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Subject: Tribal Transit Program Public Listening Session – MAP 21 Update

Program Area: TTP

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This is a letter from Peter M. Rogoff, the Administrator for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dated November 26, 2012:

In our ongoing effort to bring you timely information on how our new two-year authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), affects FTA programs and grantees, I invite you to participate in a public outreach and consultation session on FTA's Tribal Transit Program, to be held in Washington, D.C. on December 10, 2012 and remind you of the opportunity to submit formal comments to the Federal Register about the program through January 7, 2013.

As you may know, the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program) has been amended under MAP-21. Specifically, MAP-21 prescribes a formula to allocate \$25 million to eligible recipients and sets aside \$5 million to be allocated competitively. In addition, the law permits FTA to determine the terms and conditions of the Tribal Transit Program.

FTA staff held an initial outreach and consultation session to obtain input during the public comment period at the National Tribal Transportation Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on November 14, 2012.

We will host a second session, free of charge and open to the public, on December 10, 2012, at the U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters in Washington, D.C. from 9:30 am-3:30 pm (Eastern Time). To register:
<http://www.nationalrtap.org/ttpp/Home.aspx>.

In addition, we invite formal comments on proposed implementation of the Tribal Transit Program. On November 9, 2012, FTA published a notice in the Federal Register that provides information on our schedule for implementing MAP-21-related changes and seeks comments in three areas:

- (1) *The methodology for the formula allocation and the assumptions made regarding who is eligible for the formula program;*
- (2) *The terms and conditions for the program's formula and discretionary components; and*
- (3) *How the discretionary program resources should be allocated. A link to the notice may be found here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-09/pdf/2012-27458.pdf>.*

You may submit formal comments to docket number FTA-2012-0054 through January 7, 2013.

FTA will use these public meetings and the related notice and comment period to engage as many tribal and rural stakeholders as possible in a healthy discussion about the impact of proposed program changes on your agencies and communities, and to solicit your input on how certain changes should be implemented. I strongly encourage you to register for the outreach sessions and/or to submit comments on the record.

We look forward to working with you as we begin to implement our new and revised Tribal Transit program and other programs under MAP-21. If you have any questions about the outreach sessions or the program itself, please contact Elan Flippin at elan.flippin@dot.gov or Lorna Wilson at lorna.wilson@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Peter Rogoff

For those interested in the December 10th meeting but unable to travel to DC, we are expecting to have the meeting broadcast via webinar. Updates on the broadcast registration will be provided when the information is available.

For further information, contact Region 10's David Powell at 206-220-7956 or email david.powell@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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