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It is my honor to welcome each and every one you, our continued and new partners in transportation to our Hopi land in Moenkopi, to our beautiful western most part of our reservation and to the Legacy Inn.

It is my distinct honor to do the opening remarks on behalf of the Hopi Tribe. As we gather today for this important partnering meeting that we strive for the safety of all and everything in every aspect of mobility. That the purpose behind this meeting of partnering is positive, coordination is strong, cooperation from each one of us, collaborating as one, and too in communicating we will achieve our goals and objectives of providing these services for the benefit of us all as we move forward.

There is much work that we all must focus on together that our systems improve and we must apply ourselves with what means are available. Exerting all that is within each of our individual capabilities.

Tragic events of many within Hopi and off reservation on our Federal, State, BIA, County, and Tribal routes on most of occasions are critical and urgent, affecting so many lives and so costly, so we must make attempts to seek adequate, innovative, and creative ways to address and support one another to correct or at the least minimize this urgency. Traffic is ever more becoming heavier in our once quiet road ways, now we are impacted, just as busy and as the metropolitan areas. That we out here in the rural Indian communities as continued national reports provide, similar or worse conditions in comparison to third world communities. This we will not accept so with your involvement of partnering lets address our real need of saving lives.

Technology is advancing with no limits and we are subject and no exception to these conditions with the lack of full understanding individually, the impacts as the result and with the lack of adequate resources and availability we look to our youth to be our guide in this world of advancing technology. So it is important that through this partnership we assist one another to take advantage and educate ourselves of the ever changing times of today and future.

We have yet to comprehend fully what transportation is about individually here in Hopi as it is in other communities. Having to get on a school bus, going to the grocery store, going to the health facility, working on a construction project and the list goes on and without the realization of transportation ever so important. This we too must continue to make the effort to share and educate our communities, the importance of transportation in our daily lives being impacted and with it come the responsibilities and if taken lightly can be devastating and with extreme consequences.

Though important it is that we must keep up with today's advancement, we also must keep in mind the sensitivity of our culture, our beliefs and of our reasoning why we are where we are and whom we are. As are other cultures that we are all unique and in harmony we must work together. Requirements to address the conditions we must not look at as limitations but, in proper application of partnering these we can work to the benefit of us all and especially to our customers the traveling public.

In closing we are honored and happy to be hosting this special event and are blessed that you all are able to safely make our important gathering today. We appreciate all the planning and preparation to coordinate this event. Your attendance demonstrates your willingness to partner with us here in Hopi and too we also would like for you take back with you at days end that we too are your partners that we all continue to look forward and that you all travel safe on your way home to be with your loved ones.

Kwakwha!