

Action Items

Below is the final list of tribal transportation priorities sorted according to priority:

H=High M=Medium L=Low

High Priority Action Items:

1. Simplify the transference of Federal funds (IRR monies) to tribes located in WA State.
2. Work to inject greater tribal emphasis into the Washington Transportation Plan, and Regional Transportation Planning Organization products too.
3. Work to reflect Tribal regional transportation plans into RTPO / MPO plans and into the WSDOT Unified Plan Work Plan Guidance.
4. Develop next steps on Target Zero from the tribal view; discuss a possible spring safety conference.
5. TERO needs: Ensure Indian preference on all WSDOT projects that fall under TERO; define and clarify "on or near the reservation" and "reasonable commuting distance".
6. Ensure that emergency work on or near the reservation is offered to affected tribes, including snow removal.
7. Develop a formal recommendation for WSDOT to have a Tribal Liaison in each region.
8. Ensure that tribes are recognized as a jurisdiction within WA State MPOs and RTPOs.
9. Send a thank-you to Transportation Secretary Hammond for Cost to Construct data efforts on IRR. Bureau has not yet accepted data; develop a letter to be sent from WSDOT to BIA in Albuquerque.
10. Coordinate the WA State tribal position on next Surface Transportation Act with WSDOT.
 - a. Update the 2009 tribal position paper on the Surface Transportation Act and tribal needs.
11. Develop a small task force to track the federal bill process.
 - a. Ensure that tribal leaders endorse the WA State tribal position.
 - b. Allocate safety funds based on 'worst' first categories.
12. Ensure Tribal consultation before the release of transit funds.
 - a. Include Tribes in WSDOT transit planning process.
 - b. Work with local governments and transit providers to ensure tribes are considered during the establishment of transit routes.
 - c. Reward transit that accesses/services reservations.
13. Work on getting Tribal Council representation at this conference.
14. Confirm more Tribal presenters to communicate our accomplishments at the next Tribal / State Transportation Conference.

Medium Priority Action Items

1. Ensure that tribal projects are included in the Washington State Highway System Plan.
2. Engage further with the Washington State Transportation Commission
3. Invite to attend Quarterly Tribal Transportation Planning Organization meetings.

4. Encourage Secretary Hammond to travel out and visit tribes and develop relationships.
5. Identify a Tribal representative from each region to personally invite MPOs and RTPOs to engage at Tribal related conferences and meetings.
6. Increase tribal representation on professional organizations to act as liaisons.
7. Report tribal gas tax successes to the Department of Licensing (DOL) now.

Low Priority Action Items

1. Investigate whether the use of public funds by the TTPO will always limit the subject matter they are able to discuss.
2. Develop research topics for Transportation Research Board (TRB) Native American Transportation Issues Committee.
 - a. Example: alternative power sources in Indian Country
 - i. Fuels (i.e. CNG)
 - ii. Rural lighting
 - b. Example: Unique trip characteristics of trip generation in Indian Country.
 - c. Example: University of Washington TRAC program for research.
 - d. Explore all research opportunities.
 - e. Invite WSDOT Research group to come to Tribal meeting(s).
3. Provide tribal boundary and road maps to WSDOT for GIS.