

May 16, 2011

**Bureau of Indian Affairs
Navajo Regional Office
Division of Transportation**

Funding

Fiscal Year 2011

A. Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program

The IRR Program under the Surface Highway Extension Act of 2010 received funding through Continuing Resolution No. 6. A new transportation bill is being developed by Congress to continue funding this program. Currently, the IRR Program is funded through September 30, 2011 at the FY-2009 level which is \$450,000,000 Nationwide.

Navajo Nation's share will depend on the 25 CFR 170, Tribal Transportation Allocation Methodology using the Relative Need Distribution Factors. BIADOT will determine these amounts based on several updates including road inventory mileages, vehicular traffic counts, and cost to construct

To date we have received under Continuing Resolutions (October 1, 2010 to March 4, 2011):

E31 Construction, 23 U.S.C. 204	\$ 23,569,887
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B. Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA), Road Maintenance Program

The Bureau Road Maintenance program received \$3,520,767 for FY-2011 TPA funding, Continuing Resolution No 7, through May 15, 2011. Routine road maintenance continues.

Navajo Nation – Transportation

Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee (R&DC)

The Navajo Nation recently amended the Navajo Nation Code. We have not received information regarding any change reflecting the authorities of the R&DC.

We are informed the following are tentative R&DC Members:

1. Katherine Benally, Chair Person, Western Navajo Agency
2. Charles Damon II, Vice Chair Person, Eastern Navajo Agency
3. Leonard Pete, Member, Chinle Agency
4. David Tom, Member, Northern Navajo Agency
5. George Apachito, Member, Eastern Navajo Agency
6. Roscoe Smith, Member, Fort Defiance Agency

Mr. Albert Deschine, tentative Legislative Advisor can be reached for R&DC information regarding meeting, schedules, protocols, and other information, at 928-871-7170.

Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (Navajo DOT)

1. Mr. Paulson Chaco, Director, 928-871-6164.

The BIA NRO provides technical assistance to R&DC and Navajo DOT regarding all transportation issues and matters concerning SAFETEA-LU, Title 23 U.S.C., 25 CFR 170, ISDEAA-Public Law 93-638, 25 CFR other parts, etc.

Additional information sources on the local BIA NRO DOT and Navajo DOT are available on the Navajo DOT website, www.navajotransportation.org. References include text for SAFETEA-LU and 25 CFR 170, the current Navajo Nation TTIP, Long Range Transportation Plan, status on specific, preliminary, and ROW projects.

A listing of all Agency Road Committees with their official designation is available at the Navajo DOT offices and with the Navajo DOT Agency contact persons.

IRR Program Information and Resources:

Specific inquiries on the Federal Sources pertaining to the IRR Program, 25 CFR 170, SAFETEA-LU, Transportation Bill Reauthorization, RIFDS training, RIFDS updates, Discretionary Funds, Technical Assistance, FHWA direct funding, IRRPCC, etc., information and data can be obtained by contacting the following:

1. LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Transportation (Washington Office), Phone Number: 202-513-7711.
2. Sheldon Kipp, Chief, BIADOT-Branch of Engineering and Operations (Albuquerque Office), Phone Number: 505-563-3322.
3. Robert Sparrow, Chief, Federal Highway Administration-Federal Lands Highway Program (Washington Office), Phone Number: 202-366-9483, website at: <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/>

BIA Navajo Regional Office

1. Sharon Pinto, Deputy Regional Director, Trust Services, has administrative oversight on the Trust Programs, 505-863-8221.
2. Timothy DeAsis, Acting Superintendent, Eastern Navajo Agency, has oversight on ENA, including ENA DOT, 505-786-6032.

The following is a listing of telephone numbers for the BIA NRO DOT managers and supervisors. You can contact these individuals concerning specific program questions, Technical Assistance (TA), National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), Deferred Maintenance System (DMS), Certification Acceptance Program (CAP), Agency Roads Committee (ARC) and other transportation related information:

1.	NRO Division Manager	Program Information, TA, ARRA, SAFETEA-LU, IRR Program	Irvin Bekis Cell No.	505-863-8282 505-593-3947
2.	NRO Planning and Design Branch	R/W, Highway Design, ARRA, NEPA, Road Inventory, TA	Harold Riley Cell No.	505-863-8284 505-593-3948
3.	NRO Construction Branch and Road Maintenance	Const. Projects, ARRA Contracts and Status, GPRA, RM Contracts, DMS, TA	Herby Larsen Cell No.	505-863-8255 505-713-2389
4.	NRO DOT Technical Service	Scoping, Permits, Utilities, CAP Process, TA	Robin Greiser	505-863-8446
5.	NRO Structural Section	IRR Bridge Program, Bridge Designs, TA	Corwyn Henry	505-863-8457
6.	Farmington DOT	NIIP DOT and Constr., Maintenance, ARRA	Norman R. Yazzie	505-325-8806

7.	Shiprock (Northern) Agency DOT	Agency Information, ARC, Road Inventory, ARRA, etc.	Robert Q. Montoya	505-368-3347
8.	Western Navajo Agency DOT	Agency Information, ARC, Road Inventory, ARRA, etc.	Roland Becenti	928-283-2298
9.	Chinle Agency DOT	Agency Information, ARC, ARRA, Road Inventory, etc.	Vickie Begay Cell No.	928-674-5176 928-309-9901
10.	Fort Defiance Agency DOT	Agency Information, ARC, Road Inventory, ARRA, etc.	Calvin Castillo Cell No.	928-729-7222 928-206-9675
11.	Force Account Section	Construction Information, Equipment Rental, etc.	Joseph Peterman Cell No.	505-960-7371 505-488-8609
12.	New Lands	Road Maintenance, ARRA	Andy Bee	928-688-2928
13.	NRO DOT Administration	General Information and Contact	Darlene Hannah Fax No.	505-863-8281 505-863-8355
14.	NRO DOT Construction	Construction Information, Field Operations Contact	Edith Becenti Fax No.	505-863-8303 505-863-8502
15.	NRO DOT Planning & Design	P&D Information and contact	Marie Chicharello Fax No.	505-863-8444 505-863-8355

Eastern Navajo Agency, ENA Superintendent

1.	ENA DOT	Agency Information, ARC, Road Inventory, etc.	Dean Martina	505-786-6181
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