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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) invites you to participate in the informational roll out of updates to the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 170. The final rule was published on November 7, 2016, and went into effect on December 7, 2016.

The TTP provides federally-recognized tribal governments with funding for the planning, design, and construction of surface transportation systems such as roads and bridges. Authorized at \$475 million for Fiscal Year 2017, TTP funds are allocated to tribes nationwide based upon a statutory formula located at 23 U.S.C. § 202(b).

The date, location, time, and agenda for each rollout meeting is enclosed. These meetings are designed to share the final rule and highlight specific changes to the regulations as previously published in July 2004, including revisions to:

- Comply with legislation governing the TTP;
- Reflect changes in the delivery options for the TTP that are available to tribal governments;
- Make technical corrections to clarify program-related responsibilities and requirements for tribal governments, BIA, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA);
- Clarify the requirements for proposed roads and access roads to be added to, or remain in, the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory, which was formerly known as the Indian Reservation Roads Inventory;
- Include the annual reporting requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 201 (c)(6)(C) for obligations and expenditures; and
- Certain sections of the previous rule published in 2004 that were provided for informational purposes. The revisions would remove certain sections that are no longer required by statute and add information to direct the reader to BIA or FHWA websites where additional information is available.

An electronic copy of the final rule is available at:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-07/pdf/2016-26141.pdf>

Thank you for your continued leadership and participation in the TTP. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Department of Transportation, at (202) 513-7714 or via email at leroy.gishi@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure