



**ATNI Annual 2025 Convention
Suquamish, Washington**

RESOLUTION # 2025 – 53

**“SUPPORT NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI)
RESOLUTION #CT-25-002 INTERTRIBAL TRANSPORTATION
ASSOCIATION’S PROPOSED TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION
REAUTHORIZATION BILL”**

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 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 promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following Resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and Indian tribal governments 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the Intertribal Transportation Association’s proposed Tribal Transportation Bill requests less than \$1.7 billion in the first year of a Transportation Bill and, in a five-year Bill, with annual increases ending the last year of the Bill with \$5.86 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Intertribal Transportation Association’s proposed Tribal Transportation Bill includes a necessary request to Restore the Exemption to the Tribal Transportation Program’s “Obligation Limitation Deduction”. Without the restoration of the exemption, Tribal Nations have had hundreds of millions of dollars removed from the program, leaving the small amount of funding in this program even smaller; and

WHEREAS, the Intertribal Transportation Association has provided a forum for Tribal Nations to develop and submit tribal elements to Congress for the next Transportation Reauthorization Bill; and

WHEREAS, the Intertribal Transportation Association’s proposed Tribal Elements, found in Attachment to this resolution, had input from its members over one year, and with a unanimous vote at its Annual Meeting in December 2024, 16 bulleted requests (see the Congressional Transportation Reauthorization Tribal Request) to be included in the next Congressional Transportation Reauthorization Bill; and

WHEREAS, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians shall include an additional item for the continuance of the Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage Program; and

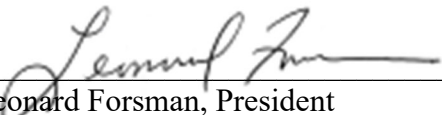
WHEREAS, due to the urgent nature of the ongoing drafting of the next Transportation Reauthorization Bill by Congress, this resolution is necessary to address immediate concerns and ensure timely advocacy for Tribal Transportation interests; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) hereby supports the NCAI Resolution #CT-25-002, “Support for the Intertribal Transportation Association’s Proposed Tribal Transportation/Infrastructure and Tribal Transit Elements to the Next Congressional Transportation Reauthorization Bill,” and Intertribal Transportation Association’s Proposed Tribal elements, found in the Attachment for the next Congressional Transportation Reauthorization Bill; and

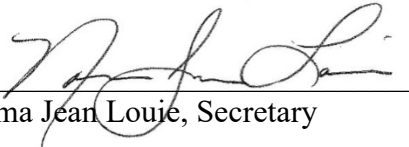
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolutions.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2025 Annual Convention held at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish, Washington on October 12-16, 2025, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary