

Navajo Nation and Arizona Transportation Partnership

Goals Implementation Plan

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Concern

The current earth roads are unsafe for school busses to pick up and drop off students. Students miss school when they cannot safely be transported.

Goal #1

To construct gravel segments for bus routes/turnarounds to improve safety for students and residents.

Action step	Responsible party	Deadline	Status
NDOT -Will work with Chapters, Planning Department, Community and Council outreach. The Planning Dept. will act as the Oversight Committee.	Arlando Teller		
Navajo County - Planning Meetings, Chapter/Village meetings arranged through the Tribal Government Relations Director:	Bill Bess, Miles Begay and Evalina Claw		
ADOT -Communications and public outreach including radio, public information officers, newspapers, public service announcements.			

Concern

Agencies are not sufficiently educated about funding opportunities and processes and there is a lack of communication and coordination of planning priorities for Navajo construction projects. There is limited discussion at State Transportation Board meetings about state route projects through tribal land. Another concern is that tribal graduate students do not return to the Navajo Nation.

Goal #2

- 1. Develop education and training opportunities for agencies and communities and students that will result in increased funding and advocacy for new projects.
- 2. Develop educational opportunities for students

*additional action items will be developed during future steering committee meetings

Action step	Responsible party	Deadline	Status
Utilize the Planning Pathways tool (designed by ADOT and partners) to educate the public and leaders about transportation processes. Individuals can click through interactive elements to open training modules outlining key steps and processes.	Ermalinda Gene, ADOT, Lead; Jason James, NACOG Marco Sells, NDOT		
Develop a Professional Development Series (further discussion at next steering committee meeting)			

Concern

In order to effectively pursue safety funding for projects on Navajo Nation as a partnership we need to have and share traffic crash data to support funding. NDOT and ADOT use different systems and they are not compatible.

Goal #3

Develop and implement a method for NDOT and ADOT systems to share crash data information.

Action step	Responsible party	Deadline	Status
Finalize and sign data access agreement	Tim and Norma		
Finalize IGA	Tim and Norma		
Develop Implementation Plan	Tim and Norma		
Learn what options are available in areas with no wifi or signal.	Tim and Norma		
Install hardware and implement support	Tim and Norma		
Request Tribal Council to release the needed crash data.	Norma Bowman		<p>Not ready to make this request as still in the process of finalizing data, forms and coordination. ADOT finalized the crash data forms which are on the ADOT website. The next step is to review them with the Navajo Police Department. Tim Jordan, Ermalinda Gene, Arlando Teller and Norma Bowman may be involved in these discussions.</p> <p>Tim Jordan, ADOT, and other ADOT staff, are considering having a meeting to discuss how to coordinate with the tribes.</p> <p>Ultimately, the crash data form will need to be entered into the ADOT system (TraCS software) and permission needs to be granted to allow ADOT to use the information. Dir Halikowski is currently working with the governor's office to address language in the IGA contract that would help remove barriers between the tribe and its access to the software. Some smaller steps still need to be completed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tim Jordan will be meeting with various police depts. to demonstrate TraCS and review the new crash data form.2. Tim is considering doing a demonstration of the

			<p>new form at a Navajo meeting in Feb. 2018. The form could be modified and potentially be put into electronic format by June 30, 2018.</p> <p>3. Norma can provide updates about permission to use the data. Karen Benally and Ermalinda will follow up with Norma.</p>
Bring the NDOT Highway Safety Department into this process.	Tim Jordan		
Bring DPS into this process.	Tim Jordan		
Bring Navajo Public Safety into this process.	Tim Jordan		
Bring Navajo Rangers into this process.	Tim Jordan		
If Navajo PD agrees to pursue using the TraCS tool, the steering committee will move forward with next steps. Information will be shared with others at the annual meeting.	Norma Bowman will encourage these discussions.		Ongoing outreach efforts.
Email the Arizona Crash form to Mackenzie and Bonnie so that it can be shared with the steering committee.	Laura Webb		Complete – Laura sent the link to the ADOT website.
Bring County Sheriff into this process.			Complete – Coconino County Sherriff’s Office – Rex Gillilano attended the 7 21 2016 meeting
Invite Navajo PD to the July 21, 2016 meeting and share information with them about the importance of collecting crash data.	Garret Silversmith will ask Norma Bowman to invite them. He will also ask that Norma attend the meeting.		Complete but Navajo PD did not attend the July 21 meeting. Norma will invite them to the October 12 meeting. Ongoing as needed
Bring ADOT Traffic into this process.	Audra Merrick		Complete- ADOT Traffic - Kent Link attended the July 21 st meeting in person and provided an overview of how he uses the traffic data. Rick Turner and John Reimer called into the meeting and provided a PowerPoint presentation titled “An Overview of Traffic Records”.
Invite DPS and Sheriff (Coconino, Navajo and Apache) to the July 21, 2016 meeting. Share information with them about the importance of collecting crash data.	Audra Merrick and Lynn Johnson will coordinate to invite the proper representatives from the four agencies.		Complete – ongoing as needed

During the July 21, 2016 meeting, partnership members will provide information about the benefits of implementing a method for NDOT and ADOT systems to share pertinent information and the Arizona Crash Form that is used by DPS.	Audra Merrick will ask Kent Link to present information and review the form with the group.		Complete – Kent Link presented at the July 21 st meeting. John Riemer and Rick Turner with ADOT Traffic presented, as well.
Provide tribal draft access exchange agreement to the steering committee for review	Rick Turner will send to Don Sneed Don will distribute out to the steering committee	August 1, 2016	Complete – currently working through agreement process
Focus the July 21, 2016 Steering Committee meeting on sharing the importance of this information with Navajo PD and recommending that Navajo PD adopt the Arizona Crash form.	Steering Committee members.		Complete
Send the fillable PDF Form and standard Arizona State Crash Form to the steering committee	Don Sneed will send this out to the steering committee via email		Complete
Get a copy of the presentation from Kent Link	Kent Link will send to Mackenzie Kirby who will send out to the steering committee	August 1, 2016	Complete
Contact MWTTAP regarding training and technical assistance.			The new MWTTAP is not part of FHWA. The agency's training is being developed internally. The steering committee decided to delete this task from the goals plan.
Discuss funding sources open to the Navajo Nation that requires data	Steering Committee		Complete
Provide an overview of traffic records to Navajo Nation Council	Don Sneed will work with Rick Turner		Complete
Bring new Navajo PD Chief of Police into this discussion	Don Sneed, Darryl Bradley		Complete
Use October 12th meeting to begin efforts to coordinate with Navajo Nation leadership	Steering Committee		Complete
Preparation efforts for October meeting(s) with Council: Meeting scheduled for October 12 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Flagstaff	Mackenzie will schedule the room and send the invitation out	August 1, 2016	Complete
Contact the Resource and Development Committee to seek approval to move forward.	Being presented to the Oversight committee		Complete