

Arizona Rural Transportation Summit

Tribal Forum Outreach

Presented By

ADOT Multimodal Planning Division
Cocopah Tribe




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Tribal Forum Outreach Introductions

- **Moderator**
 - Jeff Swan, Woodson Engineering
- **Presenters**
 - Don Sneed, ADOT-MPD
 - Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe



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Arizona Tribal Strategic Partnering Team

- ATSPT was established in 1999 as a means of improving state-tribal relations in transportation.
- ATSPT brings together representatives from state, tribal, federal and local agencies to address tribal-related transportation issues.



ATSPT
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Strategic Partnering
Team

Arizona Tribal Strategic Partnering Team

- **ATSPT Vision**

Partnering for the standard of excellence in developing tribal community relationships related to transportation systems and services.

- **ATSPT Mission**

To facilitate strategies to address tribal transportation issues by maintaining relationships, and educating and upholding all partners' laws and policies.

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- **ATSPT Goals**

1. To promote collaborative relationships
2. To understand and educate all partners
3. To develop strategic partnering and processes



2011 Western Arizona Tribal Transportation Forum

- **Forum Purpose**

To understand and provide guidance to meet tribal needs regarding transportation and transit within western Arizona

- **Forum Highlights**

- Overview of WACOG and assistance available to tribes
- Reviewed Partnering Principles - trust, teamwork, communication
- Break Out Group Activity 1: Identified and prioritized Issues
- Break Out Group Activity 2: Guidance provided by agency representatives on priority issues

2011 Western Arizona Tribal Transportation Forum

■ Forum Outcomes

- REVIEWED AND CLARIFIED: Key issues related to transportation and transit
- PROVIDED GUIDANCE: What is available and who to contact for assistance
- IDENTIFIED NEXT STEPS: Address relevant issues and processes and identify future meetings



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■ Forum Next Steps

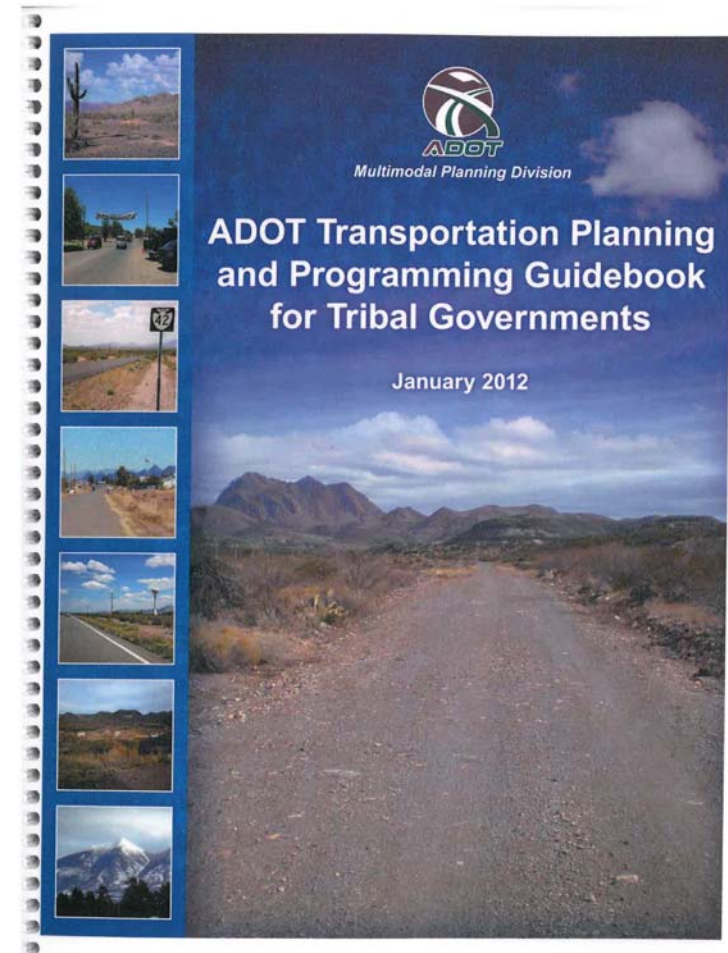
- Tribes to attend a June 2011 Right-Of-Way Workshop meeting in Kingman
- Tribes to contact WACOG for technical assistance with PARA project applications
- Tribes to contact ADOT for information on partnerships or ADOT planning and programming processes training
- Tribes to frequently check the Arizona Tribal Transportation Website for current tribal transportation information:
www.aztribaltransportation.com

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- **Regional Tribal Outreach Workshops**
 - ATSPT is now sponsoring regional outreach workshops
- **Recent, Current and Planned Workshops**
 - Pima Association of Governments
 - Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - Northern Arizona Council of Governments

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- **ADOT Transportation Planning and Programming Guidebook for Tribal Governments Update**
 - The updated document reflects changes in processes and programs.
 - Posted on the Arizona Tribal Transportation Website at : www.aztribaltransportation.com



Arizona Tribal Partnerships



- **San Carlos Apache Tribe Transportation Partnership**

- *Mission: Provide effective and safe transportation related services and resources to the San Carlos Apache Tribe and adjoining communities by developing and providing the structure to enhance the understanding, identifying and addressing of transportation opportunities while strengthening good working relationships.*

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- **Hopi Tribe Transportation Partnership**
 - Mission: *To develop, foster and maintain good working relationships through communication, collaboration, consultation and coordination to provide a safe and efficient transportation system for the movement of people, goods and services.*

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- **Navajo Nation Transportation Partnership**
 - Mission: *To develop, foster and maintain good working relationships in order to construct, operate and maintain the most reliable, economical, efficient and effective transportation system for the safety of the traveling public. The partnership commits to promoting a sustained opportunity and investment in the partnership effort through the pursuit of mutually beneficial goals in a spirit of respect, open communication, cooperation and trust.*

Research Study

- The Role of Arizona Tribes in Transportation Decision-Making
 - Objective 1: To investigate the role of tribal governments in the selection and funding of transportation improvements on tribal lands in Arizona.
 - Objective 2: Identify how these processes occur in Arizona and other states and what the legal and institutional barriers are at the state and federal level.
 - Objective 3: Present implementation strategies to address the issues.

ADOT & Inter Tribal Council of AZ Tribal Traffic Safety Coordination



- The ITCA is a private non-profit organization that is comprised of tribal governments representing 20 tribes in Arizona.
- The ADOT Traffic Safety Section and the ADOT Multimodal Planning Division meet quarterly with ITCA to discuss and identify strategies for addressing tribal traffic safety issues in Arizona.
- ADOT also provides tribal coordination reports to the ITCA Transportation Working Group.

Tribal, FHWA and ADOT Collaboration on Cultural Resources

- Section 106 Tribal, FHWA and ADOT Collaborative Workshop was held on June 21-22, 2011 in Tucson, Arizona.
- Workshop Purpose: To enhance relationships and communication with Native Nations and tribal communities related to the potential of transportation projects to impact cultural resources.

Tribal, FHWA and ADOT Collaboration on Cultural Resources

- Workshop Highlights:
 - Review and Discussion of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
 - Separate Tribal Group and Agency Group Discussions
 - Options for next steps
- Workshop Outcomes
 - Participants feedback indicated that they anticipate using the knowledge covered in the workshop
 - Participants indicated that workshop impacts remain to be seen with implementation

Tribal, FHWA and ADOT Collaboration on Cultural Resources

- Next Steps
 - Create and distribute documents that set out ADOT's Section 106 process and material sourcing process
 - Work with Tribes to develop communication forums to allow for regularly scheduled communication/interaction with individual Tribes
 - Improve intra-agency coordination

Tribal, FHWA and ADOT Collaboration on Cultural Resources

- “Moving Forward Team” Activities
 - The Team is currently working to address the priority action items identified during the Workshop.
 - Provide information in understandable document format so that it could be more widely distributed to tribal representatives
 - Address other workshop priority actions items i.e. steps for early involvement project planning and implementation, improved consultation, IGAs, material sourcing.

Arizona State Agency Tribal Liaison Group

- Under a 2006 Governors Executive Order each state agency designated a tribal liaison to act as the point of contact on tribal issues
- The liaisons work to ensure that State services and resources are available to all State citizens residing in Arizona tribal communities
- Coordination with the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

ADOT Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Program

- **Tohono O'odham Nation**
 - School Bus Routes Transportation Study
- **Navajo Nation**
 - Chinle-Many Farms and St. Michaels-Window Rock-Fort Defiance Multimodal Long Range Transportation Studies
- **Navajo Nation**
 - Kayenta Township Multimodal Transportation Study
- **Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**
 - Multimodal Transportation Study
- **Cocopah Indian Tribe**
 - East Cocopah Reservation Circulation Study

East Cocopah Reservation Circulation Study



- Study Purpose:
 - To improve the multimodal mobility and safety conditions for bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation and incident response personnel within the East Cocopah Reservation area
 - To develop a plan of recommended improvements to enhance access and circulation for immediate short and mid-term planning horizons

ADOT Transit Programs Tribal Study Projects

- **Gila River Indian Community**
 - Local (Circulator) and Connector Service Feasibility and Implementation Plan
- **Navajo Nation**
 - SR 264 Bus Stop Pullout Study

ADOT Tribal Planning and Coordination Assistance



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■ Questions and Closing Comments?

