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 USDOI 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.