



Intertribal Transportation Association
Mid Year Meeting
June 08, 09 & 10

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 – DAY ONE

Meeting called to order by ITA President, Mary beth Clark at 9:40am (PDT)

Roll Call for the ITA Officers taken by Jonah Begay, ITA Secretary

1. Mary Beth-Clark, President – Present
2. Gerry Hope, Vice President – Present
3. Sara Yockey, Treasurer – Present
4. Jonah Begay – Secretary - Present

Review/Approve Agenda – Mary Beth Clark

- Motioned by: Gerry Hope
- Seconded by: Sara Yockey
- No objection/No question and or discussion
- The 2020 Annual meeting minutes accepted – 4 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained

Review/Approve Minutes from the December 10-12, 2020 – Mary Beth Clark

- Motioned to accepted: Gerry Hope
- Seconded by: Jonah Begay
- No Objection/No question and or discussion
- The 2020 Annual Meeting report accepted - 6-0-0

ITA President's Report – Mary Beth Clark

- Thank the attendees for their participation of the virtual 2021 Mid Year meeting
- The membership has grown within the last 18 months
- ITA has been having monthly meetings and will continue to do so to get the Tribes input and involved with the transportation discussion
- Milo Booth, Tribal Affairs Director has joined the ITA meeting in March 2021
- The ITA coordinated with the USDOT, Mr. Booth and the Mr. Arlando Teller, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Tribal Affairs for Tribal Consultation and Listening Session.
- ITA has been actively involved with the ITA/NCAI Task Force with the tribal transportation issues

- ITA presented to the Task Force in February 2021
- Kenneth Martin, Sr. Policy Analyst – SENATE Environment, Public Works (EPW) Committee; has also participated with the ITA monthly meetings previously to receive tribal input
- Brittany Lundberg, Congressional Staffer with the Transportation & Infrastructure also joined the previous ITA meetings
- Mr. Kenneth Martin, EPW Committee and Brittany Lundberg both provided the legislative updates on the Senate and House actions on ITA meetings
- The TTP formula discussion is included in separate issue. Mr. Martin recommended this matter be discussed among the tribes instead of being part of the highway bill.
- ITA is a platform for transportation related discussion we like to hear the Tribes
- Tribes may not agree on some issues but ITA has recognized tribal voices and will continue to do so
- ITA will continue to be accountable, transparent and do business with integrity.
- The Mid Year Agenda is filled with expert in the field they will be presenting and this will benefit the tribes
- ITA Mid Year has approximately 8 Sponsors and we thank the sponsors to make the meeting possible.

Motioned to accept the President's Report.

Motioned by: Sara Yockey

Seconded by: Jonah Begay

The Report accepted. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 Abstained

Treasurer's Report – Sara Yockey

ITA has transitioned to using online QBooks for its financial management

There were some learning curves and fixing glitches over the past year

There is a balance of 28,290.74 in ITA's account

\$1400 membership

dues \$5500

\$30 was paid for the non-profit status

Currently working on the reconciliation.

There were no question or discussion

Motioned to accept the Treasurer Report

Motioned by: Garret Silversmith

Seconded by: Gerry Hope

The Report accepted: 4 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 Abstained

Operations Committee Report – Marybeth Clark

- The Committee not available for the Report
- Mary Beth Clark provided a summary of the activities
- The Committee is responsible and provided assistance for the development of the ITA Strategic Plan – the Strategic Plan is available on the ITA website.

The Strategic Plan has the following 5 areas:

1. Unified Voice
2. Organizational Excellence – transparency, accountability, integrity
3. Training/Technical assistance – like to include more training in the Annual meeting
4. Build effective partnership
5. Comprehensive Policy/Legislative Advocacy, ie Reauthorization

The ITA Strategic Plan is approve for 2021 – 2025

No question or discussion.

Motion to accept the Report.

Motioned by: Gerry Hope

Seconded by: Sara Yockey

Committee Report accepted: 4 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 Abstained

Governance Committee Report – Gerry Hope

Previous meetings:

- 04/23/2020
- 07/2020
- 09/2020
- 03/2021
- 06/05/2021
- All agency to develop a plan based on President Biden executive order
- ITA has provided recommendation and has been engaged in in the development of the transportation papers
- EPW staff, Kenneth Martine attended the meeting. Good dialogue with Mr. Martin. He provided timelines and calendar when certain tasks were due to staffers.
- The administration/Senate/House requested for a quick turn-around on the legislative papers and requests from Tribes
- House Transportation & Infrastructure only has 3 items for transportation on the Tribal trac
- ITA has 9 bullet points for the reauthorization recommendation. And also written outline report
- Need to coordinate efforts for the Reauthorization
- Need to have open communication and provide input with the representatives from the Senate and House

Motion to accept the Report

Motioned by: Sara Yockey

Seconded by: Jonah Begay

Report accepted: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 Abstained.

Question or Discussion:

Comment by participant:

Glad ITA is focused on Transportation issues

Appreciate the focus on transportation

Has 6 years in transportation – a large learning curve

Safety projects – construction soon

Enjoyed the report – very interesting.

Recognition of Sponsors

Proposed Legislative Update

- ITA is making efforts with NCAI to provide recommendations to Congress and Administration
- Tribal Advocacy needs to be sustainable
- The tribal transportation legislative is in tough position for partisanship.
- Issue: How to pay for the funding is an issue. Raise taxes?
- There is no consensus for funding the requests both the House and the Senate proposed bills – big issue.
- FAST Act expired on 09/30/21
- \$2.2 Trillion in 2020
 - \$8 Billion to Tribes
- \$1.9 Trillion in 2021 for the American Rescue Plan Act
 - \$20 B to Tribes
 - \$6 B to HIS 638
- Tribal engagement is needed for House/Senate to listen. Tribes need to weigh in on the House/Senate key topics
- Restore HPP and fund from the HTF at \$50 M
- Emergency Assistance
- Create a Self Governance office
- Transit funding at \$55 M and discretionary funding at \$10M
- Eliminate the Obligation Limitation
- Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal lands program
 - \$55 M – 2022 – 2026
- Bridge Program
 - \$50 M – 2022 – 2026

- The House Transportation & Infrastructure Bill in the 116th Congress
- Tribal Advocacy - need to hear from the Tribes
- The legislations are moving quickly with quick turn-arounds
- Most language are based on previous bills
- The Infrastructure Plan talks fell apart but 20 Senators still working with the Administration
- The removing of Ob Limit is a challenge. It needs education and tribes need to advocate. Reach out to Senators.
- Obligation Limitation – needs to be understood by the House and Senate
- Arguments
 - Huge unmet needs
 - Undermining the integrity – need all-season routes
 - Federal trust responsibility on transportation infrastructure and community stability
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021 – DAY TWO

USDOT Secretary Buttigieg

- ARPA – largest investment
- American Jobs Plan – meaningful commitment for housing, clean energy, transportation, safety, etc. Create jobs
 - \$100 B job training
- Tribes have the authority to spend under the self determination
- Secretary – Pete Buttigieg thanked the tribe for providing input. Also welcome an in person meeting.
- 68 agencies working on implementing and executing the Executive Orders
- House T & I will be doing the mark-up soon.
- Use the congressional process to submit testimony
- Could also use the rule making process to provide input
- Biden administration does not want to raise taxes for people making less than \$400k
- There is a short fall in the highway trust fund. Use the general funds to supplement the HTF.
- Clean energy – need to invest in clean energy. This is a challenge in rural areas. Need charging station for electric vehicles.
- Combustible engines will be on the road for awhile

Arlando Teller – Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Tribal Affairs

- Serve on many fronts to focus on the following:
- Energy Initiative
- Transportation initiative
- Jobs creation with the tribal work force
- Public Safety
- Indigenous women – address injustice for indigenous women

- Electronic messaging board – inclement weather, amber alert, etc
- International Indigenous
- Native American ceremonies, gathering sites
- Tribal self determination and self governance

Milo Booth – Director of Tribal Affairs

- Engaged with the tribe on consultations/listening sessions per Executive Orders
- The tribal consultations have been completed and what is the next step now moving forward.
 - The information will be forward to OMB – they have 90 days to review
- In addition to consultation/listening sessions the following are some of the best resources to communicate with the USDOT
 - FHWA
 - OST
 - FAA
 - FTA
- Dear Tribal Leader letter were sent out to the tribes on 03/31/2021
- Federal Register published on 04/19/2021 to accept comments
- Express gratitude to the ITA for providing a platform for communication among the tribes for transportation
- ITA President and ITA Vice President has been involved with the Self Gov.
- Listening session works better communicating and receiving input from the tribes
- Provided several listening sessions including the Alaska Working Group
- The tribes need to be involved to frame the discussions
- This is a good first step in getting the tribes involved for their input.

Erin Kenley – provided power point presentation on the Tribal Transportation Program
Please visit the ITA website for more information.

- The obligation limitation has increased to 11.1%
- Provided update on the bridge program
- An additional \$114,568,868 M allocated under the CRRSAA
- 107.201 statutory distribution formula used for the generating the tribal shares
- Small take down on the CRRSAA allocation
- No increase on the set-asides

TTAP - provided power point presentation on the Tribal Transportation Program
Please visit the ITA website for more information.

LeRoy Gishi - provided power point presentation on the BIADOT
Please visit the ITA website for more information.

NOTE: The System Roadway Departure Countermeasures and the Tribal Transportation Information Review were held simultaneously in 2 separate rooms.

Adam Larsen - provided power point video presentation on the Tribal Transportation Safety Program – Roadway Departure Countermeasure.

Please visit the ITA website for more information.

- Systemic Roadway Departure – when a vehicle crosses the lane(s)
- Waiting on NOFO for the Tribal Transportation Safety Funding opportunity
- There is a new criterion for the selection process
- There is also a new category
- Provided a video presentation of the roadway departure of Navajo project and Alaska project
- Camera can be mounted on the vehicle and has a 3-way view
- Navajo and Oklahoma provided a brief presentation on how they will be implementing the Safety Project to address the roadway departure.

Pamela from Oklahoma provided a video presentation of the roadway departure.

Jonah Begay from Navajo provided a summary of how safety project will be implemented on the roadway departure.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 – DAY THREE

Call for Proposed Resolutions – Mary Beth Clark/Gerry Hope

- Deadline for proposed resolutions to NCAI Mid Year is 06/22/2021
- Do we have a proposed resolution to submit to NCAI for their advocacy on transportation
- This is a moving target so tribes have to be engaged. Not too sure what the Administration or the Congress is planning to do. But we need to have a voice.
- Perhaps developed a proposed resolution by 06/22/2021 to submit to NCAI – what are the members thoughts.

Parking Lot Items – Mary Beth Clark/Gerry Hope

- Template for Tribes to use for their support of the tribal transportation
- Letter for elevating the Assistance Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs to Deputy Secretary – Mr. Arlando Teller.

Next ITA meeting July 22, 2021