

SCAT/WMAT Transportation Partnership

Goals Implementation Plan

Last revised April 27, 2017

Concern

Commercial trucking/CDL safety and protocol affects all partners.

Goal

Discuss concerns, especially those unique to this region, and possible methods/changes/action items to address CDL safety and protocol

Action step	Responsible party(ies)	Deadline	Status
Discussion of CDL Safety and Protocol – How does commercial trucking affect the partners? What are the concerns? What can be done to achieve improvements?	Linda Ritter	April 27, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther Corbett of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona will be contacted by Linda Ritter to learn if Nathan Nixon can attend the next SCAT/WMAT Transportation Partnership Steering Committee and discuss how members can receive the most updated commercial vehicle data reports and surveys regarding commercial vehicle crashes/incidents. <p>April 27, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group discussed that not all crashes/incidents are being reported. If the steering committee tribes and agencies do not have correct data regarding incidents, this affects their ability to lobby policy makers and affect changes in CDL safety and protocol. ○ The State does allow heavy loads – 92,000 pounds are allowed in some areas – this is an experiment. There is a study that has been done to inspect the roadway and bridges. Does Nathan Nixon have this information? ○ The logging companies have placed pressure on local roads/tribal roads to use these roads to get to the state approved routes. ○ Highway 70 has a lot of mining trucks with hazardous materials that cause rollovers, fatalities and hazardous material spills.

Concern

There is a great need for safety project funding and pavement preservation project funding.

Goal

Discuss as a group how to work together to achieve more funding for safety projects and pavement preservation projects.

Action step	Responsible party(ies)	Deadline	Status
Discuss how partners can work together to secure safety and pavement preservation funding opportunities	Linda Ritter Counties WMAT/SCAT	April 27, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Linda Ritter will contact ADOT Mona Aglan-Swick, of ADOT Traffic Engineering, on the process to apply for HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Projects). Applications are due in October. <p>April 27, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As discussed earlier in the April 27, 2017 meeting (see Completed Goal of April 27, 2017), the State Transportation Board received a letter requesting more funding for roads in the WMAT region. Counties need to make sure information about pavement lifecycles in the northern areas of the state is provided as an upcoming Board agenda item. This is an opportunity for more funding for seriously deteriorated roads in high elevations.For safety projects, WMAT is creating a safety transportation plan. They also recognize getting the crash data into the national database is important. This will make allow WMAT be in a better position to apply for safety funding. Note that Salt River Canyon is a big area to work with SCAT to improve.Mark Tessay reported that WMAT conducted a small study along with ITCA and ADOT on the intersection of routes 260 and 73. There was not a high level of incidents reported for the day of the survey, but it is believed the day chosen for the survey did not receive as much traffic and pedestrian activity as usual. More surveys are needed.

Concern

Replacing bulbs in lights and replacing street signs.

Goal

The responsibility for replacing these items is different in different areas. Clarification is need as to how to accomplish this consistently.

Action step	Responsible party(ies)	Deadline	Status
The responsibility for replacing lights and paying for electricity is different in different areas. Bill Harmon will ask the signing and lighting regional crews about replacing bulbs in lights and replacing streets signs that are on top of stop signs when the stop signs are replaced.	Bill Harmon	Next Meeting	

Concern

Safety in Salt River Canyon regarding cell service and vendors.

Goal

Cell phone service is needed in the canyon and vendors along the highway present hazards.

Action step	Responsible party(ies)	Deadline	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address the need for cell phone service in the canyon. Monitor vendor activity along the highway. 	ADOT/SCAT/WMAT	Next Meeting	<p>Ongoing for updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tribe has signed contracts with Verizon that will help get signal in the area requested. The strikes in Verizon last year pushed the project back four quarters. The hope is to have cell signal within four to six months. Jerome Kasey will research what is going on regarding managing vendor activity along the highway and provide the information to Tara Chief to disburse. Mark Tessay noted that there are two towers already in place; one is down for now, but there is cell signal on the top of the hill.

Concern

A large number of SCAT driveways that enter the ADOT ROW are built without encroachment permits. Because of their locations, some of these driveways pose safety hazards and potential liability problems.

Goal

Tribal land lessees will meet requirements for driveways entering ADOT ROW and obtain encroachment permits.

Action step	Responsible party(ies)	Deadline	Status
Ask the SCAT Real Estate Office to inform new and existing land lessees to contact the ADOT Southeast District for assistance in meeting requirements for encroachment permits	Bill Harmon		Completed and ongoing
Inform lessees on how to meet requirements for an encroachment permit for driveways	ADOT Southeast District staff		Ongoing
Offer encroachment permits on a sliding scale	ADOT Southeast District		Ongoing
ADOT wishes to issue permits to both SCAT and to individual lessees. Determine any differences in the language of permits issued to these parties.	Bill Harmon		Ongoing Note: Driveways and liability concerns regarding ADOT right of way and the permit process are an ongoing issue. An encroachment process could potentially address issues. ADOT Southeast District Development Engineer, Tom Engel, met with SCAT Manager of Planning and Economics, Nate Nash, and SCAT Planning Technician, Cedar Polk, in the fall of 2016 to begin discussions regarding the benefits of a strong permit program in the San Carlos Reservation.
Ask the appropriate WMAT groups to inform new and existing land lessees to contact the ADOT Northeast District for assistance in meeting requirements for encroachment	Lynn Johnson		Ongoing Note: Driveways and liability concerns regarding ADOT right of way and the permit process are an ongoing issue. An encroachment process could potentially address issues.
Inform lessees on how to meet requirements for an encroachment permit for driveways.	ADOT Northeast District Staff		Ongoing
ADOT wishes to issue permits to both WMAT and individual lessees. Determine any differences in permits language issued to each.	ADOT Northeast District		Ongoing

Concern

SCAT does not have a 911 system, making it difficult for emergency vehicles to locate homes and other buildings. The adoption of a modern 911 system would enhance the effectiveness of emergency services. It would also document the tribes' "centerline" road miles, which may increase the potential for increased transportation funding.

Goal

Acquire the information needed to make decisions about the acquisition of a 911 system.

Action step	Responsible party(ies)	Deadline	Status
SCAT Tribal Planning Director, Nate Nash, will provide an update on the work the Planning Department has achieved regarding working toward a 911 system. Hugh Moses will contact Nate about providing the update.	Hugh Moses/Nate Nash	October 13. 2016 meeting	Completed SCAT is working on an RFP to have the 911 System implemented. Getting quotes and building budget. Hope to have in place in eight months.
The WMAT Fire department took the lead regarding efforts to assign address numbers, an important step toward establishing a 911 system, and got a grant to do so. WMAT can offer assistance and work together. WMAT may be able to bring Fire Department Chief, Mark Tessay, and other Fire Department staff to the January 25, 2017 meeting.	Tara Chief	January 25, 2017 meeting	Completed
There is a national effort to interconnect the 911 systems nationally and GIS Planning is working on this. Don Sneed will invite ADOT GIS Program Manager, James Meyer, and ADOA 9-1-1 Project Manager, Sandra Dyre, to provide a presentation on 9-1-1 Emergency Response.	Don Sneed	January 25, 2017 meeting	Completed
Invite Nate Nash, SCAT Tribal Planning Manager, to provide an update on the SCAT 9-1-1 system.	Linda	April 27, 2017 Meeting	Nathan planned to attend, but was not able to make the meeting.

Concern

Transportation is also about transit. SCAT has been successfully expanding transit services and needs to continue doing so. WMAT does not currently offer transit services and it is a priority to get WMAT Transit up and running.

Goal

SCAT to continue to expand services and acquire buses. Wheelchair accessibility is important. WMAT needs to provide transit services. Future transit interconnectivity between tribal regions is important.

Action step	Responsible party(ies)	Deadline	Status
SCAT and WMAT partnership to efficiently offer transit throughout both tribal areas.	Bernadette Kniffin/Tara Chief		<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Director of Nnee Bich'o Nii Transit Services, Bernadette Kniffin, presented a PowerPoint overview on January 25, 2017 of the ongoing efforts and achievements of the transit system.</p> <p>WMAT has a Transit Manager of the Fort Apache Transit, Cassie Kenton-Garcia, who was in attendance at the January 25, meeting, introduced herself and provided a brief update on the ongoing effort to ensure transit can continue to grow and serve the tribe.</p>