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CHINLE AGENCY FY2014 2nd QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT JANUARY-MARCH 2014

I) NDOT EXECUTIVE UPDATE

- 1) US 491 – On Mar 25, 2014, Governor Susana Martinez announced that \$78 million of funding will complete 22 miles of US 491 to improve safety and mobility by adding two additional lanes, a median separating northbound and southbound traffic, plus constructing acceleration and deceleration lanes in congested and high traffic areas. The NDOT worked with Governor Martinez, President Ben Shelly, Senator John Pinto, and the NMDOT to support improving this vital road on the Navajo Nation.
- 2) N27 Public Hearing – On Mar 28, 2014, NDOT and BIA reported to the Chinle and Nazlini Chapters about the proposed widening of N27 from N105 intersection to the N7 intersection to accommodate increased traffic from the new Judicial Center Complex (currently under construction), proposed Police Academy and other future developments within the area.
- 3) Council Delegate Dwight Witherspoon's Legislation to amend the FET Road Fund Management Regulations (0008-14) and the FET Road Fund Management Plan (0009-14):
 - Ft. Defiance Agency Council approves Resolution Opposing Delegate Dwight Witherspoon's Legislation to Amend the FET Road Fund Management Regulations (0008-14) and the FET Road Fund Management Plan (0009-14) on Dec 5, 2013.
 - NDOT provided comments on proposed legislations to Office of Legislative Services on Jan 17, 2014.
 - NDOT has met with Delegate Witherspoon on several occasions to discuss his proposed legislation. NDOT has provided input into Delegate Witherspoon's legislation. One proposed amendment that NDOT supports is deleting the competitive base funding application process and using the funds for road maintenance and road improvement activities on the Navajo Nation.
 - NDOT does not support the statement: "to each state in an amount directly proportional to the amount of Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Tax generated in that state". NDOT would receive 25% of funds to provide road maintenance and improvement activities to cover the Navajo



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Nation. The remaining 75% of funds, which would be administered by NDOT, would be used for road maintenance and improvement activities within each state in amount directly proportional to amount of FET generated in that state. Currently, 72% is collected in Arizona, 26% is collected in New Mexico and 2% is collected in Utah. As an example, if \$3 million were available, \$2.16 million would go to AZ, \$0.78 million to NM, and \$0.06 million to UT.

- NDOT does not support the statement: *“The Navajo Nation may appropriate no more than 25% of all Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Tax funds for administrative costs and for road maintenance and road improvement activities that provide a common benefit across all Navajo Lands.”* Currently, NDOT receives \$3.2 million for road maintenance activities and environmental compliance activities. With the aforementioned statement, NDOT will only receive approximately \$1.5 million, which is not enough to conduct road maintenance activities, environmental compliance activities, and purchase new equipment.
- NDOT and Delegate Dwight Witherspoon presented report to Joint Budget and Finance Committee and Resources and Development Committee on Feb 4, 2014 regarding impact to FET program. A few comments made by the Committee were: in full support of providing 100% of the FET funding for road maintenance and road improvement activities; do not divide the allocations by states—we are the Navajo Nation; let's not fight over this small funding source—we should look at ways to increase revenue; look to other funding sources to match our FET funds; and 25% funds “in common” is confusing. Committee's approved the report.
- NDOT and Delegate Dwight Witherspoon presented Legislation 0008-14 and 0009-14 to the RDC on Feb 25 and Mar 4, 2014. The following actions taken are:
 - Delegate Witherspoon would like to address Fund Management Plan (0009-14) first and address Regulations (0008-14) at a later date after Budget and Finance Committee has taken action on Fund Management Plan amendments.
 - RDC accepted NDOT's amendments to the Road Fund Management Plan (0009-14) which were: delete allocation by states; delete the competitive base funding application process and using the funds for road maintenance and road improvement activities on the Navajo Nation; NDOT to receive 100% of the funds and will be allocated for 10% Administration / 90% preliminary studies, road maintenance and road improvement activities.



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- RDC approved the Road Fund Management Plan (0009-14) amendments on Mar 4, 2014. Legislation forwarded to Budget and Finance Committee (BFC).
 - Legislation was presented to BFC on Apr 1, 2014. Legislation was tabled and recommendation made to hold a work session with BFC at a later date.
- 4) Navajo Transit FET Referendum to allocated 10% of FET funds to Transit: NDOT does not support this referendum because this will mean a decrease in road maintenance activities to each chapter. If you take 10% of FET Revenue generated, this equals \$1,200,000 of loss funding from NDOT. NDOT estimates that it costs \$750 to blade one mile of dirt road. The NDOT funding loss of \$1,200,000 means 1,600 miles of roads will not be bladed!
- 5) Senator Carlyle Begay, Arizona State Legislature, Propose Amendment to Senate Amendments to S.B.1001: On Feb 25, 2014 NDOT provided testimonial before the Arizona State Legislature Appropriation Committee on need for FET to address road maintenance and road improvement activities for earth roads on the Navajo Nation to support Senator Begay's proposed amendments. Amendments have been included in the State's budget for consideration.
- 6) US 89 Landslide Emergency Repair Project near Bitter Springs/Coppermine, AZ
- Jan 7, 2014: ADOT and NDOT reported to the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) on design status, environmental clearance, request for right-of-way and proposed start of construction.
 - Jan 22, 2014: ADOT, FHWA and NDOT held an RDC Work Session to discuss ADOT's request for new right-of-way and the terms and conditions. The issues that still need to be resolved are: standard term limit of 20 years versus no term limit; and limited waiver of sovereign immunity.
 - Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 6 & Mar 20, 2014 - ADOT Progress Meetings held to provide updates on design, environmental, right-of-way and schedule. ADOT has completed 85% design, categorical exclusion approved, environmental documents approved, 401/401 permits completed, right-of-way package submitted to NN Land Department and negotiations with Contractor is ongoing. ADOT plans to construct US 89 repairs beginning in Summer of 2014.
 - Apr 1, 2014 – RDC approved the grant of right-of-way and temporary construction easement to ADOT.
- 7) NDOT/BIA Partnership Meeting: On Feb 27&28, 2014, NDOT and BIA held a partnership meeting to discuss issues and resolutions regarding transportation planning, design, environmental compliance, construction and maintenance activities of the Navajo Nation Transportation System. The next steps will be to



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- conduct a Partnership Meeting with facilitator to develop goals and objectives and assign work teams to complete these objectives.
- 8) NDOT/County Partnership Meeting: On Feb 19, 2014, NDOT met with four Counties (Coconino, Navajo, Apache & McKinley) to discuss forming a partnership with all Counties within the Navajo Nation to more effectively advocate for the resources and policies needed to improve the regional transportation infrastructure through passage of the next federal highway bill. It is in the mutual interest of the Navajo Nation and its neighboring counties to advocate together for regional solutions through federal highway bill changes. A resolution (0058-14) was prepared and submitted for RDC and Naa'bik'iyati Committee for review and approval to support the coalition of NDOT and Counties to work together for improvement of the federal transportation policy and transportation infrastructure. RDC approved resolution on Mar 4, 2014 and the Naa'bik'iyati Committee approved resolution on Mar 27, 2014.
 - 9) NDOT and BIA continue to collaborate on N8027 road repairs using FEMA funds awarded to the Hardrock Chapter. This portion of N8027 is located with the Hopi Reservation and will require environmental clearance work by the Hopi Tribe. BIA forces will prepare the road subgrade and apply the gravel and NDOT will procure the gravel material and have it delivered to the site using the FEMA funds.
 - 10) N6461 Dennehotso Bridge Replacement: NDOT is working with FHWA to design and construct bridge replacement across Laguna Wash. Project surveys and geotechnical work is complete. FHWA has submitted the bridge type, size and location and completed preliminary design plans that are under review. NDOT is working on environmental work to package with right-of-way request. NDOT anticipates completing design by June 2014 and construction by Dec 2014.
 - 11) N7150 Huerfano Bridge Replacement: The bridge placement construction documents, environmental clearance, 401/401 permits and right-of-way clearance are complete. San Juan County, NM advertised the project on Feb 16, 2014 with bid opening held Mar 13, 2014.
 - 12) N9402 Tse Si Ani Chapter – NDOT, BIA and Apache County met on Jan 9, 2014 with the Chapter to discuss lifting of cease and desist order to discuss and implement agreements for road maintenance activities, road maintenance agreements, road maintenance plan and road improvement plan. On Jan 21, 2014, the Chapter approved Resolution TSA-2014-01-003 to request RDC to provide for the BIA to relinquish ownership of N9402 to the NDOT to facilitate road maintenance and improvement. Council Delegate Lorenzo Curley will submit legislation to RDC for committee action.
 - 13) NDOT/Navajo Transit System (NTS) Partnering Meeting: NDOT and NTS met on Jan 28 and Feb 3, 2014 with ADOT to discuss planning, design, land withdrawal, construction and funding for park-n-ride facility at Burnside, AZ and bus terminal in



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Window Rock, AZ. Currently, no funds have been identified to proceed with this work. Any use of FET funds will need RDC approval.

- 14) US89T/N20 (Gap, AZ to LeChee, AZ) Paving Project – NDOT attended the ADOT project closeout workshop on Feb 18, 2014 to receive information on project review, decision making process, lessons learned during construction, special recognition to construction staff and celebrate the completion of paving 28 miles in 79 days!
- 15) NDOT/ADOT Partnership Meeting on Jan 29, 2014: Attendees received: NDOT updates on quarterly progress, highway safety, aviation and funding; N20/US 89T project update; ADOT Holbrook and Flagstaff District projects update; AZ Strategic Highway Safety Plan update; Next Generation E911 update; tribal participation on construction workshop; and emergency response team update. Next Partnership Meeting will be held on Apr 9, 2014 from 9:00am – 3:00 pm (AZ Time) at the ADOT Flagstaff District Office in Flagstaff, AZ.

II) CHINLE AGENCY PLANNER'S REPORT

1) ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Projects and Meetings

- (a) Regional Transportation Meeting for Chinle Agency was held March 18 at Tse Bonito.
- (b) Public Hearings were held for N27 (N7 intersection to N105 intersection) and N8031 (Hopi H4 intersection to the East Navajo-Hopi boundary).
- (c) Chinle Agency Planner has been working with BIA and Chapters in developing a priority list of Heavy Maintenance projects in the agency that are shovel ready. The gravel projects that are shovel ready are already slated as FET projects, so BIA has a listing of maintenance projects such as pavement preservation, striping, fence work, and blow sand removal. The BIA is now working on Scopes of Work for these projects.
- (d) Rough Rock Chapter has requested for assistance in developing a plan to replace 3 drainage structures using chapter funds.
- (e) Many Farms Chapter is developing a partner project in spot graveling N8085.

• FET Projects

- (a) Many Farms Chapter Parking Lot: Project is projected to be complete late April 2014.
- (b) Chinle Workforce Development: Construction costs exceeds the remaining balance. This project is pending allocations from other completed projects.
- (c) Pinon Chapter is requesting that parking bumpers and handicap signage be installed with remaining balance.



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- (d) Diné College Access Road/ Housing Street: - Contract #CO10317 to Bohannan Huston, Inc., RE: Dine' College Hsg. Street Design Project; Design project is being currently in the survey stage.
- (e) N8068/N8069: This is scheduled to start in Spring of 2014 by Navajo DOT Dept. of Road Crew. The total miles on this route is 25 miles but we are only improving 6 miles.
- (f) N8068/8069 Drainage: Navajo DOT Engineer waiting for wash-crossing survey point data to finalize Drainage report and identify size of culverts that need to be installed.
- (g) Hard Rock Parking Lot: Coe and Van Loo LLC completed the design and approved by the Chapter on June of 2013. Construction Contract was awarded to Chee NorthStar. DES is awaiting the Construction Contract to go through 164 Review.
- (h) N673 Whippoorwill Low Water Crossing: Pending: design. This project will be assigned to On-Call Engineer.
- (i) Black Mesa Low Water Crossing (8065): This will be assigned to ON-CALL Engineer
- (j) N61 Whippoorwill: Clearances are completed. Need to order AB and Stabilizer and schedule Navajo DOT to complete project. This project is scheduled in Spring of 2014.

• TTIP and Road Construction Projects

- (a) The updated Navajo Nation TTIP was approved by RDC on 9/26/13.
- (b) A FONSI was issued for the N251 project is just awaiting 401/404 certification.
- (c) A technical review on N27 project is scheduled for April 16, 2014.

• Inventory Updates and Field Verifications

- (a) Traffic counts have been completed on N251, N8008, N8031, N7, N27, and
- (b) Many Farms Planning and Zoning Committee is in the process of changing some tribal routes to Apache County maintained in the inventory.

III) NDOT ROADS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

1) Ongoing Projects

- Department of Roads continued its participation in the 24 Navajo Regional Transportation Planning meetings with Department of Transportation Planning and Department of Project Management for implementation of road maintenance and heavy road maintenance services pursuant to the region transportation plans. The department developed Blading Schedules for the Western Navajo Agency chapters for review and approval by region chapters.



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- Department of Roads is in consultation with Department of Justice and Risk Management on the revision of the BIA MOA for road maintenance service and activity. The department obtained MOA Letter of Extension on October 31, 2013 to cover the Navajo Nation to June 2013.
- Pursuant to the Division project management planning and prioritization of projects, the department is working on heavy road maintenance projects:
 - Route N8068 & 8069 - gravel and apply roadway stabilizer to six (6) miles of roadway including culvert installation.
 - Route N61 - gravel and apply roadway stabilizer to approximately one (1) mile on the north end of the route off N4.
- Department of Roads drafted Road Improvement Criteria for expenditure of \$13,000,000 of the Fuel Excise Taxes among the five (5) Navajo Nation agencies.
- Department of Roads drafted an Earth Road Assessment Form for collection/inventory of road features for prioritization of road improvement projects and budgetary purposes.
- Department of Roads participated in the Red Dog Graveling Partnership Project meetings with Navajo County, BIA DOT, Peabody Western Coal Company (PWCC), Black Mesa Region Chapters and School Districts. The Red Dog Graveling consists of crushing, haul and utilize gravel material from PWCC on gravel roads in and adjacent to the Black Mesa area of the Navajo Nation. The Black Mesa Region Chapters include 10 Chapters: Kayenta, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa, Shonto, Low Mountain, Chilchinbeto, Whipporwill, Hardrock and Blue Gap/Tachee Chapters. Department of Roads provided 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel to the project per Project Partnership.
- The Navajo Nation Single Fiscal Year 2011. Department of Roads assisted with the development of the status report on the Correction Action Plan for Finding No. 11-02 for the road maintenance and the construction complex. To date, the department has implemented its portion of the corrective measures well before due dates. The department continues to assist NDOT with implementation progress and status reports.
- Department of Roads advertised a RFP for Purchase of 12 Motor Graders and three (3) fueling facilities for its Maintenance Yards in Dlikon Region 12 Office, Pinon Region 8 Office and Navajo Transportation Complex. The selection process is near completion.

2) **Accomplishments**

- Federal Highway Administration Agreement – Department of Roads coordinated regional transportation planning meetings with various chapters and developed a blading schedules for the following regions (23 of 24 Regions): Alton Joe Shepherd, Kenneth Maryboy, David Tom, Lorenzo Bates, Russell Begaye, Katherine Benally, Jonathan Nez, Duane Tsiniginie, Joshua Lavar Butler, Welter Phelps, Dwight Witherspoon, Johnny Naize, Leonard Pete, Nelson Begay, Elmer Begay, Jonathan Hale, Lorenzo Curley, Mel Begay, Roscoe Smith, Charles Damon II, Edmund Yazzie, Leonard Tsosie and Danny Simpson.
- Department of Roads assisted with the PCard and Performance Audit Findings of the Division by responding to Office of Auditor General's comments and completion of



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Corrective Action Plans. Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council approved the PCard CAP. The Resources and Development Committee approved the PCard CAP.

- Department of Roads consulted with Motor Vehicle Review Board and received approval to purchase twenty-one (21) vehicles for field and airport operations. The Department issued all vehicles in accordance to policies and procedures with Risk Management, Fleet Management Department, Property/Fixed Asset Department of Office of the Control.
- P.L. 93-638 Subpart J Construction Contract – Road Maintenance Portion:
 - In accordance to Code of Federal Regulation, Section 900.91 and Section 900.93 of BIA, Contractor-Purchased Property, Department of Roads obtained title of property/equipment purchased under the Contract. The department gained titles to 13 heavy equipment and one (1) 12k gallon water tower that were purchased under the Contract. The department will use the equipment under its Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Agreement for road maintenance activities and related services for the benefit of the Navajo Nation.
 - Modification No. 10 - BIA – NRO issued Modification 10 (Unilateral) for construction of the Navajo Transportation Complex at Tse Bonito, New Mexico and to conduct Road Maintenance Activities at various locations. The Modification affects the Road Maintenance Activities of the contract. This unilateral modification was issued to extend the contract completion date by an additional 182 calendar days from October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The extension allows the department to perform contract closeout procedures. The department anticipates zeroing out the infrastructure line item by end of this quarter, however the request will allow for sufficient time in case of unforeseen delays. Also, the extension of contract time will allow NDOT sufficient time for transition of oversight, program operations and management from BIA to FHWA. The field activities concluded on September 30, 2013.
 - BIA NRO – Regional Branch of Self Determination approved the Department of Roads' Activity Plans, including the Snow Control Plan, Maintenance Manual, Safety Plan, Quality Control and Maintenance Work Plan. The documents are in use and are ready for further development for the Fiscal Year 2014.
 - CY 2013 3rd Quarter Progress Report completed and submitted to OMB; and subsequently, the Navajo Nation submitted the Report to BIA-NRO, Regional Branch of Self Determination.
- Department of Roads assisted with the Performance Audit Findings of the Division by responding to Office of Auditor General's comments on the Corrective Action Plan.
- Department of Roads participated in the coordination of Southwest Chapter Session Conference in Twin Arrows, AZ. The department presented on road maintenance activity, 24 Navajo Regional Transportation Plan and winter emergency/safety plan.
- Department of Roads participated in meetings with FHWA, OOC and OMB on fiscal management of the FHWA Program Agreement Budget.



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- Department of Roads participated in two (2) consultation meetings with the Counties and BIA DOT on coordination and partnership regarding road services and activities.
- The Navajo Nation Single Fiscal Year 2012. Department of Roads' audit report was satisfactory on all deliverables and accountability on fiscal management. The first department under Navajo DOT to accomplishment such as task.
- Department of Roads received 31 for Road Maintenance services or related activities in form of letters, chapter resolutions and walk-ins from various chapters, communities, and agencies. The department completed and addressed 97% of requests in this reporting period.
- FHWA/FET Maintenance activities addressed within each agency:
 - Central Agency:
637.16 miles of Blading and Reshaping was completed under the 24 Regional Transportation Plan and 85.8 miles that were Non Regional Routes. Also 119.5 miles of Clean and Reshaping Ditch lines was completed and 14.7 miles of Non Regional Routes were completed. 194.9 Miles of Road Patrol was completed under the 24 Regional Transportation Plan and 21.6 miles completed on Non Regional Routes. 20.9 Miles of Snow and Ice Control was completed under the 24 Regional Transportation Plan and 21.3 miles completed on Non Regional Routes.

IV) NDOT PROJECT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

1) Project Management Ongoing Projects

- For the third year, 2014, the Red Dog Spot Graveling Projects in Navajo County and the Partnerships with Navajo County and BIA for 10 chapters is still on-going
- FHWA-Biological, categorical exclusion and archaeology surveys on roads for the 24-region is continuing.
- Graveling Projects: Red Valley Chapter N5020's three mile road project of the is still on-going with coordination with the chapter officials, San Juan County and Shiprock BIA office
- N8031 and N8084 archaeology surveys have been completed and found cultural resources that may warrant further investigation.

2) Project Management Accomplishments

- A two-day session on March 5th to March 6th, 2014 was held at the Wilson & Company with Mr. Ron Maldonado, Tribal Historic Preservation Office and NDOT (Paulson Chaco, Taft Blackhorse, Lyneve Begaye and Daryl Wagner) and Ms. Veronica Blackhat (DOJ) in Albuquerque, NM. The group composed a draft delegation letter and proposed Programmatic Agreement for FHWA, Rick Cushing, Jaime Torres and Brian
- On February 3, 2014 Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department signed a temporary memorandum, RE: Federal Highway and Navajo DOT Temporary Road



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Maintenance Agreement, allowing FHWA funded road blading services for the 24 regions to continue for six months until a Programmatic Agreement has been signed by the lead agency FHWA.

- Completed and submitted of approval of FET 22 Clearances: 10 Environmental, 12 Archeological reports and FHWA 16 Clearances: 10 Environmental, 6 Archeological reports for submittal
- Survey for road projects: FET-12 and FHWA-3
- Provided 25 technical assistance related to compliance issues
- Attended 14 meetings relating to compliance matters/issues
- Road Cultural Resources Management section has contracted the Navajo Nation Archaeology Department to complete N8031 and N8084 archaeology survey projects. The projects has completed the survey and beginning to finalize the report for submittal.
- Attend ADOT's US89 meetings on a bi-weekly basis
- Presented at the Planning Department's week long session with Chapter officials and BIA personnel on Project Management's archaeology, environmental, biological on Federal and Navajo Nation laws and Clean Water Act sections: 401, 402 and 404 application for culvert replacement program.
- Attended nine regional agency meetings

V) NDOT AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

1) Airport Management Ongoing Projects

- Airport/Airfield Maintenance Activities
 - Department has been working diligent 24/7 on maintaining a safe and operable airport by addressing basic maintenance tasks such as repainting navigable installments; applying pavement patching to critical sections of the runways/taxiways; repairing and restoring electrical components; repairing and restoring airfield lighting fixtures and bulbs; and airfield mowing, herbicide application, wildlife/livestock removal and foreign object debris removal
- FAA Funded Projects
 - Navajo Airport Master Plan Project: The FAA funds were fully accepted by OMB/OOC, now the Department is processing Armstrong Consultants' Professional Service Agreement to begin the much needed work. The contract requires immediate processing so that Armstrong can begin work.
 - Window Rock Airport Rehab Project: The FAA funds were fully accepted by OMB/OOC, now the Department is processing Armstrong Consultants' Professional Service Agreement to begin the much needed work. Bids need to begin the 164-review process as well as the DBE requirement.
- FET Funded Project



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- Window Rock Airport Parking Lot - FET Funded: Bohannon Huston is the currently addressing the design and concerns that Navajo EPA established. Spring 2014 is projected when construction will proceed.
 - Crownpoint Airport Lease Renewal
 - Lease documents for Allotment Parcel #901 and #935 are currently going through the Executive 164-review
 - The Hold Over amount of approximately \$8,800 from the old lease agreement is currently going through NNOOC and NNOMB for processing
 - The Executive Land Lease Renewal is currently being addressed for processing.
 - NMDOT Land Lease was Renewed without cause for another 25-years
 - ADOT Aviation Grant Agreements
 - Airport Capital Projects – Department is working with NNDOJ to review for legal sufficiency.
 - ADOT has identified Tuba City Airport to receive \$2.2million for Runway Rehab; grant process needs to be conducted by May 2014.
 - Ganado Airport
 - Airport Re-Opening: Department is working to address the earthwork needed to repair Ganado airstrip by assigning technical design/planning to Wilson & Company, on-call engineering.
 - i. Department purchased water for 2-years to supplement to earthwork required to repair the airport's runway.
 - ii. Department has been meeting with Community leaders to obtain community consensus.
 - NMDOT Aviation Grant Agreements
 - Airport Capital Projects – Department is working with NNDOJ to review for legal sufficiency.
 - NMDOT has \$10,000 Grant for Airport Consumables for each airport; which Department will be submitting a grant for 2014.
 - New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Fund
 - NM118 Feasibility Study: Department is spearheading this project by managing iina baa, Inc., to conduct the feasibility project.
 - Department requested for a "NO COST EXTENSION" for the project for a finished product to be prepared for submission.
 - BIA-Fire Management Operations
 - Department is working with BIA-Fire Management to address their need to develop a Heli-Tack operation on Window Rock Airport.
 - Community-Based Airport Business Development & Leasing Program
 - Department drafted a Whitepaper for interested Certified Chapters to initiate their understanding how they can begin their Community-Based Airport Business Development & Leasing Program.



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- i. Chinle Chapter is interested in land lease opportunities
 - ii. Tuba City Chapter is interested in airport business development
 - ADOT Partnership
 - Department has been spearheading efforts to continue efforts partnership with ADOT; three Counties; Hopi Nation; BIA; FHWA and various programs/agencies.
 - Navajo DOT Strategic Update
 - Department has been involved in updating the Division's and Department's five-ten-year strategic plan

2) **Airport Management Accomplishments**

- Department Staff was invited to present at the National Transportation Research Board in Washington D.C., on the subject of "Non-Traditional Partnerships." Navajo DOT Staff presented on our partnership development to address the airport deficiencies. This was a successful event.
- Department participated and completed in the Basic Airport Safety and Operations School (ASOS) hosted by American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) in Los Angeles, CA. Basis ASOS provide Department staff introductory elements to proper maintaining airports/airfields. Staff will be attending the Advanced ASOS mid-2014.
- Department represented Navajo Nation Division of Transportation Department of Airports at Arizona Aviation Day and New Mexico Aviation Day successfully.
- Department participated in the Navajo DOT Community Work Session in Albuquerque, NM, addressing aviation-related transportation information and issues to communities members of the NN.
- Department participated in the New Mexico Airport Managers Association meeting in Albuquerque, NM, sharing with NM State Airport Managers information about Navajo airports.
- Department Staff attended, participated and completed the AAAE Accreditation Academy in Dallas, Texas.
- Department attended and participated in the South Central Chapter of AAAE in Albuquerque, NM.
- Airport/Airfield Maintenance Activities
- Department has been working diligent 24/7 on maintaining a safe and operable airport by addressing basic maintenance tasks such as repainting navigable installments; applying pavement patching to critical sections of the runways/taxiways; repairing and restoring electrical components; repairing and restoring airfield lighting fixtures and bulbs; and airfield mowing, herbicide application, wildlife/livestock removal and foreign object debris removal
- Purchasing of airfield-related equipment and supplies for airport maintenance activities