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Tribal Consultation Annual Report SFY2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)

Section I: Agency Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) provides highway infrastructure and transportation services to safely connect people and empower our economy by being easy to work with, collaborative, and results-focused.

ADOT acknowledges the 30 indigenous nations with ancestral ties and lands within Arizona as well as the sovereignty of federally recognized nations. Each division within ADOT partners with tribal nations for transportation projects and provides services for tribes and their members including Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) services, construction, maintenance technical support, and transportation career training. ADOT divisions include:

- Administrative Services Division (ASD)
- Alternative Delivery/Major Projects
- Enforcement and Compliance Division (ECD)
- Financial Management Services (FMS)
- Information Technology Group (ITG)
- Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)
- Multimodal Planning Division (MPD)
- Procurement Services
- Project Delivery and Operations (PDO)

While not all divisions within ADOT have had direct interactions with tribes, there were a few notable interactions. Please refer to Section II.

ADOT also has a dedicated Tribal Relations Team, composed of a Native Nations Ambassador reporting to the Deputy Director for Transportation in the State Engineer's Office, a Tribal Liaison in the Environmental Planning Group (EPG), a dedicated Right-of-Way tribal liaison, and two Planning Program Managers/Tribal Liaisons in the Multimodal Planning Division (MPD). ADOT's Tribal Relations Team leads the agency's efforts to have equitable partnerships with tribal nations and engage in regular open communication with them.

Section II: Highlights

ADOT Tribal Crash Reporting Initiative

ADOT - WIDE: STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, STRATEGIC PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS, MULTIMODAL PLANNING GROUP (TRAFFIC SAFETY, PLANNING GROUPS), COMMUNICATIONS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GROUP, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS)

In accordance with the Governor's Strategic Plan, the ADOT Fiscal Year 2025 - 2029 Strategic Plan states that ADOT aims to reduce fatalities 20% by June 2029. ADOT's FY 2025 annual objective is to increase tribal crash reporting by 10% by June 2025 by increasing the number of tribal jurisdictions reporting crashes through the Traffic Records and Criminal Software (TraCS). This is accomplished by:

- Updating the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).
- Collaborating with tribal jurisdictions to identify and remove barriers to reporting crashes in TraCS and implementing best practices from the SHSP.

The ADOT Tribal Crash Reporting Initiative commenced in November 2024 to identify roles in the crash reporting process, improve reporting opportunities, and prioritize and develop information sharing and usage. Since the initiative first began, there have been four tribes: the Gila River Indian Community, Tonto Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe sharing crash data. One additional tribe (Hopi) is currently in the process to submit data during this reporting cycle. Further one-on-one tribal outreach for the initiative is ongoing.

ADOT Archaeological Specification Update

PROJECT DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM GROUP

ADOT finalized and implemented the new Archaeological Specification in November 2024 following multiple rounds of consultation with Arizona tribes as well as those with ancestral ties to the state. The specification is now being applied to projects with cultural avoidance areas as projects that had not reached 95% design are underway.

AZ SMART Fund Amendments

MULTIMODAL PLANNING DIVISION -PROGRAMMING GROUP

The AZ SMART Fund became effective in September 2022 and is administered by ADOT. Significant amendments were made to the program in September 2024 (Laws 2024, Chapter 120) which, among other changes, broadened the applicant pool as well as the authority of ADOT and the Arizona State Transportation Board. Eligible applicants for the AZ SMART Program are defined as entities eligible to receive a federal discretionary grant for surface transportation purposes, and has now expanded to include tribal entities identified as eligible applicants in federal statute or the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the specific federal discretionary grant being pursued.

<u>Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) - Tribal Lands Emphasis Area and Safety Data-Sharing Emphasis Area</u>

MULTIMODAL PLANNING DIVISION - TRAFFIC SAFETY GROUP

The Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a policy document that is updated every five years under federal guidelines. The purpose of the SHSP is to develop strategies for how ADOT and its safety partners can help reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all Arizona roadways. The SHSP was finalized in mid-October 2024 and includes both Tribal Lands and Safety Data-Sharing Emphasis Areas. Emphasis Area Teams include tribal representatives (Ak-Chin Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Hopi Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community) and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona. In January 2025, the teams initiated the process to implement the SHSP Emphasis Area strategies.

ADOT Arizona Safety Circuit Rider Program

MULTIMODAL PLANNING DIVISION - TRAFFIC SAFETY GROUP

This Arizona Safety Circuit Rider Program initiative was launched and announced to the Tribes in Arizona in May 2025. The program purpose is to support Tribal governments, local public agencies and the state in enhancing roadway safety across Arizona. The goal of this program is to provide technical assistance, training, and support to help eligible entities to:

- Identify roadway safety issues
- Develop data-driven safety solutions
- Apply for state and federal transportation safety grants
- Navigate requirements for funding opportunities such as the ADOT Highway Safety Improvement Program

State Route 264 Corridor Planning Study

MULTIMODAL PLANNING DIVISION - PLANNING GROUP

Based on concerns and issues expressed by the Hopi Tribe to ADOT and the Arizona State Transportation Board, ADOT initiated this study in September 2024. The major focus of the study is to verify safety needs and develop recommended alternatives along the SR 264 corridor between Tuba City and the Navajo-Apache County boundary line. The study is anticipated to be completed in December 2025.

Section III: Progress Report (as reported in the 2024 Annual Report)

- Goal: Update the ADOT Tribal Consultation Policy.
 - Status: In progress
 - Background: The policy was last updated on March 21, 2021. The Tribal Relations Team has completed a draft update which is currently

- undergoing final edits prior to internal review and formal tribal consultation. Completion and final approval of the updated policy is anticipated at the end of FY 2026.
- Goal: Development of *Effective Tribal Engagement Training Course for ADOT Personnel*.
 - Status: In progress
 - Background: ADOT's Tribal Relations Team consulted with 19 tribes (either in-person, virtual, or both) on Feb. 26, 2025, Mar. 7, 2025, May 29, 2025, and June 3, 2025. The team is finalizing the training script and materials, and plans are currently underway to complete the project by the end of the next reporting period.
- Goal: Creation of an internal ADOT tribal webpage.
 - Status: In progress
 - Background: Significant progress has been made to create a contact database to centralize information for ADOT staff as well as a Tribal Relations Team group email address. Additional resources on the webpage will include the ADOT Tribal Consultation Policy, Tribal Engagement Training Course, annual consultation reports, event calendar, and contact information for the ADOT Tribal Relations Team. The team anticipates completion of this goal by the end of the 2025 calendar year.
- Goal: Increase tribal crash data submissions.
 - Status: In progress
 - Background: Work in this area has been folded into the ADOT Tribal Crash Reporting Initiative (see Highlights section), and plans to implement an engagement strategy with tribes will be underway the next reporting year.

Section IV: SFY2026 Goals

- Goal: Complete development and implementation of *Effective Tribal Engagement Training Course for ADOT Personnel*.
- Goal: Implement ADOT Tribal Crash Reporting Initiative. Deliverables are categorized by subteams and formalize our process to engage with tribes and centralize our outreach efforts.
 - Deliverables:
 - Communication and engagement
 - Stakeholder management
 - Establish project framework and identify key team members
 - Centralized Tribal Repository for Active Collaboration (CTRAC), an internally developed and shared repository for tribal contacts

- Crash Reporting Readiness
- Tribal Emphasis Area (SHSP)
- Goal: Update the ADOT Tribal Consultation Policy (see Section III).

Section V: Policy Revisions

No formal revisions have been implemented during this reporting period (see Section III).

Section VI: Consultation Activities

- ADOT's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Deployment Plan Update
 - Date: July 10, 2024 (Statewide virtual meeting)
 - Participants: Representatives from the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation (10 total).
 - Summary: Information included newly proposed station locations on additional highways (ADOT NEVI Plan, Phase 2 and Phase 3). The meeting also featured a Diné interpreter providing information in the Navajo language.
- State Route (SR) 347 Public Meetings
 - o Dates: Aug. 13, 2024 (In-person meeting), Oct. 8, 2024 (Virtual meeting)
 - Participants: Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) officials, staff, and community members.
 - Summary: ADOT and the Project Management Team presented information on proposed road improvements to SR 347.
- 25th Navajo Nation Council Arizona State Caucus Work Study Session
 - o Date: Aug. 23, 2024 (In-person Meeting)
 - Participants: 15 Navajo Nation Councilmembers representing Arizona Navajo Nation Chapters.
 - Summary: The Caucus met in Phoenix to establish their Arizona State priorities. ADOT presented information on the status of legislative appropriations and the current Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program.
- Planning to Programming (P2P) Workshops
 - Date: Statewide in September 2024 (Virtual meetings)
 - Participants: 11 Tribal officials were in attendance representing the Cocopah Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and Tohono O'odham Nation.
 - Summary: Planning to Programming (P2P) is the process used to prioritize projects for funding in the Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction

Program. The types of projects that will be reviewed include: pavement preservation, bridge preservation, modernization, and expansion. P2P connects ADOT's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to the Five-Year Facilities Construction Program through performance, as required by Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS). Tribes are invited to participate in the workshops to advocate prioritization for improvements on roads in the State Highway System.

- I-10/Koli Road Public Meetings
 - Date: Oct. 1, 2024 (In-person meeting)
 - Participants: Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) officials, staff, and community members.
 - Summary: ADOT presentation of the Design Concept Report (DCR) and an environmental study (Environmental Assessment or EA) for the proposed Interstate 10 (I-10)/Koli Road Traffic Interchange.
- Arizona REAL ID Tribal Update Arizona REAL ID and Native American Designation on Driver Licenses and Identification Cards
 - o Date: June 23, 2025, July-August 2025 (Virtual Meetings)
 - Participating tribes: White Mountain Apache Tribe, Yavapai Apache Nation, San Juan Southern Paiute, Kaibab Paiute, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, Hualapai Tribe, Yavapai-Prescott Tribe, and the Cocopah Tribe. Additionally, five additional tribes attended consultation meetings: Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, and the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Total tribes participating = 16. 18 tribal representatives attended the Aug. 4, 2025 consultation. 7 tribal representatives attended the Aug. 7, 2025 session, and two tribes attended both meetings respectively.
 - Summary: General presentation on Arizona REAL ID requirements and proposed state legislation (HB 2852) for Native American designation on Arizona driver licenses and identification cards. HB 2852, signed into law on May 2, 2025 by Governor Katie Hobbs, provides an optional designation to enrolled Native Americans. Consultation was conducted to determine an appropriate insignia for this designation on Arizona issued driver's licenses and identification cards. Implementation will be effective Jan. 1, 2026. An Enhanced Tribal ID (ETC) Card Program Presentation was also provided by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The update was co-sponsored by ADOT, the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.
- Consultation on the Tribal Engagement Training Course for ADOT Personnel.

- Dates Feb. 26, 2025, Mar. 7, 2025, May 29, 2025, and June 3, 2025 (meetings in-person, virtual, or hybrid)
- Participating tribes: Ak-Chin Indian Community, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Fort Still Apache Tribe (Oklahoma), Gila River Indian Community, Hualapai Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Mescalero Apache Tribe (New Mexico), Navajo Nation, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Utah), Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, Pueblo of Acoma (New Mexico), Pueblo of Zuni (New Mexico), San Carlos Apache Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (Colorado), White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Yavapai Apache Nation.
- Summary: After tribal consultation regarding the course content, the team is finalizing the training script and materials. Plans are currently underway to complete the project by the end of the next reporting period.
- Formal consultation on the State Route 86 Wildlife Crossing
 - Aug. 26, 2024 Government to Government Consultation with Tohono
 O'odham Nation and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
 - Jan. 8, 2025 Government to Government Consultation with Tohono
 O'odham Nation and FHWA.
 - Status: Ongoing
- Section 106 Consultation
 - North-South Tier 2 Segment 1 Corridor Study
 - July 18, 2024 In-field consultation meeting with the Tohono O'odham Nation and Ak-Chin Indian Community.
 - Oct. 22, 2024 Consultation meeting with the Four Southern Tribes: Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Tohono O'odham Nation.
 - Mar. 24, 2025 Consultation meeting with the Four Southern Tribes: Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Tohono O'odham Nation.
 - Status: Ongoing with Corridor Study
 - North-South Tier 2 Segment 2 Corridor Study
 - Apr. 15, 2025 Meeting with Gu Achi District Chairwoman and Florence Village representatives regarding North-South Tier 2 Segment 2 outreach to Florence Village (Tohono O'odham Nation).
 - Jun. 23, 2025 North-South Tier 2 Segment 2 presentation and consultation with Florence Village (Tohono O'odham Nation).
 - Status: Ongoing with Corridor Study
 - State Route 260 / Lion Springs

- Jan. 7, 2025 In-field consultation at State Route 260/Lion Springs cultural sites. Participating tribes: Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- Status: Ongoing with Project Design

Section VII: Engagement Activities

ADOT is committed to developing and maintaining positive relationships with Native Nations, and have been actively involved in the following activities this reporting period:

- Introductory Meeting with the Pueblo of Zuni, Aug. 2, 2024, Zuni, New Mexico.
 The ADOT District and Tribal Relations Teams met with Zuni Tribal Council and
 staff to introduce information, upcoming projects and potential collaboration
 opportunities between the Pueblo of Zuni and ADOT.
- National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC), Aug. 25-29 2024, Durant, Oklahoma. ADOT staff attended the NTICC for national updates regarding transportation from Federal, State, and Tribal agencies and networked with Arizona attendees.
- Arizona Conference on Roads and Streets, Sept. 25-27, 2024, Tucson, Arizona.
 Technical conference sponsored by the American Council of Engineering
 Companies (ACEC) of Arizona that draws professions together to shape the future of our communities through engineering.
- Arizona Rural Transportation Summit, Oct. 16-17, 2024, Prescott, Arizona. ADOT's Tribal Relations Team facilitated the Tribal Transportation meeting and Tribal Track Sessions.
- National Council for Tribal Employment Rights Legal Update Conference, December 12, 2024, Las Vegas, Nevada. The ADOT Multimodal Planning Division Planning Program Managers/Tribal Liaisons provided a presentation on ADOT Tribal Engagement and Training Opportunities.
- U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Project Delivery Center of Excellence
 Thought Leadership Series: Making Good on the Potential of the Bipartisan
 Infrastructure Law, Oct. 22, 2024. The leadership series explored lessons learned
 and best practices from projects that are making good on the potential of the
 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. State Engineer Greg Byres presented information
 on the spirit of collaboration on the I-10 Corridor Widening Project in
 cooperation with Governor Stephen Roe Lewis of the Gila River Indian
 Community.
- Oct. 10, 2024 The ADOT Traffic Monitoring Group extended meeting opportunities to the transportation contacts of several tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office to discuss efforts to obtain or conduct

volume counts on current and new tribal routes and to identify data sharing opportunities. Virtual meetings were held with the Tohono O'odham Nation on Oct. 28, 2024, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) on Oct. 28, 2024, and the BIA Western Regional Office on Oct. 30, 2024. From April to May 2025, traffic counts were conducted with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, SRPMIC, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

- ADOT visit to the Pueblo of Zuni, Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2024, Zuni, New Mexico. The
 Tribal Relations Team attended the annual Shalako Ceremony and met with the
 Zuni Tribal Council to gain understanding of the importance of the cultural
 landscape and Zuni government processes.
- Navajo Nation Traffic Safety Data Summit, Dec. 17, 2024, Tse Bonito, New Mexico. This meeting was part of a technical assistance project with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Go Traffic Records program to assist Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (NNDOT) in collecting and using crash data and collaborating with other agencies to make the Navajo Nation's roads safer.
- Arizona's 38th Annual Statewide Transit Conference April 14-16, 2025, Flagstaff, Arizona. Tribal officials representing the seven tribal transit systems in Arizona attended this annual conference and ADOT Transit, Tribal Relations Team, and Executive Leadership were also in attendance.
- July 17-18, 2024 4(f) Training for Tribes. Section 4(f) refers to the original section within the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 which provided for consideration of park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites during transportation project development. Tribes in attendance: Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Hualapai Tribe, Moapa Band of Paiute, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
- Since 2019, ADOT has funded annual contracts with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) to obtain transportation technical assistance support and to conduct ITCA Transportation Working Group meetings. The goal of this project is for the state to partner with ITCA to improve communication, coordination and consultation between ADOT and the Tribes in Arizona. For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 the ITCA contract was issued on Aug. 2, 2024. During the fiscal year, ITCA provided guidance to ADOT on optimizing efforts in the areas of tribal transportation safety, cross-jurisdiction agreements, tribal law enforcement, and tribal aviation improvement opportunities. ITCA and ADOT also conducted Tribal Transportation Working Group (TWG) meetings to share state and federal transportation information and obtain tribal feedback. TWG meetings were held at the ITCA office in Phoenix, Arizona on Jan. 23, 2025 with 10 tribes represented

- and May 29, 2025 with 11 tribes represented. The SFY 25 project was closed out in June 2025 and coordination was carried out to issue a contract for SFY 26.
- Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Council Inauguration, Jan. 2, 2025 Parker, Arizona. ADOT staff attended the inaugural ceremony for the incoming CRIT Council.
- Jan. 8, 2025 Presentation to Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resources Standing Committee on State Route 287/State Route 87 study.
- Arizona Tribal Legislative Day, Jan. 15, 2025, Phoenix, Arizona. ADOT staff
 provided outreach to attendees on various topics and projects. ADOT leadership
 presented a breakout session to highlight ADOT-Tribal partnership and
 commitment to working with tribes.
- Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Signing with the Gila River Indian Community and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Jan. 17, 2025, Sacaton, Arizona. Commemorative event signing for the \$95 million INFRA Grant Signing for the I-10 Corridor Widening Project.
- Wild Horse Pass Workforce Development Event, Feb. 10, May 22, 2025, Gila River Indian Community. ADOT facilitated this event to the Community to feature opportunities with vendors and contractors currently working on the I-10 Corridor Widening Project.
- Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2025, March 11-13, 2025, Las Vegas, Nevada. Annual National Tribal Economic Development to discuss infrastructure, business opportunities, private-partner partnerships, and recent national updates across agencies and tribes.
- Tribal Self-Governance Conference, April 7-9, 2025, Gila River Indian Community.
 ADOT Tribal Relations Team Members also had an informal visit with the Pueblo of Zuni delegation who were attending the conference.
- Gila River Indian Community student visit to the I-10/Gila River Bridge, April 17, 2025, Gila River Indian Community.
- Kitt Peak Observatory Guardrail Reconstruction Project and SR 86 Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Fall 2024 to Spring 2025, Pima County and Tucson, Arizona. The ADOT Public Involvement Team collaborated with the O'odham Language Center (O'odham Ñi'okĭ Ki) at Tohono O'odham Community College to share information on the Kitt Peak Observatory Guardrail Reconstruction Project and the SR 86 Pavement Rehabilitation Project in the geographical boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation in the O'odham language prior to their completion. ADOT also worked with the Language Center to record O'odham public service announcements about the projects broadcast on KOHN, the Tohono O'odham Nation-owned radio station.
- May 14-17, 2025 The Environmental Planning Group Tribal Liaison attended the annual Arizona Historic Preservation Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. This annual conference, which opens with a session hosted by tribal cultural resource

professionals, includes programming in the fields of historic preservation, archaeology, cultural resources management, architecture, and planning.

- ADOT/Tribal Partnership Meetings:
 - o San Carlos/White Mountain Apache Partnership Meeting Aug. 15, 2024
 - o Hopi Partnership Meeting Nov. 14, 2024 and June 5, 2025
 - o Navajo Partnership Meeting Aug. 1, 2024, Jan. 16, 2025
- Other standing tribal meetings:
 - San Carlos Tribal Transportation Committee Meetings Held the first Wednesday of the month. ADOT's Southeast District Administrator and the Native Nations Ambassador regularly attend the meetings to provide project updates and address issues, needs, or concerns raised by the Committee.
 - Four Southern Tribes (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Tohono O'odham Nation) Cultural Resources Working Group Meetings - The Environmental Planning Group Tribal Liaison regularly attends meetings to provide updates and address concerns from the Group.

Other:

- US 89 Road Safety Assessment Scoping Meeting, Oct. 10, 2024 (Virtual).
 A discussion with the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation and the Bodaway Gap Chapter on the exact locations that may need focused study to develop the scope for this project.
- SR 287/SR 87 Corridor Profile Study Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Coordination Meeting, June 12, 2025. The ADOT Study Project Management Team provided a report on the recommendations resulting from the study. Community Council members and GRIC law enforcement provided comments regarding the study and also on issues arising from the adjacent city and town population and development increases. A major issue is that more traffic is being generated and crossing through the Community causing traffic safety concerns. Follow-up actions are ongoing.

Section VIII: Resource Service Requests

- Ak-Chin Indian Community
 - July 1, 2024 Meeting and site visit with Ak-Chin Indian Community regarding flooding concerns. Status: Met.
 - Sept. 20, 2024 Follow up meeting and site visit with Ak-Chin Indian
 Community regarding flooding concerns. Status: Met
- Coconino County Board of Supervisors

 Dec. 18, 2024 - Meeting with Coconino County Supervisor Judy Begay and the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation to discuss road improvements near their Flagstaff facility. Status: Met.

• Gila River Indian Community

 Jan. 8, 2025 - Presentation to GRIC Cultural Resources Standing Committee on SR 287/SR 87 study. Status: Met.

• Hopi Tribe

 July 29, 2024 - The Yuwehloo Pahki Community (YPC) of the Hopi Tribe requested a meeting to discuss economic and community development projects. Status: Ongoing.

• Hualapai Indian Tribe

 Apr. 1, 2025 - Site visit to Beale Springs cultural site with Hualapai THPO and cultural resources staff. Status: Met.

Navajo Nation

- Sept. 27, 2024 Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (NNDOT) request for information on project management systems and information-sharing tools. ADOT provided a demonstration of Workfront and the use of dashboards that may address NNDOT needs. Status: Met.
- Oct. 1, 2024 To'Nanees'Dizi Chapter/ADOT Northcentral District
 Introductory Meeting. The Tuba City Chapter staff met with the
 Northcentral District to discuss proposed infrastructure improvements
 near the Western Navajo Fairground, just west along US 160. Status: Met.
- Sage Memorial Hospital, Ganado, Arizona. The hospital has been actively advocating for reimbursement of funds on their recent expansion. ADOT'S Northeast District provided the necessary reviews and approvals to US 191/State Route 264 and does not reimburse for completed projects that fall under the Encroachment Permit Process. Status: Met.
- Aug. 16, 2024 Many Farms Chapter requested a meeting to discuss traffic safety improvements along US 191 with ADOT. Status: Ongoing.
- Aug. 23, 2024 and Sept. 18, 2024 The ADOT Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) hosted two days of informational meetings with the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (NNDOT) executive team and staff. ADOT shared information on agency programs and processes with a focus on planning, geospatial data/data management systems and crash data information. A major outcome of the August 23rd meeting was that the NNDOT Director made an information sharing request to ADOT for copies of its administrative and operational policies. NNDOT was considering adapting the state policies to its DOT restructuring. In September 2024 ADOT approved the request and a list of ADOT policies was provided to the NNDOT for review and selection. ADOT also offered to discuss the policies with the NNDOT executive leadership. This coordinated effort is

- ongoing as a request for specific policies is expected to be submitted by the Navajo Nation DOT. **Status: Met/Ongoing.**
- Jan. 30, 2025 Ts'ah bii kin (Inscription House) Chapter requested a
 meeting to discuss safety concerns on State Route 98 and Navajo Route
 16. Information was shared on ADOT's Planning to Programming (P2P)
 Process on how to prioritize projects on the state highway system. Status:
 Met/Ongoing.
- Feb. 4, 2025 Rock Point Chapter. Follow up meeting and site visit as a result of the Jan. 16, 2025 Navajo Partnership Meeting to discuss issues along US 191. Status: Met/Ongoing.
- April 10, 2025 To'Nanees'Dizi (Tuba City) Chapter. Met with the chapter to discuss transportation priorities and needs. The chapter requested the meeting to discuss transportation priorities and needs pertaining to US 160. Status: Met.
- April 22, 2025 Chinle Chapter "Connecting the DOTs" Partnership Meeting. Introductory meeting with the chapter staff and affected agencies to discuss collaboration opportunities and informational updates. Status: Met.
- May 22, 2025 Mexican Water Chapter and Navajo Nation Division of Transportation meeting, Tse Bonito, New Mexico. A meeting was held to discuss potential road and safety improvements on various Navajo Routes through the community. Status: Met.
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
 - Request for state appropriations (SB 1737 for approximately \$10 million) for a variety of road safety improvements on State Route 70. \$1.4 million was appropriated on US 70 to construct safety improvements. **Status:** Met.
- San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
 - Introductory meeting with tribal leadership and ADOT Northcentral District on Feb. 6, 2025. Status: Met.
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
 - Nov. 13, 2024 Meeting with White Mountain Apache Tribe's Department of Transportation and leadership to discuss the Right of Entry (ROE) process.
 Status: Met.

Section IX: Contact Information

ADOT's primary point of contact is Dezbah Hatathli, Native Nations Ambassador for Infrastructure Development, State Engineer's Office, dhatathli@azdot.gov, 480-338-8800.