### EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

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### **Description of Issue**

- Misinformation about programs and processes:
  - FHWA has different processes and rules.
  - Agencies are not sufficiently educated about funding opportunities and processes. Some need to learn basic funding fundamentals.
- Lack of communication and coordination of planning priorities for Navajo construction projects.
- Communities along Route H60 need to communicate with legislators and leadership to assure everyone hears the same messages.



### **Description of Issue**

- Insufficient advocacy for projects at State Transportation Board meetings. There are not many state route projects through tribal land that are proposed or discussed at those meetings.
- Limited tribal participation with COGs.
- Need educational, scholarship and internship opportunities to entice tribal graduate students to return to the Navajo Nation.
- Outreach to Chapterhouse Communities.



#### Who are the Partners Involved?

- ADOT
- Tribes
- FHWA
- Federal Lands
- TTAP

- Counties/Towns/Cities
- COGs/MPOs
- BIA (Realty)
- NDOT

# What are the challenges in resolving this issue?

- Overload of information.
- Lack of commitment and key people not attending meetings.
- Lack of cooperation between agencies.



## What is the value of resolving this issue?

- Streamline programs and processes.
- More informed decision making.
- Strategic investment.
- Greater degree of success in getting projects funded.



#### Let's Solve the Problem

- Partnering on Projects
  - Success Stories presentation
- Partnership Meetings/Steering Committee Meetings
- FHWA Southwest Tribal Transportation Workshop
- 2016 Navajo Nation Long Range Transportation Plan
- Tribal Transportation Planning Pathway –
  Interactive Guide

### QUESTIONS

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