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Assistant Secretary Washburn Announces Proposal to Update Tribal Transportation Regulations

WASHINGTON, DC – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn today announced proposed revisions to tribal transportation regulations to comply with the national surface transportation law known as Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, or MAP-21, as extended. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will be hosting upcoming tribal consultation sessions on the proposed revisions.

The rule proposes to update regulations at 25 CFR Part 170 that govern BIA's Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) (formerly the Indian Reservation Roads program) to comply with MAP-21. Additionally, the proposed rule reflects changes in the delivery options for the TTP available to tribal governments as well as clarification of the requirements for adding or keeping roads on the National Tribal Transportation Facilities Inventory. In preparing this rule, BIA coordinated closely with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and held several consultation sessions with tribes in 2013.

Consultation sessions on the proposed rule will be held on the following dates in the following cities:

Meeting date	Location	Time
January 13, 2015	Sacramento, CA	9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
January, 15, 2015	Phoenix, AZ	9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

January 27, 2015	Minneapolis, MN	9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
January 29, 2015	Oklahoma City, OK	9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
February 10, 2015	Anchorage, AK	9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
February 12, 2015	Seattle, WA	9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Go to <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/ORM/TTP/index.htm> for more information on the proposed revisions and sessions.

The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs oversees the BIA, which is headed by a director who is responsible for managing day-to-day operations through four offices – Indian Services, Justice Services, Trust Services and Field Operations. These offices directly administer or fund tribally based infrastructure, law enforcement, social services, tribal governance, natural and energy resources, and trust management programs for the nation’s federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages through 12 regional offices and 81 agencies.

The Office of Indian Services Division of Transportation administers the 25 CFR Part 170 regulations. For more information about the BIA Division of Transportation, visit <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/Transportation/index.htm>.

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