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Challenges

- 1) **Road Maintenance Contract Closeout:** The Department of Roads is waiting for BIA NRO response to extent Contract No. A10AV00323 (CTN00T780D2), 93-638 Subpart J to close-out the road maintenance contract.
- 2) **Archeological and Environment Services:** The Project Management is waiting for approval to use Fuel Excise Tax (FET) to closeout agreements between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department for Archeological and Environmental services.
- 3) **Regional Road Maintenance Plan:** The 110 Navajo Chapters are requesting to revise their plans for inclusion of 15 miles of blading services.
- 4) **Crash Data Software Project (TracCS):** The Department of Highway Safety is challenged with 100% buy-in on project & participation from the Division of Public Safety.
- 5) **NDOT's Network Infrastructure & Architecture:** The NDOT's existing network infrastructure & architecture is inadequate to allocate network resources and provide sufficient information technology services.



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Proposed Solutions

- 1) The Department of Roads scheduled meetings with OMB, & NNOOC to develop financial closeout procedures including a formal request for a contract extension so payments can be processed & paid out for road maintenance services.
- 2) The Project Management Department is coordinating with the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation authorized representative concerning the Programmatic Agreement under Section 106.
- 3) The Planning Department continues to maintain communication with the Navajo Chapters the objective of NDOT is to complete the approved Regional Road Maintenance Plan for Year One.
- 4) A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Division of Public Safety was initiated August 2014 to procure computer equipment, scanners, and server for the project.
- 5) The Wilson & Co., a consultant provided an assessment of NDOT's existing network infrastructure & architecture including recommendations & solutions to improve information technology services.

Timeline

- 1) The Navajo Nation Office of Management & Budget submitted a contract extension for Contract No. A10AV00323, Road Maintenance section to the BIA for review & approval to close out all financial reports associated with contract.



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- 2) A coordination meeting on the Programmatic Agreement (PA) between NDOT and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation will be conducted in the latter part of October, and it may be possible to schedule a meeting FHWA in November, 2014 on the possibility to have a PA signed.
- 3) To complete planning objectives according to the Annual NDOT's Regional Road Maintenance Plan by December 31, 2014.
- 4) Establish meeting schedules with stakeholders to be held in the First Quarter (Oct. – Dec., 2014).
- 5) Meetings have been scheduled with Wilson & Co., for implementation of IT projects, procurement of equipment and commence network upgrade by December 31, 2014.

Ongoing Projects

- 1) **Road Maintenance Projects:** The Department of Roads engages & participates with the Department of Planning in the 24 Navajo Regional Transportation planning activities in regards to the implementation of road maintenance services according to the regional transportation plans.
- 2) **FHWA Agreement:** The FHWA's programmatic agreement (PA) between the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department and FHWA has been postponed until at a later date. 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.



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- 3) **Tribal Transportation Program Roads Inventory Project:** The Planning Department implementation of policies for compliance with LRTP lists of routes, strip maps, 5704 forms and location maps.
- 4) **Motor Vehicle Handbook:** Recommend changes to the Motor Vehicle Review Board to revise the Navajo Nation Motor Vehicle Handbook and Department of Highway Safety's Permit Procedures to include a driver point system to minimize complaints and unsafe driving practices by Navajo employees.
- 5) **Road Improvements:** NDOT is working with the BIA, Counties and Chapters to construct road improvements within the five agencies utilizing \$13 million of Fuel Excise Tax Road Funds, which was approved by the RDC on September 30, 2014.
- 6) **Street Lighting Projects:** NDOT is reviewing and renewing Joint Power Agreements with NMDOT for the US491 Street Lighting Agreement. NDOT is also adding an addendum to the Master Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with San Juan County, NM to accept funding to pay for Street Lighting Utilities cost.
- 7) **Chip Seal Plans:** NDOT is collaborating with Pueblo Pintado Chapter, BIA-Eastern Navajo Agency, New Mexico State Land Office, Bureau of Land Management, and San Juan County to develop plans to chip seal N7128. This project is currently in the planning stages.
- 8) **N6461 Dennehotso Bridge Replacement:** NDOT is working with FHWA to design and construct bridge replacement. The project plans and environmental



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documents are complete. NDOT is processing the grant of right-of-way request for RDC approval. Construction will begin in March 2015.

- 9) **N7150 Huerfano Bridge Replacement in Huerfano, NM:** The bridge construction is 65% complete and will be complete by February 2015.
- 10) **Red Dog Graveling Project:** NDOT continues to collaborate with Navajo County, BIA and the 10 Chapters in the Black Mesa Region to gravel 25 miles annually. The second year is complete and planning efforts have begun for the third year which includes identifying spot locations and securing environmental compliance. Navajo County has selected a contractor for crushing gravel which will start in October 2014. Gravel hauling and placement will begin in Nov-Dec 2014.

Budget Information

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
FHWA	73
TOTAL:	117



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

Accomplishments

- 1) **The Road Improvement Plans:** The Department of Roads completed the following projects:
 - **Dilkon NR 9887** – Road Improvement in coordination with Navajo County. Project Cost \$12,057.52.
 - **Pinedale N7054** – Gravel & material placement on east portion of Route 7054 Loop. Project Cost: \$45,000.00.
- 2) **Environmental & Archeological Projects:** The Project Management Department completed and submitted the approval of FET 21 Clearances: 12 Environmental & 9 Archeological reports; and FHWA 40 Clearances: 14 cleared & 40 are pending for processing, Environmental, 1 Archeological reports for submission.
- 3) **2013 Crash Report:** From June 30, 2014 to July 9, 2014, the Department of Highway Safety inserted in the Arizona Department of Transportation's Crash Data Sheet by editing and creating GIS Shapefiles to insert into ArcGIS for the final report.
- 4) **US 491 Project:** NDOT assisted NMDOT to process right-of-way documents for additional easements to complete the final section of US 491 from Naschitti to Twin Lakes, NM, which was approved by RDC on July 8, 2014. NMDOT selected a contractor to construct this \$74 million project on August 20, 2014.



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- 5) *Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP):* NDOT completed the Fiscal Year 2015 Navajo Nation Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (NNTTIP) which was approved by the Resources and Development Committee on September 23, 2014. The TTIP is financially constrained based on a projected annual funding level of \$55.5 million.

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