



# Intertribal Transportation Association

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## 25th Annual Meeting & Conference Update

*Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, December 11-12, 2019*

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### The Summary.... "Sit Down, Buckle Up, and Hold On!"

Approximately 31-38 were in attendance during both days of the conference. The "Draft" Agenda was approved with minor changes. Barak Myers and Mr. Hope assisted in the opening and facilitation of the first day until election were accomplished. Elections of the President and Treasurer were done plus the Secretary position was in need of filling the vacancy as well. Regional Representative were discussed then read out for the minutes. ITA housekeeping items, such as By-Laws, Strategic Plan, etc. were discussed. Presentations included a Legislation Update, Self Governance, Transit, FHWA, Transportation Safety, Starting an Aggregate Business, National RTAP, and other. ITA encourages Tribes to participate in the renewing of Intertribal Transportation Association.

### Legislative Updates

Matt Jaffe, Sonosky, Chambers and Kenneth Martin, Senior Policy Advisory, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works provided a teleconference presentation. Discussion was the S.2302 America's Transportation Infrastructure Act Tribal (ATIA) provisions regarding Tribal Transportation Program. Proposed to begin TTP at \$565 w \$15 million increments; five-year reauthorization (FY21-FY25) at a cost of \$287 billion; new Bridge Program beginning at \$16 million; restores HHP; establishes Office of Tribal Government Affairs; Tribal Projects within the NSFLTP grants; new climate resilience provisions; increase in BIA Road Maint beginning at \$50 million; increase to Safety Funds. *The power-point presentation can be viewed on ITA Website.*



### ITA Incoming Officers

First ITA would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to the past Officers for the years of service and dedication they provided. ITA looks forward to the continued involvement and support. Thank you Mr. Healy, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Slater!

The newly elected officers are: Jonah Begay, Navajo-Secretary; Sara Yockey, Organized Village of Kasaan-Treasurer; and Mary Beth Frank Clark, Nez Perce Tribe-President. Joel Azure, Ketchikan Indian Community is standing Vice President.

Transition of files and accounts are being made while conference calls are being scheduled to get work moving forward for the advancement to Tribes. Please look forward to updates on ITA webpage, social media, and emails. ITA looks forward to your continued membership and/or your restored membership!



### Approved Actions

- Elections of President, Treasure, Secretary
- Resolution #19-04 ITA Bank Signing Authority
- Letter and Resolution to Support Self Governance
- Letter Regarding ATIA 3% Bridge left in draft bill; should be eliminated if Bridge Program becomes stand alone funding.
- Letter Regarding Allowing TTPSF to be used in support of any project identified by a data-driven Tribal Transportation Safety Plan.



**Tribal Transit.** Emma Featherman Sam, Transit Department, Oglala Sioux Nation (on the left) presented on their Tribal Transit Program. Emma described how their program began and where it is today. She did mention that she would like to see CTAA Publications to recognize tribal as they do States. CTAA does have tribal delegates but is not mentioned in the Publications. Oglala Sioux Nation was one of the first Tribal Transit to operate.

### FHWA and Safety Update

Adam Larsen, Office of Tribal Transportation, FHWA provided updates on both FHWA and Tribal Safety Program. FHWA recently revamped the Organization and Tribes may want to look at FHWA website to view the changes made. He mentioned in May 2020 there should be a Bridge Publication out that updates 23CFR661. ROUTES will assist the Office of the Secretary regarding the BUILD applications.

Tribal Safety update included the FY2019 Tribal Safety Grant award notice is expected to be out early 2020. Mr. Larsen tentatively ready to have a NOFO FY20 Tribal Safety Grant out by either February/March. If your tribe is not selected, please request a 1-on-1 consultation to assist in strengthening your grant proposal. Adam mentioned he will be working on a new area of safety "Road Way Departure"; he plans to present to TTPCC. There is a "Tribal Crash Toolkit 2020" and includes six pieces of content. MMUCC (Model Minimum Uniform Critical Crash) and NCHRP: Guide effective Tribal Crash Report (Report 788) was cited. Mr. Larsen mentioned this can be found on the Tribal Safety website.



### Starting an Aggregate Business

Duane Matt, Division of Energy and Mineral Development presented an abbreviated version of "Starting and Aggregate Business". He mentioned that 'aggregate' is the #1 demand in sales within the USA. Many Tribes have an opportunity to utilize their own plus grasp revenues from operating their own aggregate business. His program will assist a Tribe in identifying viable possibilities.



### Other Presentation:

Intertribal Transportation Alliance. John Beresford, LaJolla Band of Luiseno, provided information on how their area is working together and has saved costs. Especially in the Full Depth Reclamation for Road reconstruction.

Northern Engineer's provided presentation on FDR (Full Depth Reclamation) and the Pavement Pulverization equipment that is utilized. This method could be cost beneficial if it agrees with the type of soil a Tribe has in its region.

CTAA. Scott Bogren, Executive Director provided a update on CTAA's recommendations on the FAST Act Reauthorization. This presentation can be seen on the ITA website.

NRTAP. Neil Rodriguez, Project Manager was able to provide update. He mentioned that 50 States receive funding for NRTAP. In FY2020 NRTAP would like to provide more training to Tribes in the field. They would like to do regionally and looking for partners to implement. NRTAP has conference every two years. FY21 is next conference. This is a link to the webinar with the FTA he spoke about <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4033484043165868812> NRTAP are looking for opportunities to provide relevant Transit related training for Tribal transit agencies. [www.nationalrtap.org](http://www.nationalrtap.org)

January-September 2020

Conferences

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**ITA Mid-Year Meeting**  
**June 22-25, 2020, Albuquerque**

Date	Name	Location	Comment
January 7, 2020	TTAP Workshop (Tentative)	Sacramento, CA	
January 9, 2020	TTAP Workshop (Tentative)	Escondido, CA	
Jan 12-16, 2020	TRB Annual Meeting	WA D.C.	<a href="http://www.trb.org">www.trb.org</a>
January 16, 2020	TTAP Workshop (Tentative)	Window Rock, AZ	
January 22, 2020	TTAP Workshop (Tentative)	Nashville, TN	
February 3-7, 2020	TTPCC	Albuquerque, NM	
February 10-13, 2020	NCAI	Washington DC	<a href="http://www.ncai.org">www.ncai.org</a>
March 3-5, 2020	Self-Governance (Tentative)	TBD	
March 15-17, 2020	Lifesavers Conference	Tampa, FL	Tampa Convention Center
March 30-April 2, 2020	NW BADOT Symposium	Airway Heights, WA	Tentative Northern Quest Resort
June 1-5, 2020	TTPCC	Baraboo, WI	
June 8-11, 2020	NCAI	Anchorage	<a href="http://www.ncai.org">www.ncai.org</a>
June 22-25, 2020	ITA Mid-Year	Albuquerque, NM	<a href="http://www.tribaltransportation.org">www.tribaltransportation.org</a>
August 10-14, 2020	TTPCC	Lewiston, ID	
August 31-Sep 3, 2020	NTICC	Santa Ana Pueblo, NM	Tamaya Resort

### Roundtable Discussion on ITA Direction

Before closing of ITA Conference, the President asked the membership what their expectations and desires they expect from ITA. Overall the input was to re-establish accountability, trust, and transparency. Meetings need to focus on legislative issues, updates from federal partners, and training. The improvement of ITA foundation and to have access, in addition to responsive, from ITA Executive Team and Regional Representatives. Membership voiced that (We) ITA membership will stick together to rebuild the fortitude of ITA.

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