

Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee

April 28, 2014

The Honorable Kevin Washburn
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Bureau of Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Ms. Joyce Curtis
Associate Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
Office of Federal Lands Highway
Southeast Federal Center Building
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room E61-316
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Request for TTPCC Meeting

Dear Assistant Secretary Washburn and Associate Administrator Curtis:

On behalf of the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee (TTPCC), I am respectfully requesting that the executive officers and chairs of our workgroups be able to meet with you in Washington, D.C. during the month of May, 2014 (preferably the week of May 5, 2014). The purpose of this requested meeting is to update you on the TTPCC's activities over the past two years, in accordance with CFR 25 Part 170.155.

Due to stringent travel process and authorization, the TTPCC has experienced delays in receiving meeting approvals which has prevented the committee from meeting on a schedule where critical work products can be accomplished in a timely manner. The Committee is required to meet at least two meetings per year, in accordance with 25 CFR Part 170.158. Additional meetings may be called with the consent of 1/3 of the committee members or by BIA or FHWA. The Committee would like to secure meeting locations and get approval for remainder of 2014 in advance and to discuss the proper TTPCC role in several significant ongoing matters for which the TTPCC has a regulatory responsibility to provide input and recommendations.

In past years, the TTPCC met with the Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs (ASIA) and the Associate Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Office of the Federal Lands Highway on an annual basis. The TTPCC has not had the opportunity to meet with the ASIA and Associate Administrator since September 2011 and have not yet had the opportunity to meet with Associate Administrator Curtis.

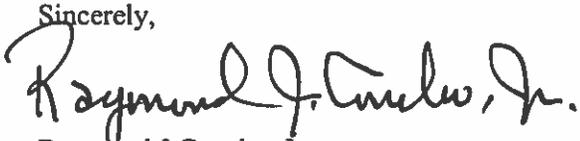
Since our last meeting, Congress reauthorized the surface transportation law, known as Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 ("MAP-21"), and the Bureau of Indian Affairs published a draft proposed revision of the implementing regulations for the Indian Reservation Road

(IRR) Program now the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP). We understand that the BIA and FHWA hope to have a formal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published in April of 2014.

In light of the short-time frame for the publication of the NPRM and finalization of the National Business Plan (NBP) and the Program Guide, it is important that we meet in May 2014 so that we can discuss the appropriate process to ensure that the TTPCC is able to provide constructive input and recommendations on these matters, as anticipated in the regulations.

The TTPCC appreciates your consideration of this request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond J. Concho, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Raymond J Concho, Jr.

Chairman

Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee

cc: TTPCC Members

LeRoy Gishi, Division Chief, BIA, Division of Transportation

Robert Sparrow, Director, Tribal Transportation Program

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Future TTPCC meeting Dates and Location

1) Meeting Date: 6/23/14 – 6/27/14

Meeting Location: Ho-Chunk Nation - Wisconsin

2) Meeting Date: 9/18/14 – 9/22/14

Meeting Location: Anchorage Alaska (in conjunction with NTTC)

3) Meeting Date: 11/17/14 – 11/21/14

Meeting Location: Washington DC

4) Meeting Date: 2/16/15 – 2/20/15

Meeting Location: Phoenix, AZ