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Washington -The Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads Program is holding a series of meetings around the country to educate the public on the proposed rules that are the product of negotiated rulemaking between tribal representatives and Federal representatives from the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. The meetings on the proposed rules are being held in the following list of cities:

Rapid City, SD	August 20, 2002	Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn Elk's	605-348-4000
Billings, MT	August 22, 2002	Lodge No. 394	406-252-8407
Las Vegas, NV	August 27, 2002	LV Conference Suites & Services	702-734-7333
Sacramento, CA	August 29, 2002	Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza	916-446-0100
Gallup, NM	September 4, 2002	Holiday Inn	505-722-2201
Santa Fe, NM	September 6, 2002	Hotel Loretto	505-988-5054
Anchorage, AK	September 10, 2002	Marriott Downtown	907-279-8000
Portland, OR	September 12, 2002	Double Tree Hotel	503-281-6111
Tulsa, OK	September 17, 2002	Marriott Southern Hills	918-483-7000
Oklahoma City, OK	September 19, 2002	Four Points Sheridan	405-681-3500
Minneapolis, MN	September 25, 2002	Marriott City Center	612-349-4000
Nashville, TN	September 27, 2002	Holiday Inn Nashville	615-883-9770

The BIA Indian Reservation Roads Program provides funding for eligible transportation projects that provide access to or within Indian reservations, Indian lands, Indian communities and Alaska Native villages. The program consists of 55,944 miles of roads and 4,185 bridges, of which 24% of the bridges are deficient.

The schedule of meetings is published in the Federal Register. The comment period for the proposed rule ends October 6, 2002. Written comments may be mailed or hand delivered to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001 or submitted electronically at http://dms.dot.gov/submit. Docket Number FHWA -2002-12229 must be included at the top of all comments.