

COMMITTEE REPORT

Transportation COMMITTEE

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
2025 Annual Convention
Portland, OR

DISCUSSION

NWRO BIADOT Update

Funding:

No news on funding. The Region is still waiting on CR1 tribal shares. We are hoping for an update this Wednesday on the Regional call.

Reporting:

Remind the importance of the annual reporting.

HR:

We have 2 new POCs that will be transitioning to their new positions (give names). They are familiar faces, but new to the roles and will assume the full duties October 1, 2025.

Road Maintenance:

With the additional POCs, this will allow more focus on the Road Maintenance program. Tribes are encouraged to send inquiries/concerns, training needs to Robert Macy and Tracy Benedict.

We currently have CR1 TPA funds at the Region, but are waiting on CR2 information before sending out a NOFA.

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Symposium:

Our 2025 NWR Transportation Symposium is scheduled May 6-8, 2025 in Everett, WA. Registration and hotel information has been sent. Please contact Tracy Benedict if you need additional information or would like the email. We are still working on the agenda and hope to have a draft out the end of February. If you have topics you would like to see, please forward.

RIFDS:

The next 2 sessions are filled and BIADOT is currently maintaining a waitlist. If you are interested in attending RIFDS, please notify your POC so that you can be informed of the next sessions.

All Aboard Washington

- Basics of the regional rail network (Class I's / short lines, Amtrak routes - existing/future)
 - Map of PNW rail lines + tribal lands + Amtrak routes/stations
 - Quick update on Big Sky North Coast and Pioneer planning
 - Yakama Nation letter to Gov. Inslee
- Economic opportunities: transload/intermodal facilities, TOD at train stations (housing/commercial)
 - CSKT interest in Polson Spur
- Intercity transit solution (connections to

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<p>education, healthcare, job centers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Montana Healthcare Foundation Study ○Crow Nation presentation at BSPRA annual conference ○Central WA Healthcare Providers Survey ○Yakama Nation Tribal Health Office letter of support •Upcoming Rail Summit in Portland, Oct 16-18, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Request for Tribal collaboration 	
<p>NW TTAP Update</p> <p>Provided an update on the work of the Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program for transportation.</p> <p>They are actively looking for training needs related to any aspect of transportation. They have developed a Roads Scholar program to certify individuals in every aspect of transportation.</p>	<p>Ollie Wiesner, NWTTAP</p>
<p>WSDOT Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 State Legislature intends \$515 million over 16 years for WSDOT stormwater retrofits on existing infrastructure – a major increase over historic funding for WSDOT stand-alone stormwater retrofits – funding for new projects available beginning the 29/31 biennium • WSDOT invites and elevates tribal input on prioritizing where to invest in stormwater retrofits across the state. 	<p>Lorraine Basch, WSDOT Tribal Liaison</p>

<p>Public Transit Office</p> <p>Projects can be awarded for operations, capital vehicles and equipment, planning, mobility management, or capital construction (for projects under 2.5 million dollars). Grant application deadline August 2025.</p> <p>Projects can be for two years (2025-2027) or four years (2025-2029). New projects must two-years.</p> <p>Active Transportation Division Grant Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL • Every 2 years • Engagement, design + construction funding • P E D E S T R I A N & B I K E P R O G R A M • Every 2 years • Engagement, design + construction funding • A C T I V E T R A N S P O R T A T I O N A S S I S T A N C E P R O G R A M (A T A P) • Invitation only • Project development + AT planning • SANDY WILLIAMS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM • Yearly grant • Planning, design and construction • E-BIKE LENDING LIBRARY + REBATES • Rebates coming in April, Lending library in process 	
<p>PNWER Regional Infrastructure Accelerator & Indigenous Resilience program</p> <p>Lisa provided an overview of the work of the PNWER</p>	<p>Lisa Skube, CoPNWER</p>

<p>and assistance they can provide.</p> <p>Transportation Corridor analysis Tribal Infrastructure Strategic Partnerships Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freight corridors and RIA’s zero emission fuel (ZEF) program • Expansion of truck and travel centers nationwide • Mandated rest for long haul truck parking demand outstrips supply • Reservation tools in conjunction with parking and fueling • On-site power generation and battery storage, MHD EV infrastructure & data centers • Green hydrogen fueling options through the Pacific NW Hydrogen2 Hub • Innovative commercial scale solar projects and alternative forms of energy storage • Workforce development, good jobs, resilience. 	

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