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The Navajo Division of Transportation (Navajo DOT) plays a crucial role in enhancing the safety and efficiency of the transportation network within the Navajo Nation, facilitating access to essential services such as education, healthcare, and employment. Continuous improvement and maintenance of this network are vital not only for community connectivity but also for promoting economic development and job creation. The ongoing initiatives by Navajo DOT aim to address community needs effectively, ensuring that transportation supports overall growth and accessibility in the region.

This document provides a comprehensive overview of the planned projects for the second quarter (Q2) of fiscal year (FY) 2025, detailing initiatives at different stages, including completed projects, those under construction, in preparation for construction, and in the design phase. It also summarizes all maintenance activities conducted during Q1, highlighting the ongoing efforts to enhance the efficiency and safety of the transportation network.

Navajo DOT, in collaboration with contractors, is actively involved in a range of essential infrastructure tasks within the Navajo Nation's Agencies, including culvert installation, grading and drainage, subgrade preparation, gravel and soil stabilization, chip seal, pavement preservation, roadway lighting, low water crossings, road safety audits, right-of-way projects, and airport rehabilitation. This document provides detailed project summaries, relevant data, and completion statuses, showcasing the progress and impact of these initiatives on the community's transportation infrastructure.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

This report outlines the recent engagements and activities of Navajo Division of Transportation (Navajo DOT) Director, Mr. Platero and Deputy Director Ms. Shelby Dayzie. Over the past period, Director Platero and Deputy Director Dayzie have been actively meeting with a broad spectrum of individuals, offices, departments, and organizations both within and outside the Navajo Nation.



These interactions, which include site visits, meetings, and strategic sessions, are aimed at advancing the goals of the Navajo DOT and ensuring alignment with federal, state, and local stakeholders for the development and maintenance of road infrastructure on Navajo lands.

Key Meetings and Engagements:

Navajo Nation Council Delegates & Agency Councils

- Director Platero has met with various Navajo Nation Council Delegates and Agency Councils to discuss transportation infrastructure priorities, road maintenance, and upcoming projects.

External Consultants and Engineering Firms

- Dibble Engineering and Wilson and Company: Director Platero has been engaged with these firms to discuss ongoing and upcoming road projects, planning, and design elements. These meetings are critical for the successful execution of infrastructure projects within the Navajo Nation.

Federal Highway Administration - Arizona Division

- Director Platero has met with representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Arizona Division to discuss federal support and funding for highway projects, as well as compliance with regulations and guidelines set forth by the administration.

County Officials

- Director Platero has coordinated with local county officials from Apache, Navajo, Coconino, McKinley, and San Juan Counties to address road maintenance needs, regional transportation planning, and collaboration on shared infrastructure projects.

Navajo Utah Commission

- Meetings with the Navajo Utah Commission have focused on transportation issues that impact the Utah-based communities within the Navajo Nation, particularly concerning road access and development.

Navajo Nation Committees

- Budget and Finance Committee: Director Platero has met with the committee to review and discuss budgetary considerations for transportation projects and maintenance.
- Resources and Development Committee: Discussions with the committee have centered around aligning the department's priorities with broader development goals within the Navajo Nation.

Site Visits for Upcoming Road Maintenance Yards

- Director Platero has conducted site visits across the Navajo Nation to assess locations for upcoming road maintenance yards. These visits are crucial for planning the logistics and efficiency of road maintenance operations.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – Washington DC

- Director Platero met with officials at the FAA in Washington, DC, to address air transportation needs and infrastructure development in the Navajo Nation. This meeting was essential for ensuring alignment with federal air transportation goals.

Tribal Interior Budget Council – Washington DC

- At the Tribal Interior Budget Council meeting in Washington, DC, Director Platero represented the Navajo DOT to discuss funding opportunities and infrastructure priorities with federal partners.

Internal Navajo DOT Leadership

- Chief of Staff Sandoval: Regular meetings with Chief of Staff Sandoval have been held to ensure coordination and alignment with broader administrative goals of the Navajo Nation.
- Annual Department Reviews: Director Platero conducted annual reviews of all departments within Navajo DOT to assess performance, identify areas for improvement, and set new priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Arizona DOT Partnership Meeting

- Director Platero attended the Arizona DOT's Partnership Meeting at the Navajo DOT Complex. This was an important occasion for fostering collaborative relationships with Arizona's transportation officials and discussing cross-jurisdictional road and infrastructure issues.

Navajo DOT Strategic Work Session

- A strategic work session was conducted to outline and implement key goals for FY2025. The session focused on improving departmental operations, setting clear performance objectives, and ensuring alignment with the Navajo Nation's long-term transportation needs.

Internal Department Personnel Reviews

- Internal reviews were conducted with Navajo DOT staff to assess personnel performance, identify skill gaps, and enhance internal capacity for more efficient project delivery and management.

Conclusion:

Director Platero's extensive engagement with various internal and external stakeholders demonstrates his commitment to the growth and improvement of transportation infrastructure across the Navajo Nation. Through these meetings, site visits, strategic planning sessions, and ongoing reviews, Director Platero is ensuring that Navajo DOT's operations are well-coordinated with federal, state, and local partners, while maintaining a focus on meeting the needs of Navajo Nation communities. These activities will contribute to the effective and efficient execution of transportation projects and road maintenance, supporting the ongoing development of critical infrastructure across the Navajo Nation.

Deputy Division Director Report – Eastern Agency

The Navajo Division of Transportation (Navajo DOT) continues to make significant strides in ensuring the effective management of road construction and maintenance within the Navajo Nation. This report outlines the recent contributions and initiatives spearheaded by Deputy Division Director Shelby Dayzie, focusing on technical reviews, policy development, project management, and collaborative efforts to enhance accountability and operational efficiency.

Technical Reviews and Engineering Deliverables

- Shelby Dayzie has been actively engaged in conducting comprehensive technical reviews pertaining to both road construction and maintenance activities. The primary areas of focus include:
- Engineering Deliverables: Oversight and assessment of project engineering submissions to ensure compliance with federal standards and best practices.
- Environmental Technical Reviews: Detailed evaluations of projects submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as well as non-FHWA initiatives, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and sustainability criteria.
- Policy Development: Formulation of a clear policy delineating the distinctions between public and private roads, which is essential for regulatory compliance, funding allocations and strategic planning.

Request for Qualifications (RFQs)

- Deputy Director Dayzie is leading the development of RFQs for Construction/Engineering and Compliance contracts, applicable to both FHWA and non-FHWA projects. This initiative is designed to:
- Streamline project execution and enhance procurement processes.
- Establish clear guidelines for permissible and impermissible costs, thereby ensuring fiscal accountability.
- These RFQs will facilitate transparent contracting processes and align with the goals of maximizing resource effectiveness within Navajo DOT.

Online Project Management Portal

- In collaboration with the University of New Mexico, the Project Management/Compliance Department is developing an online portal intended for real-time access to project updates. Key features of this portal will include:
- Access for both leadership and the public to monitor the progress of specific road projects.
- Improved communication and transparency regarding project timelines and developments, fostering greater public engagement.

Gravel Pit Initiative

- The Navajo DOT is undertaking preliminary assessments with our contractor on the Gravel Pit initiative. One of the primary areas of focus is the Thoreau – Owl Canyon Gravel Pit. Efforts in this initiative will include:
- Conducting thorough research to assess the quality and sustainability of materials available in the designated gravel pit area.
- Compiling a comprehensive report to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of advancing operations at the gravel pit.
- This initiative aims to ensure that resource extraction is conducted responsibly while aligning with regulatory standards and community interests.

In summary, the ongoing efforts led by Deputy Division Director Shelby Dayzie are poised to significantly enhance the operational capabilities and accountability of the Navajo Division of Transportation. By focusing on technical excellence, strategic policymaking, and transparent project management, Navajo DOT is dedicated to providing safe and efficient transportation infrastructure across the Navajo Nation.

Further updates will be provided in the subsequent report as initiatives progress and additional milestones are achieved.

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ENGINEERING - FHWA



The Navajo Department of Transportation (DOT), in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), plays a crucial role in managing the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) Project, which aims to allocate federal funding to enhance transportation infrastructure within the Navajo Nation. This initiative focuses on improving the safety, accessibility, and overall quality of transportation systems to support the community's needs and promote economic development.

Projects under Construction

N35(8)1,2&4 Sweetwater, AZ

- Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority (NECA) is 66% complete with this \$21.2 million project. NECA has completed the fencing installation and articulating concrete block type CC45 and CC20 installations for drainage ditches and channel protection. Subcontractors Bear Construction and Black Mesa Contracting continue to haul mixtures of aggregate material for stockpiles to be used for asphalt preparation. NECA is under winter suspension beginning October 25, 2024 and will resume construction on March 24, 2025. Once construction resumes, NECA will complete the paving, guardrail, erosion control, striping, signage, and seeding.
- Dibble CM continues to provide construction management services and Western Technologies, Inc. provides material testing during construction.
- NECA anticipates completing the project by June 30, 2025.

Projects Preparing for Construction

N5001(1)1,2&4 Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, NM

- Wilson and Company, Inc. (WCI) has completed design plans, environmental compliances, 401 and 404 permits, and Tribal Authorization Access for right-of-way and temporary construction easements to construct 2.8 miles of grade, drain, chip seal surface, three (3) bridge replacements, and miscellaneous construction. WCI has finalized all utility conflicts with respective utility owners.
- Navajo DOT submitted three (3) separate Tribal Transportation Facility (TTF) Bridge Program Applications to FHWA on January 21, 2025 to request construction funds in the amount of \$6.9 million to replace bridges N213, N214, and N241. The FHWA notified the Navajo DOT that all discretionary grants, including the TTF Bridge Program funds, are currently on hold due to President Trump's Executive Orders.

- Navajo DOT advertised the project for construction on February 6, 2025 and Request for Proposals were due by March 6, 2025. Navajo DOT anticipates having a contractor under contract by May 2025 and starting construction by June 2025.

Projects Under Design

N13(3-3)4 Red Valley, NM Pavement Rehabilitation

- Wilson & Company, Inc. (WCI) will complete final design plans, permits, and environmental clearances to construct pavement rehabilitation along N13 beginning at Red Valley, AZ and proceeding east 11 miles towards US 491. WCI submitted the 60% design plans for the concrete box culvert and pavement rehabilitation work on January 7, 2025. Navajo DOT and WCI have scheduled a 60% design review meeting at the Red Valley Chapter on March 20, 2025 at 11:00 am to update the new Chapter officials and solicit input on the plans.
- Biological resources work and compliance are completed.
- Cultural resources work and compliance are completed. FHWA received the Navajo Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer's concurrence on the Section 106 Tribal consultation letter on February 5, 2025.
- Navajo DOT has provided Section 106 consultation letter concurrence from NN THPO to the FHWA to finalize the FHWA Environmental Checklist. The FHWA Environmental Checklist is under review by the FHWA for approval.
- The project has established right-of-way and construction will stay within these limits.

N36(5A-1)4 US491 to Chaco Wash

- Wilson & Company, Inc. (WCI) will complete final design plans, permits, and environmental clearances to reconstruct 7.9 miles of pavement along N36 beginning at US 491 and proceeding east to Chaco Wash bridge.
- WCI is working on the 90% plans and will incorporate the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) proposed Water Treatment Plant access turnout and left/right turn lanes along N36. WCI continues to coordinate with NTUA and Frontier to address known utility conflicts. Navajo DOT and WCI are working with the BOR and Jacobs on cost sharing of design and construction of the Water Treatment Plant access turnout and left/right turn lanes. WCI received the BOR's 30% design submittal on January 6, 2025 and reviewed and provided comments back to Jacobs.
- Biological resources work, compliance, and Mesa Verde Cactus field surveys and report are completed.
- WCI is working on the 401 and 404 permit applications.
- WCI completed a cultural resources report, and it submitted to the Navajo DOT for review. No cultural sites were located in the right-of-way and there are a few sites adjacent to the right-of-way that may require flagging and/or monitoring when construction is occurring near these sites.
- WCI is awaiting a CRCF and 404 permit decision before finalizing the FHWA Environmental Checklist. WCI will send environmental document to the Navajo DOT for review before submitting to FHWA for review and approval.
- The project has established right-of-way and construction will stay within these limits.

Tribal Transportation Facility Bridge Program Bridge Replacement Projects

Dibble is working to complete bridge design, environmental compliance, and right-of-way acquisition for the following bridge replacement project:

- o N35 Walker Creek Bridge N248 Bridge Replacement, Sweetwater, AZ

Dibble has completed the preliminary roadway alignment and bridge location, drainage analysis, draft bridge selection report, preliminary 30% design plans, and cost estimate was submitted to the Navajo DOT on November 15, 2024 for review.

Navajo DOT and Dibble are currently reaching out to the Tolikan Chapter to schedule a virtual meeting with the new Chapter leadership for a presentation and discussion regarding the bridge replacement project. The discussion will also include scheduling a separate public meeting with the community to present the project and to solicit community input on the project.

Environmental field work, data collection, and preparation of cultural resources and biological resources are ongoing for the project.

Dibble is currently working on the 60% design plans.

ENGINEERING - NON-FHWA

Our Section manages projects that are funded by non-federal sources. Some sources include: Road Fund (FET), New Mexico State Funds, General Funds, and Sihasin. We currently have 83 projects with only a staff of four (4): a manager, 2 project managers and an office assistant.

Projects Under Construction

No projects to report in this quarter.

Projects Preparing for Construction

N5020 Red Valley

- Awaiting contract modification for Arrow Indian.
- Submitted Time Extension Request on 3/25/24. Document still at OMB.

Beclabito Helipad & Access Road – Const. ready need more funds

- C523346 Beclabito Helipad & Access Road
- D2657 – H4191 Helipad \$155,940
- F3042 – Helipad \$100,000
- F3041 – Helipad Access Road \$100,000
- G2510 – Helipad \$107,000
- G3161 – Helipad/Roads \$75,000
- H3346 – Helipad/Roads \$75,000
- 9/5/24 Beclabito Chapter Helipad & Access Road project meeting. I gave an overview of their NM Capital Outlay funding status. I reminded them that the 3rd bid resulted in only one bidder, which is Non-Priority One (Meridian Contracting, Inc.). The BID has not been awarded the Bid due to project shortfall of \$1,248,873.00). I've requested additional funding from NN DCD – Capital Outlay, which is at NN OMB and NM IAD. No funding from NMIAD.

N5006 Sheep Springs, NM Capital Outlay project

- Procurement of materials is in process.
- Northern BIA is going to complete the installation.

N19 fencing Newcomb Chapter

- NDOT recently obtained all required documents to fully execute Agreement. PM had been requesting a Chapter Resolution from Chapter since August 2024
- Design is complete and the project has a shortfall of \$375,000.

Projects Under Design**Newcomb Solar Street Lighting**

- This project was recently assigned to Priscilla Lee.
- Coordination with the light pole supplier and NMDOT is ongoing.
- New C6223159 N5001 Street Lighting - \$75,000.00
- New C52130444 N5001 Street Lighting - \$150,000.00
- Road FUNDS: C01644 N5007 Captain Tom Wash – Chapter request to reallocate to Solar Lighting & other safety enhancement projects. This project is on Time Extension list
- C01867 N5007 Captain Tom Wash – Reallocate to Solar Lighting. This project was not on the “Time Extension list.

Shiprock Senior Center Parking Lot Projects**NM Dept of Aging & Long-Term Services funding****A22G-2012 \$350,000 Expr: 6/30/26****A21F-2046 \$100,000 Expr: 6/30/25****A22G-3272 \$200,000 Expr: 6/30/25 received Transmittal****To present to NM Council Delegates Caucus Comm on 11/27/24****Update Received NOO for Task Order #97 approval 12/5/24. Prepare TASK ORDER letter request 01/08/25. I was informed that TO #97 was disapproved. Project Manager is preparing Direct Source.****Burnham Chapter Road RSA at intersection N5/NM 371**

- Prepare Task Order for Approval to Wilson & Company
- Completed the RSA – Kick off meeting was scheduled on 11/04/24 @ 10 AM
- 1/17/25 Virtual countermeasure RSA review

N134 & US HWY 491 Sheep Springs (C5213045)

- Design was completed.
- Coordination with the light pole supplier and NMDOT is ongoing.
- Environmental Clearance –
- BRCF - requested updated CatEx for Bio. BRCF – with condition for Mesa Verde Cactus
- Survey was signed 5/4/23, received 6/6/23. 8/15 - Verify NDOT signed the BRCF.
- CR report submitted to THPO 12/16/22. THPO has provided feedback on the CR report on 1/16/23; CRCF expected in late January with condition that identified recorded sites be avoided. The CRCF was approved by both the Nation's THPO & the BIA, effective 1/30/23, and received by Wilson 2/7/23

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



Navajo Transportation Planning plays a crucial role in supporting Navajo Chapters by facilitating the development and improvement of transportation infrastructure, including road enhancements and maintenance. This initiative includes the comprehensive Navajo Nation Long Range Transportation Plan, which is

updated every five years to address evolving needs and priorities within the community, ensuring sustainable and effective transportation solutions for the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Nation Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) is another essential planning tool and updated annually to guide transportation projects within the Navajo Nation. A key aspect of the TTIP process involves conducting public hearings at chapter houses, allowing community members and other transportation stakeholders to provide input and collaborate on proposed transportation initiatives, thereby ensuring that projects align with the needs and priorities of the Navajo people.

Transportation Planning actively collaborates with state and regional planning organizations to secure project funding, including resources allocated through the State Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

In addition to funding coordination, they focus on road safety initiatives by conducting road safety assessments (RSA) and provide valuable support for the annual road inventory, ensuring that safety and maintenance needs are systematically addressed to enhance transportation infrastructure within the Navajo Nation.

CHAPTER PLANING ACTIVITIES

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Northern Agency Planning Update

- The Northern Agency Planner continues to work collaboratively with the listed Northern Agency Chapters in the past quarter, Planner continues to set up meetings and conduct LRTP presentations with CLUPC committees and Northern Chapters.
- January 2025: Met with Red Valley Chapter Manager regarding the Mitten Rock Access Road. In Partnership with NHA and BIA. possible updating the Chapter's 15-miles regional routes in the month of February 2025 by resolution as a correction to the 2024 resolution submitted.
- February 2025; Met with Upper Fruitland Chapter Officials and BIA Civil Engineer, Alfred Reed. regarding Routes 2062 & 2057, addressing road safety issues.
- January 2025: Began contacting chapters to request updated or new officials email/ phone numbers. Started to schedule Road Meetings and Project update work sessions. All but two of Northern Chapters have provided updated contact information.

Will meet with the following Chapters on the following days:

- March 18, 2025: Will meet with Aneth Chapter on the current Regional Routes.
- March 19, 2025; Will meet with Two Grey Hills / Toadlena Chapter to Review Road Inventory and provide project update for N19, Fencing situation regarding wildlife and culvert status on N19
- March 25, 2025: Will meet with Mexican Water Chapter Officials for Road Inventory and Project Review with the new leadership
- Working with Newcomb and Red Mesa Chapter on the proposing Road Maintenance Yard by resolution. Resolutions were received by the Planning Department and moved to the Roads Department. Navajo DOT Executive directed to conduct a site visit on the proposed site. When all is viewed and documented the Compliance Department will schedule a survey of the site.
- Transportation Planning Department Manager attend the last Northern Agency Council meeting at Nenahnezad Chapter, December 21, 2024.

PARTNERSHIP

- NMDOT Funding Training; NM Capital Outlay Funding Resources, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Attending NDOT Planners & Staff Meetings
- Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization Meeting in Gallup, New Mexico
- Attending RIFDS Training; Road Inventory Field Data System, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- The Navajo DOT Agency Transportation Planning Department Team continue updating into the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) road inventory system as scheduled.
- March 6, 2025: Navajo DOT Transportation Planning Department Team submitted the Annual 2025 Deliverable package to the BIA Navajo Region and was accepted.
- The Northern Agency Principal Engineering Technician (PET) position will be filled within the coming month. The PET assists in filling the local Chapters requesting ADT for local chapter improvement plans.
- The Northern Agency Principal Engineering Technician (PET) quarterly update.

Chapter	Route	Section	ADT	Comments
DeChisla	63	100	52	Regional 4.15 Updates
	6027	10	27	Regional 4.15 Updates
Cove	832	10	35	Regional 4.15 Updates
Godlary	57	20	15	Regional 4.15 Updates
	5711	10	35	Regional 4.15 Updates
	5716	10	42	Regional 4.15 Updates
Red Valley	6015	10	212	Regional 4.15 Updates
		65	40	Regional 4.15 Updates
		100	82	Regional 4.15 Updates
Sanostec	34	60	234	Regional 4.15 Updates
	4826	10	65	Regional 4.15 Updates
	6012	10	212	Regional 4.15 Updates
		65	40	Regional 4.15 Updates
		100	82	Regional 4.15 Updates
Sheep Springs	6032	60	6	Regional 4.15 Updates
	6033	10	21	Regional 4.15 Updates
	6037	10	39	Regional 4.15 Updates
Two Grey Hills	6031	10	29	Regional 4.15 Updates
	6032	10	6	Regional 4.15 Updates
	6036	10	29	Regional 4.15 Updates
	6012	10	0	Regional 4.15 Updates
Nemah	882	60	118	Regional 4.15 Updates
	1790	10	71	Regional 4.15 Updates
	5214	10	8	Regional 4.15 Updates
San Juan	382	10	114	Regional 4.15 Updates
	1770	10	79	Regional 4.15 Updates
	1775	10	107	Regional 4.15 Updates
	1775	10	41	Regional 4.15 Updates
	1776	10	25	Regional 4.15 Updates
	1777	10	4	Regional 4.15 Updates
Upper Four Corners	263	10	62	Regional 4.15 Updates
	2020	10	45	Regional 4.15 Updates
	2057	10	113	Regional 4.15 Updates

NAVAJO TRANSIT SYSTEM



Navajo Transit System operates public transportation services on the Navajo Nation with direct and state pass-through funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 funds. Our public transportation services consist of 20 funded bus routes throughout the Navajo Nation. We have a fleet of 62 buses and vans for our services. Our public transportation is open to all and currently is fare free.

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS



The Navajo Division of Transportation's Department of Roads is responsible for the upkeep and repair of all roads under its jurisdiction, ensuring they remain safe and functional. In addition to routine maintenance, the department actively collaborates with external partners to execute road improvement projects requested by Navajo Chapters, enhancing transportation infrastructure within the community.

In the coming weeks, Navajo Department of Roads will provide statistical data on the number of routes that were bladed and maintain in Western Agency.

DATE	FHWA/FET	ROUTE #	CHAPTER	24 REGIONAL MILEAGE	FET MILEAGE
1/28/2025	FHWA	366	SAN JUAN	1.5	
1/30/2025	FHWA	366	SAN JUAN	3.6	
1/31/2025	FHWA	362	SAN JUAN	5.8	
1/23/2025	FHWA	5012	RED VALLEY	4.7	
1/23/2025	FHWA	5012	RED VALLEY	3.5	
1/8/2025	FHWA	561	FLOWING WATER	0.1	
1/22/2025	FHWA	5013	RED VALLEY	2.7	
1/23/2025	FHWA	5021	RED VALLEY	4.7	
1/23/2025	FHWA	5021	RED VALLEY	3.5	
1/28/2025	FHWA	132	RED VALLEY	1.3	
2/3/2025	FHWA	365	NENAHNEZAD	7	
2/4/2025	FHWA	365	NENAHNEZAD	0.3	
2/4/2025	FHWA	362	NENAHNEZAD	0.2	
2/4/2025	FHWA	2020	NENAHNEZAD	0.7	

2/20/2025	FHWA	334	COVE	4	
2/24/2025	FHWA	5012	SANOSTEE	3.2	
2/25/2025	FHWA	5012	SANOSTEE	5	
2/27/2025	FHWA	34	SANOSTEE	3.7	
2/24/2025	FHWA	5012	SANOSTEE	3.7	
2/25/2025	FHWA	5012	SANOSTEE	5	
2/27/2025	FHWA	5010	SANOSTEE	5	
2/27/2025	FHWA	34	SANOSTEE	3.2	
2/6/2025	FHWA	5031	HOGBACK	3	
2/6/2025	FHWA	1577	HOGBACK	0.5	
2/19/2025	FHWA	5583	HOGBACK	0.5	
2/19/2025	FHWA	563	HOGBACK	0.5	
2/19/2025	FHWA	564	HOGBACK	0.5	
2/19/2025	FHWA	5585	HOGBACK	0.6	
2/19/2025	FHWA	5871	HOGBACK	0.5	
2/19/2025	FHWA	5589	HOGBACK	0.5	
2/20/2025	FHWA	5677	GADII AHI	8.2	
2/20/2025	FHWA	1472	GADII AHI	1.3	
2/20/2025	FHWA	1471	GADII AHI	0.6	
2/25/2025	FHWA	TR	GADII AHI	2	
2/25/2025	FHWA	57	GADII AHI	1.2	
2/27/2025	FHWA	364	SHIPROCK	0.6	
2/27/2025	FHWA	5094	SHIPROCK	0.3	
1/22/2025	FET	133	RED VALLEY		0.7
1/7/2025	FET	5020	RED VALLEY		4.6
1/22/2025	FET	5019	RED VALLEY		0.7
2/4/2025	FET	5029	RED VALLEY		2
2/4/2025	FET	5020	RED VALLEY		3.7
2/11/2025	FET	5024	RED VALLEY		2.2
2/12/2025	FET	5020	RED VALLEY		6
2/12/2025	FET	5025	RED VALLEY		1.3
2/19/2025	FET	331	COVE		0.8
2/20/2025	FET	335	COVE		2.9
2/20/2025	FET	334	COVE		1.8
2/7/2025	FET	5020	RED VALLEY		1.7

2/12/2025	FET	5020	RED VALLEY		6
2/12/2025	FET	5025	RED VALLEY		1.3
2/13/2025	FET	332	COVE		3.5
2/19/2025	FET	5040	COVE		2.2
2/27/2025	FET	5010	SANOSTEE		4.9
TOTAL:				102.3	40.3

PROJECT UPDATES

- N5094 – Upcoming project in Shiprock, NM
- Repair 36" x 30' culvert.

COMPLIANCE (PROJECT MANAGEMENT)



The Navajo Division of Project Management - Compliance plays a crucial role in ensuring that all environmental clearances and necessary permits are obtained for road design and construction projects, thereby facilitating adherence to regulatory standards and promoting sustainable development within the Navajo Nation. Their work is essential for balancing infrastructure needs with environmental protection.

- Collaboration with Stakeholders
- Environmental Assessments
- Monitoring and Reporting
- Education and Training
- Sustainable Practices

In summary, the Navajo Division of Project Management - Compliance not only safeguards environmental interests but also champions a holistic approach to infrastructure development. By integrating sustainability into every phase of a project, they help ensure that the Navajo Nation can thrive while preserving its natural heritage for future generations.

AIRPORTS MANAGEMENT



The Department of Airport Management under the Navajo Division of Transportation (Navajo DOT) currently oversees all maintenance activities for the airports in Chinle, Window Rock, Tuba City, Shiprock, and Crownpoint. The department also coordinates with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Arizona DOT (ADOT), and New Mexico DOT (NMDOT) to execute grants for various airport infrastructure projects on the Navajo Nation.

The Department is currently working with the Navajo Nation Minerals Department and Peabody to acquire an Automated Weather Observance System (AWOS) for the Tuba City Airport. This critical piece of infrastructure will provide real-time weather data for safe takeoffs, landings, and in-flight decisions for all air ambulance services. This system will also continuously report on weather conditions, which enhances both the safety and efficiency of Tuba City Airport. The AWOS provides the following weather observations:

1. Wind Speed and Direction
2. Visibility
3. Cloud Ceiling
4. Temperature and Dew Point
5. Pressure
6. Precipitation

In addition to the AWOS for the Shiprock Airport, the Navajo DOT is working with the FAA and NMDOT to reconstruct the apron which is essentially the parking lot for airplanes. This project is currently in the planning and design phase with the project slated for construction in 2026. The department will also be meeting with both entities to update the national Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP), which is the planning tool utilized for identifying and prioritizing airport development. The ACIP will capture the anticipated development for the Shiprock airport over the next five (5) years, beginning in 2026.

The New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs has awarded the Navajo Nation a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the planning and design of the Sanostee Helipad. Airport Management is currently working with the Division of Community Development to submit all the required documents to begin the initial work of the project. The funding for the project has a reversion date of June 30, 2027.

Meetings Attended

January 21, 2025 – FAA Meeting

Crownpoint Runway Scope of Work and Environmental Update.

February 4, 2025 – NMDOT Aviation Division Meeting

Crownpoint and Shiprock AWOS Project discussion regarding timelines and funding.

February 11-12, 2025 – Tribal/Local Public Agency Certification

Certification course to enter into agreements with NMDOT and obtain Federal Funds

February 12, 2025 – NMDOT Aviation Division Meeting

Crownpoint and Shiprock Apron discussion regarding timelines and funding.

February 18, 2024 – Mesotech International Meeting

Crownpoint and Shiprock AWOS III P/T Quote and Procurement Process Discussion.

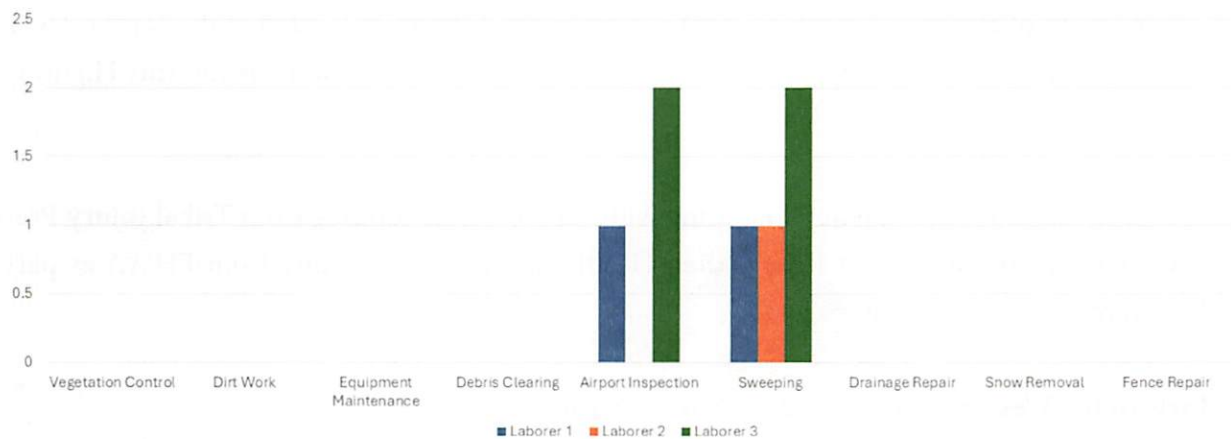
March 11, 2024 – NMDOT Aviation Division Meeting

Crownpoint and Shiprock Grant discussion regarding maintenance supplies and activities.

Infrastructure and Maintenance

The maintenance team which consists of one (1) Airport Maintenance Coordinator and three (3) Laborers, continue to provide ongoing critical maintenance to ensure the airports meet or exceed FAA standards. The charts below highlight the time spent servicing each airport and the specific tasks they have completed at the Shiprock Airport.

Shiprock Airport Maintenance Activities per Laborer
January – February
2025



Shiprock Airport Maintenance Activities per Day
January – February
2025

	Vegetation Control	Dirt Work	Equip. Maint.	Debris Cleaning	Airport Inspection	Sweeping	Drainage Repair	Snow Removal	Fence Repair
Jan. 21					X				
Jan. 30					XX				
Feb. 11						XXX			
Feb. 12						X			

HIGHWAY SAFETY

The Navajo Department of Highway Safety (NDHS) is a centralized Program located at the Navajo DOT Office Complex in Tse Bonito, New Mexico under the direction of Navajo DOT with a focus towards Highway Safety awareness.

NDHS operates with Navajo Nation General Funding with supplemental funding from Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program Grant from Indian Health Services and funding from FHWA as part of the Direct Funding Agreement for the Navajo DOT.

Planned Efforts in the Western Agency and/or Navajo Nation

- Vehicle crash data analysis from Navajo Division of Public Safety is pending for the Years of January 2021 to December 2024. Once the agreement with NDPS has been reached, the Highway Safety GIS Analyst and other staff will conduct analytics to show the high areas of accidents. The crash data will be quarterly.
- Capture of NN Driver Permit issued for each Agency on a Quarterly basis.

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