



**U.S. Department
of Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Assistant Secretary
for Government Affairs

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

January 31st, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

As a follow up to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (herein "the Department" or USDOT) recent Tribal consultation sessions in March 2021, which were conducted in accordance with President Biden's January 26, 2021 *Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships*, we intend to update the Department's Tribal consultation policy, as currently set forth in USDOT Order 5301.1 and the Department's 2010 Tribal Consultation Plan. We are pleased to note that the Department's proposed update took your comments and recommendations submitted in the March 2021 Tribal consultation sessions into full consideration.

To complete this proposed update, USDOT's Director of Tribal Affairs, Milo Booth, has been tasked with leading USDOT's effort. He will oversee the Department's consultation activities during a 120-day comment period. Accordingly, we request and welcome your views and comments on the proposed update to the Department's Tribal consultation policy. The proposed update (USDOT Order 5301.1A) is available at [Draft 5301.1A](#). We expect that this update will more fully and faithfully implement and reflect the policies, principles, and spirit of Executive Order 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* while affirming the principles of Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination.

In the coming months of calendar year 2022, we look forward to continuing our engagement with you on a Nation-to-Nation basis regarding this proposed update to the Department's Tribal consultation policy. The 120-day comment period on this proposed update will commence on January 31st, 2022 and we will accept comments until May 31st, 2022. You may submit your comments via email at tribalaffairs@dot.gov or [via mail] at: Office of Governmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation, Attn: Director, Milo Booth, Rm. W-83 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590.

If you have any questions please contact Milo Booth, Director of Tribal Affairs at 202.309.9786 or at milo.booth@dot.gov.



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Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a smaller 'T' and a horizontal line.

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