 Intertribal Transportation Association

2022 ITA Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 06, 2022

Flamingo Resort, Las Vegas, NV

**8:30 AM Welcome & Prayer ITA President/Prayer**

ITA President welcome all the participate and appreciated their time being on the for attending the annual meeting.

It’s been 2019 since ITA had its annual meeting here in Vegas. It’s good to see familiar faces and new people. ITA is a platform for advocacy for transportation for all tribes. Tribes to have voice in unity.

I been Vice-President of ITA for 3 years and a member of the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee (TTPCC). ITA first established in 1993 and headquarter is in Polson, MT.

Over the years ITA had its ups and downs but I am glad to see ITA is growing in numbers and participation from the tribes for discussion has increased. Thank you for all those that supported and continue to support ITA. And we appreciate all those that have contributed to the success of ITA present and past. 3 years ago that were 7 Regions that did not have regional representation and today we have 4 vacancies. We may bring that down to 3 before the meeting is over.

Again, welcome everyone to the 2022 ITA Annual meeting!! Looking forward to some great discussions and presentations.

**Open ITA Business Meeting – (Business Etiquette) – Mary Beth Clark, ITA President**

**Roll Call Jonah Begay, ITA Secretary**

**Review/Approve Annual Meeting Agenda Gerry Hope, ITA Vice President**

Garret Silversmith motioned and seconded by Chris McCray to accept the Agenda. No amendments and no question(s) were asked during the review and approval of the agenda. The agenda approved ‘as-is’ by a vote of 6-0-0.

**Review/Approve Minutes 11/17/2022 Jonah Begay, ITA Secretary**

Gerry Hope, ITA Vice President motioned and seconded by Anthony Bronco to accept the minutes. No amendments and no question(s) were asked during the review and approval of the agenda. The minutes approved ‘as-is’ by a vote of 7-0-0.

**Treasurer Report – Gerry Hope, ITA Vice President**

Motion by: Barak Meyers

Seconded by: Garret Silversmith

The Report accepted: 7-0-0

**ITA Annual Report for FY2022 – Mary Beth Clark, ITA President**

Please see attached

**Elections of Nomination & Voting Process – Gerry Hope**

Motion and second to open nominations

Question/discussion regarding nomination process?

Call for nominations

Members are eligible to nominate another member or be nominated for an executive position with the ITA.

Nominations will be called 3-times before closing the nomination

Motion to close the nomination

**Regional Caucus: 20 Minutes to Caucus:**

All 12 Regions were given 20 minutes to select a representative for the 2023. Currently, 4 Regions do not have representatives.

* 1. Great Plains
  2. Western
  3. Pacific

**Election: Vice President & Secretary – Mary Beth Clark & ITA Member**

Gerry Hope, ITA Vice President re-elected to stay as VP.

Twyla Blanchard from Absentee Shawnee Tribe, ITA Secretary-elected

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM USDOT Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs – Arlando Teller**

Mr. Teller can be reached by cell (202)770-9255 (Please text first)

How to maximize opportunities for tribes

Tribal Aviation Symposium- 2nd Annual (currently working on dates and agenda)

One or two day Transit Symposium (possibly April)

Currently being discussed with Leroy Gishi:

NEPA and Right of Ways

Matching Funds

Executive Waivers

Admin person is currently being hired

Seeking out for 2 Sr. Advisors and 1 Financial Person

Requests to meet with Secretary of Tribal Affairs is from 6 months to a year (request in advance)

**2:20 PM Federal Transit Administration – Amy Changchien, Dep Regional Admin Region 9**

$20.4 billion annual budget FY2022

$69.4 billion COVID-19 Emergency Relief

$25 billion in CARES Act funds in 2020

$14 billion in CRRSAA funds in 2021

$30.4 billion in ARP funds in 2021

**BIL (FY 2022-2026**)

Formula Program – starting $35 M per year with annual increase ending with $38 M per year

Competitive Program – starting $8.75 M per year with annual increase ending with $9.6 M per year

Competitive: Funds will lapse September 30, 2025

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL>

**Funding Availability Period**

Cares Act and CRRSAA funds are available until expended

ARP Act funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024 and disbursed by September 30, 2029

**USDOT Grant Programs**

**RAISE** -Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program

**Safe Streets for All (SS4A)**

**ROUTES** – Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success

**RURAL** – Rural Surface Transportation Grant program, was included in MPDG

Complete list of grant programs:

[**https://www.transportation.gov/grants**](https://www.transportation.gov/grants)

**Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program (TTSGP)**

Became effective October 1, 2020

Cherokee Nation is first recipient as of June 7, 2022

**3:15 PM Legislative/NEPA Updates Gerry Hope, ITA; Sherri Bozic, Pubelo of Jemez**

Challenges of getting NEPA and Right of Ways pushed through

Pursue research to send to Deb Halland for Transportation Section

Getting connections on record, getting them involved

Work on appropriations for 2023

Reach out to members of the Senate and the House

We are 4 years away from the next Highway Bill

Get the funding from the Bill that was promised

Do away with obligation of limitation

Need to work on Funding Formula, need to get Congress to stop making the decisions for tribes

Address “by America”

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8:30 AM Federal Highway Administration Brian Allen, FHWA OTT Fields Ops Mgr

FY2023 is operating under a continuing resolution that will end December 16, 2022

**Funding Tribal Transportation Program BIL**

FY22 $578,460,000 (Contract Authority)

FY23 $589,960,000 (Contract Authority)

FY24 $602,460,000 (Contract Authority)

FY25 $612,960,000 (Contract Authority)

FY26 $627,960,000 (Contract Authority)

Total $3,011,800,000

**Tribal Transportation Facility Bridges**

Eliminated 3% Set-aside from TTP

Bridge Formula Program – 3% Set-aside

$165 M/year (Advance Appropriations)

Bridge Investment Program Set-aside

$20 M/year (Advance Appropriations)

Bridge Investment Program Set-aside

FY22 $16M (Contract Authority)

FY23 $18M (Contract Authority)

FY24 $20M (Contract Authority)

FY25 $22M (Contract Authority)

FY26 $24M (Contract Authority)

**Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund**

FY21 – 2% set-aside from TTP (approximately $9M available)

FY22 – 4% set-aside (approximately $21M available)

FY23 – applications being accepted now through January 15, 2023

**BIA Indian Highway Safety Program**

Three Categories: Highway Safety Specialist, Law Enforcement Grants, Child Safety Seat

Contact:

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**High Priority Projects (HPP)**

For projects not maintenance

$9 M/year set-aside from TTP

It is a National Priority Program and not a Discretionary Program

Will not be a NOFO

$16 M for the first go around of funding

**Nat’l Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Project Program (NSFLTP)**

Funding - $275 M (FY22-26) in contract authority from the HTF

Reduces (from $25 M to $12.5 M) minimum eligible project cost

Federal Share for tribal projects is 100%

Application Deadline was October 24, 2022. Apps are currently being reviewed

Brian Allen

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**BIA Update Leroy Gishi, DOI BIADOT**

RIFDS and CSTIPS are currently in FY2023 mode

Rollovers have been remedied

Pilot program has been tested and should be ready to roll out for FY24

Esri, Inc contract ended in June but was extended to the end of November

Tentative Plan:

Update TTPCC

Statement of work for next development/testing place

Recontact QA/QC team (after new year)

Expand formal team participation

**10:45 AM TTP Bridge Program Russell Garcia, PE Bridge Program Manager**

FY23 BFP Funds (GF) $288.5M

FY23 BIP Funds (GF) $40M

FY23 BIP Funds (HTF) $30.8M

Total Funds available in FY23: $359M

New bridges are eligible for funding under the BIL

Changes BIL made to the TTP Bridge Program:

Modified 23 U.S.C. 202(d) to update outdated terminology and broaden eligibility with respect to new bridges.

Eliminated the 3% set-aside from the TTP. Instead it sets aside funding from other authorized or appropriated programs.

Bridges eligible for funding:

Bridge replacement or rehabilitation:

1. have an opening of 20 feet or more
2. be classified as a Tribal transportation facility
3. be classified as in poor condition, low load capacity, or need geometric improvements; and
4. be recorded in the NBI maintained by the FHWA

New bridge construction:

1. classified as Tribal transportation facility
2. public bridge with opening of 20 feet or more; and
3. recorded in the NBI after project is completed

**11:20 AM TTAP Update Morgan Malley, TTAP Program Manager**

TTAP is 100% Federally funded

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/ttap](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/ttap)

TTAP Center Steering Committee has 50% Tribal representation

They consist of an Executive Committee and have 7 work groups

TTAP $300,000

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TTPCC

President, Vice President & Secretary

Representative from each 12 regions on committee, 24 total positions

Staggered representation of regions

Nominees have to be tribal leadership or tribal employee with authority to act for their tribe

Four total meetings a year, 3 are in Regions, Final in DC

Meetings are open to the public

**12:30 PM Lunch**

**1:40 PM BIADOT Road Maintenance Study Leroy Gishi**

Schedule 4 overview meetings with Regions (2 held and 2 not confirmed)

Purpose overview of Road Maint. Prog (OIP, TPA) study required in BIL

Schedule consultation (in person & virtual) directed by Sec. 14006

Report due November 15, 2023

Update status every two years after that

BIA & FHWA will provide overview to assist tribes in understanding the differences in Maint. Program and Construction

BIA RMP is not eligible for improvement

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**3:10 PM Transportation Safety: Funding and Technical Updates**

**Adam Larsen, FHWA**

Road to Zero Community Traffic Safety Grant deadline 01/06/23

[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

**Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**

$1 billion per year

20% match required

Tribes, local governments

Comprehensive Safety Action Plans

Non-infrastructure eligible

Can’t use TTP funds as match

Next round, Spring 2023

[SS4A@dot.gov](mailto:SS4A@dot.gov)

Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund Purpose

Transportation fatalities and injuries

Safety plan, data, analysis

2023 application deadline is 01/15/23

Safety Plan: new, $15,000 update, $10,000

Tribal Transportation Safety Mgmt System Steering Committee

January 10, 2023 (zoom)

[www.tribalsafety.org](http://www.tribalsafety.org)

**4:00 PM Transportation Equity Needs for Tribal Governments**

**Gerry Hope, ITA; Ron Hall, UGPTI TT Manager**

Study tribal workforce capacity, needs and gaps

Looking for support from the TTPCC as well getting FHWA and BIADOT involved and push to Congress

This is for all areas of transportation including transit

Gerry requested a follow up to the letter that was sent to Secretary Buttigieg dated November 7, 2022. Gerry ask that Arlando Teller check on it as well.

NCAI stands behind this letter

Arlando Teller wants to send out to FTA, and other DOT mods and programs before moving on to the Secretary

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9:00 AM Transportation Role in Broadband Deployment

Blane Kunihisa, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation

COVID-19 revealed the need for broadband

Barriers limiting Tribe’s and Providers ability in participating in federal broadband programs

10:30 AM Technology implementations for rural road safety data collection, analysis and visualization

Wei Sun, ALWaysion; Sam Ricord, UW; HollyAnna LittleBull, Yakama Tribe

Safety Data Collection 1st Project in Yakama Nation

MUST Device (Plug and Play, easy to install)

Vehicle detection, tracking, counting

Pedestrian detection and counting

Multi-model detection: car, truck, bus, etc.

Cost effective

Data is not stored on the device, it is transferred out

Yakama Nation received a grant from USDOT and teamed up with a local college

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM 2023 ITA Objectives Discussion

MEPA Right of Ways

Equity TTAP

Self Gov/Road Maint Next Highway Bill

Annual Appropriations “By America”

VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) Obligation of limitation

Bridge inspection on NBI RIFDs/GIS Switchover

Road Maint. Study Safety needs

University Transportation Centers Tribal presence on Federal Railroads

Tolls, bridge tolls PILT funds

Call for proposed resolutions

Motion: Letter to appropriate person in DOT that supports Arlando Teller as Assistant Secretary of Tribal Transportation.

Motion by: Gerry Hope

Second by: HollyAna LittleBull

No opposed. No questions and/or discussion

**Tentative Dates Mid-Year & Annual 2023**

No date was set for Mid-Year or Annual meeting.

Next year elections will be for the President and Treasurer position.

**Under Discussion**

Todd and Becky (NCAI) offered for ITA to work with them. Becky could do some staff work. They can help increase memberships and sponsors.

**Motion to adjourn**

Motion by: Gerry Hope

Second by: HollyAna LittleBull

No opposed. No discussion