

2014 A Year in Review and Priorities 2015

NDOT Planning Department

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Executive Summary

- **September 7, 1994** - The Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) was first established as a department under the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development through Navajo Nation Government Services Committee Resolution GSCS-70-94.
- **July 21, 2009** - Navajo Nation Council passed Resolution CYJ-21-09 that restructured the Navajo Department of Transportation into a division.
- **April 16, 2013** - Navajo Nation Council amended Title 2 of Navajo Nation Code §1371 - Plan of Operation for the Navajo Division of Transportation. Resolution GSCAU-26-09 was amended *to reassign and transfer the Navajo Department of Highway Safety to the Navajo Division of Transportation and approval of all Navajo DOT Department Plans of Operation.*

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Purpose of the Planning Department is to develop:

- Land use
- Economic development
- Traffic demand
- Public safety
- Health
- Social

strategies to meet current & future transportation needs.

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- Objectives of the Planning Department is:
 - To be the point of reference for all transportation planning activities.
 - To provide technical assistance in the areas of; planning, road inventory, accident data, Geographical Information System (GIS) and asset management.
- The Planning Department operates on Tribal Transportation Program Funds from the Federal Highway Administration.

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The Planning Department has a total of fifteen (15) staff members:

- Department Manager
- Administrative Assistant
- Principal Planner
- Senior Planners
- Principal Engineering Technicians
- GIS Analyst
- GIS Technician

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MISSION

“ “Planning for current and future transportation needs of the Navajo people.”

VISION

“To preserve and enhance transportation throughout Diné Bíí Keyáh”.

2014 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- **GOAL 1:**

Update the Long-Range Transportation Program

- **GOAL 2:**

Improve Planning Department public relations.

- **GOAL 3:**

Develop Regional Transportation Plans for 24 regions of the Navajo Nation.

Improve Community Relations

Drafted a Public Relations Strategy for 2015.

Goals and objectives include:

- To increase knowledge of the operations of the Navajo DOT, including its services, employees and support of community transportation projects.
- To gain greater organizational support from community leaders on the TTIP, LRTP, and FET Projects.
- To encourage more feedback from community leaders from 2013- 2014.
- To develop and distribute community publications.
- To be more responsive to community needs through 2013-2014.
- To schedule (4) meetings with community and organizational leaders this year.

Develop a Regional Transportation Plan for 24 Regions of Navajo Nation

- The intent of the Regional Plan is to equally distribute road maintenance activity funds to each 110 chapters and plan regionally significant transportation projects and road maintenance activities.
- August 2013 the Regional Plan was developed.
- Implemented in January 2014.
- Regional plan was developed by Agency: Western Eastern, Chinle, Northern and Ft. Defiance.
- Each region was allocated a total of 15 miles of road maintenance or blading activities four times per year.
- Regional Transportation Planning Meetings were developed and expanded to include presentations and collaboration with other DOT entities.

2015 Planning Department Priorities

- Develop and review short-range and long-range transportation plans and strategies.
- To increase knowledge, public involvement and enhance community relations of the Navajo DOT.
- To update staff development and training and/or certification in transportation.

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