REQUEST FOR A 2% TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2003 distribution of 2% planning funding was distributed at the sole discretion of the Regional Roads Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Roads Supervisor's decision resulted in only five tribes receiving funding; and

WHEREAS, this has negatively impacted all tribal transportation programs in the following funding years; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of the new Negotiated Rule, new program regulations are expected to be implemented, but the exact implementation date is unknown; and

WHEREAS, USET Tribes understand that the inequities of last year's distribution cannot be fully balanced with a one-year distribution of 2% Planning Funds; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors insists the Regional Roads Supervisor prepare a plan that corrects and addresses the negative funding impacts to the Tribal Transportation Programs; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests the first draft of the plan by the Regional Roads Supervisor must be presented to USET Tribal Leaders and the USET Transportation Committee within thirty days of receipt of this resolution and must provide information on how funds were distributed in the FY 2003 funding period and how they will be distributed in the current funding cycle as well as projected allocations for each tribe within the Eastern Region; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests time for tribal concerns to be addressed and/or reflected in any subsequent draft plans.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Hollywood, FL, on Thursday, June 17, 2004.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly M. Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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