



**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

(Resolution Accepting the Actions Taken By the Tribal Transportation Committee)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Transportation Committee duly appointed by the Tribal Council is authorized to advise and recommend to the Tribal Council in all policy and program matters related to the Indian Reservation Roads Programs, bridges, roads and highways within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, byways and trails; and other inter-modal initiatives for the benefits of the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Transportation Committee is further authorized to interact, meet, and represent the Tribe in such matters with outside agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT); local governments, and other transportation groups, associations, and committees as it relates to transportation policies and procedures and funding related but not limited to 25 CFR 170 et. Seq. regarding primary rules, regulations and federal funding initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Transportation Committee is authorized to evaluate, review and conduct tribal community input and hearings regarding transportation matters to assist in establishing funding priorities for transportation-related construction and maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Transportation Committee maintains current information and networks with federal, state and local decision-makers and provides findings and recommendations on the above transportation matters for Tribal Council consideration.

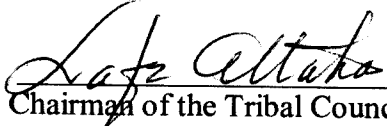
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the following actions taken by the Transportation Committee on September 27, 2006 is hereby recognized and agreed to:

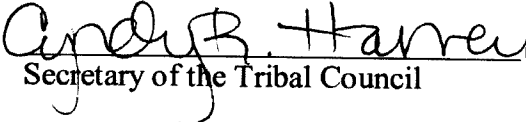
1. Schedule for completion of a draft of the 20-year long range plan transportation plan and to complete the Tribe's road inventory in order to meet the deadline for final submittal.
2. Schedule meetings with the Community Presidents to review the five-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to be included in the long range plan and brought before the Tribal Council as soon as it can be arranged. Include transit as a part of the needs discussions.

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3. The Transportation Committee duly elected Margaret Baha-Walker as Chairperson and Al Brooks as Vice-Chairman to serve out the remainder of the term until the Tribal Council appoints new members to the Committee.
4. The Transportation Committee resolved and voted to maintain control over the two percent (2%) transportation planning funds it receives bi-annually to support its planning and administrative activities.
5. The Transportation Committee resolved and voted to provide for signatory authority over the use of such funds. Signatory authority for the grant will require two signatures for use of funds approved by the Committee. Mike Lomayaktewa, BIA Roads Manager is assigned as the AOTR for the grant and he agrees that the Committee qualifies under the rules of the grant and he supports the action.
6. The Transportation Committee resolved and agreed that it will not longer function as part of the Planning Department nor the Division of Natural Resources but instead be an autonomous committee until such time a Department of Transportation is established.
7. The Transportation Committee resolved and voted to appoint Charles Peone, Jr. to act as Tribal Transportation Director to administer such grant funds and to provide administrative support to the Committee. A portion of his salary will be paid to FATCO to offset such expense.
8. The Transportation Committee resolved and agreed that it has no further interest in the vehicle assigned to Transportation under a lease that was partially paid for by the grant and the planning department. The transportation grant made only one payment and therefore has no ownership interest in the vehicle.
9. The Transportation Committee resolved and agreed to retain Perry Yazzie, formerly with Navajo Transit and now a transportation consultant to develop a transit grant proposal in the amount of \$68,474.00 by the deadline of October 13, 2006 with a tribal match of \$1,200.00 that can probably be absorbed by BIA roads as in-kind contribution.

The foregoing resolution was on October 31, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

ACTING 
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council