



# 2023 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE | DRAFT AGENDA

## SEPTEMBER 24 – 28, 2023 | DENA'INA CENTER | ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

DAY 1 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

TIME	TRACK	SESSION	SPEAKERS
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>OPENING PLENARY SESSION</b>		<b>PRESENTERS TBD</b>
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)</b>	<b>VENDOR PRESENTATION - Improved Safety with Solar Lights</b>	Dave Muckey, Green Frog Systems
1:30 PM – 3 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Tribal-State Relations to Promote Employment and Improve Transportation Systems</b>	Adrien Carretero, Minnesota DOT Eugene Standingcloud, Red Lake Nation Duane Hill, Minnesota DOT
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>FTA Tribal Transit Program Consultation</b>	Elan Flippin-Jones, Federal Transit Administration Marianne Stock, Federal Transit Administration
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>TRB Standing Committee on Native American Transportation Issues Meeting</b>	Misty Klann, FHWA OTT
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>From Safety Plan to Funding</b>	Mary Ann Wiehl, Native Village of Tanana
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Community-Driven Transportation Planning</b>	AKDOT&PF James Marks, AKDOT&PF
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Round Table with SEC DOT/BIA</b>	TBD
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Crack Sealing Best Practices I</b>	Brandi Julian, Crafc Bryan Darling, Crafc
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Walking and Rolling in Indian Country</b>	Michia Casebier, M.G. Tech Writing, LLC
3 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30 PM – 5 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Get to Know the University Transportation Center Program</b>	Lisa Kay Schweyer, Carnegie Mellon University's Traffic21 Institute and Mobility21 (National University Transportation Center) Dr. Denver Tolliver, North Dakota State University Dr. Peter Romine, Navajo Tech University Dr. David Kack, Small Urban, Rural, and Tribal Center on Mobility, Montana State University
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Assessment Workshop</b>	Dana Lucas, The DMP Group Ketnah Parchment, Milligan
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>TRB Standing Committee on Native American Transportation Issues Meeting</b>	Misty Klann, FHWA OTT
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Safety Plans &amp; Transportation Safety Funding</b>	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Darren Thacker, FHWA
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>SMART Grant Team Work Session</b>	Clarence Daniel, AVCP Ryan Marlow, AKDOT&PF
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>DOT Townhall Discussion: What's working? What's not?</b>	TBD



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	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Crack Sealing Best Practices II</b>	Brandi Julian, Crafc Bryan Darling, Crafc
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Exploring Future Transportation in Rural Alaska</b>	Billy Connor, Alaska TTAP Alaska DOT&PF Planning North Slope Borough Port Authority Bethel Borough Planning Nome Borough Planning or Northwest Arctic Planning
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>VENDOR RECEPTION</b>		

### DAY 2 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>GENERAL PLENARY SESSION</b>	<b>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Panel</b>	Mariia Zimmerman, Office of the Secretary, US DOT
10:30 AM – 11 AM	<b>BREAK (CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED)</b>		
11 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Wireless Telematics Solutions (WTS) for Tribal Transit</b>	Bernadette Kniffin, Nnee Bich'o Nii Apache Transit Services Angelo Belvado, Nnee Bich'o Nii Apache Transit Services
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Assessment Workshop</b>	Dana Lucas, The DMP Group Ketnah Parchment, Milligan
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>Transportation Planning in Tribal Communities Research Study Revisited</b>	Cole Grisham, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation Misty Klann, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation Jared Fijalkowski, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Safe System Approach to Speed Management</b>	Jeffrey King, FHWA Office of Safety
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Transportation Information Management is Better with Maps</b>	Alex Wood, Precision Geographic Erika McCalvin, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Infrastructure Bill Round Table</b>	TBD
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Ice Roads and Winter Trails</b>	Johnathan Hutchinson, AKDOT&PF Mark Leary, Village of Napaimute Miles Brookes, FHWA
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Unmanned Aerial Systems Training and Demonstration</b>	AKDOT Ryan Marlow, AKDOT&PF Shane Moller, AKDOT&PF
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)</b>	<b>Achieving Financial and Environmental Sustainability in Transportation with Propane</b>	Steve Whaley, Propane Education & Research Council Jill Drury, Charlevoix County Transit
1:30 PM – 3 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Steel Bridges for Tribal Communities</b>	Michael Barker, University of Wyoming
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Tribal Transit Coordination/Planning, Mobility Management &amp; Developing Partnerships</b>	Enjoli Dixon, TransitCON Jeremy Bell, Director, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Transit/EZTAG Region - Regional Mobility Leader



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			Gerry Hope, Sitka Tribe of Alaska Meredith Greene, Socius Amica
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>TTP Funding: The Formula and Obligation Limitation</b>	Matthew Bird, FHWA OTT
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Qualitative Safety Data Collection Strategies and Implications in Indian Country</b>	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Power of GIS in TTP Program Management</b>	Ken Picard, Red Plains Professional, Inc. Chris Robideau, Red Plains Professional, Inc.
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Infrastructure Bill Round Table</b>	TBD
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Tundra Trails and Ice Travel Dangers</b>	Patrick Samson, Orutsararmut Native Council
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Connecting Tribal Communities Through Rail</b>	Dr. Santiago Cruz-Roveda, FRA; and others
3 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30 PM – 5 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Microsoft Office for your TTP Program</b>	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Tribal Transit Resources 101</b>	Taylor Klocke, CTAA Loreal Lance, CTAA Kendra McGeady, Pelivan Transit
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>The 4 “C’s” of Grant Writing: Collection, Coordination, Collaboration &amp; Communication</b>	Barbara Nowack, Red Prairie Supportive Services Inc.
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Preventing Pedestrian Deaths</b>	TBD, coordinated by Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT; Contractor
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Policy Round Table on Tribal Pedestrian Safety: Moving from Analysis to Action</b>	Ian Thomas, America Walks Sheri Bozic, Pueblo of Jemez HollyAnna DeCoteau Littlebull, Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program Hillary Mead, Cherokee Nation Public Health
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>How to Successfully Plan &amp; Fund Tribal Transportation Projects: Are You Getting All the Grant Money You Could Be?</b>	Craig Genzlinger, KLJ Engineering Becky Bey, KLJ Engineering Janis Spear, Northern Cheyenne DOT
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Accelerating and Enhancing Project Delivery in Rural Alaska</b>	AKDOT&PF Deputy Commissioner Katherine Keith
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>The Intersection of Human Rights, Traffic Safety, and Human Trafficking</b>	Judge Matthew Martin Margo Hill, JD, Eastern Washington University Kim Belone, BIA - OJS Indian Highway Safety Program



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### DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>GENERAL PLENARY SESSION</b>	<b>TTPCC, BIADOT, OTT, FTA, OIPD FRA, MARAD</b>	TBD
10:30 AM – 11 AM	<b>BREAK (CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED)</b>		
11 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>TERO</b>	Theo De La Rosa, TERO - Colorado River Indian Tribes Jesse Garza, Chair - TERO Commission/Planning Aide - Colorado River Indian Tribes
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) Program Overview &amp; Updates</b>	Neil Rodriguez, National RTAP Jeremy Bell, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Transit/EZTAG Region
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>TTP Management 101</b>	Chris Robideau, Red Plains Professional, Inc.
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Road Safety BINGO</b>	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Sam Sinclair, NHTSA
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Grant Opportunities for Alaskan Tribes</b>	Miles Brookes, FHWA Alaska DOT&PF ANTHC Denali Commission BLM
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Electric Vehicle Program and Tribal Nations</b>	Manuel E. Sanchez, FHWA OTT
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>TTP Program Management</b>	Todd Macalady, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Kivalina School Access and Evacuation Road Project</b>	Millie Hawley, Kivalina IRA Council
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)</b>	<b>VENDOR PRESENTATION - Where is My Equipment? Tribal Procurement Practices vs Supply Chain Issues</b>	Chuck Battles Jr., The AKANA Group
1:30 PM – 3 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>National RTAP eLearning: Training at Your Fingertips</b>	Scott Zadakis, National RTAP
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Communicating Safety to Tribal Elders and Passengers Through Excellent Customer Service</b>	Walt Diangson, South West Transit Association & National RTAP Angelo Belvado, Nnee Bich'o Nii Apache Transit Services Riley Patterson, Muckleshoot Indian Reservation Transit
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>TTP Bridge Program Update</b>	Russell Garcia, FHWA OTT
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Transportation Data Collection and Analysis for Tribes</b>	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Tom Bragan, NHTSA Sam Sinclair, NHTSA



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			Matthew Riddell, Qk4
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>How to Turn Piles of Rocks into Piles of Money</b>	Duane Matt, BIA EMDP Program
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal Grant Program and other Funding Opportunities</b>	Lucita Valiere, EPA
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Scope Writing/RFQ Development</b>	Todd Macalady, SWTTAP
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Using Drones to Address Data Collection Needs</b>	Kevin Chang, University of Idaho Jeff Ban, University of Washington
3 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30 PM – 5 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Stop the Bleed</b>	Kate Elkins, NHTSA Office of EMS and National 911 Program
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Making Transportation Accessible - For the Community and the Feds</b>	Carrie Diamond, National Aging & Disability Transportation Center/Easterseals Darrell Williams, Ninilchik Traditional Council
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>Fraud within Tribal Transportation Programs</b>	Katharine Kovacek, Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Combatting Roadway Departure</b>	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT Chris Kwilinski, FHWA OTT
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Meeting new National Transit Database reporting: GTFS = Planning Transit Trips on-line</b>	Marcy Jaffe, National RTAP by Transnnoation, Inc.
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>BIL Funding &amp; Technical Assistance for Rural/Tribal Communities</b>	Amanda Rogers, USDOT/ROUTES Initiative
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Contracts</b>	Todd Macalady, SWTTAP Ed Hermes, The Law Offices of Snell & Wilmer
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Human Trafficking &amp; Public Transit: New Training and Marketing Tools for Tribal Transit Providers</b>	Amy Hill, Muscogee Creek Nation Kendra McGeady, Pelivan Transit

**DAY 4 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>GENERAL PLENARY SESSION</b>	<b>Climate Change:</b> Impacts of Climate Change on Alaska's Tribal Villages: Chefornak Managed Retreat, Working Together to Create a Better Tomorrow	John Flynn, Chefarnrmute Incorporated Sean Baginski, Principal Engineer, PND Engineers, Inc. Janet Erik, President, Chefornak Traditional Council Nathan Belz, Alaska TTAP TBD, UAF Climatologist TBD, North Slope Borough TBD, Village Representative from West Coast Alaska TBD, Representative from Southeast Alaska
10:30 AM – 11 AM	<b>BREAK (CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED)</b>		



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11 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>First Aid/CPR I (three session training)</b>	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>FTA Drug &amp; Alcohol - Regulatory Requirements and Revisions</b>	Michael Redington, US DOT/Volpe Center
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>Technology Implementations for Rural Road Safety Data Collection, Analysis &amp; Visualization</b>	Dr. Wei Sun, AIWaysion HollyAnna LittleBull, Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program Sam Ricord, University of Washington
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>What's the Tea in Tribal Injury Prevention</b>	Tabatha Austin-Harris, NHTSA Monte Yazzie, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community NHTSA moderator TBD
	<b>MINI SESSION I 11 AM – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>DUI Recidivism Strategy Collaboration/Impaired Driving Prevention</b>	Kimberly Vachal, North Dakota State University Judge John Grinsteiner
	<b>MINI SESSION II 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Virtual Tours in Tribal Transportation</b>	Adam Larsen, FHWA OTT
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Thriving Communities Program</b>	TBD, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Construction Documentation/Contract Administration</b>	Todd Macalady, SWTTAP
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>The New Annual Report to Secretaries Data Process</b>	David Garcia, FHWA OTT
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH (BUFFET PROVIDED)</b>	<b>VENDOR PRESENTATION - Hardened Trails/Mats: Start-to-Finish</b>	Clarence Daniel, Association of Village Council Presidents Greg Smith, Bureau of Indian Affairs John Horjes, Alaska Materials, LLC
1:30 PM – 3 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>First Aid/CPR II (three session training)</b>	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Effective Transit Accident Investigation for Native and Tribal Transit</b>	Walt Diangson, South West Transit Association & National RTAP Jeremy Bell, Community Regional Transportation (CRT)/Choctaw Transit John Filippone, Defensive Driving Instructor, CASTA
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>When It Comes to Tribal Road Safety, Maintenance Matters</b>	Ronald Eck, WV LTAP
	<b>SAFETY</b>	TBD	TBD
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Why are Tribal Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructors (CPST-I) and Tech Proxies needed in Tribal Communities?</b>	Tabatha Austin-Harris, NHTSA Monte Yazzie, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community NHTSA moderator TBD
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Technical Assistance Program for Rural and Tribal Applicants (transportation, project delivery and planning issues, and how to successfully apply for DOT funding opportunities)</b>	TBD, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation



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	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Construction Project Management</b>	Todd Macalady, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Inventory</b>	Sheldon Kipp, BIA
3 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30 PM – 5 PM	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>First Aid/CPR III (three session training)</b>	John Velat, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>TRANSIT</b>	<b>Food Insecurity and Access to Food for Native Americans</b>	Dr. Jill Hough, Small Urban and Rural Center on Mobility/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute/ North Dakota State University Margo Hill JD, Eastern Washington University Ranjit Godavarthy, North Dakota State University
	<b>TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 101</b>	<b>Innovative Reclamation &amp; Pedestrian Safety Project - Avenue of the Nations - Catawba Nation</b>	Matthew, Riddell, Qk4 Brandon Lowe, Qk4
	<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>EMS and 911 Systems: Critical Highway Safety Partners in Indian Country</b>	Kate Elkins, NHTSA
	<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Sharing Tools for Gathering and Managing Safety Data</b>	Kevin Chang, University of Idaho Yinhai Wang, University of Washington Nathan Belz, University of Alaska-Fairbanks
	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE BILL</b>	<b>Self-Governance</b>	Gerry Hope, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, others
	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Estimating/Scheduling Basics</b>	Todd Macalady, Southwestern TTAP Center
	<b>HOT TOPICS</b>	<b>Inventory</b>	Sheldon Kipp, BIA
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>CLOSING DINNER, PAMYUA PERFORMANCE</b>		