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Dear Tribal Leader:

Roads and other tribal transportation facilities that are within, or provide access to, tribal lands are essential to tribal communities. In 2012, Congress passed the Moving Ahead for Programs in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21 law), which replaced the existing Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program with the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP). Meanwhile, Congress recently extended the law through May 31, 2015.¹ The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs has been working closely with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on updating regulations to comply with these changes.

Last year, we distributed draft revisions to 25 CFR 170 (Indian Reservation Roads Program) and held several consultation sessions on the draft. We have incorporated Tribal feedback on the draft and now request your input on the proposed rule. The proposed rule updates 25 CFR 170 to comply with MAP-21, reflects additional delivery options for the TTP that are available to tribal governments, and clarifies requirements for proposed roads and access roads to be added to or remain in the National Tribal Transportation Facilities Inventory (formerly known as IRR Inventory). The proposed rule is available at <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/ORM/TTP/index.htm>

We will be hosting the following tribal consultation sessions on this proposed rule (please refer to the link above for detailed venue information):

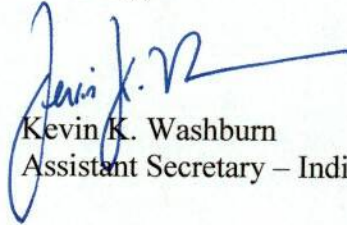
Date	Time	Location
January 13, 2015	9 am – 4 pm	Sacramento, CA
January 15, 2015	9 am – 4 pm	Phoenix, AZ
January 27, 2015	9 am – 4 pm	Minneapolis, MN
January 29, 2015	9 am – 4 pm	Oklahoma City, OK
February 10, 2015	9 am – 4 pm	Anchorage, AK
February 12, 2015	9 am – 4 pm	Seattle, WA

Please submit any comments you may have, by **March 20, 2015**, via email at consultation@bia.gov, or via mail to Ms. Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs &

¹ See Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Pub. L. 112-141, a reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act, as extended by the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014, Pub. L. 113-159 (August 8, 2014).

Collaborative Action, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW,
MS 3623-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin K. Washburn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin K. Washburn
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs