

# BIA Transportation/Road Maintenance Update

TIBC RM Subcommittee

Virtual Meeting (informational)

Aug. 10, 2020

# \*\*\*\*\*National Health Crisis\*\*\*\*\*

- March 16, 2020: All telework eligible personnel at Central Office began stay at home, field offices began “work from home” or other options shortly thereafter. Nearly 5 months.
- Challenges: remote work, program functions, priorities of limited staff, etc.
- BIA Recovery (like most agencies) will depend on local conditions

# BIA Road Maintenance: FY2020

- FY2020 TPA Available:
  - RM: Total received \$36,063,000 (\$33,063,000 for routine RM)
  - NATIVE Act: \$1M in FY20
  - School Bus: \$2M
- Senate Report 116-123:
  - “The Committee provides \$36,063,000 for road maintenance. The Committee is concerned about the obligation of road maintenance funding given the balances and backlog for deferred maintenance of roads in Indian Country;.”

# Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (25 CFR 170.443)

- NPRM published on July 26, 2019 (Proposed Roads)
- Comments closed September 24, 2019
- Reviewed all comments for final rule (January 2020)
- Final Rule published Mar 30, 2020. Effective: April 29, 2020

# FY2020 Topics

- Last year of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, expires 9/30/2020.
- FAST Act overview:
  - Program Admin: 5%
  - Bridge: 3%
  - Tribal Planning: 2%
  - Safety: 2%
  - Federal Share: 100%
  - Tribal Project/Activity Data Collection: Name, Description and Current Status, as well as an estimate of the jobs created and retained
  - No other changes to MAP-21 (2013-2015)

# FY2020 Topics (cont.)

- Possibly new transportation authorization to replace FAST Act of 2016 or extensions of FAST.
- Final Rule to be Published for Self–Governance Program at US Department of Transportation, June 1, 2020; Effective date: Oct 1, 2020

# TIBC Road Maintenance Subcommittee

- Last meeting in Nov 2019:
- Jan. 2020: TIBC Subcommittee on RM working with Great Plains Regions on a Pilot for data collection on RM needs and expenditures
  - Pilot approved by full TIBC
  - Purpose: To explore voluntary options for reporting RM data at a tribal level to identify a improved estimate for budget planning and needs (cost of maintaining facilities, cost of administration, and performance).
- Met with GPRO Tribes (and BIA staff) on Jan. 22, 2020.
  - Reviewed available methods of tracking data for RM
  - Limitations of current systems (or lack thereof)
  - Basic information to track costs needed
  - Web based would be preferable
  - Samples of data collection methods provided during after meeting

# Questions

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