

Western TTAP Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting started: Mar 25, 2025, 10:10 AM

Meeting duration: 42 minutes

Meeting participants: Carrie Brown, Afsaneh Yavari, Jaime Torres, Kyle Rovetto, Leslie Sanders, Luis Sibaja, Nicole Slaboch, Noah Rodriguez, Sandra Shade, Misty Rickwalt, April Daniello

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Summary and Action items

Quick summary

During this meeting, Luis, Afsaneh, Nicole, Kyle, Carrie, Sandra, Noah, Misty, Jaime, and Leslie discussed updates on various transportation programs, including the National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop, NL TAPA regional meeting, and upcoming training opportunities. They also shared their comfort food preferences as part of an icebreaker activity. The meeting concluded with discussions on the importance of tribal representation in transportation workforce initiatives.

Action items for Luis

- [] Complete certification for the Flagger Instructor Technician course in Anchorage, Alaska, from April 30th to May 3rd.
- [] Prepare to start providing flagger training in the region by the end of May or beginning of June.

Action items for Afsaneh

- [] Follow up on the contract for the UC Berkeley project and communicate training opportunities to meeting participants once completed.

Action items for Kyle

- [] Stay updated on the public engagement status and provide any new information regarding the TTAPs as it becomes available.

Action items for Carrie

- [] Compile questions and topics to discuss at the TRB National Summit on the Future of Transportation Workforce and gather input from participants before the first week of June.

- [] Monitor and assist with the registration process for the National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop and ensure all graphics are updated on the website.

Action items for Sandra

- [] Coordinate with the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee regarding upcoming meetings and initiatives.

Action items for Misty

- [] Provide feedback on training opportunities needed in Northern California and coordinate with APTech for upcoming sessions.

Action items for Jaime

- [] Reach out to Ron from Northern TTAP for updates on the BIA Road Maintenance Conference and communicate any new information to the group.

Detailed summary

Meeting Summary

Date: March 25th, 2025

Attendees:

- Carrie Brown
- April Daniello
- Luis Abaja
- Afsaneh Yawadi
- Kyle Raveto
- Carrie Brown
- Sandra Shade
- Noah Rodriguez
- Misty Rick Walt
- Jaime Torres
- Leslie Sanders

Agenda:

1. ****Introductions and Icebreaker****

- Each participant introduced themselves, shared their role, and discussed their favorite comfort food.

2. ****Federal Highway Updates****

- AP Tech provided updates regarding the status of TTAPs (Tribal Technical Assistance Programs). Currently, only the Western and Eastern TTAPs are fully operational due to delays in project initiation for others.

- Kyle Raveto mentioned that public engagements are pending further review, but optimism remains regarding the progress of TTAPs.

3. ****TTAP Updates****

- **National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop**: Scheduled for August 18-20, with a room block available from August 17-21. The team is scouting speakers and looking for sponsors/exhibitors.

- **NLTAPA Tribal Regional Meeting**: Originally scheduled for April, now postponed to a virtual format to accommodate all TTAPs. A successful winter business meeting was held in Washington, D.C.

- **Southwest Annual Workshop**: Planned for the first or second week of September 2025. A needs survey has been sent to tribes for topic suggestions, and potential venues are being explored.

4. **Upcoming Trainings**

- **Road Safety Champion Program**: Rebranding efforts are underway, with core modules scheduled for mid-May (18th-20th).

- **Flagger Instructor Technician Course**: Luis and Carrie will complete certification in Anchorage, Alaska, from April 30 to May 3, with plans to offer training by late May or early June.

- **Child Passenger Safety Course**: Scheduled for July, coordinated with the Indian Health Service in Reno.

5. **TRB National Summit on the Future of Transportation Workforce**

- Scheduled for the first week of June in Denver, Colorado. APTech seeks input on topics and questions to represent tribal interests effectively.

- Key discussion points include increasing applicant pools for transportation jobs, preparing the workforce for emerging technologies, and ensuring tribal representation in funding discussions.

6. **Open Discussion**

- Questions were raised regarding the BIA Road Maintenance Conference, with uncertainty about its scheduling and funding.

- Discussion on training opportunities in Northern California, with a focus on flagger training and upcoming projects.

7. **Closing Remarks**

-Carrie thanked participants for their patience during technical difficulties and confirmed that follow-up notes and resources would be sent out the following day.

Carrie Items:

- Confirm details and logistics for the National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop.
- Finalize the agenda and format for the NL TAPA Tribal Regional Meeting.
- Prepare for the Southwest Annual Workshop based on feedback from the needs survey.
- Compile questions and topics for the TRB National Summit to ensure tribal representation.
- Coordinate upcoming training sessions, including flagger training and child passenger safety courses.

Next Meeting:

- April 22, 2025 @ 10:00am