

# Navajo Chapter/Community Road Process

## Step 1:

Chapter/Community determines the project they will support.



## Step 2:

Chapter/Community comes in for assistance with road projects



## Step 3:

- Define type of roadway or improvement needed;
- Determine jurisdiction and land ownership; and
- Determine type of ROW needed

Type of Project	Jurisdiction/Responsibilities	Land Ownership	ROW Type
Highway			Express
Improved Road			Presumed Possession
- Paved Type Surface			Trespass
- Gravel			
Unimprove Road			
- Maintained			
- Non-maintained			
Driveway			
Trail two track			

## Step 3 Continued...

Desired Road Project



X miles to be improved;

X miles to be located;

X miles to be newly constructed

Is there Right-of-Way?

What type of Right of Way?

What to do to get ROW:

- Private donation or condemnation;
- BIA: Allotment or tribal trust
- State – State Land Office;
- BLM - BLM

**Step 4:** Chapter/Communities over Tribal Trust and Indian Allotment  
**Obtaining ROW:**

**Step 1:** Title search w/ address on property/submit basic map;

**Step 2:** Obtain consent to survey permission to survey;

**Step 3:** Take survey – start the arch and environmental assessment;

**Step 4:** Submit, consent for ROW, arch, EA, and tribal permission;

\*Road Utilities

BIA Issues ROW

Private Owners/BLM/  
State etc. Issue ROW

## Step 5: When a ROW is in Place

**Get funding for construction:**  
Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Tax, Indian Reservation Road funds, State Capital Outlay, County and/or Local funds, Tribal Infrastructure Funds,

Engineer/Design Project  
Including EA and Arch

Go out for Bid

Formal Bid for Private Construction

Agreement w/ Government

BIA, Navajo Nation, or County

Complete project

If it is County, BIA, or Tribe

If not, it is in the name of the Chapter, Chapter Maintains – can ask BIA, Tribe, or County to take over maintenance

BIA  
Navajo Nation  
County