

Navajo Partnership ANNUAL Meeting

NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION COMPLEX, Mentmore, NM

October 22, 2014

MEETING NOTES

Attendees		
Ben Bennett, NDOT	Andy Bertelsen, Coconino	Jonathan Nez, NN Council
Darryl Bradley, NDOT	Jesse Thompson, Navajo	Carson Craig, NDOT
Garren Burbank, NDOT	Kirk Arviso, Apache	Eric Descheenie, Chinle
Jason Yazzie, NDOT	Philan Tree, Coconino	Leonard Pete, NN Council
Jonah Begay, NDOT	Norman Cody, Navajo	Seneca House, NDOT
Karen Benally, NDOT	Tom White, Apache	Also Shulf, St. Johns
LeNora Hardy, NDOT	Virgil D. Nez, Teesto Chapter	Ray Russell, NDOT
Lyneve Begaye, NDOT	Paula P. Claw, Apache	Alberto Peshlakai, Navajo
Taft Blackhorse, NDOT	Henrietta Notah, Apache	Romare Truly, FHWA
Lance Begaye, NDOT	Joe Dedman, Apache	Ron D. Shutiva, NMDOT
Marlinda Littleman, NDOT	Don Sneed, ADOT	Marco Sells, NDOT
Victoria Lee, NDOT	John Dalby, ADOT	Ashley Watson, NDOT
Marco Sells, NDOT	Kee Yazzie, ADOT	Pearl Chamberlin, BIA
Ashley Watson, NDOT	Misty Klann, ADOT	Karla S. Petty, FHWA
Ray Russell, NDOT	Ruth Greenspan, ADOT	Edith Morgan, NDOT
Gerri Barber-Watson, NDOT	Todd Emery, ADOT	Victoria Lee, NDOT
Aaron Begay, NDOT	Julia Manfredi, ADOT	Roland Becenti, BIA
Larry Joe, NDOT	Ed Wilson, ADOT	Jovonna John, NDOT

Facilitator: Michele Crank, ADOT, Office of Partnering

The next Partnership steering committee meeting is January 15, 2015

Agenda Items and Highlights	
Topic	Details
Invocation	Provided by Taft Blackhorse.

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Introductions	Ben Bennett, Deputy Director NDOT was the master of ceremonies. Attendees' introduction followed by Michele Crank's overview of materials in packets given at registration.

Topic	Details
Welcome Address	Ben Bennett provided the welcome address as there were not representatives from the Navajo Nation's President/Vice President Office.

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Navajo	Darryl Bradley-See Power point presentation and Qtrly report in presentation file.

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Department of Transportation	<p>Karen Benally- See Power Point presentation in file.</p> <p>Taft Blackhorse – See Power point presentation in file.</p> <p>Ray Russell – See power point presentation in file.</p> <p>Jonah Begay/Garren Burbank – See power point presentation in file.</p>
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Topic	Details
Work group session	<p>Right of Way Group discussion summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Funding Group discussion summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2015 Navajo Nation Transportation plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process needs to be developed within Navajo Nation • Assistance from DOT's, Counties, Hopi, FWHA, BIA • Benefit cost analysis ➤ Identify Funds availability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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Access to material pits and water

Group Discussion summary:

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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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?• 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)
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Participant Meeting Evaluation Feedback

Feedback is based on 18 forms.

Ratings: 1 = lowest 5 = Highest

1. How valuable was this meeting for you?

Average Rating 3.55

What about this meeting was most valuable to you?

- Presentations by Partners
- All the updates and participation
- Partner group updates
- Need input from other partner to continue working great participation
- No issues, priorities, future plans
- Informing partners on the County's involvement in improving dirt roads on the Reservation
- As a planner for the Eastern Navajo Agency on the NM side it was good to see collaboration between governmental agencies
- Partnering w/various entities
- We always meet/network w/ other entities/resources
- The opportunity to network and meet people face-to-face
- The discussions and sharing of information from each of the partners
- Networking and renewing and building relationships
- Introducing present and future projects for highway safety/GIS section for safety measurements
- The representation of various departments within Navajo Nation, the appropriate Counties, BIA, FWHA and ADOT to move the Partnership forward
- The whole presentation was helpful; a lot of information to soak in, the food and refreshments' were good too
- Most interesting was the updates from Counties, State to the direct services that they provide to the local Chapter Communities

2. What would have improved this meeting?

- Nothing! Don't change
- Well organized
- Good meeting glad to see and hear from all partner group representatives
- Speakers limit selves (not a facilitator responsibility) to time allotted
- Meeting was good overall
- Keep the agenda separate annual meeting and quarterly meeting
- We needed more time
- Long minutes for presentations
- Either extending the meeting length or limiting the time of the speakers

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More time for all the presentations and discussion to afford the opportunity for networking and sharing of information

3. How do you rate the Facilitator?

Average Rating: 4.72

Always on point

Michele did a good job even without her assistant, but Clem we still missed you!

Great, did good, very good job

Kept discussions moving and interesting

Great job

Very Knowledgeable

Michele does a good job facilitating the partnership

Great job at the coordination of presenters

Good at maintaining order and ensuring that all meeting topics were addressed

Facilitator was great! I can only understand what is being said by...

The presentation/facilitator were well versed with their subject matter

4. How do you rate the effectiveness of this team?

Average Rating: 4.22

Good work then partnership continues to move forward

We are responsible to be team effectiveness

Most of issues beyond any team capability to solve (funding)

Encouraging one another to achieve success, despite going against obstacles and challenges

Cooperative

Results of the team are really evident out in the community

The team seems to work very well and cooperatively

Great presenters throughout the meeting

The team is during good

The team have a good start in getting together to address the needs and unmet needs for the Tribe

5. What other comments or suggestions do you have?

None

Need everything similar to ADOT

Please do not expand to 1.5 days (an overnight stay for most attendees) (Just an enforce the time allotments to presenters)

Perhaps provide a quick reference map w/agenda packet, map w/major AZ Projects

The trust and respect amongst the partners that has been built through this partnership was evident

Overall just a great work session

Have their annual meeting be a two day event to allow enough time for all presentations and discussion; have a committee to plan and identify major areas of concerns