



# Navajo Eastern Navajo Work Strategic Session

Meeting Minutes – Day 2

November 28, 2012

## Order of Business:

- I. Welcome Address: Arlando S. Teller, Program Manager
  - a. Refresher from day-1 strategic session
  - b. Review of strategic session and agenda
  - c. Minutes and Strategic Work Session will be online
  - d. Website – Eastern Navajo Inter-Agency Partnership or like thereof
- II. Navajo DOT Division Director, Mr. Paulson Chaco, welcome address and discussion of following:
  - a. State Land transfer update – signing ceremony with NN President Shelly and New Mexico State Land Dept.
    - i. Navajo DOT Transportation Complex land now NN Fee Land
  - b. Met with Secretary Dominguez re: HWY491 discussion with NN Pres & Chaco
    - i. TIGER Grant Application discussion with NMDOT
    - ii. \$13Million will be allocated the next 5-miles for Hwy491
  - c. Federal Highway Direct Funding
    - i. Directive from NN President & NN Council to address innovative ways to address the transportation issues
    - ii. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> was the RDC Subcommittee approve the FHWA initiative and now will be going to full Council for approval
  - d. Regionalization Plan Initiative
    - i. Regional Planning by Council Delegates' Agencies (24 – Regions)
    - ii. Maintenance List, Priority List, and Construction List from the Chapter(s) through the Council Delegates to address the local transportation needs
  - e. Meeting with Counties to address Road Maintenance Program
    - i. Not only with NMDOT but with ADOT & UDOT
  - f. School Bus Routes Funding

1 i. Coconino County & Navajo County have approached  
2 Navajo DOT to assist with road maintenance activities

3 g. Gravel Source Initiative

4 i. Working with Sandoval County (Torreon)

5 ii. Working with San Juan County (Bloomfield)

6 iii. Working with Apache County (Red Valley)

7 III. McKinley County Road Maintenance plan.

8 a. McKinley Trying to get ROW for a road before construction.

9 i. Will continue maintaining roads that don't have right of ways.

10 b. President- Gravel in the western part. Equipment in western.

11 McKinley will come next in the Eastern part. Work together with the  
12 counties.

13 c. Jeff Irving, McKinley County – regional meetings are a good way to  
14 meet with the chapters.

15 i. Discuss ROW procedures with Commissioners office.

16 ii. 33 chapters within McKinley County.

17 iii. McKinley County would like to work with other entities to  
18 possibly using joint maintenance yards/equipment.

19 d. N37 will need material working together with NDOT.

20 e. ROW issue- Chaco shared a concern: Kayenta Bus hit a Navajo  
21 family. Sued the bus company went to Navajo Supreme Court. Will  
22 not grant ROW on Navajo. Strips of land Navajo will have no control  
23 over on Navajo land.

24 i. Maintenance of the road within the ROW.

25 ii. Emergency.

26 iii. BIA needs to give Navajo some kind of agreement for NDOT  
27 to work on BIA roads.

28 iv. Work on entering an agreement for the ROW.

v. McKinley- easier to do construction with a ROW.

vi. State- tries to increase the inventory every year.

vii. Chaco- collaboration with chapter and there equipment.  
Chapters don't have the operators. Maintenance on the  
equipment in the chapters.

viii. LTAP training with Eastern Navajo.

ix. ATeller- recommend will work with Larry to collaborate  
training with LTAP. Identify what chapters have graders.

x. DSilversmith- Making sure the equipment are safe for the  
operators. Regionalize the

1 maintenance/equipment/operators. Collaborating with the  
2 counties.

3 IV. Sandoval County Road Maintenance

- 4 a. Same situation as McKinley County.  
5 b. Agency collaboration on compliance.  
6 c. Bus routes are priorities.  
7 d. Question PLee- getting a road project done. There is no agreement  
8 between McKinley Co. and Sandoval Co.

9 V. NDOT Regional Road Maintenance Plans

- 10 a. Eastern has 5 regions meetings.  
11 i. Questions from NDOT.  
12 1. What are the bus routes? Give 2 routes to improve in  
13 the future. Winter (snow removal). Sand.  
14 ii. ENDOT wants to work with the county for the county routes.  
15 1. Lester- Priorities with county or BIA?  
16 a. McKinley- collaborated with chapters and  
17 combine NDOT's priority routes.  
18 iii. Compliance will be the next step.  
19 iv. DSilversmith- Chapters are becoming more involved.  
20 v. Regional Concept will help chapters coordinate.  
21 vi. CCraig working on inventory. LLewis working on mapping.  
22 LUTEJoe working on collecting the data.  
23 b. Chaco- 10 mil will cover road maintenance, compliance. TIPP 48  
24 years.  
25 i. 144 projects  
26 ii. The council going to shift to 5 years.  
27 iii. Priorities will change  
28 iv. Cost and feasibility. 55 mil not all will be paved (20 mile of  
pavement)  
v. Moving to High Maintenance. (working on exciting roads)  
vi. Bridge program. (moving to low crossing)  
1. Bridge and road budget will combine (9 mil for bridge  
construction)  
c. LUTEJoe- will have completed by end of the month for review.

- i. Involve BIA, county.

VI. Navajo DOT winter maintenance plan

a. Preparation

- i. Need to get with BIA and determine what we need to do  
with certain roads.

- ii. Road closures will go on public notifications
- iii. Will update information for contacts in winter emergencies.
- iv. Expectation of BIA roads
  - 1. man power
  - 2. Equipment
  - 3. Priority routes
- v. Priority Routes are bus routes, emergency,
- vi. Protocol
  - 1. Changes from area to area.
  - 2. "Unpredictable"- Morris
- vii. Start to station equipment.
- viii. Set up meeting with crew for this winters snow fall.
- ix. BIA has 5 bladers and 2 are down.
- x. BIA personal will be available to insist in winter.

b. Emergency purposes.

- i. NN emergency management has commission.
  - 1. They will review the emergency
- ii. Chapter leave?
- iii. National Commission?

c. Will set meeting by next week with BIA. December 5, 2012 @ 10 am on Winter Snow Plan.

VII. Navajo Fuel Excise Tax.

a. Project with FET funds

- i. Total 42 projects
- ii. 21 each (Zane and PLee)
- iii. 7 from 2003, 2 airports, 5 parking lots.
- iv. Eastern projects are completed.

b. Tohajilee Behavioral health centers \$222,000 left ( not enough)

c. Standing Rock parking Lot. Design is completed. Contractor Arviso Company.

d. Twin Lakes Parking Lot

e. Newcomb Parking Lot (Chip Seal). Will tackle this spring.

f. BIA spec. on Geo Sites. Proceed what was done in the past.

g. PLee is complete with the New Mexico Projects.

h. Arizona is determined to tax on Indian land and off Indian land.

i. NDOT FET is not accepting anymore projects until all others completed.

VIII. Eastern BIA Road maintenance Plan

a. System of road and limit about of work due to budget.

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- b. Stretching fund dollars.
- c. Past good work with NDOT in winter.
  - i. Collaborating yards for equipment.
- d. Looking into maintenance yard.
  - i. Crownpoint old community school as a yard. They have tank that may benefit.
- e. Fuel tanks
  - i. Working on getting them to Navajo.
- f. Yard in Smith Lake and collaborate with county and state.
  - i. Stock piling material.
- g. Whitehorse Lake Yard Collaboration.
  - i. McKinley County is interested.