



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Tribal
Governmental Affairs

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Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO's)

- Safe Streets for All. NOFO (application deadline is September 15th, 2022)
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants (NOFO coming summer 2022)
- Thriving Communities (NOFO coming summer 2022)
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (NOFO coming summer 2022)



BIL Changes to DOT's Tribal Program

- Originally housed in Government Affairs
- Creates an Office of Tribal Government Affairs
- Originally led by a Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Elevates leadership to Assistant Secretary
- OTGA has been funded by omnibus (Sr Tribal Affairs Advisor)



BIL engagement

- 1/31 WHCNAA Tribal Leader Engagement Session
- 2/2 – 2/3 AKTTWG
- 2/8 – 2/9 ITA
- 2/22 DOT
- 3/4 Rep. Huffman/North California
- 3/14 – 3/15 FAA Tribal Symposium
- 5/11 – 5/12 Rd table in NM



DOT Tribal Consultation Policy

- ❖ Initially put out for Tribal Consultation via POTUS Memorandum 1.26.2021
- ❖ Comments adjudicated and put back out for Tribal Consultation 1.31.2022
- ❖ Virtual consultation held 4.27.2022

- ❖ Comment period closed May 31st, 2022
- ❖ Once finished DOT will begin developing policy to work with Native Hawaiians.

- ❖ <https://www.transportation.gov/self-governance>



White House Council on Native American Affairs

- ✓ Secretary Buttigieg serves as Principal
- ✓ Co-lead on Energy, Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee
- ✓ DAS Teller & I handle day-to-day work on WHCNAA
- ✓ Cross Borders Issues
- ✓ Public Safety & Justice
- ✓ Development of deliverables
- ✓ Tribal leader engagement session was held by committee on 1.31.2022



Tribal Transportation Self Governance Program

The purpose of the TTSGP is to provide Tribes and Tribal organizations with greater autonomy, control, flexibility, and decision-making authority over federal transportation funds used to carry out tribal transportation programs and activities in tribal communities.

- Section 1121 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. § 207)
- Negotiated rulemaking with Tribes
- Final Rule published on June 1, 2020 (49 C.F.R. part 29)
- Final Rule effective date - October 1, 2020





Tribal Affairs

- ✓ Inquiries for funding opportunities
- ✓ SME request
- ✓ Promote DOT opportunities to Tribal Partners such as Safe Streets for All (SS\$A).
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/webinars>
- ✓ Tribal Consultation (host both policy and project based, additionally assist Modes in developing and hosting)
- ✓ Technical Assistance



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