

TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, October 8, 2012
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

North Dakota Department of Transportation
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I'm Dave Leftwich, Deputy Director for Business Support at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). Today we will discuss transportation projects on the state's reservations.

The Department has always had good relationships with the tribes in North Dakota and wants to continue to work in partnership with them to improve the state roads on the reservations.

The DOT and state government have invested \$180.1 million dollars in federal funds and state matching funds for various road projects within the Indian Reservations during the 2011 and 2012 construction seasons.

Below is a list of transportation projects worked on over the past two years and proposed projects for 2013 on state highways in the reservations throughout North Dakota.

Fort Berthold Reservation

The 2011 and 2012 construction projects included:

ND 8:

- Chip Seal Coat
- Slide Repair
- Widened the roadway, added climbing lanes and turn lanes.

ND 22:

- Thin Lift Overlay
- Slide Repair
- Widened the roadway, added climbing lanes and turn lanes

ND 23:

- Grade Raise
- Hot Bituminous Pavement
- Concrete Overlay
- Lighting on Four Bears Bridge
- Widened the roadway, added climbing lanes and turn lanes

Fort Berthold Reservation continued...

ND 37:

- Chip Seal Coat

ND 1804:

- Embankment Repair

Projects proposed for 2013 include - ND 22: widening, adding passing lanes and turn lanes
ND 8: Chip Seal coat; ND 23 widening, adding passing lanes and turn lanes, Reconstruction on
highway in New Town.

Spirit Lake Reservation

The 2011 and 2012 construction projects included:

ND 15:

- Thin Lift Overlay

ND 20:

- Thin Lift Overlay
- Grade Raise
- Hot Bituminous Pavement
- Rip Rap/RCP

ND 57:

- Grade Raise
- Hot Bituminous Pavement
- Lighting

Projects proposed for 2013 include - ND 15: Chip Seal coat; ND 20: Chip Seal Coat, Thin Lift
Overlay on several segments, ND 57: Hot Bituminous Pavement. Rumble strips on various
roadways.

Turtle Mountain Reservation

The 2011 and 2012 construction projects included:

US 281:

- Added turn lanes, lighting and signing.

Projects proposed for 2013 include – US 281: Thin Lift Overlay on one section and Hot
Bituminous Pavement on Rolette road west to Dunseith.

Standing Rock Reservation

The 2011 and 2012 construction projects included:

ND 6:

- Realigned intersection of 4th Street and ND 6 near Selfridge.

ND 24:

- Turn Lanes and lighting
- Intersection improvement
- Sitting Bull visiting area improvement

Projects proposed for 2013 include – ND 24: road structure work, ND 31: Chip Seal Coat.

Traffic Safety Projects

We are always concerned about the safety of the traveling public. We are continuously monitoring crash and fatality rates in the area and evaluating the data to implement safety projects.

Recent Safety Projects include:

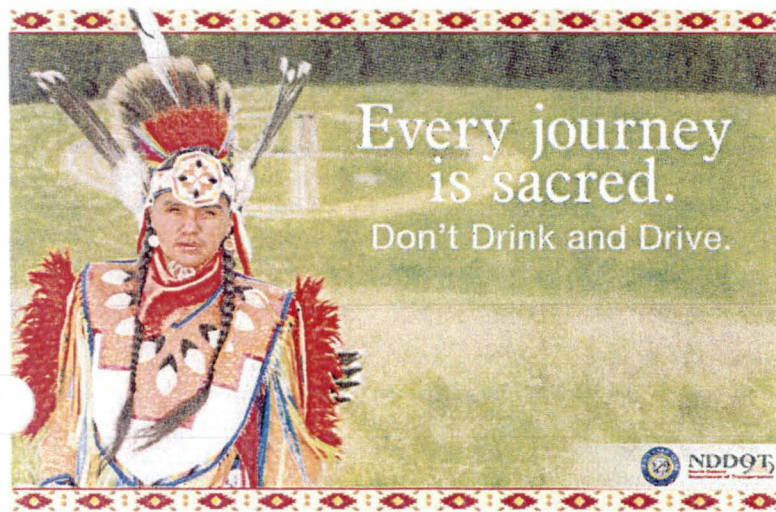
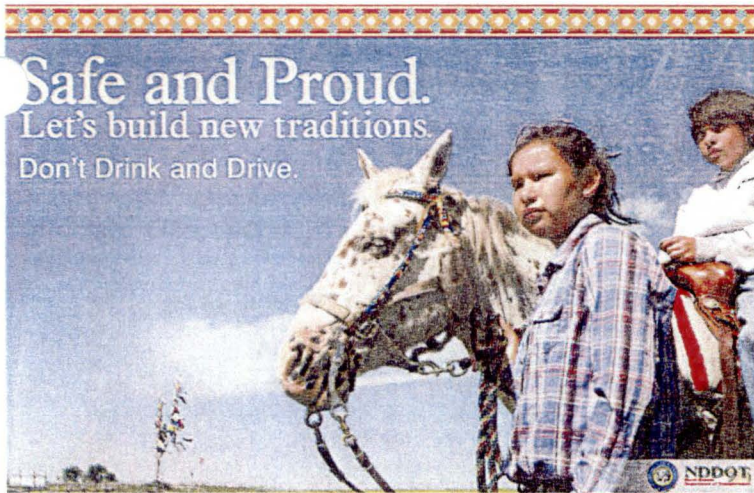
- Rumble Strips - Installation of centerline and edgeline rumble stripes on all two-lane state highways as funding becomes available. Research has found edgeline and centerline rumble stripes to be effective in reducing head-on crashes, opposite direction sideswipe crashes, and rollovers.
- TraCS Program - NDDOT is actively working with the tribes to develop and implement an electronic crash reporting system (TraCS) to assist the tribes in coordinating current crash data in an effort to help reduce/ eliminate crashes in the future. Below is updated information on what is occurring with this program since our last presentation to the committee in January.
 - Turtle Mountain- They have purchased their hardware and we are now working on our end to develop the programming to receive the crash reports at the state level (with no personal identifiers reported to the state). Timeline for getting them up and running should be in 2013.
 - Three Affiliated Tribes-They are in the process of securing their hardware needs, our MOA is being finalized and then NDDOT will be providing the training and software for implementation. Timeline anticipated being in 2013 where crash reports will be forwarded to the state (no personal identifiers).

- Standing Rock- They have received funding for their hardware through FHWA and we are still working on final agreement with the NDDOT. Timeline unknown at this time.
- Spirit Lake Nation- NDDOT has presented to the tribe and at this time we are not aware of the progress being made towards implementation. We will continue to pursue once our Tribal traffic safety coordinator is in place, no timelines in place.
- Safety Campaign - We had the opportunity to receive additional National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) funding to offer the tribes \$10,000 to put together a safety campaign specific to each tribe. All tribes were very receptive to the idea and agreed to participate. It is anticipated that the billboards will begin appearing in December and will continue as billboard space becomes available. Attached are some examples of the billboard ads that will be used.

Conclusion

- Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee today.

Attachment A: NDDOT/NHTSA Safety Billboard Concepts



Protecting our traditions...
protecting our families.

Don't Drink and Drive.



Spirit Lake Safety Billboard Concepts

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Standing Rock Safety Billboard Concepts



Your **Community.**
Your **Family.**
Your **Responsibility.**

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He Han henitawapi
Wachinksabyce kahapa



"We will be known forever
by the tracks we leave."

—Dakota Proverb



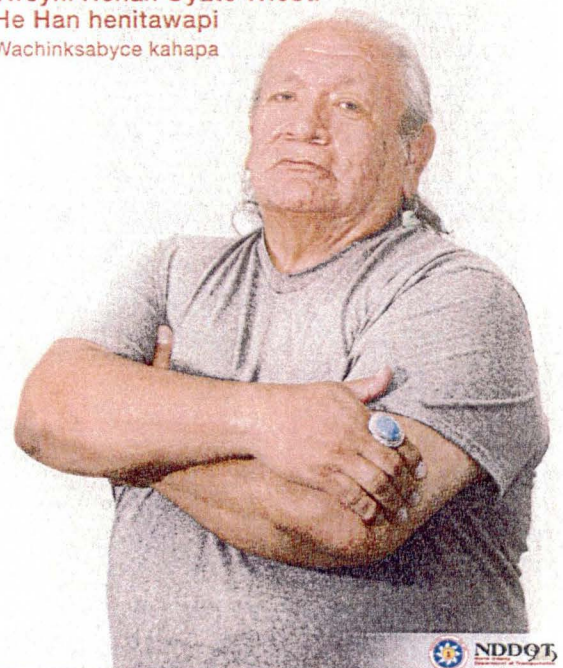
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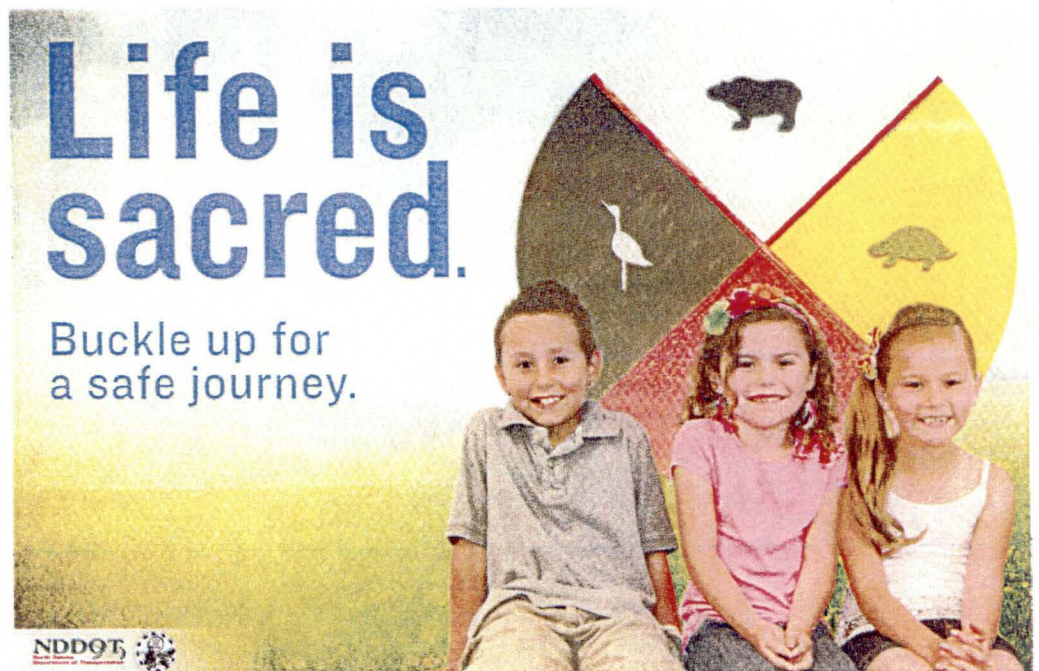
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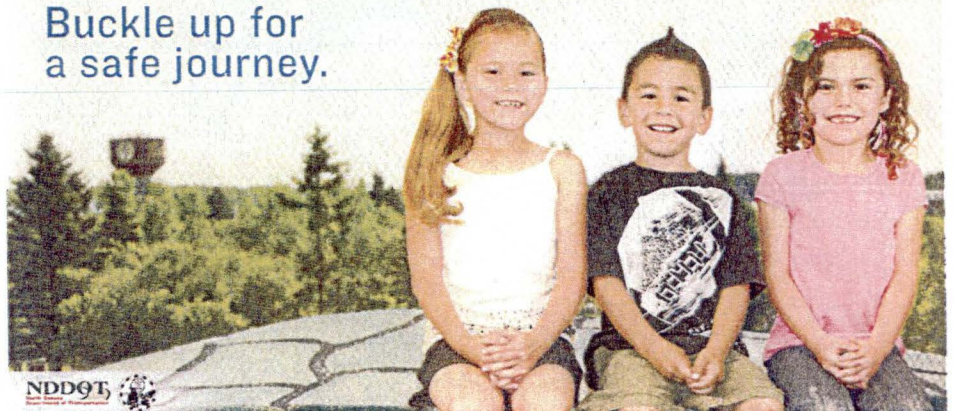


**Turtle Mountain
Safety Billboard
Concepts**



Sacred, Safe, and Proud.

Buckle up for a safe journey.



Life is sacred.

Buckle up for a safe journey.



**Three Affiliated
Tribes Safety
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