



Navajo Eastern Navajo Work Strategic Session

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Shared (NDOT/NMDOT/BIA/County) **Cores Areas:**

1. Road Maintenance
 - a. Civil Jurisdiction
 - i. Jurisdictional Constraints
 - ii. Road types? (Question: "Can 'agency' work on this?")
 - iii. Road Construction
 - iv. ROW
 - b. Snow/Inclement Weather Plan
2. Compliance Activities (ARCH/Environmental)
3. FUNDING

Shared Priority Goals:

1. To Coordinate Priorities
2. To better understand Regulations
3. To Coordinate Communications

Shared Challenges:

1. Lack of Agencies' ACTION PLAN – Identify Roles/Responsibilities
2. Lack of Commitment – Executive Level ?
3. Data Usage – Prioritization
4. Miscommunication of Data Usage (ex: Inventory Data)
5. Clarifying / Consistency of Road Inventory
6. Lack Documentation – illustration progress/challenges from prior mtgs
7. Varying “AGENCY” road specs / results in miscommunication.
8. Chapter / Community Awareness (clarification on miscommunication)
9. Lack of Inter-Agency Communication to Coordinate on Projects
10. Acquisition of ROW (McKinley) to address Road Maintenance/Const
11. “Education the Policy Decision-Makers”
12. Lack of Policies / Procedures
13. Lack of current Navajo Nation Comprehensive Transportation Plan
 - a. Transportation Safety Plan
14. Education “ourselves” to better understand *agency* processes
15. Awareness of Compliance processes for NEPA, Cultural Resources, etc
 - a. Improved Communication to address Road Maintenance re: ARCH/CRM
 - b. Addressing drainage (geo-morphology) that affect NEPA process
16. Lack of an on-going NM-Working Technical Partnership
17. Overly complicated Process – Simplification of Process
18. Planning Horizon – Agency to Agency Dialogue
19. Lack of Grant/Funding Documentation/Coordination/Requirements
 - a. Lack of Agency Grant Tracking (Fed/State/etc)
20. Unrealistic Funding (Budget) Expectations
21. Lack of effective communication / ownership

Priorities by Buckets:

BUCKET #1 – Funding Administration → PRIORITY 4

1. Unrealistic Funding
2. Lack of Funding Documentation
3. Lack of Grant Tracking
4. Lack of Documentation (mtg mins, etc)

BUCKET #2 – Partnerships → PRIORITY 5

1. Lack of Commitment
2. Lack of On-Going NM-Working Technical Partnership
3. Planning Horizon – Agency to Agency Dialogue

BUCKET #3 – Communication → PRIORITY 1

1. Lack of Communication (Executive)
2. Miscommunication Data Usage
3. Lack of Inter-Agency Communication
4. Lack of effective Communication
5. Miscommunication on Road Specs
6. Lack of Documentation (mtg mins)
7. Inter-Agency Point of Contact to Process Paperwork (etc.)
8. Road Maintenance – Technical Assistance; Request for Service; etc

BUCKET #4 – Planning → PRIORITY 2

1. Action Plan
2. Transportation Safety Plan
3. NN Comprehensive Plan
4. ROW
5. Lack of Policy
6. Data Usage
7. Inventory
8. Road Specs / Standards

BUCKET #5 – Navajo Nation Ownership → Navajo DOT PRIORITY

- 1. Navajo Nation Process**
- 2. Financial / reimbursement Accountability**
- 3. Navajo Project Management**
- 4. Navajo Nation Key Personnel**
- 5. Executive Commitment**
- 6. Documentation/Template Consistency**

BUCKET #6 – Education → PRIORITY 3

1. Training
2. Community Awareness
3. Education Policy Makers
4. Education Ourselves
5. Education on NEPA
6. Addressing Drainages
7. ROW
8. Key Contact points
9. NM Legislative Process
10. Overly Complicated Process

Valuable Elements w/ Solutions:

1. Inter-Agency Website containing Key Contact Info / Updates
 - Navajo DOT to Update / Functional – user friendly; soon.
2. Navajo DOT's Comprehensive Regionalization Plan Roll-Out
 - Concentrate to address Eastern Navajo to encompass NMDOT/Counties/BIA/RPO System
3. Education/Technical Assistance Program Processes
 - a. Quarterly Report of Technical Aspects of Transportation Processes
 - i. 15-minutes from Each Agency to report on a topic to “share”
 - b. Public / Community Outreach Awareness
4. Funding Administration
 - a. Navajo DOT – Identify Ownership / Key Personnel
5. Partnerships
 - a. Establishing a Partnership Charter
 - b. On-going Partnership Quarterly Meeting(s)
 - i. Third Week of Month; the Second month of the Quarter
 - ii. Next Meeting: February 2013 (Wednesday)
6. Policy Development
 - a. Understanding / Educating Agency Process