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Navajo Routes 8085 and 251 road improvements completed in Many Farms and Tselani/Cottonwood



PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., and Navajo Division of Transportation on N251 in Tselani/Cottonwood, Ariz., on September 27, 2021.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, and Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. visited the communities of Many Farms and Tselani/Cottonwood, Ariz. on Monday, to mark the completion of road improvements for Navajo Route 8085 and Navajo Route 251.

N8085 in Many Farms included five miles of earthwork, reestablishing the ditch line, base course placement, soil, and gravel stabilization. Project N251 in Tselani/Cottonwood included 15 miles of grading, subgrade, aggregate base course, drainage structures, road signs, guardrails, and riprap placement.

President Nez said completing the projects highlights the effective partnership between the Navajo Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and local communities.

“Our very own Navajo professionals completed the projects under the leadership of Navajo Division of Transportation Director Garret Silversmith. With the hard work and dedication from the residents and local chapter officials, the road improvements were identified and funded. The improvements help address safety concerns and improve access to school, work, health, and emergency responses. We also appreciate the support of Council Delegate Begay, who represents the two communities as a member of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, and the Resources and Development Committee,” said President Nez.

Navajo Division of Transportation Executive Director Garret Silversmith stated that N8085 received funding from the Navajo Nation general funds, and N251 was funded from the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program. He commended past leadership and local residents for their years of persistence and determination in making these road improvements a top priority.



PHOTO: President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., and NDOT on N8085 in Many Farms, Ariz., on September 27, 2021.

“This is a blessing for the elders, youth, and families in both communities. For years, I’ve heard the concerns for the safety of our people, and I am excited that many improvements were made through collaboration and hard work. I thank the Many Farms and Tselani/Cottonwood residents, chapter officials and staff, the Nez-Lizer Administration, and Division of Transportation for their support,” said Delegate Begay.

Under the guidance of the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, the Nez-Lizer Administration continues to prioritize and advocate for road and bridge improvements to the U.S. Department of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“When we have all the partners on the same page, we can make investments and decisions that can improve the safety, health, and growth of our communities. Transportation infrastructure improvements to highways, bridges, dams, and dirt roads are the most obvious need in rural communities. Creative solutions and working together are necessary to meet the challenges of rural communities,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

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