

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

**FISCAL YEAR
2021**

DATA REPORT TO THE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE
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Background

The Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) is an important resource in a Tribe's overall infrastructure investment strategy. The TTP provides funding to address the transportation needs of the 574 Federally-recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (Tribes). Tribes use TTP funds for construction, road and bridge maintenance, and other transportation related activities.

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Federal Lands Highway and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Division of Transportation jointly administer the program in accordance with a memorandum of understanding. Tribes directly receive all TTP funding except for a 5-percent statutory set-aside which the BIA and FHWA use for program management and oversight (PM&O). The TTP funding that Tribes received in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 included:

- ***The Tribal shares;***
- ***The 2-percent Planning funds;***
- ***Any TTP Bridge Program funds; and***
- ***Any TTP Safety funds.***

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) established the TTP in 2012. Prior to MAP-21, the TTP was known as the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program, established by the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982. The statutory funding formula in Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 202(b) determines the Tribal shares. Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 170 contains the policies and procedures for carrying out the TTP.

Program Management and Oversight

The PM&O funds are used to carry out stewardship and oversight of the TTP as well as other TTP activities that are deemed as inherently Federal in accordance with the appendix to Subpart E of 25 CFR Part 170. In FY 2021, \$22,447,250 was made available to FHWA and BIA to carry out PM&O activities through the 5-percent statutory set-aside. These funds were used for:

- Payroll and travel of the FHWA and BIA TTP staff;
 - Office space and supplies;
 - Information Technology support and equipment;
 - Maintenance of the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory; and
 - Other special TTP-specific and required studies, technical assistance and activities such as:
 - Tribal Technical Assistance Program;
 - Carrying out Tribal program reviews;
 - Outreach on Tribal government recreation travel and tourism activities; and
 - Conducting bridge inspections on the Tribal and BIA bridges across the country.
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Program Funding

2021 Funding Levels

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorized the TTP in FY 2021 at a funded level of \$505 million. After the application of an 11.1-percent reduction in funding available due to the imposition of annual obligation limitation contained in the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2021, \$448,945,000 remained for program activities. Of this amount, \$8,978,900 was designated for each of the planning and safety set asides, \$13,468,350 was designated for the Bridge Program and \$22,447,250 went toward PM&O funds. The net result was \$395,071,600 of FY 2021 TTP funding made available to the Tribes as formula Tribal shares. Additional background information about the TTP is provided as Attachment A.

FAST Act Funds Available for Programs

\$448,945,000

FY 2021 Tribal Shares

\$395,071,600

Program Management & Oversight (administered by FHWA and BIA)

\$22,447,250

Bridge Program

\$13,468,350

Planning Set Aside

\$8,978,900

Safety Set Aside

\$8,978,900

Further review of the data contained in the three-chapter reports (Attachments B, C, and D) show that in FY 2021 the Tribes expended funds on more than 656 design or construction projects with a total estimated cost of approximately \$2.1 billion. In addition, the reports show that in FY 2021, the Tribes leveraged and expended an additional \$29 million in non-TTP funds on those projects as well.