

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIKI'YÁTI' COMMITTEES; ENDORSING THE NAVAJO NATION'S APPLICATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATION ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANT ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR \$16 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO NAVAJO ROUTE 12

WHEREAS:

- A. The Resources and Development Committee has oversight authority over transportation for the purposes of overseeing planning and coordinating of all roads and transportation activities of the Navajo Nation and the power to promulgate rules and regulations governing transportation. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C)(6); 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(1).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate all federal programs, i.e. United States Department of Transportation ("DOT"), to provide efficient services to Navajo members. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(4) (2012); *see also* CO-45-12.
- C. TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grants allow the DOT to provide capital funding directly to a public entity, such as a tribal government.
- D. Primary selection criteria for TIGER grants, which are weighed equally, must have a likelihood of long-term benefits based on the following criteria: Safety, State of Good Repair, Economic Competitiveness, Quality of Life, and Environmental Sustainability.


- E. The Navajo Nation plans to submit a final application for a TIGER Grant administered through the United States Department of Transportation for road improvements for Navajo Route 12 (N12), namely for construction enhancements on N12 between Wheatfields Lake and the junction of Navajo Route 64. See N12 Improvements Project Summary attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby endorses the Navajo Nation's application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant for \$16 million dollars for road improvements to Navajo Route 12.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 10 in favor and 0 opposed, (Two members from each Standing Committee pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §700 (D)) this 28th day of May, 2015.


Leonard Tsosie, Pro Tem Chairperson
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

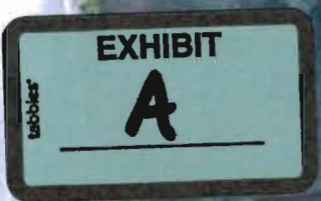
Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second: Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr.



NAVAJO DOT

N12

Improvements Project



Navajo Nation | Apache County

Application Type: Rural Road

Applicant Organization: Navajo Nation

Type of Eligible Applicant: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)

Project Need (Amount Being Applied For) / Amount of TTGER Grant funds requested: \$16,000,000

Project Summary

PROJECT NAME

N 12 Improvements Project

UNIQUE TIGER ID

ajwatson627

LOCATION

Navajo Nation, Apache County, Arizona

TYPE OF APPLICATION

Rural Road Application

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TYPE OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)

PROJECT NEED (AMOUNT BEING APPLIED FOR)

Amount of TIGER Grant funds requested:

\$16,000,000.00

Navajo Division of Transportation Match (FHWA TTP):

\$4,000,000.00

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As the Chapter President for the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter of the Navajo Nation it is with great honor that we are submitting this N12 TIGER Grant application. N12 is designated as one of Arizona's Northern Scenic Roads that carens tourists through one of the most surreal landscapes and is a main artillery for access to local, historic parks and attractions. In addition, N12 is the only road for hundreds of families to gain access to work, school, and healthcare services. Due to hazardous road conditions, this stretch of highway has demonstrated to be one of the most dangerous roads within my jurisdiction. I strongly urge your consideration of this important project to help improve this road for the safety of both pedestrian and vehicle traffic.”

PHOTO

Zane James

*Chapter President for the
Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter*

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The FY 2015 TIGER funds will be used for construction enhancements on Navajo Route 12 between Wheatfields Lake and the Junction of N64. The scope of work will address safety concerns for a 10.2 mile stretch of this highway as outlined in a Road Safety Audit (RSA) conducted in May 2012. The proposed design will widen the road with a more modern typical section to include a new 5" asphalt surface, 12' driving lanes, 8' shoulders, bridge replacement, slope cuts to improve line of sight distances, new guardrails, culvert replacements / upgrades, new right-of-way fencing, and sign/stripping enhancements.



M12 Project Location

Beginning of Project Starts North of Wheatfields Lake and Ends at N64 Intersection

