



2017 Mid-Year Convention Portland, OR

RESOLUTION #17 - 40

“REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION REGARDING TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM”

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, recently the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposed restructuring the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP); and

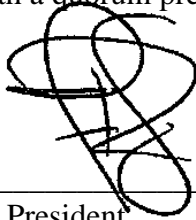
WHEREAS, TTAP's provide training and technical assistance for all aspects of transportation for each tribe within six regions in the lower 48 states and one in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes by FHWA do not appear to have started with an understanding of sovereignty for tribes, active involvement of all tribes or any effort to have formal consultation to this important program; now

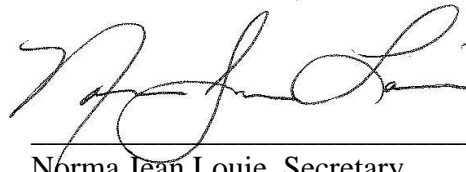
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby request the Federal Highway Administration to engage in formal consultation with tribes in each region prior to making any changes to the Tribal Technical Assistance Program.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Double Tree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on May 23-26, 2017, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary