

NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWESTERN TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Welcome to the Fall - Quarter 4 Newsletter for the Southwestern Region Tribal Technical Assistance Program (SWTTAP) Center. Our team has been hard at work creating a TTAP that serves the needs of the Tribes in the Southwestern Region. We look forward to working with you.

In the Fall Season of 2023, here is what you can expect from SWTTAP:

- **Quarterly Newsletters**
- **Needs Assessment Survey**
- **Needs Assessments/Program Assessments:** To schedule an on-site meeting, please email info@swttap.com or contact a SWTTAP staff member directly.
- **Quarterly SWTTAP Stakeholder Meeting -**
 - Arizona Tribes - December 4, 2023 at SRPMIC
 - NM & CO Tribes and Navajo Nation - December 6, 2023 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- **SWTTAP Summit - March 2024**
- **Technical Assistance -** to request technical assistance, please contact a SWTTAP staff member directly or email info@swttap.com
- **Project/Program Highlight -** SWTTAP will highlight at least one SWTTAP region transportation related project in each newsletter. Submit your project idea to info@swttap.com or [here](#)

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SWTTAP SERVICES

Provide training, education, technical assistance and program mentoring resources for tribes in transportation and infrastructure.

SWTTAP VISION

Through mutual respect and understanding, enhance the quality of life in Tribal communities by building capacity for Tribes to administer and manage their transportation programs and systems.



SWTTAP MISSION

Serve as a go-to local resource for Tribal transportation training, technical assistance, and technology transfer needs and opportunities to effectively carry out the TTAP Vision.

ABOUT TTAP

The Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) provides comprehensive transportation training and technical assistance to tribal communities, building skills and expertise to ensure the safety and maintenance of tribal roads.

Southwestern TTAP Center serves the tribes in Region 3. This includes the Navajo Nation and all tribes located in New Mexico, Colorado, and just recently to include Arizona.



NEWS & UPDATES

TTP Online Reporting System

The federal fiscal year 2023 ended on September 30, TTP annual reports covering the entire 2023 federal fiscal year (October 2022 – September 2023) are due by December 31, 2023. Electronic reporting is required by 25 CFR 170.240. To access the TTP Online Reporting System, formerly known as PORT, please follow these links:

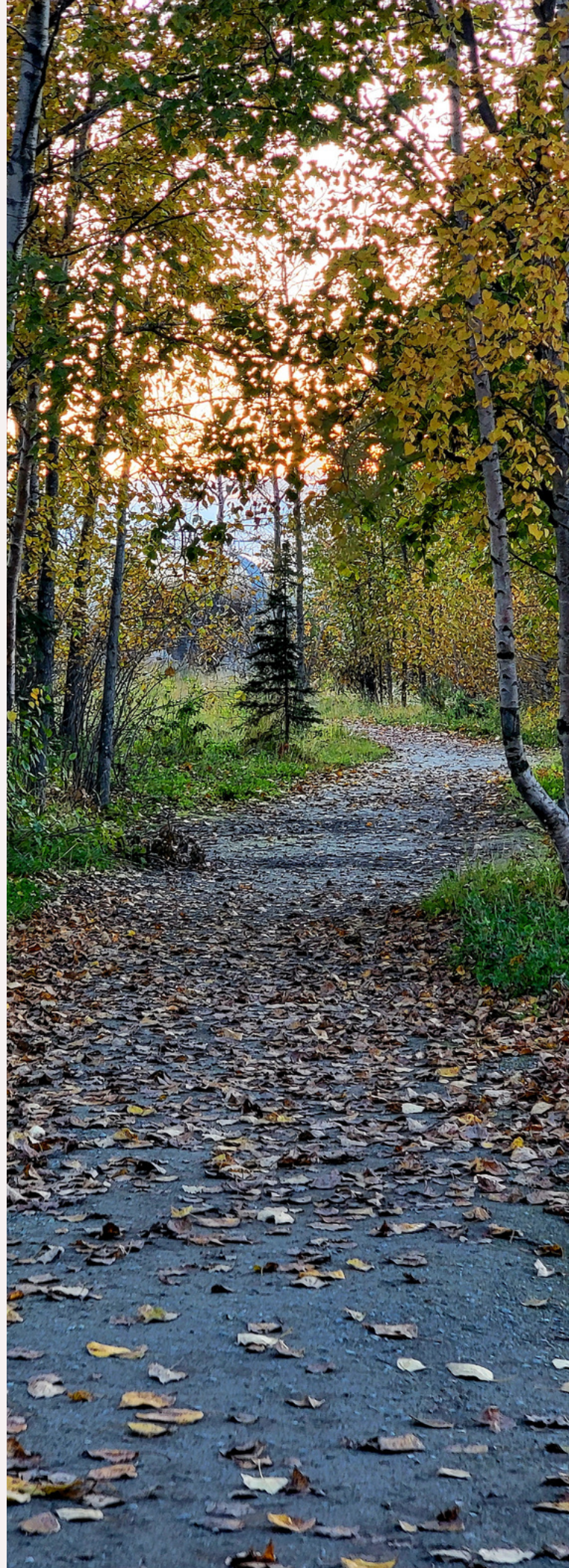
1. Financial Report - [Link](#) (hold CTRL, then select with your mouse)
2. Non-construction Activities Report - [Link](#)
3. A Project Report for each project that was active during the reporting period - [Link](#)

The data you enter into the TTP Online Reporting System will be used within the FAST Act required reports to the Secretaries of the Department of Transportation and Department of Interior. It is essential that reports be completed no later than December 31. Please complete the reports for the Financial Report, Non-construction Activities Report, and for each Project that has been active during the 2023 federal fiscal year. Click on the Project link provided for any projects not listed on your TTIP.

Please note, fill a response for each question as the system will not allow you to submit with blanks in any question. This year there is no time limitation which will close your application. We are providing pdf copies of each report as some have to coordinate between individuals or offices to complete the report.

To assist you with navigating the TTP Online Reporting System, a PORT Overview webinar will be held on October 17, 2023. Details on the webinar will be available later from your FHWA or BIA POC. You can also submit questions about the new PORT through your FHWA or BIA POC.

Please contact your POC if you have any questions.





NEWS & UPDATES

TTP - Tribal Transit Program

FTA is conducting a consultation with Tribal Nations and requesting comments related to the [Tribal Transit Program](#) (TTP). Under the Biden-Harris Administration, FTA's Tribal Transit Program has grown significantly. Compared to the Federal support before 2021, our current annual funding for Tribal formula and competitive programs has increased by 31 percent.

FTA is increasing technical assistance efforts at the national and regional levels to ensure Tribal leaders and grant managers have the tools they need to successfully apply for grants and run efficient transit programs. This consultation reflects FTA's commitment to ensuring our programs and policies are responsive to Tribal needs and part of a formal process to ensure the TTP is well-administered alongside increased funding available, a growing number of Tribes participating and other programmatic changes.

FTA issued a [notice](#) in the Federal Register seeking comment on how the FTA's Tribal Transit competitive program and technical assistance are administered. The first consultation was held in person in Anchorage last month as part of the National Transportation in Indian Country annual conference.

Learn more and provide feedback during this [virtual consultation](#) scheduled for Thursday, November 2 at 2 PM ET. There will be an opportunity for participants to provide feedback and comments.

TTPCC MEETING

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TTPCC) MEETING

DATE: October 31-November 2, 2023

LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport | 2200 Centreville Road | Herndon, VA 20170

TEAMS CALL AVAILABLE:

Meeting ID: 265 412 257 721

Passcode: u3oWTD

Or call in (audio only)

Phone Number: 1-323-676-6271

Conference ID: 944 809 102#

SWTTAP Website

The Southwestern Tribal Technical Assistance Program (SWTTAP) website is now live at [swttap.com](https://www.swttap.com). SWTTAP.COM will be updated regularly.

If you have news, events, or information that you would like included on the SWTTAP website, please email info@swttap.com.

SCHEDULE A SITE VISIT

SWTTAP is scheduling site visits to discuss individual Tribal Transportation Program needs. To schedule a site visit, contact a SWTTAP staff member or email info@swttap.com

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT

Anchorage, Alaska

DENA'INA CIVIC & CONVENTION CENTER

SEPTEMBER 24 - 28, 2023



Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs USDOT

“What an amazingly comprehensive conference I attended last week. I’m most thankful my USDOT colleagues (FHWA, FRA, FTA, FMCSA, PHMSA, NHTSA, MARAD & Strategic Planning) for attending in full effort.”

- Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs USDOT

The 26th Annual National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (“NTICC”) was held in Anchorage, Alaska. Tribes showed up in record breaking numbers with over 800 in attendance!

The NTICC carries on the tradition of creating Tribal transportation conferences FOR TRIBES, BY TRIBES. The NTICC is hosted by The Center for Tribal Transportation and is planned and organized by a Planning Committee comprised of Tribal transportation professionals across the U.S.

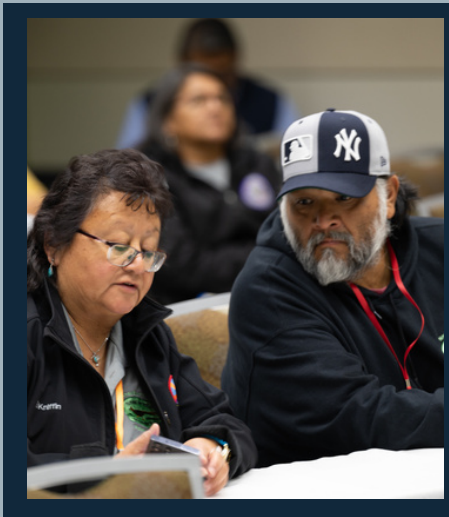
NTICC was attended by Tribes from across the U.S., Federal partners from USDOT, FHWA, NHTSA, FTA, FRA, MARAD, FMCSA, BIA and other organizations that are dedicated to furthering Tribal Transportation.

There were over 30 vendor exhibitors and 8 local artist vendors, NTICC was closed out with a memorable performance by Grammy winner Pamyua!

NTICC featured 90 learning sessions in 8 conference tracks tailored to fit the transportation related professional development needs in Indian Country. These included: Workforce Development, Transit, TTP 101, Safety, Hot Topics, Planning, Leadership & Infrastructure Bill, and Project Management & Maintenance. We also had the highly anticipated one of a kind Heavy Equipment Rodeo Team Competition.

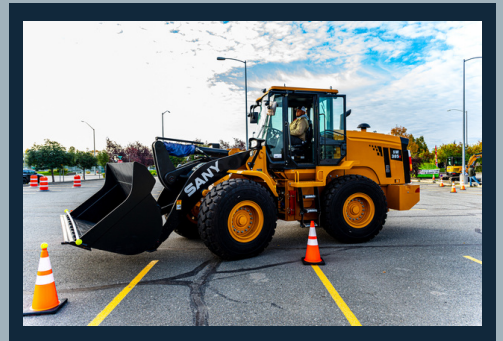
Overall the 2023 NTICC was a huge success and we were happy to connect everyone! We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2024 NTICC.

NTICC SPOTLIGHT



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HEAVY EQUIPMENT ROADEO



Heavy Equipment Rodeo Team Winner!

PUEBLO OF JEMEZ, NEW MEXICO

Vince Toya
Allen Gachupin
Arlan Lucero
Dennis Vigil
Russel Gachupin
Cyrus Lucero

MEET THE SWTTAP STAFF & TRAINERS

Co-Director Todd Macalady has been affiliated with the TTAP Program for over twenty years, working for Alaska TTAP, Four Corners TTAP, Mountain West TTAP, and Southwestern TTAP. Todd is well versed in Tribal Transportation policy and project management and understands the adverse conditions and challenges of working in and around diverse cultures and communities.

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Co-Director Taren Burke-Macalady has twelve years experience in Tribal transportation & twenty-five years in business management, focusing on helping Tribes further their business procedures & operations, personnel development, web + social media support, Tribal Administrator Mentorship, conflict resolution + team building, hiring, and organizational assessment & development.

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Co-Director Tara Chief has over thirteen years of experience in the transportation and environmental industry, broad-based knowledge of civil construction, environmental compliance, transportation planning, safety and maintenance with work in communications and public relations.

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Assistant Director Tracie Burke has over twenty years of experience specializing in insurance and risk management to assist Tribes in identifying & processing solutions to minimize risk, establishing ethics procedures for tribal administrators and management.

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Specialist Andy Korchmaros, P.E., has over twenty years experience within the engineering field from surveying and design to project management and bridge inspections as well as using a host of technical design software.

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Staff Assistant Owen Laluk has extensive experience working with Tribal communities in project management, event management, project coordination, and project execution.

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Trainer Byron Bluehorse has 20 years experience working with federal agencies, non-profits, and higher education institutions. He is an Advisory Member of the National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center and the National Geospatial Advisory Committee for the Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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Trainer Ed Hermes is a commercial litigator whose practice is focused on complex commercial, tax, property, and construction disputes; in addition to litigation regarding breach of contract and tort claims, commercial and residential construction disputes, tax disputes and appeals, and disputes involving Federal Indian Law.

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Trainer John Velat has over fifteen years of experience in research and administration as well as more than ten years of experience in international, commercial, governmental, and non-profit organizations. This combination of management, leadership, communications, and academic experience in a range of industries and settings offers a broad training available to Tribes.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBAL NATIONS

in 2022, FHWA published the [Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations](#). The purpose of this document is to provide information to Tribes on new and existing highway and bridge transportation funding programs for which Tribes are eligible.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SAFETY FUND

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *October 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024*

SUMMARY: The FY2022-2026 TTP Safety Fund Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the TTP Safety Fund was published on June 7, 2022 and amended on January 9, 2023. Applications for the FY2024 funding cycle will be accepted October 1, 2023 through January 15, 2024.

All application forms and documents can be found on this [page](#).

Eligible applicants may submit multiple applications by following these steps for each project:

Review the FY2022-2026 TTP Safety Fund Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Complete an application form.

Review the decision chart in the TTPSF Application Guide (PDF) (DOCX) to determine if a project narrative or other documentation is required.

Project Narrative Information (Application Guide)

Roadway Departure Countermeasures Request Form

Submit applications by email attachment to TTPSF@DOT.gov. If your application is too large to send by email (FHWA can only receive <24MB) please email TTPSF@dot.gov to request an upload link.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from FHWA within 48 hours, please contact the program manager at 360-619-2601 to verify that your application was received.

A webinar reviewing the funding opportunity was held October 3, 2023. A recording of the webinar is [available here](#) and the presentation slides are [available here](#).

2023 NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL LANDS AND TRIBAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *November 6, 2023*

SUMMARY: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act established the NSFLTP Program to provide Federal financial assistance to projects of national significance for construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of transportation facilities within, adjacent to, or providing access to Federal or Tribal lands. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021, "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law," or "BIL") modified the program in several ways, including providing \$55 million per year from the Highway Trust Fund, as well as authorizing up to an additional \$300 million per year from the General Fund, for each of FYs 2022 through 2026. The BIL also reduced minimum project sizes from \$25 million to \$12.5 million, directed 50 percent of the funds towards Tribal transportation facilities, increased the Federal share of projects on Tribal transportation facilities to 100 percent and required funding of at least one eligible project submitted by the National Park Service for a unit of the National Park System with 3,000,000 annual visitors or more.

TTP BRIDGE PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: The TTP Bridge Program is focused on improving the number of TTP bridges in poor condition. Federally recognized Indian Tribes may submit an application at any time for eligible TTP bridges for planning, design, engineering, preconstruction, construction, and inspection of new or replacement bridges. For application requirements and other important TTP Bridge Program information visit <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/bridge>.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



NCAI CONVENTION & MARKETPLACE

Date: November 12-17, 2023

Location: New Orleans, LA

Description: This November, join NCAI in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center for the 80th Annual Convention & Marketplace, where attendees will have the opportunity to work collaboratively to protect and advance tribal sovereignty. Tribal leaders, NCAI members, Native youth, and partners from across Indian Country will gather in-person to discuss critical issues, develop strategy, and to embark upon a new era of Nation-to-Nation engagement. Additionally, attendees and the general public will be able to browse the Marketplace, which features a variety of booths ranging from artists to federal job recruiters and much more!

The membership year ends on September 30, so all members need to renew before Annual. We recommend purchasing the Convention Registration & Individual Indian/Associate Membership Bundle to streamline the process.

If you are a Lifetime Member, or if you renewed or purchased membership separately, please log in to the new [NCAI Membership Portal](#) to receive member pricing. Login information should have been emailed to you.

All Annual Convention registrations are non-refundable.

If you have any questions, please contact membership@ncai.org.

The hotel room block link is [here](#). Please contact hotels directly, NCAI does not handle hotel bookings.

5TH NATIONAL RTAP CONFERENCE

Date: December 3-6, 2023

Location: Marriott Myrtle Beach Resort at Grande Dunes, 8400 Costa Verde Drive, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, 29572

Description: "Navigating the Tides of Change with Rural & Tribal Transit", this will be the 5th Technical Assistance Conference, offering training, hands-on workshops, useful keynotes, a vendor expo, panels to learn from experts and your peers, roundtables, and networking. [Conference Website and Registration](#)

SWTTAP SUMMIT

Date: March 12-14, 2024

Location: Twin Arrows Casino Resort, 22181 Resort Blvd., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Description: The purpose of the Summit is to provide resources to Tribes in the SWTTWAP Region (AZ, NM, CO, and Navajo Nation". More information can be found at [SWTTAP](#).

14TH ANNUAL NATIONAL TRIBAL GIS CONFERENCE

Date: April 29 - May 2, 2024

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Description: More information can be found at the conference [website](#).

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

FHWA CENTER FOR LOCAL AID SUPPORT

WEB: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/>

SUMMARY

The Center for Local Aid Support provides information, training and technical assistance to local governments, tribes and Federal land management agencies that will enhance roadway networks and create economic opportunity.

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FHWA OFFICE OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION

WEB: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal>

SUMMARY

The Office of Tribal Transportation (OTT) administers the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) and provides stewardship and oversight for direct funding agreements with 135 federally recognized Tribes. The OTT also provides support for all FHWA activities affecting tribal transportation. This support includes the administration of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grants program awarded to Tribes, and the transfer of funds from States and other local governments to Tribes through the 202(a)(9) transfer process.

In addition, the FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation manages the Tribal Transportation Program Bridge Program and the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund for all federally recognized Tribes. These grant programs are set-asides from the overall Tribal Transportation Program.

PHONE: 202-366-9494

ORG CHART: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/contact-info>

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For a more comprehensive list of Tribal Transportation Resources available, visit <https://www.swttap.com/resources>.

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