

SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE

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San Carlos Nnee Bich'onii Services
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Update on San Carlos Apache Transit Services (SCATS)

The San Carlos Apache Tribe recently completed an update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). One of the recommendations from the LRTP was for the tribe to conduct an extensive transit feasibility study to evaluate the existing services and identify improvement opportunities. In addition, the San Carlos Apache Nnee Bich'onii and Apache Transit Services is seeking support in preparing the required documentation to assist in the development of Federal and State transit funding grants. The San Carlos Apache Transit Services (SCATS) Director, Bernadette Kniffin, prepared and applied for, and received \$85,000 for the planning

assistance for rural areas (PARA) funding from ADOT to conduct a Transit Feasibility Study on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. The Transit Feasibility Study is funded by the federal Highway Administration through ADOT As part of the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program. Currently, the Five – Year Study and Service Implementation Plan and Long Range Plan for Apache Transit and railroad is available on-site reading for interested Community members. Consultants selected through a formal bidding process for the project were Jacobs Engineering Company and R.H. Bohannon & Associates, LLC.

The San Carlos Apache Tribe operates San Carlos Apache Transit Services to serve the elderly, disabled, Nnee Bich'onii (TANF), and employees of the Apache Gold Casino and Resort. Currently, the San Carlos Apache Transit Services has recently received funding from the following sources: 5311 Tribal Transit Program (TTP) on Indian Reservations Land Grant in the amount of \$214, 739; ADOT Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) in the amount of \$130,700; ADOT New Freedom (NF) in the amount of \$36,600.

All above Grants were researched, written, accomplished, and obtained by Bernadette Kniffin, Director, Andre Stevens Fleet Supervisor, and Patricia Mcbrayer. Local Match is accomplished by waiving the TANF recipients of their Transportation Fees, occupancy rents, supplies, etc. Special Thanks to our Tribal Council for support of above hard work endeavors of successful grant writing. Nnee Bich'onii was developed "Hand in Hand" with the Apache Transit Services by listening to the needs of our TANF customers and has expanded to the community based on requests.



Apache Transit van with Transit Driver-Joann Rustin- getting ready for route!



A recent survey was accomplished by hiring our TANF Customers to survey the community in all districts about the needs and wants of Apache Transit Services. Collected were 850 Community Surveys. On Thursday, April 14, 2011, 5:30 p.m. the survey results will be displayed at our Tribal Council Hall. Thank you to our hard working Nnee Bich'onii Survey Crew!

Pictured left to right Nikki Way, Chrissy Goseyun, Cathleen Chatlin, Christina Sisto, Ada Elgo, Chuck Pike, Aaron Norman, Ronald Smith III.

Our Dispatching station includes not only a radio but an on-site a GPS System installed by Kindelay Communications which keeps in contact with all Vans. The Dispatcher is able to communicate and view the location and speed of all our Vans. Our number one Priority of Service is "Safety." All in all, all Apache Transit Drivers are trained in Customer Service, Passenger Assistance Safety Systems (PASS), First Aide/CPR, Defensive Driving, and are Drug & Alcohol Screened regularly. To learn more about Apache Transit Services go to Apache Transit on facebook.com



Veronica Evans
 Fleet Manager

UPDATE ON NNEE BIC'OHONII EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES

The Nnee Bich'onii Employment & Training Programs have 533 Employment Placements since the opening of our doors May 1, 2008. Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) with the State of Arizona are currently being revised to extend another three year period of grant renewal from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2014, as a result of Community surveys our report card was good so we are here to serve another three-year period! In the coming years, the Nnee Bich'onii Program will be emphasizing on sponsoring and partnering with all programs and agencies such as the Junior High Schools, High schools, IHS, Social Service, Wellness, and Life Innovations Programs, to promote Nnee Bich'onii Goals of the following: Ending the dependence of needy parents by promoting marriage, preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies, and will be encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families, which are part of the Nnee Bich'onii Employment & Training Mandatory goals in our upcoming planning of program activities for our Customers. This summer we will be promoting partnerships with Indian Health Services and Tribal Social Services in sponsoring more training geared towards our fathers of the program, such as the formation of a Native Fatherhood Program.

Just want this time to say "Thank You to all our Customers, Staff, Supporters, Vendors, Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and all of Tribal Council of all districts! Most of all many Thanks to our Creator for all Tribal and non-Tribal Programs that supports endeavors of showing our people there is hope and that we do care and are ready to serve!