Tribal Transit Peer Roundtable

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Welcome Everyone

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Agenda

1. Updates from FTA (5-10 minutes) and Q&A

2. Roundtable updates from Tribal Transit participants (15 minutes) and questions
   1. What are your upcoming local, state, intertribal, or regional transportation conferences?
   2. How will transit funding or training be discussed?
   3. What are your priority staff training needs right now and are you finding accessible virtual training opportunities?
   4. Which FTA-related trainings would you prioritize: Legal, Technical Capacity, and Award Administration; Financial Management and NTD; Satisfactory Continuing Control and Maintenance; Charter Bus; Procurement and Buy America; ADA; and/or Drug and Alcohol Program?
   5. Which NRTAP-led trainings would you prioritize?

3. Updates from National RTAP on future workshops and conferences
National RTAP Tribal Transit Update

National RTAP tribal Transit Program

Jeremy Bell, the Interim Director of Mississippi band of Choctaw Indians joined the National RTAP review board.

Previous Tribal Transit Manager

- Glen Bahm, Transit Coordinator, Standing Rock Public Transit
- Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit
- Jennie Rowland, Transportation Manager, Bois Forte Public Transportation
- Lee Bigwater, Department Manager, Navajo Nation Transit
- Louis H. Friend, Transit Coordinator, Chickaloon Native Village
- Debra McGlasson, Transit Director, Pelivan Transit
- Emma Featherman-Sam, Transit Coordinator, Oglala Sioux DOT, Transit
FTA Region 8.
We are currently working with the Montana Transit Association to possibly co-host a regional Tribal Transit mini-conference this spring (April 12-13) in Kalispell. We had a zoom call with Lyn the Executive Director. We have scheduled monthly Zoom meetings with MTA and we also invited some Tribal Transit managers to participate and give feedback on the development of the potential training event. We plan to invite tribal agencies from neighboring states (or even beyond) to this regional mini-conference.

FTA Region 10
We plan to do something at the Alaska Tribal Transportation Working group’s Annual Tribal Transportation Symposium. We were on the agenda for the 2020 symposium, but it was put on hold and we are awaiting their decision to do either a live event or a virtual one. We are prepared to do either.

FTA Region 7
2021 SWTA Conference will be in Wichita, KS, Feb 21-23 - We plan to assist with some Tribal Transit Training Sessions for the conference.
FTA Region 6
2021 NTICC Conference. We are prepared to assist and participate on the planning committee. Next year will be (if possible) at Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

Oklahoma Transit Association. Had a discussion earlier this year with the Oklahoma Transit Association to do a Tribal Transit Training event in OK.

USDOT/FHWA- Office of Innovative Program Delivery
National Tribal Symposium to Advance Transportation formerly known as the National Tribal Transportation Conference. We were asked by FHWA and FTA to assist with the planning and development of the Transit Track (Up to 8 sessions/presentations) for this conference that was originally planned for May 14-15 in Saint Paul, MN. The new dates are being finalized for 2021 and we plan to assist with the Transit track for the conference.
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FTA Fall 2020 Updates

• FTA COVID-19 and CARES Act Resources
• National Transit Institute updates
• Resuming Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Workshops with DMP Group
• Other TA Center activities

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COVID-19 and CARES Act

• CARES Act Funding for Tribes
  – 68% of Tribal CARES funds awarded (as of September 17, 2020)
  – How can FTA further assist tribes in their use of CARES Act funding?

• COVID-19 Recovery Resources for the Transit Industry
  – Recovery Listening Sessions
  – Discussion Forum
  – FTA COVID-19 Resource Tool
  – Tribal CARES Act FAQ page
National Transit Institute Updates

• **Upcoming National Transit Database webinars:**
  – State Subrecipients on September 22
  – Indian Tribes on September 24
  – Asset Inventory Module on October 6

• **FREE Understanding ADA Online Course**
  • September 22, 2020, 1:00pm – 4:00pm EASTERN Time
  • October 6
  • October 22
  • November 5
  • December 8
Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Assessments

• DMP Group will continue to deliver this program for FTA through 2021
• 16 assessments (hopefully) in 2021
• Virtual Tribal Transit Workshop(s) this Fall and Winter
  – Past example workshop invitation
  – Topics include: Legal, Technical Capacity, and Award Management; Financial Management and NTD; Satisfactory Continuing Control and Maintenance; Procurement and Buy America; Charter Bus; ADA; Drug and Alcohol Program
Competitive Programs

• Buses and Bus Facilities 2020 project selections announced last month…request DEBRIEFS soon!

• BUILD 2020 announced this week

• Tribal Transit Program 2020 application review underway
  – $9.5M requested, 31 applications
  – $5M available
Other Technical Assistance Activities

NADTC’s mission is to promote the availability and accessibility of transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers.

NCMM’s mission is to promote customer-centered mobility strategies that advance good health, economic vitality, self-sufficiency, and community.

N-CATT’s mission is to translate emerging transportation technologies for states and localities across the United States.

SUMC’s mission is to achieve equitable, affordable, and environmentally sound mobility across the US through the efficient sharing of transportation assets.
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