

**Navajo Nation Partnership
Quarterly Steering Committee Meeting
February 26, 2015 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
ADOT Flagstaff District Training Room**

Group Discussions from Annual meeting 10.22.14

Right of Way

Group discussion summary:

- Major highways with fenced Right of Way issues, vendors on Hwys 264, 160, and 89
- Trust responsibility needs to be defined
- Safety enforcement within Right of Way State Routes
- Overlapping Land status, State vs Navajo Nation
- Application permit process for future road construction
- Safety within Right of Way on State Reservations, i.e. Vendors, Permits, Section in road routes, IGA/JPA, (never enforced)
- Task group, ADOT, BIA State Agreement
- Approved vendor Right of Way vs (process) Navajo Nation Vendors

Funding

Group discussion summary:

- 2015 Navajo Nation Transportation plan
 - Process needs to be developed within Navajo Nation
 - Assistance from DOT's, Counties, Hopi, FWHA, BIA
 - Benefit cost analysis
- Identify Funds availability
 - FWHA, BIA, NACOG, IHS, Counties FET, Trust settlement
 - FWHA, Tiger and Federal funds, Tribal ID
 - Will there be TIGER in 2015?
 - TTP-able to match with Federal funds now
 - Safety set-aside
 - Tribes need to unite and request more dollars
 - NACOG, HSIP-assessments (RSA's)
 - Ped safety, street lights, guardrails, stripping, rumble strips
 - SRP (State Planning and Research)
 - Studies on Tribal lands, BIA, IHIP(Indian Highway Safety Program)
 - Pat Abeyta, Program Coordinator

Access to material pits and water

Group Discussion summary:

- Material commercial or non-commercial (designation important)
- Initiative NDOT to identify gravel sources



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- 18 locations identified-early stages
- Blue Canyon pit approval pending (commercial) list to be narrowed to five
- For ADOT projects, must go through ADOT approval process
- Pit location based on availability/quality of material(cluster location of future projects maybe not)
- Locations, information submitted to ADOT for approval
- Define road maintenance(pit specific), barrow pit (compliance with regulations), gradation of gravel (Specific)
- Plan for mileage ADOT-NDOT
- Access to water for construction use
- Domestic water not allowed More designated locations needed
- Coordinate with Jack Utter, abandoned wells, other capped wells
- Currently using with water treatment lagoon discharge water
- Water permits, need more locations, funding
- Need to coordinate with Jack, potential projects similar to material source-water resources
- Known water locations, Apache County, Navajo County, Wheatheld Lake, Ganado Lake, Black Mesa Chevron Mine
- Potential to add locations, lakes, streams, water rights
- Water that is easiest, quickest to approved/use
- Proposal to drill well from contractor
- Reuse capped drilled wells, drill low wells
- Need map and current know locations
- Problem of “running short” on water on SW side
- Hauling in water from Winslow, Holbrook etc.
- Water capture/water harvesting program, partner with other agencies, governments
- Maintain/cleanout culverts dam areas
- Look at future projects and plan for use
- Is information on capped wells available/accurate
- Excess water locations (Lupton) Kee’s example
- Water harvesting basins
- Windmill water (Pump out) store
- Limitations with water supply
- Program/project to identify sources
- Funding-NDOT funds/matching funds
- Dollars in Navajo Nation settlement trust fund
- Other PARA or other sources
- How can Partners work together to meet goal?



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- Coordination with Navajo water resources
- Coordination with other agencies
- Similar project as gravel pit location project\New ADOT department
- Staff for water, materials (gravel spec)

