



**U.S. Department
of Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Assistant Secretary
for Government Affairs

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Tribal Leader,

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships (Presidential Memorandum) reaffirming Executive Order (EO) 13175, “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000) and the policy announced in the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation of November 5, 2009 (November 9, 2009, 74 FR 57879). The Presidential Memorandum directs agencies to consult with Indian Tribes to develop a detailed plan of actions to implement EO 13175.

I am writing to inform you of our efforts at the Department of Transportation to implement President Biden’s directive to develop, within 90 days of his Presidential Memorandum, a detailed plan of actions to strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship between the Department and Tribal nations in accordance with EO 13175. We request and welcome your input, including recommendations for what actions we should continue to take to work with Indian Tribes on a government-to-government basis and any new steps that can be taken in order to better facilitate the nation-to-nation relationship.

As we work to strengthen our relationships with our Tribal partners, we will be consulting on the steps we can take to improve our consultation and coordination with Tribal governments in accordance with EO 13175. We will consider your input as we develop our plan of actions and subsequent progress reports. We will host a virtual listening session on March 24th and we will accept comments until March 31, 2021. You may submit your comments via email at tribalaffairs@dot.gov or 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. Additional information about the virtual consultation on this topic may be found in the Department’s Notice of Tribal Consultation that will shortly be issued in the Federal Register.

For your review and reference, I am providing links to Department Order 5301.1 regarding the administration of Tribal programs and activities by the Department



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(<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/DOT%205301.1.pdf>) and the
Department's Tribal Consultation Plan
(<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/Tribal%20Consultation%20Plan.pdf>).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Milo
Booth, Director of Tribal Affairs at (202) 309-9786 or at milo.booth@dot.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arlando Teller'.

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