

San Carlos Apache Tribe Partnership Annual Meeting

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The annual meeting for the partnership among the San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Arizona Department of Transportation, Gila County, Graham County, Pinal County, CAAG, SEAGO, FHWA, BIA, Cooley Forest Products and Arizona Eastern Railroad was held to update leadership on the progress and accomplishments of the partnership, to obtain directives and support from leadership for the partnership, to provide updates from partnership members, to network and gain knowledge. The notes on the following pages are a summary of the meeting. These notes and the presentations given will be posted on the Arizona Tribal Transportation website:

<http://www.aztribaltransportation.com/sca/index.asp>

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Attendees:

Alejandro Benally, Sr., SCAT PD

Alvena Bush, WMAT

Andre Stevens, WMAT Transit

Angelo Belvano

Arnold Beach, WMAT

Bernadette Kniffin, SCAT Transit

Bill Harmon, ADOT

Bonica Nozie, SCAT

Brenda Begay, WMAT

Carrie Heglund, Southwest Gas

Charles Russell, SCAT

Clark Richins, BIA

Colleen Faden, WMAT

CT Revere, ADOT

Dan Long, DPS

Danny Shurter, Navajo County

David Francis, SCAT Transit

David Kitcheyan, WMAT

Dawnafe Whitesinger, Navajo County

Dianne Kresich, ADOT

Donna Bentley, ADOT

Floyd Walker, WMAT

Fred Ferreira, SCAT

George Patton, BIA

Gerald Tenijieth, WMAT

Hugh Moses, SCAT

Jason Pike, ADOT

Jeffery Minefee, ADOT

Jerry Gloshey, Jr., WMAT

Jocelyn Harney

John Marcanti, Gila County

Jolene Kniffin, SCAT

Jonathan Duncan, SCAT

Joseph Hoffman

Kailyle Moses, SCAT

Kevin Cassadore, SCAT

Kevin Gooah Tara Chief, WMAT

Lefty Alo, WMAT

Lisa Nelee, SCAT

Lynn Johnson, ADOT

Mark Tessay, WMAT

Marvin Mull, Jr., SCAT

Mary Tapija, SCAT

Matt Moul, ADOT

Milina Jones

Morey Cole, WMAT PD

Orlando Tessay, WMAT

Paul Bonar, BIA

Paul Henderson

Romare Truely, FHWA-AZ Division

Ronnie Crowe, SCAT PD

Ronnie Lupe, WMAT

Sara Allred, ADOT

Simon Hooke, SCAT

Steve Aday, BIA

Susie Puzas, ADOT

Terry Rambler, SCAT

Theresa M. Larzelere, WMAT

Tom Engel, ADOT

Tony Alsenay, WMAT

Facilitator: Michele Crank, ADOT Office of Partnering

Notes: Bonnie Opie, ADOT Office of Partnering

The next partnership steering committee meeting will be on January 27, 2016

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Invocation

The invocation was provided by Councilman Fred Ferreira from the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

The San Carlos and White Mountain Apache Tribal Council chairmen and members were introduced and the County Supervisors were also introduced.

Welcome address

The welcome address was provided by the Honorable Chairman Terry Rambler of the San Carlos Apache Tribe (SCAT). He spoke about the San Carlos Apache Tribe's Long-range Planning Study and what was involved in creating the study. He thanked those who were involved and spoke about the communication and collaboration involved in completing this study. Route 6 was included in this study. This is an important route because it leads to the main center of business for San Carlos. The Tribe plans to apply for a TIGER grant for this project. This project will cost \$28 million and the Tribe has \$10 million to match. The community of Bylas has created a master plan to move about half of the community so the previous land can be used for farming. Over the years it has built a gravel road, a school and two housing areas. The road, communication infrastructure, water and sewer was built with ARRA funds. The plan also includes adding a middle lane to one highway, a crossing light at Peridot and the casino and it is working with ADOT on these things. The Apache Transit project has been a great success. It is being used to transport students and elders. This plan also developed a San Carlos Department of Transportation that is doing a lot of work for the tribe and community. When you have a plan, you need champions, you need to reach out to your neighbors and work together and then the plan will work.

Chairman Rambler then awarded an ADOT Partnering Spirit Award to Bernadette Kniffin for her dedication to the partnership. Bernadette was nominated for this award because of her vision to connect the transit programs for San Carlos Apache and White Mountain Apache Tribes (WMAT).

Opening Remarks

- Honorable Councilman and Chairman of the Board, Simon Hooke, provided opening remarks on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribal Transportation Board. Key points made were:
 - He thanked the veterans who are in the group for their service to our country.
 - The project to rebuild Indian Route 6 should be under construction by April should a TIGER Grant be received.
 - ADOT is doing work to re-engineer the highway by the hospital and the school.
 - The SCAT Transportation Department is working closely with ADOT regarding access improvements.
 - Construction that is needed on tribal roads is being prioritized.
 - He thanked those involved in the partnership for their help.

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- Honorable Chairman Ronnie Lupe provided opening remarks on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Key points made were:
 - He thanked the San Carlos Apache Tribe for the effort made to unite the two tribes in this partnership. He supports the two tribes joining together in partnership to help with transportation needs in the area.
 - He thanked those who offer to help with the transportation needs on the reservations.
 - He spoke about the responsibility to keep the roads open.
 - He spoke about the importance of doing things to make people happy and satisfying human needs.
 - He spoke about how many people have sacrificed for our country.
 - He told the group we live under one flag, we have a responsibility to each other to improve our understanding of each other and improve our living conditions through partnerships. We all have problems but we can work to eliminate them. We all need to protect our country and we can do this together.

- Bill Harmon, Southeast District Engineer (formerly Safford) provided opening remarks on behalf of ADOT. Key points made were:
 - Bill told Chairman Lupe that he salutes him and appreciates the wisdom he shared with the group. He thanked him for his decades of public service.
 - He welcomed the group on behalf of the ADOT State Engineer's office and thanked them for their participation.
 - He spoke about the changes being made to the organizational structure for ADOT and thanked the group for their patience while ADOT works through these changes in structure.
 - He thanked the San Carlos Tribe for its hospitality today.
 - He thanked the elected officials for their dedication to public service and to this partnership.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

Partnership Updates

- Marvin Mull, Director, provided updates on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribal Transportation Department. Key points were:
 - He mentioned how great it was to have the Chairmen from both San Carlos and White Mountain Apache Tribes present at this meeting. This isn't seen often and is much appreciated.
 - Marvin mentioned several staff members, what they do and how much help they give to the Transportation Department.
 - He thanked ADOT for being good partners and helping with needs.

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- The facilitator shared several photos on behalf of David Thompson regarding the flooding at Bylas. The photos are posted on the Tribal Transportation [website](#). Chief of Police Alejandro Benally shared information about the roads that were impacted and the issues people experienced during this emergency. Key points were:
 - Because of the partnership San Carlos was able to reach out for help.
 - The partnership meetings help to create lines of communication that are then used when emergencies like this occur.
 - A question was asked by WMAT regarding how much help came from ADOT and BIA and if WMAT joining this partnership would give them the same type of help. The response from people in the room was that the partnership creates the lines of communication and the relationship so that emergency response can be coordinated in the best way possible within the limits of each partner's abilities and limitation.
 - There were many issues with communication about the road closures.

SUGGESTED ACTION

- Develop a communication process for emergencies so that all areas can communicate with each other. Include merging of radio types. It was suggested that this could be addressed through table top exercises that are currently being planned by the steering committee.
- Bernadette Kniffin, Director, and David Francis, Transit Fleet Supervisor, provided updates on behalf of Nnee Bich' o Nii Services. These presentations are available on the Tribal Transportation [website](#). Key points were:
 - David shared a brochure and presentation with the group. The presentation included the mission and route schedules.
 - Bernadette shared the statistics for FY15 and the goals for FY16 for Nnee Bich' o Nii Services.
- Tara Chief provided updates on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Transportation Department. Key Points included:
 - Tara spoke about the transportation program currently being resurrected. It is very small with only three people.
 - They currently have a few ADOT projects on the horizon on BIA routes as well as ADOT highways.
 - Hazardous trees are being removed along SR 260 in the ADOT ROW on tribal lands. Tribal Chairman has requested that this continue on SR 260 and SR 77.
 - They are in the initial phases of a fencing project.
 - They are working on improving the relationship between the police department and the transportation department to collect data that will improve opportunities for funding.

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- Andre Stevens, Manager, provided updates on behalf of Fort Apache Connections, the White Mountain Apache transit. The Transit Plan and Transit Study are both available on the Arizona Tribal Transportation [website](#).
- Bill Harmon, District Engineer, provided updates on behalf of the Southeast District (formerly Safford). His presentation is available on the ADOT [website](#). Key points included:
 - Bill provided an overview of the changes to the boundaries and name of the former Safford District (now Southeast District).
 - He also explained the number of offices and employees in his District.
 - Bill briefly described the upcoming ADOT projects in the Southeast District. That information is always available on the ADOT [website](#).
 - He also explained that 95% of the funding ADOT has for projects is actually federal money that is only administered by ADOT.
 - Bill told the group that access to accident data is very important. This is how projects become eligible for certain federal funding.
- Lynn Johnson, District Engineer, provided updates on behalf of the Northeast District (formerly Holbrook). His presentation is available on the ADOT [website](#). Key points included:
 - Lynn Johnson spoke about the reorganizing of ADOT and how the District boundaries have changed. He reviewed a map of the district boundaries.
 - Lynn spoke about how important the partnership has been and how valuable the tree cutting project that recently occurred was very important.
 - There are many needs on the highways. These needs need to be prioritized according to importance compared to funding. ADOT would like to do many more projects but the funding isn't sufficient.
 - Lynn covered the upcoming projects and that information is on the ADOT [website](#).
 - Lynn expressed his appreciation for the words given by the two Tribal Chairmen. He feels that the important goal is to complete projects to help the traveling public. We need to work together to make this happen.
 - The Northeast District is already preparing for snow removal.
 - A question from WMAT was asked about plowing BIA 12. This was discussed a few years ago and they wondered if it would still be honored. Lynn said he would need to research the agreements and limitations on what ADOT can do.

SUGGESTED ACTION

- Lynn Johnson will research the current agreements and limitations regarding plowing snow on BIA routes and let the partners know what ADOT will be able to do.

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- Romare Truely, Community Planner, provided updates on behalf of the Arizona Division of the Federal Highway Administration. Key points included:
 - The current surface transportation bill is expiring on October 29, 2015. Several options are being proposed ranging from a new long-term bill (six years) to an extension to the current bill.
- Paul Bonar, Acting Transportation Planner, provided updates on behalf of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. His presentation is available on the Arizona Tribal Transportation [website](#). Key points included:
 - The current method for construction and maintenance funding makes it difficult to plan. Hopefully the new highway bill will alleviate this and also provide more available funds.
 - The lack of road maintenance funding causes issues for planning road construction. We need to work together to utilize available funding in the most strategic way possible.
- John Marcanti, District III Supervisor, provided updates on behalf of Gila County. Key points included:
 - Gila County thanks ADOT for taking care of brush in the right of way.
 - He thanked Bernadette for her work on the transit program and everything she does to help her people.
- Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor District V, provided updates on behalf of Navajo County. Key points included:
 - No matter how much work we think still needs to be done we need to realize how much we have advanced in the last 50 years.
 - Funding and prioritizing needs based on traffic or road condition is the greatest challenge for planning.
 - Even though there are no county roads on tribal lands, the county provides resources such as materials and equipment. Navajo County helps by servicing the BIA and tribal equipment. It also provides engineering services to redesign roads that have flooding issues and donates fuel for heavy equipment.
- Andy Smith, Transportation Planning Manager for CAG did not attend but asked that the following information be shared:
 - The safety plan is in draft form and CAG needs input.
 - CAG is hiring a 5310 Multi Mobility Manager for the CAG Region. If anyone is interested they can visit the website www.cagas.org or contact Andy Smith.

Lunch

Lunch was provided by the San Carlos Apache Tribe Department of Transportation and Nnee Bich' o Nii Transit Services.

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2014 Annual Meeting Topics

Information was shared with the group about three topics from the 2014 Annual Meeting. This presentation is available on the Arizona Tribal Transportation [website](#).

Animals in the right of way

Alejandro Benally, Chief of Police, San Carlos Police Department spoke to the group about the process that should be followed when travelers find an animal in the ADOT right of way. The key points discussed were:

- This is an issue for all travelers including the police department. It has lost several vehicles from hitting animals on the highway. The tribe is drafting a code in regard to livestock owners being held responsible civilly and criminally. This is still being discussed at the tribal council level.
- He asks that people call the San Carlos Police Department dispatch at 928.475.2311 or if that number is busy then call 928.475.2312. San Carlos PD will dispatch an officer and the officers will do what they can to get the animal moved off of the highway.
- San Carlos reservation is considered open range so the owner of the animal cannot be held civilly responsible.
- The DPS officer in attendance stated that DPS officers sometimes respond and asked if there is a list of owners for registered brands. The response is yes and Chief Benally will get the list to Dan Long.
- White Mountain Apache Tribe does have a livestock code but it can't be easily enforced because it needs to be updated. Many residents with animals are in violation of the code. The PD is working with council to get this updated. Travelers can contact the White Mountain Apache PD dispatch at 928.338.4942 to have the animal chased off of the highway.

SUGGESTED ACTION

- Chief Benally will provide DPS with a list of livestock owners.

Improve the Encroachment Permit Process

Bill Harmon, District Engineer for the ADOT Southeast District spoke about the types of permits that ADOT issues and that permits are important to maximize safety and reduce potential liability. The key points discussed were:

- Jeffrey Minefee and Susie Puzas, Southeast District permit supervisors completed a windshield survey in August. This survey indicated approximately 200 driveways on US 70 on reservation lands. Approximately 2/3 of those are unpermitted.
- Next steps:
 - Inventory unpermitted driveways
 - Issue a permit
- Typically permits are issued to the entity who actually owns the land. In most cases the homeowner is leasing the land from the tribe. Who should the permits be issued to for the driveways on San Carlos and White Mountain Apache lands?

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- The next step would be for Bill Harmon and/or Jeffrey and Susie to talk to Marvin Mull for direction about what should happen next on San Carlos Apache Tribal lands.
- Driveways that are not permitted may not be accessible for emergency vehicles and this is very problematic.
- Addresses are important for all of the driveways.
- Permitted driveways should be reviewed to see how they are permitted and if the permit is issued to the homeowner or to the tribe.
- The fire department in White Mountain is responsible for assigning addresses. The need for an electrical hookup is the current trigger. The department wishes the trigger would be when the homeowner applies for the land grant for their home.
- A 911 addressing system would be an incredible goal for this partnership.
- During one of the steering committee meetings it was suggested that possibly funding could be secured for frontage roads that would eliminate so many driveways.
- There is no cost for a permit from ADOT.
- Unpermitted driveways will not be improved during a construction project.
- Tribal Council approves land assignments. The council should keep ADOT highway access in mind when making the assignments.
- DPS and the counties can work together to provide information about 911 address systems that the tribes can implement.
- The permit would have different language if it was issued to the tribe rather than to the homeowner. Susie Puzas could share that information with the steering committee in January.
- San Carlos Planning and Zoning person is Jonathon Kitcheyan and/or Terry Jones at 928.475.4816.
- Concern was expressed about the need for turning lanes for schools, activity centers and public facilities.

SUGGESTED ACTION

- Ask ADOT Southeast District Permit staff to share information with the steering committee regarding the difference in the permit language between a permit issued to the tribe and one issued to the homeowner.
- Ask DPS and counties to provide information about 911 address systems that tribes can implement.
- Research the SCAT and WMAT leasing processes to identify areas where ADOT could coordinate regarding issuing encroachment permits.

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Traffic Incident Management

Bill Harmon told the group that ADOT sponsors a traffic incident management session a couple times each year and he is inviting law enforcement, fire, etc. to train about how to handle an incident and minimize chances of secondary incidents and keep the area and the traveling public safe. He is working on having a table top exercise on the San Carlos reservation that would simulate an incident and have all parties involved work through how to best handle the incident. His staff will be putting this exercise together in 2016.

Next Steps/Prioritization

The facilitator asked the group which of the three topics was the highest priority to work on for the next year – animals in the right of way, encroachment permit process or traffic incident management. Traffic Incident Management training was suggested as the number one priority. A discussion was held about what was important about Traffic Incident Management and what a training session could focus on.

The group discussed ways to inform the public about the quick clearance law (ARS28-674) and traffic incident management protocols. San Carlos Apache Tribe has its own traffic code so Title 28 is not enforced and the tribe does not have a similar code. White Mountain Apache Tribe has adopted all of Title 28. Marvin Mull will champion having San Carlos adopt Title 28.

SUGGESTED ACTION

- CT Revere will ask Valarie Keys for SCAT and Gwendina Realbird and/or Shannon Tsoie from White Mountain Apache about the traffic codes that each tribe follows. Marvin Mull can provide contact information.
- WMAT fire and rescue has sent a couple of staff to TIM training and they are giving training to others now. Mark Tessay can provide contact information for Carlos Valdez and Leon Moody.
- Kevin Cassadore from Tribal Emergency Responder Committee (TERC) could also be a source of information.
- Training should be provided for small scale, typical day-to-day events and include local police departments, fire and all emergency responders including tow truck drivers.
- The goal is to have this training in the spring of 2016.

It was agreed that the second priority should be a 911 address system. This would tie into the issue with encroachment permits. WMAT already has a 911 system.

SUGGESTED ACTION

- The leads for this will be Orlando Tessay from WMAT and Nate Nash from SCAT. It was suggested that this could be a presentation at the next steering committee meeting and could include information from San Carlos PD regarding the 911 system.

Early in the meeting attendees were asked provide suggestions for topics they wanted the steering committee to consider. These suggestions will be discussed at the steering committee meeting. They were read to the group and are summarized below.

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- MOU's with partners
- Networking with partners.
- Chain of command for incidents and contacts for them.
- Type of resources available with partners.
- Talk about turning back some ADOT Routes to BIA or Tribal Government.
- Low volume rural Roads.
- Communication.
- Transparency within departments.
- Sharing Resources.
- IGA-MOU-MOA-ADOT Facility.
- Emergency Plan on SCATDOT.
- Cattle Association with fencing=SCATDOT.
- Share how issues were resolved.
- What process was used, how forms were filled, and what forms to use.
- Who was contact and had good information was shared.
- Share the good and bad, all are lessons.
- Spring meeting with Hon-Dah April 2016.
 - Offer some training/planning so we can pay ½ of food/rental casino meeting rooms.
- Nnee Bickio Nii (Planning Grant-FTA TTP funds).
- Present timeline for public Transit Connection Route for April 2017?
- Not all can attend the July committee meetings. Can those meetings be emailed and their minutes received by those of us that would like to give regular input and feedback, despite not being able to attend?
- Great getting all information and talking about it. But need not just talk about it, but maybe get an action plan going on how we can get it fixed and worked on whatever the problem is.
- Seem like it just going round and round on the same issues every meeting.
- Would like to coordinate storm water runoff across US 70 in Bylas.

The group agreed that having the July meeting at Hon-Dah was a good idea. The facilitator will work with Tara Chief regarding this. If training is offered at the meeting then SCAT Transit could pay for half of the room and food.

Closing Comments

Participants expressed appreciation for the partnership and hearing the discussions.

Benediction

The benediction was given by Honorable Councilman Tony Alsenay from the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Action Summary

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The table below is a summary of the suggested actions from the meeting. These suggested actions will be discussed at the next steering committee meeting. If a responsible person is not listed, the steering committee will determine who will be responsible.

Suggested Action	Responsible Person
Develop a communication process for emergencies so that all areas can communicate with each other. Include merging of radio types. It was suggested that this could be addressed through table top exercises that are currently being planned by the steering committee.	
Research the current agreements and limitations regarding plowing snow on BIA routes and let the partners know what ADOT will be able to do.	Lynn Johnson
Provide DPS with a list of livestock owners.	Chief Benally
Ask ADOT Southeast District Permit staff to share information with the steering committee regarding the difference in the permit language between a permit issued to the tribe and one issued to the homeowner.	
Ask DPS and counties to provide information about 911 address systems that tribes can implement.	
Research the SCAT and WMAT leasing processes to identify areas where ADOT could coordinate regarding issuing encroachment permits.	
Ask Valarie Keys for SCAT and Gwendina Realbird and/or Shannon Tsosie from White Mountain Apache about the traffic codes that each tribe follows.	CT Revere will contact Marvin Mull for their contact information and then will contact them
Contact Carlos Valdez and Leon Moody from WMAT Fire and Rescue regarding TIM training.	Mark Tessay can provide contact information
Contact Kevin Cassadore from Tribal Emergency Responder Committee (TERC) for TIM training information.	
TIM training should be provided for small scale, typical day-to-day events and include local police departments, fire and all emergency responders including tow truck drivers.	
Conduct TIM training in Spring of 2016.	
Begin developing a 911 system by presenting information at the next steering committee meeting. Include information from San Carlos PD regarding its 911 system.	Orlando Tessay from WMAT and Nate Nash from SCAT

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Participant Meeting Evaluation Summary

Scores are based on 21 evaluations. Comments are taken from the evaluation forms exactly as written. Each evaluation is numbered and comments match numbered forms.

1. Rate how valuable this workshop is for you.

Average 4.45 rating

What about this workshop was most valuable to you?

- It was great to meet our Partners and hear positive comments about the Partnering efforts
- Great brainstorming session for the new goals
- Renewing relationships, making new relationships
- Since I last attended this Partnership, White Mountain Apache Tribe has become a Partner. Meeting representative of the WMAT and better understanding their needs and challenges is beneficial
- Having all individuals in one room to discuss and make decisions. Also having WMAT Council attend the entire session to understand the importance of Partnering and Transportation.
- ADOT projects FY 2015-future.
- First time attending this meeting, it brought up a lot of good concerns and ideas, was very informative.
- Putting a face to a name, obtaining information that is beneficial to me, my Department and Community
- Knowing that Partnering with others is what case stores where Partners was needed
- Being able to Partner with the Council members from the Whit Mountain Apache Tribe
- Learning about ADOT
- Traffic Incident Management Training, justification ROW
- Recognition
- Partnership updates was helpful-Agencies, Counties, Tribes
- The chance to network and have input
- Very valuable to hear about successes within SCAT-WMAT concerning Transportation. Nice to see Partner Agencies working together
- The information presented by the presenters
- 911 addressing
- Networking. Putting faces with names
- The White Mountain Apache Tribe and The San Carlos Apache Tribe coming together to unite in resolving affairs with all other partnerships of the steering committee to create a friendship/fellowship in providing the resources in combined wisdom and manpower legally for the benefit of all to share the accomplishments to the constituents of the great Nations of Tribes and the United States of America

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2. What would have improved this workshop?

- A morning break
- Realistically I believe it went well. Maybe a more target orientation
- Two days to cover more topics
- Every facilitator provide slide presentation and brochure materials
- More time, add a day or half a day to meeting, so we won't be rushed and we are allowed a set break, so we don't miss any presentations
- Door prizes, could entice more participation
- The meeting was improved by introduction of members and guests
- Sorry I wasn't able to attend the whole meeting
- Everybody involved input of all. Informative Resources-Networking
- PowerPoint Presentations are helpful
- Forgive me for suggesting this, but we spent a lot of time with introductions and recognitions, and not enough in the work portion of the meeting. Many Partners leave before we get to the meat and potatoes of the meeting
- Presentation available during the workshop
- If our facilitator would do some cheerleading moves for us the next time with the Partnerships new organized band playing some tunes to the cheers and moves of the facilitator

3. How do you rate the facilitator?

Average rating 4.50

- Good job Michele
- Again, Thanks!
- Very good
- Michele always does a great job keeping the meeting on task and keeping everyone involved. Great job!
- Each facilitator did an outstanding job informing the team about their responsibilities and duties
- Very informative, stayed on the agenda
- Has complete control of the meeting. Good job!
- Always does well
- Michele did a great job as usual
- Michele did a great job
- Excellent
- Very good
- Very good at keeping everyone on schedule and making sure there is follow up to Partnership goals and objectives
- Very good
- Very effective

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- Very updated to all the agenda items, past and present with supreme knowledge

4. How do you rate the potential for partnering on this project?

Average rating 4.55

- Really appreciated Law Enforcement and Fire
- Still growing, need more depth in issues being raised, have implication over more than just Tribal Transportation/Emergency Management
- This Partnership has been productive for several years and continues to improve
- Great team with good discussions
- Communication is the key to work as a Team!
- A lot of participation with all the Departments
- Very proactive
- Team seems to work well
- Very well organized
- SCAT/WMAT/Federal/State/County Partnership are doing a great job. Teamwork
- Goals are accomplished in a timely manner
- We are somewhat limited by Geographic's, but we are pretty effective despite that limitation
- All participants willing to work together
- I enjoyed the conference
- Very effective—Look at the results and the atmosphere/manner of the participating members (excitement) to see each other again, seem like for ages—I like the feeling of our partners together anticipating help with assured results—now or later---!!!

5. What other comments or suggestions do you have?

- I very much enjoyed Chairman Lupe's presentation
- Probably tried to squeeze in too much
- Could be of value to have a pre-meeting with the leadership
- Another informational and successful Partnership meeting
- A lot of information given, the agenda was rushed, due to all the presenters. Have a two-day meeting, it'll give us more time to discuss important issues
- First time attending, good information on updates on State/Tribal work
- April 2016 have partnership meeting at Hon-Dah, we(N'ice Bichionii Nil) pay half of room and food
- Good meeting
- Some people can't be here. Is there a way to webinar to those people?
- That we always give thanks to our Lord and before we are dismissed to enjoy the lunch provide by Him/let us pray for Him to BLESS the food