



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Washington, DC 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Tribal Leader:

On September 8, 2005, a notice was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 53379) establishing what is now known as the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Coordinating Committee (Committee) to provide input and recommendation to the Secretaries of Transportation and the Interior on transportation matters as described in 25 C.F.R. 170.135.¹ As an update to this regulation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) published on November 7, 2016, new regulations describing a change in the nomination process and activities of the Committee. The Committee consists of 24 tribal representatives (two from each BIA region) and two nonvoting Federal representatives from the BIA and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The regulation now states:

25 C.F.R. 170.135(d): For purposes of continuity, the Secretary will appoint the Tribal representatives to a three year term. The appointments will be carried out so that only one of a region's two representatives will be appointed in any one year.

In consideration of these changes, we are requesting nominations for one committee member from the following BIA Regions: Southern Plains, Alaska, Eastern Oklahoma, Western, Pacific, Southwest, Northwest and Eastern. The terms of the appointees from this request will commence upon appointment and expire on September 30, 2021. This adjustment in the nomination cycle this year will comply with the intent of regulation and will provide continuity in representation from the respective regions. This nomination is for terms identified as fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The Secretary will accept nominations and appoint one tribal representative from among the official nominations received by tribes located within the respective Regions.

Tribes may nominate individuals from their respective regions for the Committee. The nominations must be 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 programs or transit areas.

The full description of the roles and responsibilities of the Committee are detailed in 25 C.F.R. §§ 170.135-170.137. Generally, the Committee provides input and recommendations to the BIA and the FHWA involving TTP policies and procedures.

Nominations for one Committee representative for the Southern Plains, Alaska, Eastern Oklahoma, Western, Pacific, Southwest, Northwest and Eastern BIA Regions must be received no later than October 15, 2018. Please send nominations to Mr. LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Gishi at (202) 513-7711 or via email:
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darryl LaCounte". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Darryl LaCounte
Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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