

## **Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) Road Maintenance Workgroup**

A motion was adopted to create this workgroup on March 23, 2016 at the TIBC Meeting.

**Purpose:** Establish a workgroup of Bureau of Indian Affairs and TIBC members to analyze, record, and develop data for road maintenance budget needs.

### **Plan of Action:**

- 1) Analyze Bureau and Tribal road maintenance practices to develop annual assessment data of road maintenance accomplishments.
- 2) Develop database of Bureau and Tribal road maintenance operations that support budget development with realistic and verifiable data.
- 3) Assess the impacts of the USDOT construction program (23 USC 202) on reducing road maintenance needs.
- 4) Determine spending trends on road maintenance activities such as routine maintenance, surface maintenance, bridge maintenance, emergency maintenance, snow/ice removal, and roadside maintenance.
- 5) Develop format for recording common data elements for deferred maintenance from tribal programs and the BIA for a standardized review/risk assessment process across Regions with enhanced data collection and monitoring process while decreasing the burden on the field.
- 6) Collect data showing the fatality rates in Indian country involving vehicles.
- 7) Prepare analysis of expenditures by mile for road maintenance on state and county roads and compare those to expenditures for roads on Indian reservations.
- 8) Utilize data and recommendations, information on expenditures, condition of BIA and Tribal roads and bridges, historic funding from both USDOT and USDOl appropriations for construction and maintenance.
- 9) Work closely with Tribal law enforcement, BIA, the Federal Highway Administration, and other applicable agencies as required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (P.L. 114-94) that:
  - a. improves the collection of crash reports;
  - b. stores, archives, queries, and shares crash records; and
  - c. uses data exclusively—
    - i. to address traffic safety issues on Indian reservations; and
    - ii. to identify and improve problem areas on public roads on Indian reservations
  - d. includes audits and training.
- 10) Provide recommendations to TIBC on budgets for reducing road maintenance needs while establishing priorities of need for surface type, average daily traffic, and Tribal priorities.