

Electronic Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (e-TTIP) Frequently Asked Questions

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Developed through a collaborative partnership between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), e-TTIP will be a modern, web-based platform available to all Tribes for developing, managing, reviewing, and approving Tribal Transportation Improvement Programs (TTIPs). By streamlining planning processes, improving collaboration, and providing a centralized system for project management, e-TTIP will help Tribal communities efficiently plan and deliver transportation investments that support their priorities and long-term goals.

What is e-TTIP?

e-TTIP is a new, secure, web-based system that will modernize how TTIPs are developed, submitted, and managed in one unified platform. The benefits of e-TTIP include:

- A single, centralized system for TTIPs
- More consistent and transparent processes
- Easier access through a web-based platform
- Improved coordination with State DOT partners
- Streamlined and modernized workflows

What systems will e-TTIP replace?

e-TTIP will replace multiple legacy tools and processes, consolidating them into a single system. It will replace or consolidate:

- FHWA TTIP template

- BIA Control Schedule Transportation Improvement Program (CSTIP)
- Other legacy or standalone TTIP tracking tools

Both the FHWA TTIP Template v4 and CSTIPs will be phased out after e-TTIP is fully implemented. Tribes will receive advance notice, training, and support before any transition is finalized. Coordination with ITIMS will continue during transition. Any integration or process changes will be communicated through BIA in advance to avoid disruption.

Where feasible, legacy data migration will be supported to reduce duplication of effort. Details on what data will transfer and what may require user input will be provided prior to launch.

Who will use e-TTIP?

Tribal governments, Tribal transportation staff, consultants, FHWA and BIA program staff and partners involved in TTIP coordination and review.

What are the access requirements?

Users will access e-TTIP through a secure, web-based portal using approved user credentials. Accessing e-TTIP will require:

- Internet User registration
- Identity verification consistent with federal system standards
- Role-based permissions

Final access procedures will be provided prior to launch.

Why is this change happening?

To modernize and streamline Tribal transportation planning systems by:

- Reducing fragmented tools and processes
- Improving efficiency and usability
- Enhancing data quality and consistency
- Strengthening coordination across partners
- Standardizing TTIPs between FHWA and BIA

When will e-TTIP be implemented?

This transition supports long-standing modernization goals and responds to user feedback on the need for a more streamlined and accessible system available to all Tribes.

Implementation will occur in phases starting in 2026 including early outreach, training, system rollout, and post-launch support. Specific dates will be shared through formal communications. Planned transition activities will be communicated in advance to minimize disruption and ensure continuity of operations.

When should users expect training?

Training will begin in 2026 prior to system launch and continue through and after implementation, including refresher sessions and ongoing support including:

- Training sessions and webinars
- User guides, FAQs, and recorded demonstrations
- Live office hours and ongoing technical support

Feedback will be collected through surveys, training sessions, and direct user engagement to support continuous improvement.

How will information about the e-TTIP be shared?

Updates will be shared through multiple channels, including:

- Formal letters from FHWA and BIA leadership
- Email updates and announcements
- National Kickoff Webinar
- FHWA and BIA and TTAP training sessions
- Online resources and training materials

Does e-TTIP allow for sharing read-only versions for the public?

Yes, there will be a publicly accessible website showing approved TTIPs.

Will reporting requirements change?

Reporting requirements are expected to become more standardized and streamlined, but core statutory requirements will remain unchanged. Specific reporting guidance will be provided during training. For more information, see 23 U.S.C. 201-202 and 25 CFR Part 170.

What are the potential challenges with this transition?

Potential challenges could include learning a new system, adjusting workflows, and adapting to new processes. These will be addressed through training, clear timelines, advance notice, and ongoing support. A structured support and escalation process will be in place, including regional support and centralized technical help.

Who should Tribes contact for help or questions?

Users will be able to contact FHWA/BIA regional points of contact. A centralized help structure and contact list will be provided prior to launch.

Closing Note

FHWA's Office of Tribal Transportation (OTT) and the BIA jointly lead implementation, oversight, and ongoing system coordination. FHWA and BIA value the government-to-government relationship and are committed to ensuring a smooth, well-supported transition to e-TTIP with strong Tribal engagement throughout the process.