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## Quarterly Report

DIVISION of TRANSPORTATION

Winter Session 2015

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### Challenges

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- 1) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grants: Comply with contract funding requirements and objectives.
- 2) Malfunction of Highway Safety's Server: Data for Navajo Nation Vehicle Operator's Permits was inaccessible, & the department was not able to issue Navajo Nation Operator's permits.
- 3) Red Dog Gravel Project: Establish partnerships with Navajo County & BIA Force Account.
- 4) Archeological & Environmental Services: Address programmatic issues associated with projects relative to Fuel Exercise Tax (FET); and finalize agreement with FHWA & Historic Preservation Department.
- 5) Roads Department: No database & software application to manage road maintenance services & activities including asset management.

### Proposed Solutions

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- 1) FAA Grants Processing: Establish partnerships with stakeholders including Navajo Nation Office of the Controller & the FAA in processing financial documents & operations reports.



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- 2) Information Technology Services for Highway Safety: Train NDOT's IT Service Technicians on the department's database to provide technical support assistance without having to rely on the proprietor's assistance.
- 3) Red Dog Gravel Project: Finalize schedule for meetings with stakeholders for calendar year 2015.
- 4) Archeological & Environmental Services: Establish meetings with stakeholders including funding source to finalize programmatic agreement under Section 106.
- 5) Roads Database Management: The Roads Department is working with NDOT's IT Section to procure information technology database system along with software applications for planning & development of roads activities.

### **Timeline**

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- 1) FAA Grants: In process of meeting funding timelines as prescribed.
- 2) Develop a preventative maintenance schedule with NDOT's IT Section by quarter ending March 31, 2015.
- 3) Red Dog Project: Schedule meetings with stakeholders & develop schedule for 2015 by quarterly ending March 31, 2015.
- 4) Archeological & Environmental Services: Finalize schedule for direct services; and finalize programmatic agreement by quarter ending March 31, 2015.



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- 5) The Roads Department will implement the PUBworks database system until an adequate & comprehensive database system is secured including procurement of other accessories for data collection & project management activities.

### Ongoing Projects

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- 1) FAA Funded Projects: Rehabilitation of Window Rock Airport, complete outreach activities, & continue with the Navajo Airport Master Plan Project.
- 2) Airport & Airfield Maintenance: Ensure Department of Airports continue to provide safe, decent, & maintenance activities for all Navajo Nation airports.
- 3) Navajo Nation Permits: The Department of Highway Safety is updating policies and procedures for Operator's permits to comply with the revised Navajo Nation Vehicle Handbook Policy requirements.
- 4) TRACS System: The Department of Highway Safety will continue to work with the Navajo Division of Public Safety, Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, & Department of Information Management Systems regarding the collection of crash data for the Navajo Nation.
- 5) Graveling Projects: Red Valley Chapter N5020's six mile road project in the state of New Mexico is still on-going with coordination with the chapter officials, San Juan County and Shiprock BIA office, and three additional roads N5024, N5025, County Road 544. Written reports on N5024, N5025 and C544 are in progress.



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- 6) TTIP projects: N27-archaeology site, N71-field visit, N15 fencing project for archaeology by Wilson & Company's EcoSystem for FHWA's archaeology and environmental reports review and submittal to HPD are in progressed.
- 7) N251 Road Project: An on-going project for archaeology and environmental has been completed and project ready.
- 8) Dennehotso Bridge Project: Proposal submitted to the Resources & Development Committee's resolution has been approved and be submitted the BIA Northern region for the Right-of Way.
- 9) FY'2015 Road Fund Projects: The Department of Roads is currently reviewing the priority list projects finalized by Planning & Project Management departments. The each route is evaluated for completion of preliminary studies, scope of work, chapter resolution, etc. Based on the review, the routes will be considered for outsourcing whether it be for preliminary studies, road maintenance, road improvement, and/or construction.

### Budget Information

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1. Expenditure Report for Personnel and Operating Costs.  
*\* See Attached Budget Summary Report*
2. List number of full-time employees (FTE), part-time employees, & consultants.

Program	Number of FTE
General Funds	16
FET	28



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FHWA	73
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>117</b>

3. Status of existing Conditions of Appropriations (CoA) within Division or Executive Office: **NONE**

### Accomplishments

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- 1) Airport Management: Conducted regular meetings with the Navajo Nation Airport Systems Master Plan Public Advisory Committee concerning updates to the master plan.
- 2) Highway Safety: The department is collaborating and coordinating with VHB, Inc., (third-party consultant) regarding a pilot project to commence data collection for crash data assessments for Navajo Nation & implement crash database.
- 3) Project Management Department:
  - FET 20 Compliance reports: 13-Environmental, 7-Archeological
  - FHWA 67 Compliance reports: 43-Environmental, 24-Archeological
  - FET five Compliance reports pending: -1-Environmental, 4-Archeological reports
  - FHWA 23 Compliance reports pending: 11-Environmental, 12-Archeological reports
  - Special project: FET-nine completed and 20 pending



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- 401-Water Quality: FET-two completed and none pending.
- 4) Road Improvement Projects: Re-Installation of Culvert on N9860-1. The scope is removal and reinstallation of an eroded on route N9860 within White Cone Chapter. The repair and maintenance work took four (4) days in partnership with Navajo County. Cattle Guard Repair on route 125. The community reported that a piece of rail was out of place which damaged vehicle tires. The Department repaired the guard rail by cutting the damage piece off. Monument Valley Tribal Park NR 6435. The Department provided road maintenance services on the 8.1 miles of Valley Drive in preparation of the road improvement project.
- 5) P.L. 93-638 Subpart J Construction Contract: The P.L. 93-638 Construction Contract No. A10AV00323, for construction of the Navajo Transportation Complex at Tse Bonito, New Mexico and to conduct Road Maintenance Activities (Self-Determination Construction Contract, Subpart J) was issued on September 2, 2010. The Notice to Proceed was issued on June 1, 2011 for the road maintenance activities with an end date of August 1, 2012. Eleven (11) Modifications was executed to the original Contract.

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