



**U.S. Department  
Of Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are writing to share that the U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) is preparing to publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) regarding the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program established by the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The funding will support Tribal, state, and local initiatives focusing on smart city and community technologies that improve transportation safety and efficiency.

USDOT released the SMART NOFO on August 8<sup>th</sup>, which can be found on the [SMART Grants website](#). To inform how Tribes may apply for the SMART program funds, the Department will be hosting a Tribal Technical Assistance Webinar on **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 4:00pm EST**.

**You can access the webinar using this link:**

<https://usdot.zoomgov.com/j/1617797302?pwd=Wis2ekp1Nm9aeWpKNkp4NHExT0dHdz09>.

If prompted, **the meeting ID is 1617797302** and **the passcode is 301958**. Registration is not required.

Please know we welcome and value your input, including recommendations for actions the Department should continue to take to work with Indian Tribes on a government-to-government basis and any new steps to better facilitate the nation-to-nation-relationship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Milo Booth, Director of Tribal Affairs at (202) 309-9786 or [milo.booth@dot.gov](mailto:milo.booth@dot.gov) or [tribalaffairs@dot.gov](mailto:tribalaffairs@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Hampshire".

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