

# Arizona Tribal Strategic Partnering Team

## MEETING NOTES

*June 7, 2010: 8:30 a.m.-Noon; ADOT-HRDC Meeting Facility, Ocotillo Room*

<b>Attendees</b>		
Nathan Banks, FHWA	Ruth Greenspan, ADOT, EPG	<b>Guests:</b>
Michael Bends, San Xavier of the Tohono O’odham	Mark Hodges, ADOT, MPD	Karen King, FHWA
Nathan Barrett, San Xavier of the Tohono O’odham	Robert Maxwell, BIA	Kelly LaRosa, FHWA
Grant Buma, Colorado River Indian Tribes	Joy Keller-Weidman, Holon Consulting	Michia Casebier, MG Tech-Writing
Vickie Begay, BIA	Bill Pederson, ADOT, CCP	
Esther Corbett, ITCA	Stan Robbins, Apache County	
Misty Dayzie, ADOT, MPD	Myra (Rusty) Rothman, ADOT, ROW	
Michelle Fink, ADOT, CCP	Bart Smith, Ak-Chin	

Facilitators: Joy Keller-Weidman and Michelle Fink

Telecom – Stan Robbins and Rusty Rothman

*See attached roster for contact information.*

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### Agenda Items & Highlights

<b>KEY OUTCOMES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Updates regarding: Tribal COG creation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan Outreach based on local tribes’ needs &amp; gaps</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Safety Presentations (funding, access, resources, etc.)</li> </ul>

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
♦ <b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	New attendee – Bart Smith from Ak-Chin, Guest speakers – Karen King and Kelly La Rosa from FHWA Michia Casebier – M.G. Tech Writing

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<p>◆ <b>ACTION ITEMS UPDATE from the March meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting for research statement review for the research study regarding the benefits/cost of a tribal COG/entity.</li> <li>• MPD ATRC will provide the funding for the research study once approved. In the event that ATRC is unable to fund the study, MPD will utilize SPR funds to contract a consultant to conduct the study.</li> </ul>

TOPIC
◆ <b>PRESENTATIONS: SAFETY ISSUES FOR TRIBES</b>

DETAILS
<p><b><u>SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS</u></b></p> <p>◆ <b><u>FHWA: Nate Banks, Karen King and Kelly LaRosa</u></b>            Karen King and Kelly LaRosa presented a PowerPoint on How the Highway Safety Improvement Program Works (HSIP). The handouts will be attached to the minutes and available on the website.</p> <p>The Highway Safety program, which operates through the ADOT Highway Enhancement for Safety HES Section, will have a program manager for local and tribal governments for road safety assessments. A new manager will be hired soon. The focus will be on low-cost systematic safety improvements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The purpose of HSIP is to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements</li> <li>◆ New program manager for HSIP Local Government &amp; High Risk Rural Road program to be hired soon</li> <li>◆ Safe Routes to School – \$5.0M funding is available for FY11 and 2012. Application-based program. Both Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure projects. Planning assistance also available.</li> <li>◆ HRRR- High Risk Rural Road program – classified as rural major collectors, rural minor collectors and rural local roads with fatal and incapacitating injury crash rates</li> <li>◆ Independent team is available to conduct a RSA Road Safety Assessment per request. Jurisdiction of who owns the roads must all apply for the program.</li> <li>◆ The FHWA website is very comprehensive and has lots of resource tools to use.</li> <li>◆ Report patterns of crashes to FHWA with suggestions for areas that need to be improved.</li> <li>◆ Examples of eligible HSIP Projects: Safety edge and shoulders, signing and striping, rumble strips, walking and bike improvements, intersection improvements and wildlife fencing.</li> <li>◆ FHWA offered to assist with application process, Contact Nate Banks in July for assistance with your application.</li> <li>◆ Safe Routes to Schools Program – Brian Fellows leads this program  <a href="http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/swprojmgmt/Enhancement_Scenic/saferoutes/index.asp">http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/swprojmgmt/Enhancement_Scenic/saferoutes/index.asp</a></li> </ul>

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### Discussion Points:

PAG has not mentioned the available funding at their meetings. Nate will address with them.

RSA Road Safety Assessment program - 1 page form, fairly easy to apply to.

Michael Blankenship administrator [mblankenship@azdot.gov](mailto:mblankenship@azdot.gov)

### ◆ ADOT –Safe Routes to School Program, Michia Casebier, MG Tech Writing

Michia Casebier presented a PowerPoint on the Elements of Safe Routes to School Programs– the 5 E's

1. **Education**, teaching children to teach safety skills and awareness; foster life long habits at schools, including parents, neighbors and other drivers.
2. **Encouragement** to increase the use walking and biking; easy to start a SRTS program; with the emphasis of fun and health
3. **Enforcement** to increase awareness of pedestrians and bicyclists and improve driver behavior, help children follows traffic rules and reduces parent perceptions of danger.
4. **Engineering** – Walkabout the school area and learn the impact at the school for school zone, improvements to crosswalks, along routes and streets and reduce vehicle speed in the area. Study an area 2 miles around the school zone.
5. **Evaluation** of the area to study the movement of the children and provide feedback.

National Program in Wisconsin has multi-use trail connecting housing area to their schools. Developed a local team to support the program and educate the youth to use the new biking and walking paths for increased safety.

- In Arizona – Yavapai-Apache Nation received funding to improve school zone signage and curb markings.
- Tohono O'odham Nation in Sells was awarded a non-infrastructure grant and intends to pursue the mid-year round of the Planning Assistance Program.
- Working hard to reach out to the other AZ tribes, going on the road with the training with 4 hour training.
- SRTS Grant writing workshops are scheduled for Tuba City, Parker, Scottsdale, and Sells in August and September 2010.
- Chinle or Kayenta to have a day long National Course training workshop with a school walkabout.
- SRTS can have significant tribal benefits that effect school zones, neighborhoods, health, wellness, safety, vehicular speed, environmental and develop effective crash data and safety data racking systems.
- Effective SRTS Applications paint a strong visual picture of the tribal community and local schools seeking funds. Provide site safety/crash history for 2 mile radius around the school.
- Chief of Police or designee to confirm the information needed for crash data on official letterhead.
- Brian Fellows and Michia Casebier can assist with the application process.
- Are submitted to the local Council of Governments (COG) or Metropolitan Planning Organizations

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(MPO) and take advantage of the opportunity to receive free recommendations for grant improvement prior to the deadline.

- Developed with guidance from Mr. Brian Fellows, other tribal SRTS grantees and Michia Casebier.
- Gain extra points by tribal members' & employees' attendance at formal Safe Routes to School training.
- Begin application early and give Brian & Michia time to review it before submitting to National.

Additional Resources: check out the Arizona SRTS website:

[www.azdot.gov/saferoutestoschools](http://www.azdot.gov/saferoutestoschools)

The National Center website:

[www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)

AZ ARTS website at:

<http://www.azdot.gov/srts>

Contact Michia for assistance with your grant:

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Open discussion from presentation:

- Safe routes to Buses has been suggested to add to National program
- Add additional grades from the existing K- 8 to include 8 to 12 classes
- High school kids can assist the program by volunteering and being champions of the program.
- Join Brian Fellow's list serve to get email updates about SRTS. [bfellows@azdot.gov](mailto:bfellows@azdot.gov)
- Pro active planning for future schools needs to be reviewed to target the real issues to be addressed
- Hopi Partnership question about SRTS to the schools or through the tribal government council?
- Depends on the project for infrastructure- bike lanes, signage, sidewalks, gravel, bike racks
- Environmental assessment is hard for the schools to do
- Non infrastructure grants- education, enforcement, bike to school days, activity based projects are grants that schools can do.
- Schools are important stakeholders and need to be included
- Student travel tally sheets are turned in quarterly for the tracking for the reimbursement funds
- Share this information with Hopi and Apache County to assist with establishing connection with Mishia
- PowerPoint presentation will be attached to the notes and available on the ATSTP website

### **ITCA- Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), Esther Corbett, Transportation Coordinator**

- ◆ Review of the Strategic Safety Plan – see attached manual

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As SHSP's are data driven, the emphasis areas were ranked by fatalities and selected after careful consideration of the most recent safety data available. The emphasis areas take into account the safety issues that most need to be addressed, and practical considerations such as data issues and staff availability.

Six emphasis areas were selected:

1. Restraint Usage
2. Speeding
3. **Young Drivers – ITCA is focusing on this area, goal is to reduce fatalities by 15%**
4. Impaired Driving
5. Roadway / Roadside (lane departure and intersections)
6. Data Improvement

Although the Plan will focus on the six emphasis areas listed, work on other areas of safety (such as pedestrians) will of course continue. With a Zero fatality vision, all areas of safety will have to be addressed. As each emphasis area involves many aspects of crashes, it is likely that addressing the selected emphasis areas will provide benefits in other areas of traffic safety.

### **Strategies for Young Drivers – less than 25 years of age**

- ◆ The broad strategies for young drivers are:
  - ◆ Strengthen legislative and administrative requirements
  - ◆ Reduce young drivers' involvement in fatal and serious injury crashes
  - ◆ Introduce training support for parents of young drivers
  - ◆ Increase young drivers' safety awareness through education and training
- ◆ Hospitalization data – law enforcement agencies could be submitting to ADOT. But the data is going to several agencies. Such as private hospital discharge is one database, trauma injury data is on another database. ITCA is working on a grant with the feds to get all this data available in one place. This is very complex to understand and impossible to gather all the information.
- ◆ Statewide Database is further complicated by local governments and tribal sovereignty.
- ◆ The AZ Highway Safety Improvement Program Manual- review 3.1 planning section for Data Collection
- ◆ Alternate Strategies for Safety Improvement Investments

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### **FUTURE OUTREACH PLANNING STRATEGIES:**

#### **Brainstorming Session:**

- ◆ Identify new ways to disseminate information to tribes that we haven't connected with
- ◆ Regional meetings to share information to the tribes to educate them on the resources and tools that are available
- ◆ Create a form that will collect the issues from the 22 tribes, let them tell us what they need
  - Collected info from tribes on safety, IGAs, ROW, safe routes, transit issues, resources for water, fuel stations, snowplowing etc ( reverse the data flow, ask them what they need on a form)
- ◆ Establish a central point of contact to compile the data
- ◆ Develop a paper that will prioritize the issues
- ◆ Implementation could be an issue
- ◆ Lead by example – different levels of economic development
- ◆ Sovereignty issues and restrictions – limited use of the land for a specific time to produce a product
- ◆ Establish tribal partnerships to work together
- ◆ Resources are limited, need to work together and share resources

### OUTREACH PLANNING CHART

GAPS	What: Strategies	By Whom	By when
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<b>Systems gaps – information is not being shared between agencies regarding:</b> SRTS HISP	<b>Short term address the systems gaps</b>	<b>Through Outreach</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>Internal Coordination</b> GOTO meeting to work on agenda items	<b>Teleconference to identify</b>	<b>Michelle, Joy, FHWA, SRTS, Esther, Bob</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Long term</b> Assessment of needs: different for each tribe	<b>What is available?</b> Funding Partnering process		<b>September</b>

TOPIC	DETAILS
◆ <b>Review March 2010 PEP results</b>	Fill out your forms and send them to Michelle
◆ <b>Complete June 2010 PEP</b>	Good return on the PEP forms from this June meeting.

TOPIC	DETAILS
◆ <b>Next meeting for Outreach date</b>	Monday, Sept. 21, <i>time and location TBD</i>

TOPIC	DETAILS
◆ <b>Closing Comments</b>	Thanks for your participation; your support of this partnership ensures that the team meets their goals. Great representation and participation Learned a lot from the presentations today – thanks! Would like to know more about the Tribal COG planning

## **ACTION PLANS FOR THE TEAMS NEXT STEPS:**

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<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Have PAG cover the FHWA funding at their meetings with Southern AZ tribes	Nate Banks	July

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Identify and send name of champion of research study	Misty Dayzie Michelle Fink	July

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Include SRTS presentation in ATSPT notes	Michelle Fink	June

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Apache County to contact Michia on SRTS application	Stan Robbins Michia Casebier	June/July
Send Michia's contact info to Hopi and San Carlos Partnerships	Michelle Fink	

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>By when</b>
Develop a form and/or send existing one for the tribes to ask them about their needs; and determine how ATSPT can assist in distributing it	Michael Bends Nathan Barrett	June/July

### **State Mandatory Furloughs:**

A mandatory furlough program consisting of six furlough days in FY 2011 and six days in FY 2012 will be implemented. For the most part, the entire state government, including ADOT, will shut down on these mandatory furlough dates. The furlough dates are all on Fridays and most are during summer months to maximize utility savings. The furlough dates are:

#### **FY 2011**

July 23, 2010  
August 20, 2010  
September 17, 2010  
November 26, 2010  
December 23, 2010  
June 10, 2011

#### **FY 2012**

July 22, 2011  
August 19, 2011  
September 16, 2011  
November 25, 2011  
December 23, 2011  
June 15, 2012

Please remember these dates when scheduling future meetings or in corresponding with ADOT.

### **MEETING FEEDBACK based on 10 evaluations**

Comments are taken word for word from the evaluation form

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**1. How valuable was this partnership meeting for you? Average Rating 3.4**

This meeting was not valuable	This meeting was somewhat valuable	This meeting was valuable	This meeting was very valuable
0.5    1.0    1.5	2.0        2.5	3.0 (3)    3.5 (6)	4.0 (1)

**2. What about this partnership meeting was most valuable to you?**

- ◆ 3 excellent presentations from FHWA, ADOT & ITCA. Educational and great resources
- ◆ Always – the various agency and tribal representation
- ◆ The presentations were excellent
- ◆ Discussions and brainstorming
- ◆ Questions and answers, which allowed for more in-depth understanding of topics presented
- ◆ Comments regarding tribal representatives, Q & A, update on ATRC statement for tribal COG
- ◆ Information on the Safe Route to Schools program
- ◆ Presentation by SRTS

**3. What would have improved the effectiveness of this partnership meeting?**

- ◆ Outreach planning schedule longer
- ◆ A time limit on the presentations
- ◆ Format alternative scenarios as solutions how to work with tribes
- ◆ Computers and thumb drives can be tricky- but great presentations!

**4. How do you rate the effectiveness of the Facilitators/Presenters? Average Rating 3.35**

Was not effective	Was somewhat effective	Was effective	Was very effective
0.5    1.0    1.5	2.0        2.5 (1)	3.0 (3)    3.5 (4)	4.0 (2)

- ◆ Joy always does a good job! Like the telecom opportunity for out of towners on tight budgets
- ◆ The facilitators were confident, well informed and professional and passionate
- ◆ SRTS presentation could have been condensed

**5. How do you rate this partnership’s potential for partnering? Average Rating 3.45**

This partnership has no potential for partnering	This partnership team has some potential for partnering	This partnership team has good potential for partnering	This partnership team has very good potential for partnering
0.5    1.0    1.5	2.0        2.5 (1)	3.0 (1)    3.5 (6)	4.0 (2)

- ◆ This team has an excellent goal and attendance has been great this year.
- ◆ Will be effective if it continues to maintain focus and direction

**6. What other comments do you wish to offer?**

- ◆ Do we need a Resident Engineer on this team?

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- ◆ I like the fire and energy of meeting attendees. Hope to provide tribal assistance & improve tribal transportation in general.
- ◆ Stay focused and move forward
- ◆ I believe that 1) more needs to be known about the individual tribes and 2) needs scenario development

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Please RSVP to the meeting to Michelle Fink at [mfink@azdot.gov](mailto:mfink@azdot.gov)