

Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting

Tribal Transportation Updates September 18, 2026

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ADOT Native Nation/Tribal Government Consultation Policy Update

Recent Progress

- **Completed Tribal Follow-Up Meeting:** Held on September 8th to meet with tribal representatives to share progress.
- **High Attendance:** Brought together leaders from 5 tribes and 3 agencies.

Next Steps

- **Final Presentation:** October 14th at 10 a.m. in Flagstaff (hybrid meeting).
- **Policy Adoption:** Submit final draft of to the ADOT Director for official approval.

ADOT Recent Tribal Outreach Activities

- **Project Kickoff Meeting (8/26):** Coordinated with Apache County for road reconstruction in Ganado.
- **Traffic Coordination (8/27):** Met with Gila River Indian Community and Maricopa regarding SR 347 construction impacts.
- **Attended Navajo Nation Workshop (9/1-2):** Attended the Navajo Nation Long Range Transportation Plan Workshop, a USDOT/NNDOT outreach initiative attended by local Navajo Chapters, state DOTs, counties, and other stakeholders.
- **General Outreach (9/2):** Visited the Pueblo of Zuni to provide general transportation updates and their recent response to flooding and subsequent clean up efforts in July.
- **Partnership Renewal (9/10):** Re-convened the ADOT and San Carlos Apache Tribe Partnership.
- **Grants Session (9/17):** Hosted a free virtual session on available transportation grants.
- **Business Conference (9/15-16):** Shared business resources at the American Indian Chamber of Commerce event.

ADOT Upcoming Tribal Outreach Activities

Scheduled Activities

- **Industry Conference (09/24):** Participating in the Arizona Roads & Streets Conference in Tucson, featuring four tribal sessions.
- **Annual Meeting (10/14):** Hosting the annual ADOT Tribal Transportation Meeting in Flagstaff (just prior to the start of the AZ Transportation Policy Summit) to review the revised ADOT Tribal Consultation Policy and provide other transportation-related updates.
- **National Conference (11/15-19):** Sponsoring and participating in the National Transportation in Indian County Conference (NTICC) with presentation sessions and an information booth.

Outreach Effectiveness

- **Survey Development:** ADOT is creating a survey to measure how well outreach events are working.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Results will help find ways to make future outreach better.
- **Official Rollout:** The survey will launch at the annual ADOT Tribal Transportation Meeting on Oct. 14, 2026, just prior to the start of the AZ Transportation Policy Summit.