

## Transportation and Traffic Safety

### *Issue #1*

Organize a state / tribal work group to identify possible tribal safety projects for the TIGER discretionary grant program. Tribes may submit projects through Federal Lands Highways. Goal is for state and tribes to mutually support each other's applications.

*Timeline:* Select a meeting date ASAP.

*Contacts:* WSDOT Dave Dye and TTPO Kirk Vinish

### *Issue #2*

Develop a one page briefing paper on BIA Traffic Safety Grant Program issues. Over the last 3 years there has been a nearly 100% carry forward of tribal safety funds totaling an estimated \$11m. The paper will identify short and long term outcomes (e.g. such as 90% allocation of funds). Request the Governor, Secretary Paula Hammond, WTSC Director Lowell Porter, and Tribal Chairs to send letters to US DOT Secretary LaHood about the program. Ask Secretary LaHood to evaluate this grant program and the best way to administer it.

*Timeline:* Briefing paper by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Letters by July 6<sup>th</sup> (if possible).

*Contacts:* WSDOT Megan Beeby and WTSC Lowell Porter.

### *Issue #3*

Reauthorization Action Items: 1) WSDOT will continue to offer to attend tribal meetings with delegation (locally and when in DC) regarding reauthorization of the federal surface transportation act (SAFETEA-LU) and to support the tribal positions in the federal lands highways issues paper. High priority issue in Federal Lands White Paper: fund the federal lands highway office of asset management to perform a comprehensive inventory of all transportation facilities found on federally recognized Indian reservations. 2) Request that the Governor convey her support directly to congressional staff. 3) Expand Federal Lands Issue paper to support revision of how BIA maintenance funds are distributed.

*Timeline:* ongoing throughout reauthorization process

*Contacts:* Governor and WSDOT Larry Ehl

#### *Issue #4*

Tribal involvement in the update of Target Zero: 1) WSDOT and WTSC will do outreach to tribal leadership, staff and law enforcement. 2) Discuss adding a tribal traffic safety section. 3) Have a meeting with tribal leadership to discuss the draft update of Target Zero

*Timeline:* Fall 2009

*Contacts:* WTSC Lowell Porter and TTPO Kirk Vinish

#### *Issue #5*

State agencies will educate staff and RTPOs / MPOs / Lead County Agencies about the eligibility of tribes for future ARRA funds. During the initial ARRA project review process, some lead county agencies mistakenly thought tribes were not eligible for state funds because there was a BIA set-aside. Tribes are encouraged to fill out the survey being administered by the TTPO.

*Timeline:* Ongoing. TTPO surveys due in July.

*Contacts:* WSDOT H&LP and Planning Offices

#### *Issue #6*

Continue to hold WTSC Tribal Advisory Committee meetings.

*Timeline:* Ongoing

*Contacts:* WTSC Lowell Porter and Shoalwater Bay Chair Charlene Nelson

#### *Issue #7*

WTSC will continue to work with Tribal law enforcement group to invest the WTSC block grant

*Timeline:* Ongoing

*Contacts:* WTSC Lowell Porter

#### *Issue #8*

WSDOT will work on their on directional documents (e.g. LAG Manual) to ensure that pedestrian and vehicle safety is a priority for transportation investments.

*Timeline:* During LAG manual update

*Contacts:* WSDOT H&LP Kathleen Davis