Native American Advisory Committee (NAAC)
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

Welcome/Introductions: Erica Pinto, Chairwoman
Roll Call: Caltrans Native American Liaison Branch (NALB)
Adopt Agenda: Erica Pinto, Chairwoman
Approve Minutes: Erica Pinto, Chairwoman

Caltrans Director Representatives: Velessata Kelley, Chief of Staff; Jeanie Ward-Waller, Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs; Amar Cid, Program Manager, Caltrans Office of Race and Equity; Lonora Graves, Branch Manager, Native American Liaison Branch

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome Minutes June Meeting
   Erica Pinto, NAAC
   Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, NAAC

2. NAAC Member Introductions
   Erica Pinto, NAAC

3. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Update
   Jeanie Ward-Waller, Caltrans

4. California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update
   Brigitte Driller, CTC

5. Caltrans Office of Race and Equity (CORE) Update
   Amar Cid, Caltrans

6. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
   Vince Mammano, FHWA

7. Federal Liaison Report
   Nicole Longoria, Caltrans

8. Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee (TTPCC) Update
   Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, NAAC
9. **Road Use Charge Pilot**
   Lauren Prehoda, Caltrans

10. **Caltrans Cultural Studies Subcommittee Update**
    Laverne Bill, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
    Buffy McQuillen, Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria
    Sarah Allred, Caltrans

11. **Tribal Transportation Safety Funding**
    11A: NCTTC Tribal Transportation Safety Update
    Adam Larsen, FHWA

12. **National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) Update**
    12A: NCTTC NIJC Update
    Kelly Myers, NIJC

13. **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Update**
    Leonard Gilmore, BIA

14. **Tribal Considerations for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program Update**
    14A: NAAC Grants Update
    Jelani Young, Caltrans

15. **SHSP Tribal Information Session**
    15A: SHSP_Virtual Fall Regional Workshops_Save
    Danielle Stanislaus, Emergent Technologies

16. **State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (SBPP) Update**
    16A: SBPP Progress Report
    Romeo F. Estrella, Caltrans

17. **Topics for the Next Meeting and Adjournment**
    Erica Pinto, NAAC

**2022 Quarterly NAAC Meeting dates:**
- Q4 Wednesday, November 2, 2022
ANNOUNCEMENTS / OPEN FORUM:

1. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Fiscal Year 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity**

   The *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL) or Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with $5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to $1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg’s National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department’s goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation’s roadways.

   **The Fiscal Year 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the SS4A Grant Program is now open and the deadline to submit a grant application is 3:00 p.m. PST on September 15, 2022.**

   The FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is live on Grants.gov.

   For details, more information, and applicant guidance:
   - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
   - Review the NOFO
   - Visit our “How to Apply” assistance page
   - Attend a “How to Apply” webinar

   Award announcements are expected to be made by the end of calendar year 2022 or early 2023.

   Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_1_Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) NOFO.

2. **2023 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP)**

   Caltrans is currently developing the 2023 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) which will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in November 2022.

   The 2023 FSTIP is a four-year (Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2026) state and federally mandated document that includes a statewide multimodal program of transportation projects proposed for federal funding under Titles 23 and 49 of the United States Code (USC). The FSTIP includes all highway and transit projects that are regionally significant, regardless of funding source.
The FSTIP is a compilation of the Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIPs) submitted from all 18 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and projects from rural non-MPO counties.

MPOs are releasing their Draft 2023 FTIPs for public review. Tribal governments are encouraged to coordinate with their respective MPOs during the FTIP development and public review period. Each MPO has its own FTIP development and public review period, and all Draft 2023 FTIPs are due to Caltrans by August 30, 2022.

Caltrans will release the 2023 Draft FSTIP on October 10, 2022, for a 21-day public review period and distribute it to all tribal governments. The public review period will conclude on October 31, 2022, and submittal to the FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is estimated for November 16, 2022. The FHWA and the FTA are expected to approve the 2023 FSTIP on December 16, 2022.

Please visit this link for more information and to reference the 2021 FSTSIP.

Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_2_2023 FTIP-FSTIP Development Schedule.

3. California Road Use Charge Pilot

The state is working with a Technical Advisory Committee to study road charge as a potential replacement for the gas tax. Currently, the state's roadway network is funded primarily by fuel taxes. As Californians switch to more fuel-efficient vehicles, they are buying less gas and paying less gas tax. This means less funding to maintain the transportation system. A road use charge is an alternative funding mechanism that allows drivers to support road and highway maintenance based on how many miles they drive, instead of how many gallons of gas they use. Find out more at www.caroadcharge.com.

Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_3_California Road Charge FAQs.

4. 2022 National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC)

The National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC) is taking place August 22-26, 2022, in Louisville, Kentucky. The NTICC provides the one-stop-shop transportation conference for tribes, by tribes. NTICC offers access to relevant training and an opportunity for tribal transportation professionals to engage with federal officials and their tribal transportation peers regarding tribal transportation issues and challenges.

NTICC regularly welcomes more than 500 attendees, with representation from more than 130 Tribes, Nations, and villages. NTICC features include:
• More than 500 Tribal transportation professionals
• More than 30 exhibiting industry leading companies
• 5 Tribal transportation specific tracks including: Safety, Transit, Planning, Project Management/Maintenance & Preservation, and Hot Topics
• 60 + workshops developed and presented by Tribal transportation professionals and their Federal counterparts
• A world class line-up of education and information sessions to introduce new innovations and increase engagement in the Tribal transportation industry
• Heavy Equipment Roadeo & Team Roadeo competitions

Visit this link for more information and to register for the conference. Visit this link to review the 2022 NTICC draft agenda.

Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_4a_2022 National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC) and Announcement_4b_Draft Agenda-2022 NTICC.

5. Local and Tribal Road Safety MATCH Program

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) initiated the Mentoring, Assistance, Training, and Communication Help (MATCH) Program to provide thorough and free, broad-based technical assistance to local and tribal agencies facing roadway safety challenges. The program connects agencies requesting assistance with volunteers that have specific expertise to help successfully address the identified challenges.

Technical assistance MATCH is always free. Mentoring can be provided in the form of phone calls, email exchanges, web-conferences, or site visits (on a limited basis), based on the requesting agency’s needs.

Please visit https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/match for more information about the MATCH Program and how to apply for free technical assistance, as well as how to apply to be a Mentor. Contact MATCH@dot.gov with any questions.

Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_5_Local and Tribal Road Safety Match Program.

6. State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (SBPP)

The Office of Active Transportation and Complete Streets is excited to announce the start of the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (SBPP) Progress Report effort. The 2017 SBPP, Toward an Active California, was California’s first statewide policy-plan to support bicyclists and pedestrians through objectives, strategies, and
actions. The Progress Report that is currently underway will highlight California’s progress on the plan since 2017.

Tribal governments and community members throughout the state will have a chance to highlight their active transportation successes since 2017, share their current efforts, show implementation of the 2017 SBPP, and seed ideas and concepts to be considered in the future update to the Plan.

Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N95FBJZ to participate in the SBPP Survey, and use the following link to join the listserv: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/6FDrXFO/SBPPinfo.

7. California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2023

The Caltrans Office of Sustainable Freight Planning (OSFP) is currently working to update the state freight plan, also known as, the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP). In 2020, OSFP, in collaboration with the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC), and various other state agencies, organizations, and freight industry stakeholders developed the CFMP 2020. The CFMP 2023 will build off the outreach and work done for the previous plan and include the new requirements for freight provisions of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The CFMP 2023 will be a comprehensive plan that governs the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments by the state with respect to freight movement. Our office is currently updating various sections in the CFMP based on new research and data, as well as conducting outreach to spread awareness and gather feedback for the new plan. The draft CFMP 2023 will be ready in November 2022.

Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_7_CFMP-Fact-Sheet-August2022 NAAC.

8. California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Regional Workshops

The SHSP Team will host a series of six regional workshops virtually via Zoom, covering the greater Sacramento, Bay Area, Redding, San Diego, Fresno, and Los Angeles regions. Traffic safety partners are invited to participate in any of the six individual region-specific workshops. We highly encourage you to register for the region(s) that best align with your work as content will be specific to each region. The workshops will take place on the following dates:

September 27–29, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. PDT
October 11–13, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. PDT
Additional details, including specific dates for each region and how to register, please email: SHSP@dot.ca.gov

Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_8_Save the Date SHSP Virtual Fall Regional Workshops.

9. **DOT Reconnecting Communities Grant Program NOFO**

   The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary grant program. **The application submission deadline is Thursday, October 13, 2022.**

   Visit the RCP Program website to access the NOFO and learn about eligibility, funding, application and submission processes, and evaluation criteria. The $1 billion RCP Program was established under President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and is the first-ever program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from opportunities by transportation infrastructure. The RCP Program provides up to $195 million in Fiscal Year 2022 for public engagement, planning activities, capital construction projects, and technical assistance to reconnect communities.

   Webinars, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and other resources are available on the RCP Program website. A new DOT Navigator consolidates a wide range of existing DOT technical assistance resources to support prospective applicants.

   Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_9_DOT Reconnecting Communities Grant Program NOFO.

10. **The Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)**

    The Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF) is currently accepting applications for funding to develop transportation safety plans; collect and analyze safety data; address roadway departure; and implement infrastructure improvements (intersections, roadway departure, pedestrian facilities, traffic calming, and more). Some ideas of the eligible improvements can be found on the FHWA Proven Safety Counter measures web page or past award lists. This year there is a significant increase in funding for this program -- nearly $42 million will be available.

    **Applications are due by September 15, 2022,** less than two months from now. While TTPSF is an established program, there are many other funding programs available to Tribes some of which are new as the result of recent legislation.
Among the new programs is Safe Streets and Roads for All, which has similarities to the TTPSF. FHWA published a comparison of these safety funding programs for Tribes.

Additional information is in the meeting materials labeled Announcement_10_TTP Safety Fund Reminder_Applications Due in 2 Months.