



# COMMITTEE AGENDA

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## Transportation

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians -

2024 Midyear Convention

Canyonville, OR

### DISCUSSION

**Date:** 5/21/2024; **Time:** 1:30 PM;

### Introductions

- Round of Introductions
- Focus on reports from subcommittees – leave time at the end for topics of resolutions

### **BIA NWRO Update, FY2024 TTP Funding**

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- Formula can be found at [23 USC 202\(b\)\(3\)](#) – Cinco explained how the formula is used to distribute Tribal funds through the transportation program.
- 3 sub-formulas developed under MAP-21 Bill (2012)
  - 3 portions for Tribal shares for construction funds.
  - Formula related to population and Tribal Road inventory.
- Tribal supplemental funding set asides funding of available amounts
  - **23 USC 202(b)(3)(C)(i)(I):** If less than \$275 M made available for Tribal transportation program, 30% of this amount is set aside.
  - **23 USC 202(b)(3)(C)(i)(II):** If more than \$275 M, \$82.5 M + 12.5% of this amount is set aside.
  - An additional \$150 M to be distributed based on Tribal shares amount.
    - Obligation limitation not applicable to this funding



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This amounts to an additional ~29% of a Tribe’s existing Construction fund

Self-governance Tribes will get their funds if they draw TTP funds (~470 Tribes)

- Tribal Transportation Program – Is operating under two continuing resolutions.
  - Congress to improve funding.
- Tribal Transportation Program Safety Awards (TTPSF)
  - 2023: 6 Tribes in the NW Region received a total of \$1 M (Metlakatla – 2 awards; Grand Rhonde; Kalispel; Spokane; Upper Skagit)
  - 2024: Safety Awards to be announced later this year. Still under review.
  - 2025: Safety Fund applications open from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- High Priority Projects (HPP)
  - \$9 M set aside + \$30 M per year from general fund through 2026
  - FAST ACT changed HPP funding from set asides to a takedown.
  - 1 project in NW region funded using HPP
- Changes in Takedowns from 2021 to 2024

| Category              | 2021 | 2024            |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------|
| PMO (employees)       | 5%   | 5%              |
| Planning              | 2%   | 2%              |
| Safety                | 2%   | 4%              |
| HPP                   | 0%   | \$9 M           |
| Bridge                | 3%   | 0% (due to BIL) |
| Obligation limitation |      | 13.2%           |

- Plenty of funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – it is important to leverage these funds while they are around.
  - If you need a new or rehabbed Bridge, work with the BIA, FLH, TTAP to secure funding.
    - Bridge Formula Program (BFP)
    - Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

### Washington State DOT Update

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- Lorraine took over for Megan Cotton – Big shoes to Fill!
  - Aleceia Tilley (WSDOT Olympic Region Fish Passage Tribal Liaison) helping fill the gap as capacity shrunk with Megan leaving.
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Program ([link](#))
  - The Pedestrian and Bicycle program objective is to improve the transportation system to enhance safety and mobility for people who choose to walk or bike.
  - **Closes on May 31<sup>st</sup>!**
- Safe Routes to School Program ([link](#))
  - This grant is for pedestrian and bicycle safety projects within 2 miles of a school and Federally recognized Tribes are eligible. (e.g. sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle lanes).
  - **Closes on June 7<sup>th</sup>!**
- Tribal Transit Mobility Grant ([link](#), [Notice of Funding PDF](#))
  - Open June 18<sup>th</sup> | Closes August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Federally recognized Tribes with Transit in WA
  - Funds for operations, mobility management, vehicles / equipment,
- Consolidated Grant Program ([link](#), [Notice of Funding PDF](#))
  - Open June 18<sup>th</sup> | Closes September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Ollie will distribute additional grant information (Tribal Transit Mobility and Consolidated Grant Program) via mailing list.
- Kirk mentioned he would like to see a menu of options for use of SRS funds. Example, demonstrating how areas have implemented a walking school bus program.
  - Need for online resources to improve safety through communication. Kirk was interested in a toolkit for parents and teachers.

## NW TTAP Center Update

## **Introduction**

- The Assistant Director position has recently been vacated. The center is in the hiring process for a joint Assistant Director that will manage the NW TTAP Center and PacTrans.



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- **Training Initiatives**
- Training Programs (certificate after completion)
  - Road Safety Champion Program (targeted to launch in late summer)
    - “Traffic Safety 101” designed to build a knowledgeable, safety minded workforce, responsible for operating, maintaining, and designing roads.
  - Road Scholars Program (launch date TBD)
    - Road Maintenance staff training program
- Training Workshops under development!
  - Kirk mentioned Lummi Nation would be interested in a 6PPD-Q training workshop.
  - Reach out to Ollie ([OLW8@uw.edu](mailto:OLW8@uw.edu)) if you would like to plan a workshop.
- GIS
  - With RIFDS transitioning to a geographic information system (GIS), trainings are being developed and workshops planned.
  - The center can host (1) online self-paced training through Esri Learning Plan, (2) online instructor-led course (meet weekly), or (3) in-person workshops / work sessions.
  - In-person sessions can be hosted at Seattle (UW), Spokane (EWU), and we are working to find a lab in Oregon and Idaho.
- Additional training:
  - Free online training at <https://NWTTAP.org/training>

### NW TTAP Symposium

- Symposium similar to the BIA Transportation Symposium, except supported by the NW TTAP Center.
- Training Tracts: Planning / Engineering | Maintenance / Construction | Traffic Safety | Grants / Funding
- Tentatively scheduled for Fall 2024. Still looking for a host.
- Supported by NW TTAP Steering Committee



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- **Grant Opportunities**
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
  - Two parts: (1) planning and (2) demonstration
    - (1) **PLANNING**: develop/update safety action plan (plan that takes into account roads and data to identify where and what countermeasures to install to improve safety OR supplemental planning activities (road safety audits, additional data / safety analysis, etc.)
    - (2) **DEMONSTRATION**: temporary installation projects such as pilot programs for new technology MUTCD studies.
  - Ample funding for Safety Action Plans (1) and it is a simple application. If you do not have a current Safety Action Plan (< 5 years old), this is a perfect opportunity to receive funding to make one.
    - Previous applicants received \$150k upwards to \$500k to develop plans.
    - To see if your current action plan is sufficient, use this self-checker ([link](#)).
  - Most Tribes (~90%) in BIA Region 6 do not have an up-to-date action plan on TribalSafety.org.
  - **SS4A Joint Application**
    - UW could submit a joint application to update Safety Action Plans across the region (up to \$10 M). This could streamline development, data collection, and help lower consultant fees by working together.
    - Match could come from TTPSF funding, OR and WA HSIP funding, and other sources.
    - If you are interested in working to bring this amount of funding to the region, reach out to Ollie ([OLW8@uw.edu](mailto:OLW8@uw.edu)).
    - This could partner with a consultant and the Tribes without a plan and also bring a full-time traffic safety engineer to the NW TTAP Center to support other initiatives.

### Steering Committee

- The center could use your input and expertise to guide our center as we develop training, workshops, and symposiums.
- Your commitment can range from highly involved to minimally involved.
- Input from steering committee helps figure out what to host (Colville and Klamath workshops came from steering committee conversations).
- Monthly Meeting:
  - Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1 PM
  - Zoom. If Teams is preferred, reach out [OLW8@uw.edu](mailto:OLW8@uw.edu).

**ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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Resolution # & Title:

None

### **COMMITTEE - TABLED**

Resolution # & Title:

None

Minutes/Report submitted by: Kirk Vinish  
Committee Chair

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