

## Sixth Annual

# 2008 Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium

Chena River Convention Center  
122 First Avenue  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

**March 18-20, 2008**

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## Continuity in Tribal Transportation

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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## **Continuity in Tribal Transportation**

Our annual tribal transportation symposium is designed to aid tribal leaders and employees work with the many federal and state transportation partners. It is also an opportunity to network with critical contacts as well as learn from other tribal folks with similar needs and experiences.

We have two years left in the current federal highway authorization, SAFETEA-LU. The federal and state governments have geared up to identify transportation needs to Congress. During this year's symposium, one of our goals is to learn from those agencies and departments that have transportation responsibilities what their perspective is of what is needed to continue working with tribal governments on tribal and community transportation needs that impact tribal members. Another goal is to learn more about the impact of global warming on Alaska. Our final goal is to learn what is working, what has changed, and what needs improvement in the implementation of the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program as well as other transportation programs that impact Alaska tribal communities.

How can we develop continuity within our tribal transportation efforts? What resources exist for the tribes and our partners? Will we have a secure funding stream from the IRR Program? How can we stretch our resources to meet our transportation needs, and how to train and retain a qualified staff? And, how do we protect our efforts when staffing changes occur?



## **March 19 – Wednesday**

**7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**Visit our transportation vendor booths**

### **Federal Agencies Continued**

Federal Transit Administration and CTAA -Linda Gerke , Charles Carlson,  
Federal Aviation Administration (Invited)

Bureau of Indian Affairs - Christopher Chaney, Deputy Director, Office of  
Indian Services

Bureau of Indian Affairs Department of Transportation –LeRoy Gishi

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Region– Roger Drapeaux, Jeff Harman

Denali Transportation Program – Mike McKinnon and Automme

**10:00-10:15 Break**

### **State of Alaska**

Office of the Governor (invited)

Office of the Commissioner Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (invited)

Office of Program Development – Jeff Ottesen

DOT & PF Tribal Liaison – Jon Dunham

DOT&PF Aviation

Division of Homeland Security - Bob Stewart

University of Alaska Fairbanks - Tribal Technical Assistance Center (AK TTAC)

Interior-Aleutians Campus, Clara Johnson, Director

AK TTAC Work Plan- Kimberly Williams, AK TTAC Manager

Global Climate Change and its Impact on Transportation Infrastructure- Billy Connor  
Director, Alaska University Transportation Center

**Senator Stevens (confirmed near to or shortly after lunch)**

**12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on Own**

**1:30 – 5:00 Private meetings with BIA, DOT&PF, FTA, FHWA, and Denali Representatives**

**1:30 – 5:00 Day 2 - Concurrent Workshops**

Session 1) Part 2 - The Construction Project Development Process -AK TTAC, DOT&PF,  
BIA

Session 3) Transportation Planning include Traffic Count -DOT&PF, WH Pacific, Bob  
Sparrow, Billy Connor

Session 4) Tribal IRR Program Administration: Prioritizing your projects, developing your  
Tribal TIP, the approval process - Art High, Julianne Baltar, Glen Miller

**3:00-3:15 Break**

**3:15 – 5:00 Concurrent Workshops Continue**

## March 20 – Thursday

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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### **8:30 A.M. - 5:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION**

8:30 Panel Discussion – Bruce Baltar, BBNA; Christy Favor, BLM; Roger Hudson, DOI; LeRoy Gishi, BIADOT; Robert Sparrow, FHWA; Charles Bunch, AK BIA; Rachel Klein; Kuskokwim Corporation; Doyan Corporation (invited)

- a) ANCSA lands, tribal boundaries and Indian Reservation Roads: How do the Indian Reservation Road\* definitions apply in Alaska?
- b) How do we develop a positive relation between the Tribe and ANCSA Villages Corporations as it relates to the IRR Program?

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15 Panel Discussion – Cont.

11:00 IRR Program Coordinating Committee Report - Jen Thomas, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP

11:15 Tribal perspective, implementation issues, and reauthorization concerns for Alaska Native Villages - ATTWG panel

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30 Alaska Tribal Advisory Board –ATTWG Members, BIA  
How can we get the Indian Reservation Roads Program Transportation Improvement Program (IRRTIP) process working so that Alaska Tribes have a viable IRRTIP in place, a critical requirement for the expenditure of federal IRR funds and required for implementing the IRR Program?

#### § 170.422 What is the IRR Transportation Improvement Program (IRRTIP)?

The IRRTIP:

- (a) Is financially constrained;
- (b) Must include eligible projects from tribal TTIPs;
- (c) Is selected by tribal governments from TTIPs or other tribal actions;
- (d) Is organized by year, State, and tribe; and
- (e) May include non-IRR projects for inclusion into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15- 5:00 Alaska Tribal Advisory Board- continue

5:00 Adjourn

5:00 ATTWG Strategic Planning Session

**\*25 CFR 170.5 Definitions:**

*Indian Reservation Road (IRR)* means a public road that is located within or provides access to an Indian reservation or Indian trust land, or restricted Indian land that is not subject to fee title alienation without the approval of the Federal government, or Indian or Alaska Native Villages, groups, or communities in which Indians and Alaska Natives reside, whom the Secretary of the Interior has determined are eligible for services generally available to Indians under Federal laws specifically applicable to Indians.

**\*SAFETEA-LU Excerpt:**

(f) National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory.--Section 202(d)(2) of such title (as amended by subsection (e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) National tribal transportation facility Inventory.--

“(i) <<NOTE: Deadline.>> In general.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the SAFETEA-LU, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall complete a comprehensive national inventory of transportation facilities that are eligible for assistance under the Indian reservation roads program.

“(ii) Transportation facilities included in the inventory.--For purposes of identifying the tribal transportation system and determining the relative transportation needs among Indian tribes, the Secretary shall include, at a minimum, transportation facilities that are eligible for assistance under the Indian reservation roads program that a tribe has requested, including facilities that--

“(I) were included in the Bureau of Indian Affairs system inventory for funding formula purposes in 1992 or any subsequent fiscal year;

“(II) were constructed or reconstructed with funds from the Highway Trust Funds (other than the Mass Transit Account) under the Indian reservation roads program since 1983;

“(III) are owned by an Indian tribal government; or

“(IV) are community streets or bridges within the exterior boundary of Indian reservations, Alaska Native villages, and other recognized Indian communities (including communities in former Indian reservations in Oklahoma) in which the majority of residents are American Indians or Alaska Natives; or

“(V) are primary access routes proposed by tribal governments, including roads between villages, roads to landfills, roads to drinking water sources, roads to natural resources identified for economic development, and roads that provide access to intermodal termini, such as airports, harbors, or boat landings.

“(iii) Limitation on primary access routes.--For purposes of this subparagraph, a proposed primary access route is the shortest practicable route connecting 2 points of the proposed route.

“(iv) Additional facilities.--Nothing in this subparagraph shall preclude the Secretary from including additional transportation facilities that are eligible for funding under the Indian reservation roads program in the inventory used for the national funding allocation if such additional facilities are included in the inventory in a uniform and consistent manner nationally.

“(v) Report to congress.--Not later than 90 days after the date of completion of the inventory under this subparagraph, the Secretary shall prepare and submit a report to Congress that includes the data gathered and the results of the inventory.”.

# Registration

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Registration Fee: \$200.00 per person

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And mail to: ATTWG  
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Dillingham, AK 99576

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**I plan to attend the following workshops (please check ):**

**Tuesday Afternoon:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Session 1) Part 1-The Construction Project Development Process (includes what is required to meet all pre-construction requirements and resources for construction workforce development)

\_\_\_\_\_ Session 2) How to Evaluate your IRR Inventory

**Wednesday Afternoon:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Session 1) Part 2 - The Construction Project Development Process, cont.

\_\_\_\_\_ Session 3) Transportation Planning including Traffic Count

\_\_\_\_\_ Session 4) Tribal IRR Program Administration: Prioritizing your projects, developing your Tribal TIP, the approval process

