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On November 5, 2009, President Obama issued a Memorandum on Tribal Consultation reaffirming the unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribal governments and tasked executive departments and agencies with creating detailed plans of actions that they will take to implement the policies and directives of Executive Order (EO) 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian tribal Governments" (Nov. 6, 2000). The memorandum gave agencies 90 days from issuance to create their plans of actions and directed agencies to create their plans in consultation with Indian tribes and tribal officials.

EO 13175 recognizes the unique legal relationship that the Federal government has with Indian tribes and sets forth the criteria agencies should follow when formulating and implementing policies that have tribal implications. In addition, EO 13175 requires Federal agencies to establish a consultation process for interactions with Indian tribes in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.

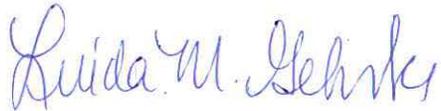
The United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) affirms its commitment to these principles, and those set forth in EO 13175 and the President's November 5, 2009 memorandum, to establish meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, and to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the US and American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Indian tribal governments.

For the full tribal consultation plan, please check out the web link at:  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tribal/consultation.htm>.

For the full EO, please check out the web site link at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/memorandum-tribal-consultation-signed-president>.

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