15th NW Tribal Transportation Symposium

Tribal Transportation Issues (3/20/08)

1. Recommendations on how a Tribe should work with a county that is reluctant to negotiate.

2. BIA DOT separate from Indian Services organization (BIA NWR)

3. Construction Funding fro “NEED” rather than existing inventory. (BIA NWR)

4. How to fund maintenance of roads is a major issue and challenge for both tribes and state departments of transportation. SAFETEA-LU and it’s predecessors legislation is written to prohibit use of funds for maintenance purposes as a result. Many state DOTs are foregoing mowing and trimming of vegetation in medians and along roadways. Which can impact safety. If there is a way to lobby congress to establish legitimacy for funding maintenance, this might solve part of this problem. Important to include in lobbying efforts for the “Next TEA”.

5. Increase funding availability for Road/bridge construction and maintenance.

6. Need Road maintenance $ instead of robbing construction $s

7. Develop formal process for tribal participation in state transit funding/transportation (ST)

8. Increased Funding options for IRR and Public transit products/Programs (Bob S)

9. Revisit Question 10 allocation.

10. Smart Growth for tribes. (DGW)

11. Pedestrian/Bicycle Trails.

12. How can we improve coordination between tribes, ATNI, education providers (EWU/Antioch etc.) BIA so we can develop a stronger tribal transportation workforce.

13. We need to organize a major NW tribal career fair with follow-up results.