

Navajo DOT Partnership Steering Committee
ADOT Flagstaff District
Jan. 17, 2013

MEETING NOTES

Attendees		
Darryl Bradley, NDOT	Garret Silversmith, BIA	Kee Yazzie Mann, Navajo Nation
Jonah Begay, NDOT	Myra Rothman, ADOT	
Lyneve Begaye, NDOT	Kent Haugerud, ADOT	
Jason Yazzie, NDOT	Misty Klann, ADOT	
Merv Yoyetewa, Hopi Tribe	Michelle Fink, ADOT	
Fern Talayumtewa, Hopi Tribe	Kee Yazzie, ADOT Holbrook	
Calvin Castillo, BIA	Norman Cody, Navajo County	
Chuck Gillick, ADOT	Harold Riley, BIA	
Kurt Harris, ADOT	Henry Begay, BIA	
Jaime Torrez, Federal Lands	Joy Keller-Weidman, Holon	

Facilitators: Joy Keller-Weidman, Holon Consulting & Michelle Fink, ADOT-Communications

The next Navajo Partnership meeting is April 16, 2013.

See Attached roster for contact information.

Agenda Items & Highlights

TOPIC	DETAILS
OPENING PRAYER	<i>Jason Yazzie, Navajo DOT Senior Planner</i>

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INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Joy welcomed the Navajo Partnership and kicked off the quarterly meeting. She reviewed the handouts and facilitated the partner introductions and a brief description of where they work.</p> <p>New attendees: Hopi: Mervin Yoyetewa, Fern Talayumtewa Navajo DOT: Lyneve Begaye, Jason Yazzie BIA: Harold Riley, Henry Begay, Calvin Castillo, Garret Silversmith ADOT: Kurt Haugerud, Kurt Harris Federal State Lands: Jaime Torres Gonzales</p>

TOPIC	DETAILS
MEETING OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the updated partnership directory <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on first sub-goal of road prioritization program

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion topics: (1)Challenge= Safety Issues and Fatalities: How to make school bus routes safer(2)Establish a 4-lane highway west of Ganado <input type="checkbox"/> Complete revised PEP <input type="checkbox"/> Review Issue Resolution Chart- update <input type="checkbox"/> Review location & dates of future steering committee meetings.
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NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION	<p><i>Darryl Bradley, Navajo DOT, Principal Civil Engineer</i> <u>DBradley@navajodot.org</u></p> <p>Update on Navajo DOT since October meeting: Develop a direct federal funding agreement initiative to manage \$54 Million transportation program for NDOT. One of one hundred US tribes that have achieved this allocation, and the largest reservation. Agreement to be signed by the Navajo Nation President soon.</p> <p>Establish a pilot program to manage \$10 Million by NDOT this spring. Developing strategies to analyze and estimate the costs of the support programs. Primary focus on maintaining and preserving the existing tribal roads. Priority to finalize the Road Inventory with BIA and Hopi is critical.</p> <p>Focus on TTIP programs and to prioritize 50 miles of roads with based on volume, school bus routes, service provider, economic development, future transportation plans, emergency logistics and community requests. This community outreach has strengthened relationships with the counties. Map 21 will result in the loss of \$1 M in future school bus route funding</p> <p>Developing and using Red Dog gravel materials and excess rock from the mine, crushing the rock, and hauling of 65,000 tons of rock to be used on roads in Apache County. Hopi is considering using the Red-Dog gravel on their roads.</p> <p>Navajo Nation is divided into 24 regions and each are providing</p>

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recommendations into the regional transportation process. Some chapters are developing their own MOUs and have their own equipment. Information is getting to the smaller regions and to the local governments. NDOT is prioritizing projects based on need and feedback to allocate their funds.

NDOT has to develop the processes, standards and clearances. Then will determine the ranking of the roads. Followed by educating the Chapters on the responsibilities of the road maintenance and reporting methods.

Training initiative is being developed to educate and meet the needs of the communities.

Gravel Construction Total = \$102,200 per mile
Example: 10 miles will cost approximately \$1,022,000

Working with Hopi and the BIA with regular meetings. Want to establish future MOU to share resources.

Happening quickly and much is in response to issues or challenges. NDOT team is trying to get ahead of the change.

NDOT 911 system is being established, has been slow and complicated.

Partnership meetings have been instrumental to making positive changes at NDOT. The partnership connections are proving valuable resource and making progress.

NDOT faces many transportation challenges ahead. NDOT needs this partnerships support to be successful.

Discussion:

MOU between, BIA and Federal State Lands and NDOT to fund programs

- ◆ More environmental capacity on projects
- ◆ Road maintenance involvement
- ◆ Develop a design staff

Proposed internal meetings with BIA and ADOT.

401/404 meetings in the future for road maintenance and construction

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EVALUATION KEY GOAL: SUBGOALS ESTABLISHED	<p>Subgoals language reviewed and agreed upon by all partners:</p> <p>1: Road Prioritization - A. The partners focus on identified prioritized roads B. Partner support continuity and collaborative efforts C. partners provide technical support D. partners provide work plans/agreements and information</p> <p>2. Partnership Focus – Partners trust each other and work well as a team</p> <p>3. Partnership Agreements - Partners identify mutual objectives, draft agreements and follow through on commitments</p> <p>4. Emergency Response - Partners work together to continue to share and identify helpful resources during emergencies.</p> <p>5. Approval Process - Partners continue to define and work through streamlined partners' approval processes</p>

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FOCUS ON ROAD PRIORITIZATION PROGRAM	<p>Jonah Begay, NDOT GIS Supervisor JBegay@navajodot.org</p> <p>Comprehensive plan – 5 to 10 years – focuses on 5 areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Regional ◆ Road maintenance- quarter, annual cycle – a grader and operator in each region ◆ Snow removal ◆ Sand removal ◆ Road construction <p>Meeting with the Regions and Chapters about the Road Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To collaborate with each local chapter for the Regional Transportation Planning effort. ◆ Chapters from each Council Delegate's respective region to participate in identifying their transportation priorities within the region ◆ To give the communities and chapters the opportunity to provide input by developing a high priority list ◆ To promote the efficient use of the resources and solutions to the

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transportation challenges through partnerships

- ◆ development of transportation plans
- ◆ To improve coordination of road projects and road maintenance with Chapters, Counties and BIA.
- ◆ To develop a Road Maintenance Plan and a Road improvement Plan using information from Chapters.
- ◆ To develop a comprehensive plan for emergency logistics

Communication Process

- ◆ Council Delegate
 - Represent their region, support and recommend projects to the legislative over-sights
- ◆ Chapters
 - Identify the region's transportation priorities.
 - Provide legislative support by providing documents
 - Identify and prioritize roads in the region.
 - Collaborate available resources with other entities
- ◆ Navajo DOT
 - Collaborate available resources with Regions
 - Equipment/Personnel
 - Cost sharing
 - Transportation planning
 - Meetings

Regional Plans due on March 2013

This is a huge effort to gather information from the regions – maps were provided and planners were provided for tech support at public meetings. School districts have been asked to provide information to the plan Draft plan to the RDC on March 13, review in May and final approval expected by July 15, 2013

This Plan is a living changing document as information is gathered and updates implemented.

Identified: Engineering area needs technical assistance
Costly program associated with this initiative

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PARTNERSHIP DIRECTORY	Continue to update and send to Michelle Fink before April 16 meeting mfink@azdot.gov

TOPIC	DETAILS
PEP Goals and Subgoals	The Partners established new subgoals for the partnership to measure the progress of the partnership. See attached PEP excel form.

TOPIC	DETAILS
ISSUE RESOLUTION CHART	Review of the issue Resolution Chart for everyone to become familiar with the partners and the process. No changes were suggested.

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NEXT MEETING AGENDA April 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ www.Aztribaltransportation.org website review – Misty ◆ Report on BIA/ADOT meeting – Darryl ◆ Report on Holbrook district meeting – Darryl ◆ Action Item updates - All

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CLOSING COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting. ◆ Hopeful that we can accomplish a lot together ◆ ADOT invests in the partnership and has a lot to gain from the Partnership and the projects. ◆ This partnership has made light-years of progress with the Hopi and Navajo Partnership in 7 months. Good job in establishing new communication and working with the BIA on the road inventory ◆ Invite the Western Region BIA representatives – Wendell and Herb ◆ Great beginning and making progress ◆ Review the charter with the partners

ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS:

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Road Prioritization: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partner support 2. Technical support 3. Collaborative support 	NDOT Darryl- Road Maintain Supv Jonah-	Feb 11- 22 1. BIA 2. Counties 3. ADOT

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<p>A. Meet with ADOT, BIA & Counties to review their plans & Navajo Nation Chapter priorities- exchange information/ internal process/ ROW / risk management - permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Extend invitation to partners 	<p>Inventory Taft – Compliance NDOT Planners</p>	
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Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Prepare and attend May 10 Transportation Board meeting in Flagstaff	Darryl Jonah	April 10

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
State highway safety development plan update at the April 16 meeting	Don Misty	April 1

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Meet with the Holbrook District about the Ganado widening and the ROW issues Take to the RDC and NOBE committee	Darryl Jonah	March

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Coordinate a work session with ADOT, NDOT, FHWA, and BIA on the ROW issues at Window Rock. Or May 2 after the Construction in Indian Country Conference in Chandler	Darryl Misty/Don	Begin in January for March workshop

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Update PEP form with new subgoals	Michelle	Feb. 1

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Review the Charter for new BIA members	Partnership	April 16

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Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Respond to requests from ADOT regarding the state highway safety plan	NDOT	When request is rec'd

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Consider highway safety element <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Include data collection from IHS in addition to ADOT data analysis ◆ Consider hiring a safety engineer ◆ Focus on data collection and data analysis ◆ Develop agreement for data sharing with ADOT & NDOT (TRACS system) 	Garren Burbank, NDOT	Feb. 28

Action	Responsible Person(s)	By when
Check with Arlando and Mr. Chaco about annual meeting in 2013 (consider recommendation of having an annual meeting every other year) and report to Partnership	Darryl	March 15

MEETING FEEDBACK

1. How valuable was this partnership meeting for you? Rating based on 15 responses: 3.66

Comments are as written on the Feedback form:

This meeting was not valuable 0.5 1.0 1.5	This meeting was somewhat valuable 2.0 2.5	This meeting was valuable 3.0 3.5	This meeting was very valuable 4.0
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- ◆ Very valuable to Navajo to have this meeting to partner with other entities
- ◆ This meeting was very valuable because it is the beginning of helping Navajo Nation communities & Chapters
- ◆ Great networking, information sharing
- ◆ Everything was valuable, since this was my first meeting

2. What about this partnership meeting was most valuable to you?

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- ◆ Everyone’s participation
- ◆ Communication and good discussions
- ◆ The language that I can use at the Chapter meetings to explain the road program
- ◆ All the info and discussions, Navajo on the right track with their prioritization and collaborative efforts
- ◆ Partnership evaluation key goals and prioritization of Navajo roads
- ◆ Learning the needs of all the partners
- ◆ Understanding NDOT status on progress to transportation goals
- ◆ Reacquainted with the partners
- ◆ NDOT’s update and PowerPoint presentation
- ◆ Updates on the future projects within the Navajo reservation

3. What would have improved the effectiveness of this partnership meeting?

- ◆ It would be nice to see Paulson at some point to hear his vision for the partnership
- ◆ The meeting was great.
- ◆ Great meeting,
- ◆ I would like to hear what the Federal and State programs could bring to the table for our roadways.
- ◆ Afternoon half of the meeting seemed to drag a bit, not sure if we spent too much time on it or it was a slow topic
- ◆ We have accomplished many tasks and will have more in the future
- ◆ Increase time span between meetings, will allow NDOT more time to report out on progress
- ◆ At the next meeting in April, have NDOT present a rough draft of their road prioritization list
- ◆ Have every partner available for more effective input

4. How do you rate the effectiveness of the Facilitators? Rating based on 15 responses: 3.66

Was not effective			Was somewhat effective		Was effective		Was very effective
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- ◆ Darryl and Jonah’s presentation was very informative and I got several ideas
- ◆ Kept the group focused on topics at hand and drew ideas from the group
- ◆ Developing the next step and action items and allowing more participation was very good
- ◆ Great facilitation and focus by Joy

5. How do you rate this partnership’s potential for partnering? Rating based on 15 responses: 3.7

This partnership has no potential for partnering			This partnership team has some potential for partnering		This partnership team has good potential for partnering		This partnership team has very good potential for partnering
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- ◆ Potential for partnership is great! Keep it up.
- ◆ Always a good partnership and pull resources to benefit both tribes
- ◆ There is lots of potential for Partnering with the tribes, county, state and federal agencies.
- ◆ NDOT is making rapid progress, good job Darryl, Arlando and Jonah

6. What other comments do you wish to offer?

- Continue to provide meeting materials to Chapter leaders for education and motivation
- Certainly good topics discussed, but very different tone from the Hopi meeting the day before
- Good job!
- Good selection of food and beverages! Thanks!
- Excellent meeting and participation.

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Please send your action items updates to Michelle as soon as completed.