

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION UNITY SUMMIT

DENVER UNITY STATEMENT 2014

**ADVOCATING FOR INCREASED FEDERAL INVESTMENT
IN TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION
SAFETY, EMPLOYMENT, ACCESS AND SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS**

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus formed to promote unified, consensus positions of Indian tribes in advocating for a new highway bill that reflects tribal transportation system challenges and recognizes the accomplishments and capacity of tribes to deliver transportation services to tribal citizens and surrounding communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal leaders accompanied by tribal transportation technical staff gathered in Denver, Colorado on February 25-27, 2014, to exchange perspectives on tribal needs and opportunities in order to develop underlying positions for a coordinated strategy to engage Congress in addressing the United States' trust responsibility to the Indian people for transportation infrastructure investment and maintenance; and
- WHEREAS,** although tribal roads and transportation facilities comprise nearly 3% of the national transportation system, federal investment in those tribal facilities has remained at less than 1% of the national transportation system; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal governments, as sovereign nations recognized in the United States Constitution, have obligations to deliver safe and reliable transportation networks and the Federal Government has trust and treaty responsibilities to provide sufficient funding to meet this obligation; and
- WHEREAS,** through TEA-21, SAFETEA-LU, ARRA and MAP-21, tribes have demonstrated their transportation needs and have proven their ability to effectively and efficiently deliver transportation programs for the benefit of tribal citizens and others in their community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the commitment expressed by participants in the Denver Tribal Transportation Reauthorization Unity Summit is to engage in tribal transportation policy advocacy in the spirit of unity and mutual support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the positions adopted in Denver have been made in the interest of unity and shall be interpreted and understood as promoting and advancing consensus positions shared by those tribes present and that participants will work to broaden awareness of the positions discussed in Denver throughout Indian Country through presentation and discussion in the spirit of fostering coordinated advocacy before the United States Congress; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, standing in unity, the undersigned tribal leaders and tribal transportation officials call upon all Tribal Nations, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA), National Tribal Transit Association (NTTA), and all other intertribal organizations to embrace the positions developed in Denver at the Tribal Transportation Reauthorization Unity Summit, and to work jointly with the Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus and tribal advocates to develop policy briefing materials, draft proposed legislative language and engage with the congressional committee leadership and staff to advance the mutually-agreed upon objectives identified in Denver, Colorado.

The undersigned participated in the development of the Tribal Transportation Unity Act in Denver, CO on February 25-26 2014.

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Camas Go-On, Klamath Tribes, KTOI

Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Chief Gary Harris...

Chickaloon Native Village

Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation

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Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Eastern Shoshone

Fort Belknap Indian Community

Neil ...

Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes

Ho-Chunk Nation

Hollyann Stone Tree-Whiterabbit

Holy Cross Village

Ernest ...

Jicarilla Apache Nation

By Vito

Kalispel Tribe

Dan ...

Karuk Tribe

Sandi ...

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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Lummi Nation

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Nome Eskimo Community

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Oglala Sioux Tribe

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Ohkay Owingeh

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

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Organized Village of Kasaan

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Pueblo of Picuris

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Quapaw Tribe

Red Lake Nation

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San Carlos Apache Tribe

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Seneca Nation of Indians

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

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Sitka Tribe of Alaska

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The following Tribal Nations and tribal organizations support the legislative proposals developed at the Tribal Transportation Reauthorization Unity Summit:

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