# THE HOPI TRIBE Hopi Department of Transportation Report

# Hopi Tribe Transportation Partnership 2015 Annual Meeting November 17, 2015

#### TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide safe, efficient and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Hopi lands, to village/community members, visitors, recreational users, and others, while contributing to economic development, self-determination, and employment on Hopi Lands.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2015:**

- 1. To further establish the Hopi Department of Transportation (HDOT) Program.
  - a) Continue progression with the programming scheduled road maintenance and construction projects. Those projects at the various levels of development continue with positive movement.
  - b) Finalize and Implement the Hopi Safety Plan that will set precedence of project priorities.
    - Through a coordination of the 4 "E"s Law Enforcement, Emergency Services, Engineering, and Education the Safety Plan was developed Hopi's and is being implemented.

The involvement of BIA and Hopi Rangers, Emergency Service, HDOT, and Injury Prevention Program worked to develop the comprehensive Hopi Transportation Safety Plan presented to the Tribal Council for action in July 2015 and was passed.

This plan is to be utilized in recognition of all past, present, and future safety issues to address or minimize concerns of transportation safety. Through a variety of opportunities such as seeking for available funding resources through various agencies and or organizations and other non-funded resources for the benefit of safety in transportation within the boundaries of Hopi.

c) Pursue for permanent residence for HDOT and other related Transportation Programs.

As of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February the Tawa'ovi Board approved, granting land for the facility for a Multi-Purpose Transportation Facility to support all transportation related services for Hopi.

Thereafter, funding have been programmed to initiate start of planning and design for the facility.

d) Planned growth hire for Admin and Technical staff to further the capability of HDOT.

Due to the growth of the HDOT program within the 2 1/2 years of its establishment the program is grown from staff of 1 to 13 with plan for more as the department grows daily.

The current divisions within the department consist of Administration, Construction, and Road Maintenance. Soon to join is the Hopi Senom Transit.

Other resource contributing to the growth is Community Planning.

## 2) To further establish the Road Maintenance program.

- a) Planned hire for Road Maintenance Diesel/Auto Mechanic and Equipment Operator.In the immediate horizon is the need to staff for the identified positions.
- b) Understand Tribes Systems of Road Inventory. The critical need in a full knowledge of system routes is of benefit and to keep maintained and the sharing of this information with other tribal departments is a must. That advancement in this effort has started with the LIS program and to include other Tribal programs such as MIS, WEMP, & HRES.

- 4) The assistance from leadership is the relationship of HDOT with the Hopi Tribal Transportation Task Team (HTTT) and other Tribal support.
- a) The support and understanding of HTTT is important as their role is the connection to the executive branch and with the support to the Department growth would have been limited.
  - Therefore to strengthen the relationship is vital in all areas of transportation. Providing of guidance and education to HTTT to is key to Hopi's growth.
- b) Offices of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive Director as well have lent support and to the success of the department and is important in the continued development of relationships.
- c) Other Tribal Departments, Villages, and Communities, the relationship have flourished and has been positive, too is vital to the continued built on relationships.

#### **COORDINATION/LINKAGES**

Continuation Partnerships with Tribal Departments, Bureau of Indian Affairs - Western Regional Office, Keams Canyon Agency, Navajo County, NACOG, Coconino County, ITCA, Federal Highway Administration, Navajo Tribe, ADOT, and others.

## **RESULTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY 2015**

- Hire of additional staff; Secretary II and Laborers, and Equipment Operators provided for and improved service delivery to the Hopi/HPL and others.
- Through passing of Resolution (H-055-2014), allowed the purchase of new road and snow removal equipment for Road Maintenance in providing services on Hopi/HPL Inventory roads.
- Additional second completed and successful closeout of project Consolidated Bridge No. 1 (Sand Springs East & West bridges)
- Through P.L. 93-638 the Hopi Tribe contracting Hopi Agency Road Maintenance program for an improved service delivery to the Hopi people 1 ½ years now.
- HIR 504 Shungopavi Construction Project awarded to Eagle Mountain Construction of Flagstaff, AZ and is currently 100% complete. The completed project is a great improvement for the village of Shungopavi. The estimated cost currently is \$1.8 mil till completion of audit by BIA to determine final cost with full closeout to follow.
- HIR 506 Second Mesa, Sipaulovi Project too is complete with the final inspection and approval to fully complete the project.

### PLANNED PROJECTS FOR FY 2016

- HIR 603 Sand Clan, Polacca sub-division streets.
- HIR 60 Low Mountain Road 1st of 9 Phase drainage structure improvements.
- Continuation of road design projects to completion for; HIR 501 Bacavi, HIR 503 Kykotsmovi Streets, and HIR 4 Turquoise Trail.
- Advertise/Award for design for projects; HIR 500 Hotevilla/Bacavi School Road, HIR 513 Moenkopi, HIR 17 Sipaulovi/Mishongnovi Road, and HIR 2 Luepp Road chip seal.

These achievements reflect the current goals, objectives, and plans of HDOT, the foresight of the revised Hopit Pötskwaniat (2011), and 2014 Draft Final LRTP.

Levels of progress continue and are in process within FY 2015 and beyond.