



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Dear Tribal Leader:

Your assistance is requested to help provide nominations for committee member(s) to the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Coordinating Committee (Committee).

This process is governed by the notice published in the *Federal Register*¹ on September 8, 2005, establishing what is now known as the TIP Coordinating Committee (Committee). The focus of the Committee is to provide input and recommendation(s) to the Secretaries of the Department of Transportation and the Department of the Interior on transportation matters as described in 25 C.F.R. 170.135². In 2016, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) published updated TTP regulations³ that, in part, modified the nomination processes and activities of the Committee⁴.

The Committee consists of 24 Tribal representatives (2 from each BIA Region) and 2 non-voting Federal representatives, one each from the BIA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The TTP regulations also provide that, for purposes of continuity, the Secretary of the Interior will appoint the Tribal representatives to a three-year term⁵.

In consideration of these changes, it is requested that you provide nominations for 1 committee member from each of the 12 BIA Regions. The terms of the appointees selected from this request will commence upon appointment and expire on September 30, 2029. The Secretary of the Interior will accept nominations and appoint one Tribal representative from among the official nominations received by Tribes located within the respective Regions.

The nominations must be transmitted on official Tribal Government letterhead, signed by a Tribal Government official who has been authorized in writing to submit the nominee on behalf of the Tribal Government. Supporting documentation must include the nominee's resume detailing relevant education and training, current job description, and professional experience level in Tribal transportation program areas. Nominations must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 1, 2026.

Please send nominations to Mr. LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Office of Indian Services, BIA, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 3645 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, or by email at: LeRoy.Gishi@bia.gov. You may also contact Mr. Gishi at (202) 513-7711 if you have any questions or need additional information

Sincerely,

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¹ 70 Fed. Reg. 53379 (September 8, 2005).

² Originally known as the "Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee," it was renamed in 2012 after Section 1119 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), P.L. 112-141 (July 6, 2012), changed the name from "Indian Reservation Roads" program to the "Tribal Transportation Program."

³ 70 Fed. Reg. 78456 (November 7, 2016).

⁴ 25 C.F.R. §§ 170.135 – 137.

⁵ 25 C.F.R. § 170.135(d).