

2010 Tribal/State Transportation Conference Action Items & Volunteer List

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. **(Kyle Kitchel, Michael Cardwell, Kim Stube, Julie Rodwell—(work with Joe’s Office))**
2. Work to inject greater tribal emphasis into the Washington Transportation Plan, and Regional Transportation Planning Organization products too. **Skokomish & Lummi, Lennea Magnus, Kirk Vinish**
3. Work to reflect Tribal regional transportation plans into RTPO / MPO plans and into the WSDOT Unified Plan Work Plan Guidance. **Julie Rodwell, Lennea Magnus, Jonathan Ciesla, Carol Brown**
4. Develop next steps on Target Zero from the tribal view; discuss a possible spring safety conference. **Lowell Porter, Megan Cotton, Kyle Kitchel, Charlene Nelson**
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”. **Megan Cotton**
6. Ensure that emergency work on or near the reservation is offered to affected tribes, including snow removal. **(no assignment)**
7. Develop a formal recommendation for WSDOT to have a Tribal Liaison in each region. **(No assignment)**
8. Ensure that tribes are recognized as a jurisdiction within WA State MPOs and RTPOs. **Julie Rodwell, Lennea Magnus**
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. **Megan Cotton, Kirk Vinish, Edward Koltonowski**
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. **Kirk Vinish, Michael Cardwell, Julie Rodwell, Megan Cotton**
11. Develop a small task force to track the federal bill process. **Same group as #10**
 - a. Ensure that tribal leaders endorse the WA State tribal position.
 - b. Allocate safety funds based on ‘worst’ first categories. **Kirk Vinish, Michael Cardwell, Lowell Porter, Keri Shepherd, Richard Rolland**
12. Ensure Tribal consultation before the release of transit funds. **Keri Shepherd, Gordon Neilson, Casey Stevens, Jonathan Ciesla, Megan Cotton**
 - a. Include Tribes in WSDOT transit planning process.
 - b. Include a discussion of transit routes of the non-tribal public transit systems that have potential to serve tribal lands in the Centennial Accord discussion, ensure tribes are considered on establishment of routes.
 - c. Reward transit that accesses/services reservations.
13. Work on getting Tribal Council representation at this conference. **Colleen Jollie, Charlene Nelson, Michael Cardwell, Theresa Sheldon, Megan Cotton**
14. Confirm more Tribal presenters to communicate our accomplishments at the next Tribal / State Transportation Conference. **Assign to future Tribal/State Conference Committee**

Medium Priority Action Items

1. Ensure that tribal projects are included in the Washington State Highway System Plan. **Megan Cotton, Theresa Sheldon, Julie Rodwell, Casey Stevens, Greig Arnold,**
2. Engage further with the Washington State Transportation Commission. Invite to attend Quarterly Tribal Transportation Planning Organization meetings. **TTPO to send invite**
3. Encourage Secretary Hammond to travel out and visit tribes and develop relationships.
4. Identify a Tribal representative from each region to personally invite MPOs and RTPOs to engage at Tribal related conferences and meetings. **All TTPO Member tribes**
5. Increase tribal representation on professional organizations to act as liaisons. **Michael Cardwell, Edward Koltonowski**
6. Report tribal gas tax successes to the Department of Licensing (DOL) now. **Jim Longley, Casey Stevens, Invite—Josh Johnston**

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 regarding transportation issues. **Jim Longley, Casey Stevens**
2. Develop research topics for Transportation Research Board (TRB) Native American Transportation Issues Committee. **Richard Rolland, Kirk Vinish, Megan N.**
 - 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. **Ed Koltonowski, Julie Rodwell**
 - 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. **Keri Shepherd, Richard Rolland, Mark Van Wormer Julie Rodwell, Megan Cotton**