarterly meeting / WTSC TTSAB meeting
Take role in planning annual Tribal Traffic Safety Summit and participation in events or conferences particular to traffic safety.	Summit / event planning / safety subcommittee
Assist and train tribes on Road Safety Audits.	TTPO safety subcommittee / BIA / FHWA / FLH / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)
Promote and educate tribes on developing a Culture of Safety (Positive Community Norms).	Quarterly meetings / safety subcommittee / outreach / ongoing
Promote and educate tribes on developing and performing crash data analysis.	Quarterly meetings / safety subcommittee / outreach / ongoing
Promote and coordinate tribal involvement in data collection and input for updating state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan: <i>Target Zero</i> , with a focus on tribal lands.	Safety subcommittee / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU)/ Tribal-State Transportation Conference /
Encourage tribes to provide reservation road maps and tribal crash and safety data to WSDOT's Collision Data for Local Agencies for developing more accurate crash data.	Outreach / on-going / safety subcommittee
Invite tribes to give presentations about their safety programs and best practices.	Quarterly meetings / safety subcommittee
Research and Promote Drivers Education and development of Tribal Drivers Licensing programs and related Graduated Drivers Licensing codes for all Tribes.	Preliminary research and presentation of findings to TTPO.
Assist stakeholders with tribal emergency management and preparedness as related to transportation safety.	Outreach / on-going / safety subcommittee
<i>Coordinate with Washington Traffic Safety Commission to make the eTrip crash data system available to tribes.</i>	Outreach / on-going / safety subcommittee

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

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
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
Invite WSDOT to share information on the WSDOT STIP process.	Quarterly meetings
Provide updates of the Washington Transportation Plan and related planning products.	Quarterly meetings
Invite hosting community agency or organizations to present relevant local issues.	Quarterly meetings
Assist tribes with transportation funding opportunities and information about 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 Washington State on other matters relative to tribal, state, and federal regulations that may affect tribal planning or economic development.	On-going / quarterly meetings / Tribal-State Transportation Conference

6. 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 sub-committees or working groups.

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
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 / TTPO Officers' participation in ITA, ATNI Transportation Committee
Keep WSDOT apprised of tribal concerns and policy positions.	Quarterly meetings / TTPO Officers / Washington Indian Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (WITPAC)
Provide regular updates, presentations and relevant materials to TTPO members regarding reauthorization of federal transportation program.	Quarterly meetings / TTPO Officers / subcommittees

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

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
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 subcommittee / FTA / WSDOT PTD
Assist with workshops and presentations from FTA and WSDOT PTD to help tribes with technical support and expertise.	Quarterly meetings / Transit subcommittee / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Highlight tribal transit successes and assist tribes with transit-related problems.	Quarterly meetings / Transit subcommittee / Tribal-State Transportation Conference

8. Establish Right-of-way (ROW) sub-committee that assists tribes with issues related to ROW acquisition and 25 CR Part 169.

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
Seek tribal participation and contacts to address emerging ROW issues.	Quarterly meetings / survey or sign-up sheet / outreach
Develop work plan goals, objectives and deliverables.	Quarterly meetings / ROW subcommittee / outreach

9. Establish Trust land sub-committee that assists tribes with trust land issues.

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
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 subcommittee / outreach

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

Emphasis Activities	Deliverables / Timelines
Maintain roster of participating tribal transportation planners and policy-makers.	On-going / outreach / TTPO Officers / TTPO website
Keep TTPO website up to date with currently participating tribal transportation planners (bios & pictures), and links to sites and partners that assist and support tribes.	Outreach / BIA / FHWA / FLH / ATNI / WSDOT / FTA / TTAP & SURTCOM (EWU) / TUCC / TTPCC / etc.
Manage and update the TTPO Work Plan and Objectives.	TTPO Officers / quarterly meetings
Seek funding and investment opportunities to improve TTPO efficiency and capacity, to include hiring supporting staff to administer and organize TTPO activities.	Outreach / TTPO Officers
Develop TTPO independence and self-sufficiency by purchasing equipment and services needed to conduct quarterly meetings and maintain communications.	On-going / Quarterly meetings / TTPO Officers /

Seek participation and information from other planning organizations, either federal, state, regional, or local.	Outreach / quarterly meetings
Promote TTPO through multimedia, brochures, newsletters and other briefing documents to enhance TTPO organization and educate on tribal transportation.	Outreach / TTPO website / Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Use Tribal-State Transportation Conference for TTPO Fundraiser and marketing strategies.	Tribal-State Transportation Conference
Seek membership and partnership feedback, through surveys, assessments and suggestions.	Quarterly meetings / subcommittees / TTPO website
Develop partnerships with professional organizations that can provide professional accreditation to participants.	Quarterly meetings / Tribal-State Transportation Conference

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
- Develop TTPO marketing strategies, fundraisers and seeking donations
- Alternate locations for quarterly meetings, preferably tribal venues and facilities
- Seek full-time staff to administer and seek funding resources to carry out TTPO functions, while maintaining TTPO’s non-profit status