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Resources, Development Committee Approves NDOT's Road Data Submittal to BIA

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The 24th Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee unanimously approved the 2019 Tribal Transportation Program Deliverables package March 10 for submission to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The annual report prepared by the Navajo Division of Transportation is used by NDOT, BIA and the Federal Highway Administration for transportation and project planning, justifying expenditures, identifying needs, and maintaining existing facilities.

“We had a work session last week and I appreciate the NDOT to provide us an update on all the plans and the opportunities that this document holds and what they want to submit to the BIA,” said Delegate Mark Freeland (Becenti, Crownpoint, Huerfano, Lake Valley, Nageezi, Nahodishgish, Tse'ii'ahí, Whiterock), sponsor of Legislation 0039-19. “I applaud them in all their hard work.”

In this year's deliverables package, the report indicated there are 277 tribal, county and BIA existing routes on the Nation, with no new routes added. The report also outlines motor vehicle crash data. There were 610 crashes in all five agencies; 67 of those were fatal, and 523 reported injuries.

According to NDOT, the road mileage inventory on the Nation is divided between 6,034 miles (41%) of BIA inventory; 4,986 miles (34%) of tribal inventory, and 1,676 and 1,660 miles of county and state roads, respectively.

Of all the roads in the report, 72 percent are unpaved, and 25 percent are paved.

The committee will continue to monitor NDOT's efforts to maintain and improve the Nation's road system and will look at ways to support their work through advocacy in the new highway bill.

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