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## Tribal Interior Budget Council Resolution #24-003

### Title: Calling on the BIA Division of Transportation to Conduct a Third-Party Review of the Tribal Transportation Program Funding Distribution Formula

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Interior Budget Committee (TIBC) was created to provide a forum and process, consistent with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Section 450(a)1 and Executive Order 13175 and the Department of Interior's (DOI) Government to Government policy, whereby Tribal nations and DOI work to develop policy and budgets that provide for 1) the DOI to fulfill its Treaty obligations and Trust responsibilities; and 2) the fulfillment of Tribal Nations' inherent sovereign rights of self-determination, self-governance, and governmental capacity to serve their citizens and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Surface Transportation Act was reauthorized in 2021 and is in effect through 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Surface Transportation Act includes a statutory funding distribution formula for the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), also known as Tribal Shares; and

**WHEREAS**, the current TTP funding distribution formula, more commonly known as the MAP-21 formula, dates to 2012, and since its implementation, many Tribal Nations are negatively impacted by receiving less funding than their 2011 funding level as stipulated in the law; and

**WHEREAS**, because some Tribal Nations have not achieved their 2011 funding level, this has caused many Tribal Nations to question whether the existing formula is fair and equitable to all Tribal Nations and there needs to be a third-party review of the formula with recommendations for updating it prior to the process for reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, another formula component that needs to be reviewed is a comparison of the population component, which currently uses the NAHASDA population for Tribal Nations, to the DOI's Certified Tribal Enrollment, a more recent population factor now being used by several agencies including the DOI, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Justice.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal/Interior Budget Council requests the BIA Division of Transportation to contract with a third-party organization to conduct a review of the current TTP funding distribution formula, to examine ways it can ensure fairness for all Tribal Nations utilizing the TTP; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the third-party review process should be implemented immediately, so that it may be completed before the start of FY 2026, when the process for reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act will commence.

### CERTIFICATION

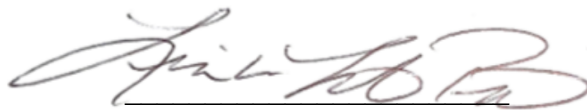
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Tribal/Interior Budget Council at the November 22, 2024, Tribal/Interior Budget Council meeting held in Washington, DC, with a quorum present.



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