

**ATNI Annual 2025 Convention**

**Suquamish, Washington**

**RESOLUTION # 2025 –** **DRFT-XX**

***Draft 1 Due to*** [***workroom@atnitribes.org***](mailto:workroom@atnitribes.org) ***by September 26, 2025***

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“Support NCAI Resolution #CT-25-002 Intertribal Transportation Association’s Proposed Tribal Transportation/Infrastructure and Tribal Transit Elements to the Next Congressional Transportation Reauthorization Bill ”

**PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS,** the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are the representatives and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** the ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and Indian tribal governments in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** creating opportunities for Indian Nations, preservation of tribal sovereignty and protection of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of ATNI; and

**WHEREAS,**  the Intertribal Transportation Association’s proposed Tribal Transportation Bill requests less than $1.7 billion in the first year of a Transportation Bill and, in a five-year Bill, with annual increases ending the last year of the Bill with $5.86 billion; and

**WHEREAS,** the Intertibal Transpsortation Association’s proposed Tribal Transportation Bill includes a necessary request to Restore the Exemption to the Tribal Transportation Proram’s “Obligation Limitation Deduction”. Without the restoration of the exemption, Tribal Nations have had hndreds of millions of dollars removed from the program, leaving the small amount of funding in this program even smaller; and; and

**WHEREAS,** the Inertribal Transportation Association has provided a forum for Tribal Nations to develop and submit tribal elements to Congress for the next Transportation Reauthorization Bill; and; and

**WHEREAS,**  the Intertribal Transportation Association’s proposed Tribal Elements, found in Attachment 1 to this resolution, had input from its members over one year, and with a unanimous vote at its Annual Meeting in December 2024, 16 bulleted requests (see the Contressional Transportation Reauthorization Tribal Request) to be included in the next Congressional Transportation Reauthorization Bill; and; and

**WHEREAS,**  due to the urgent nature of the ongoing drafting of the next Transportation Reauthorization Bill by Congress, this resolution is necessary to address immediate concerns and ensure timely advocacy for Tribal Transportation interests; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**  that Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) hereby supports the NCIA Resolution #CT-25-002 and Intertribal Transportation Association’s Proosed Tribal elements, found in Attachment 1 for the next Congressional Transportation Reauthorization Bill; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** *Click or tap here to enter text. For additional clauses, click the [+] in corner of box*; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolutions.

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**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2025 Annual Convention held at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish, Washington on October 12-16, 2025, with a quorum present.

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