

ITA Update: Mary Beth Clark, ITA President

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This past month, ITA's activity has been non-stop regarding zoom meetings that pertain to various consultations, reauthorization, and one-time funding programs that the current Administration is pushing forward. Please visit ITA website (tribaltransportation.org) to find future meeting/log-in information. The next monthly ITA meeting will begin 10:00 a.m. (PST) on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Log-in information can be found on ITA's website.

This past month, NCAI/ITA Taskforce assisted with the transportation element of the American Jobs Plan (AJP) 20-page letter that NCAI submitted April 13, 2021. ITA also worked on a more inclusive letter regarding tribal transportation and submitted on April 9, 2021. ITA hosted USDOT "Virtual Listening Session" on EO13175 Consultation & Coordination with Indian Tribal Government on March 10, 2021 plus a follow up letter with comments to Mr. Milo Booth that was sent March 29, 2021. These letter can be found on ITA website under Meeting Activity tab/Governance Committee.

I would like to encourage Tribes to rejoin ITA and submit their membership form w/dues; the form can be found on ITA's website. One of many benefits of being an ITA member is the immediate emails when new information is known regarding Tribal Transportation; it would be disappointing for a Tribe to miss important information that could be helpful to their respective tribe. With one-time funding opportunities and reauthorization around the corner, it seems that new information is continually being shared each week.

Upcoming 'virtual' meetings you may be interested in plus log-in info on ITA Website: NCAI/ITA Taskforce-Reauthorization Discussion, April 19, 2021 beginning at 12:30 p.m. (PST); ITA Monthly Meeting 10:00 a.m. (PST) on April 22, 2021; TTPCC beginning 10:00 a.m. (PST) on April 27, 2021.

Enjoy Spring and hope to see you at future meetings!