

Tribal Transportation Planning Organization

ZOOM Meeting

Meeting and Agency Updates

October 12, 2022

1:00 – 03:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

Introductions:

Maria Cullooyah, TTPO President, Spokane Tribe, opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the TTPO's first meeting.

TTPO Officers: Keri Cleary- TTPO Vice President, Nora Pederson- TTPO Treasurer, Robert Barandon- TTPO Secretary

Roll Call

Robert Barandon, asked participants in the call to type their name and affiliation in the ZOOM chat box. The following participants provided their information:

Richard Rolland-Rolland Associates, Gabe Philips-WSDOT, Wendy Clark Getzin- Jamestown S'Klallam, Mas Nelson-WSDOT Management of Mobility, Kathy Murray-WSDOT, Travis Duxbury- Stillaguamish Tribe, Thomas Craig- WSDOT Public Transit Data Analyst, Megan Nicodemus-WSDOT, Arlene Dilts Jackson- Swinomish Tribe, Kelsie Deane- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Kara Symonds- WSDOT, Emily Watts- WSDOT, Margo Hill- SURTCOM Eastern Washington University, Collin Pippin-Timco- WSDOT, Keri Cleary- Swinomish Tribe, Charlene Kay- WSDOT Eastern Region, Chris Robideau- Red Plains Professional, Monica Ghosh- WSDOT, Mike Burrows- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Randall McCoy- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Anna Ragaza-Bourassa- WSDOT Tribal and Regional Planning, Marianna Hanefeld- WSDOT Public Transportation, Michelle Gladstone- Wade- Commerce Tribal Liaison, Casey Stevens- Stillaguamish Tribe, Lorraine Basch- WSDOT Federal Tribal Legislative Liaison, Jim Jensen- WA Green Transportation Program, Megan Cotton- WSDOT Tribal and Federal Relations director, Blane Kunihiha- FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation, Megan Reardon- WSDOT Public Transportation Division, Tonia Buell- WSDOT Innovative Partnerships, Amanda Martinson- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Ben Bakkenta- Puget Sound Regional Council, Dan Tolliver- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Sam Davis-Tulalip Tribe Public Works,

Minutes:

Minutes of the last meeting were not reviewed. Hold over into next meeting

Keri Cleary Made the motion to approve the agenda, Margo seconds. Motion passes no nays

Tribal Transportation/Transit Project(s)

Missing and Murdered Indian Women and the Transportation Connection, Margo Hill

Maria introduced Margo Hill, Eastern Washington. Margo provided a briefing on MMIW. Don't start examination of MMIW with statistical data. Margo talked about human trafficking during the pandemic/lockdown. Recruitment online increased 22%. Analysis showed a big increase on Facebook and Instagram. Recruitment by family members and intimate partners was highly reported. In tribal communities from 2016 there was 5712 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska native women. US DOJ only logged 116 cases. Margo shared a WA State county map showing the number of MMIP. WSP is assisting, with the help of tribal liaisons in documenting the missing people. Margo also shared connections the Spokane tribe provides to other tribes/reservations and how mobility patterns are connected. Margo discussed how in the past, for even extreme situations, the US Attorney's office would decline to prosecute. However there has been a change in this and not they are being prosecuted. Margo also discussed jurisdiction (tribal or non-native, trust or fee lands). Major crimes require FBI, Us attorney....criminals know this and exploit it. Issues and gaps within the judicial process. Transit agencies are working to make their systems more secure and agencies are collaborating with law enforcement and task forces to implement anti trafficking action plans. Urban Indian health institute report, suggest by Margo. Movement from rural to urban areas as indigenous people were relocated elsewhere, lots of movement back and forth from city to reservation. Margo suggested Highway of Tears for people to read as it relates to transportation and trafficking and MMIW. Margo shared statistics on MMIW and also a breakdown of urban cities with the highest number of cases. Issues of tribal jurisdiction such as shortage of tribal law enforcement or poor relationships with local counties (add slide notes).Margo also talked about media coverage and stereotyping of the problem as it focused on reservation based violence and minimized the issue in urban spaces. Indigenous woman in congress and federal judges. Margo will share her presentation and other useful links.

Green Transportation: Expansion of Electric Vehicle, Grants and other resources. Jim Jensen Director of WA Green Transportation

Washington Green Transportation Program presentation: Public buses, trucks, and Automobiles. Jim provided information about what's driving the change towards electrification. This includes climate action goals, air quality, and fleet benefits. Half of the state's greenhouse gases come from the transportation sector. There are associated fleet costs savings, such as no fuel costs and lower maintenance costs. Jim also explained the difference between electric vehicle types Hybrid electric vehicle (HEV), plug in hybrid electric vehicle

(PHEV), and battery powered vehicle (BEV), Hydrogen Fuel cell Vehicle (HFCV). In addition Jim also shared charging option and differences for these types of vehicles. Jim also shared that battery costs are declining and the technology is improving. US automakers pledge 40-50% EV sales by 2030...they are currently accelerating. Washington State has a lot of policy related to electric vehicles (clean energy transformation act, climate commitment act, Ecology Rules, ZEV mapping and forecasting tool, EV coordinating council). There is a lot of opportunity for state funding and green transportation. Transit/school buses is a big emphasis at the state and Federal level. Washington state NEVI plan was adopted over the summer and focuses on electric infrastructure deployment for certain corridors and he shared the criteria for this infrastructure. \$69 million available for non-corridor charging and vehicles. Request for information (RFI) for Department of commerce, clean transportation program...insert the link here.

Safety Update

Adam Larsen FHWA, Safety funding update

Upcoming safety summit on November 1-3, 2022 in Colorado. FHWA published information on funding opportunities.

Safe Streets and Roads (SS4A):

\$1 billion per year with a 20% match required, specifically for tribes and local governments. Comprehensive Safety Action Plans and implementation grants. 13 applications for comp safety action plans, and 5 for implementation. Application period ended Sept 15, 2022. 2023 application period is open now until January 15th 2023. Close cycles due to multi-year NOFO....2024-2026 application period is Oct 1 to Jan 15 each year <https://us14.campaign-archive.com/?u=bf507c30a7e8f578edd389e36&id=752c522f79>

FY22 TTPSF funding cycle, \$96 million requested, 146 applications and 121 tribes. \$21 million available. TTPSF categories, New category: Systemic Roadway Departure countermeasures.

They are waiting to publish high priority grant program.

Interagency Presentations

National Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), Benefits to Indian Country, Megan Cotton WSDOT: IIJA:

\$1.2 trillion total and it included reauthorization of several surface transportation programs. \$550 billion in NEW funding, of which \$284 billion in new transportation funding. For the state breakdown (add from slide pics) difference or addition of almost \$1.7 billion in funding. Megan

shared information on the state/local split of formula funds and provided a graph breakdown. Bridge investment program update: \$605million over 5 years (15% for off system bridges, 15% for local bridges). Guidance was issued January 14, 2022 and the call for these projects closed April 29th. Megan also shared information on EV charging infrastructure which is \$71m over 5 years. Carbon reduction program, purpose to reduce transportation emissions. Allocation is formula, and 65% sub allocation based on population. \$109m over 5 years. PROTECT (resiliency) Grant program and also the Discretionary Grant programs which includes a lot of new programs

WA State Non-driver population projects, Manuel Soto Toole Design:

Non-drivers: population, demographics, and analysis presentation. In the middle of the study and survey. Getting ready to move to focus groups which they will need help with from the TTPO. Summarized 2 groups of non-drivers (individuals without license, and licensed drivers that don't own/lease a vehicle). Provided breakdown of state population on drivers and non-drivers. Also demographics on vehicle ownership. Survey goal is to gather state-wide information from Washington's non-drivers about their available options. Trying to capture entire state, not just large areas and cities and thus hoping to capture the needs of rural and tribal areas. Next steps to finalize the research survey and analyze the impact of transportation options. Build non-driver population database and interactive map, deliver draft report December 1, 2022 and present to JTC on December 15, 2022.

Mariana Hanefeld and Colin Pippin-Timco: Update on Consolidated Grant Program:

Reminder that applications are due October 27th and 3 PM. Tribal transit mobility grant was rolled into this program. An additional \$10m in the program for tribes. Reminder to work with regional transportation planning organizations and that the project aligns with the RTPO.

Monica Ghosh, WSDOT: Frequent Transit Service study update:

Link to the study: <https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/frequent-transit-service-study/>

Work began in the summer and they are hoping for tribal feedback. There are opportunities for TTPO members to sit on advisory groups

Max Nelson, WSDOT: Management Mobility Policy Group for the NW region:

Wanting to work with local jurisdictions. Still trying to figure out what the group's priorities will be. They would like tribal participation

Mary Beth Frank, Intertribal Transportation Association:

This update was provided by Keri Cleary. FHWA funding opportunities booklet. Intertribal Transportation Association Annual Meeting 2022 will be December 6, 2022.

TTPO Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report Nora Pederson, TTPO Treasurer provided a Summary Financial Report for the period January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. ITA dues will be coming up. Checking balance is \$28,611.95 and the CD is \$10,621

Position Vacancies: N/A

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ITA and traveling reimbursement question. TTPO members are invited and the invitation is extended to others as such as Eastern students, Richard Rolland, and others that are interested. More will be figured out through follow up emails.

Next Meeting -

The next meeting was tentatively set for some time in February 8th, 2023. Tentative in person with the option for zoom

Meeting Adjourned

Keri adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.