

Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Project

In Fiscal Year 2007, the tribe submitted an application for an Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Project and was awarded \$ 819,500 for a chip seal project on a portion of the Ibapah Road.

The project requirements were submitted and a Notice to Proceed was issued to begin construction. The construction work was completed by the Tooele County Roads Department in cooperation with the Shoshone Construction Company of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone.

Construction began in September, 2009 and was officially completed in October 2009. This project created temporary employment for the Tribal Community.

Fuel Tanks

During the summer of 2009, the Tribal Road Maintenance Program was able to purchase 1- 1,000 gallon tank and 3- 500 gallon tanks from Gale Oil and Tire located in Ely, Nevada. Gale oil and Tire also provided 1,500 gallons of unleaded gasoline as well as 500 gallons of Off-Road dyed diesel and 500 gallons of clear highway diesel. Due to the higher fuel prices in Ely, Nevada, the Road Maintenance Program made the decision to end their fuel delivery from Gale Oil and Tire.

After the High Priority chip seal project was completed, the Road Maintenance Program purchased an 8,000 gallon fuel tank as well as a flat bed transportation trailer from the former Bolinder Company of Tooele, Utah. With the larger capacity fuel tank, the Road Maintenance Program was able to begin purchasing fuel from the Cardwell Distributing Company in Midvale, Utah. In addition to the gasoline purchases, both off-road and highway diesel were also purchased making the fuel purchase costs minimize drastically.

With the purchase of the larger capacity tank, the Road Maintenance Program is now able to provide gasoline, dyed diesel and clear diesel to the Tribal Programs as well as the general public at an extremely reduced cost.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

On February 17, 2009 the bill was passed into law and signed by President Barack Obama. Through the Federal Lands Highway Program, the Indian Reservation Roads was allocated \$ 310 million. Of this amount, the Tribe was allocated \$ 75,000 for Nevada roads and \$ 79,000 for Utah roads. Because of such strict stipulations, the ARRA funds can only be used for specific improvements. The allocations were based on the Relative Need Distribution Factor for the Tribe which is identified through the Road Inventory data, which is why it is very important for tribes to have accurate road inventory information on an annual basis.

Tooele County Road Department relations

Throughout 2009, the tribal road maintenance program has worked in cooperation with the Tooele County Roads Department personnel stationed in the Deep Creek valley. During this time, the Tribe was given a snow plow/dump truck by the Tooele County Roads Department. The tribal road maintenance program operators are now able to assist the county maintenance department in snow removal during the winter months and help keep our roads safe to travel on.

FY 2010 Tribal Transportation Planning/Road Maintenance Plans

Request for bid proposals

Place advertisements in local news publications for:

* 44 miles - Ibapah Road safety signage and striping design project

* 20 miles – 8-Mile/Pony Express Road dust control design project (mag-chloride spray)

* 14 miles – Whiskey Road and Tempí Poi Lane gravel design project

Bid Selection

Carefully select bid proposal based on criteria rankings

Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Revision (LRTP)

Update all information contained in the current Long Range Transportation Plan, collect more accurate historical information about the tribe to be added into Long Range Transportation Plan

Tribal Transportation Improvement Program Update/Revision (TTIP)

Update and make revisions in the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program, revise and better prioritize projects on Tribal Priorities List. Describe exactly what the tribe expects with each project to make RFP process easier and helps BIA write contracts based on what the tribe

wants with each project. Compile information into the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Road Inventory Update and enhancement

Update and possibly re-inventory each route of the reservation, updating miles per route, average daily traffic counts, documentation such as photographs and GPS reading per route as well as exact trip records per route. Enhance the information to reflect the improvement need for each route. Generate accurate mapping information on each route as required by BIA. Compile information into the Long Range Transportation Plan

Road Inventory Field Database Systems (RIFDS)

In order for the Tribe to maintain their Indian Reservation Roads Inventory accurately, access to the Road Inventory Field Database System is required. To gain access to this Federal database, extensive training is required as is a full FBI background investigation on the tribal planner who is wishing to have access granted to them. After access is granted, the tribe will have the ability to update, modify, add, revise and delete routes and information and scan in required maps. This action would also give the tribes the access to control what is on their road inventory and what is not.

Renovation of Maintenance Facility

Plans to renovate the old shop are in the making. Renovation of this facility would give the road maintenance mechanics a place to work on the vehicles and heavy equipment, store road maintenance property, store equipment for the road maintenance program as well as field instruments used for the Long Range Transportation Plan. It is a goal to seek funding for this renovation which would also give tribal members employment opportunities during the renovation period.

Equipment Improvements

The Road Maintenance Program is always looking for new ways to improve their equipment as well as preserve the equipment currently on hand. Plans will be produced to

keep all equipment on a regular preventive maintenance schedule as well as preventive maintenance for all tribally owned vehicles.

Questions, input, suggestions, ect...

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