

WMAT DOT NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Good Bye Winter! Hello Spring! Although it looks as if winter does not want to leave just yet, giving us a last spell of cold. As winter is coming to an end, we will continue to monitor the weather.

I'd like to announce that DOT has hired two new Road Maintenance workers. Road Maintenance plays a very important role to our department. I would like to acknowledge their hard work out in the field. Which consists of ensuring the roads under the tribal inventory are maintained and deemed drivable and safe, as well as our Airport Strip is being maintained and kept up to standards for a safe landing for aircraft . They also partake in all projects for Division of Transportation.

March has been a successful month that I felt was very productive and enlightening. I recently attended the Southwestern Tribal Technical Assistance Program Summit with two of our Tribal Council representatives. A program that provided information that I believe will benefit DOT and prove to continue to assist our future endeavors.

I also conducted an in-person meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Region Office in attendance with our Tribal Chairman regarding the Building Project. I strive to continue with our projects for the Division of Transportation and hope for these projects to come to fruition. - LaReesa Sanchez

MEET THE NEW ROAD MAINTENANCE CREW



Julian Goklish
Road Maintenance



Carlos Hernandez
Road Maintenance



Harold Palmer
Road Maintenance



ROAD MAINTENANCE

In addition to Winter Road Maintenance Activities we continuously fill potholes with cold patch asphalt.



What is Cold Patch Asphalt?

It is ready-to-use product for asphalt repair to fill potholes or cracks in roads.

The unique benefit of cold patch asphalt is that it does not require heating or mixing, and it can be used in both wet and dry conditions.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO HELP EVERYONE STAY SAFE.



FORT APACHE CONNECTION TRANSIT BUS STOP SHELTER PROJECT UPDATE

Carrizo Bus Stop Shelter - Complete

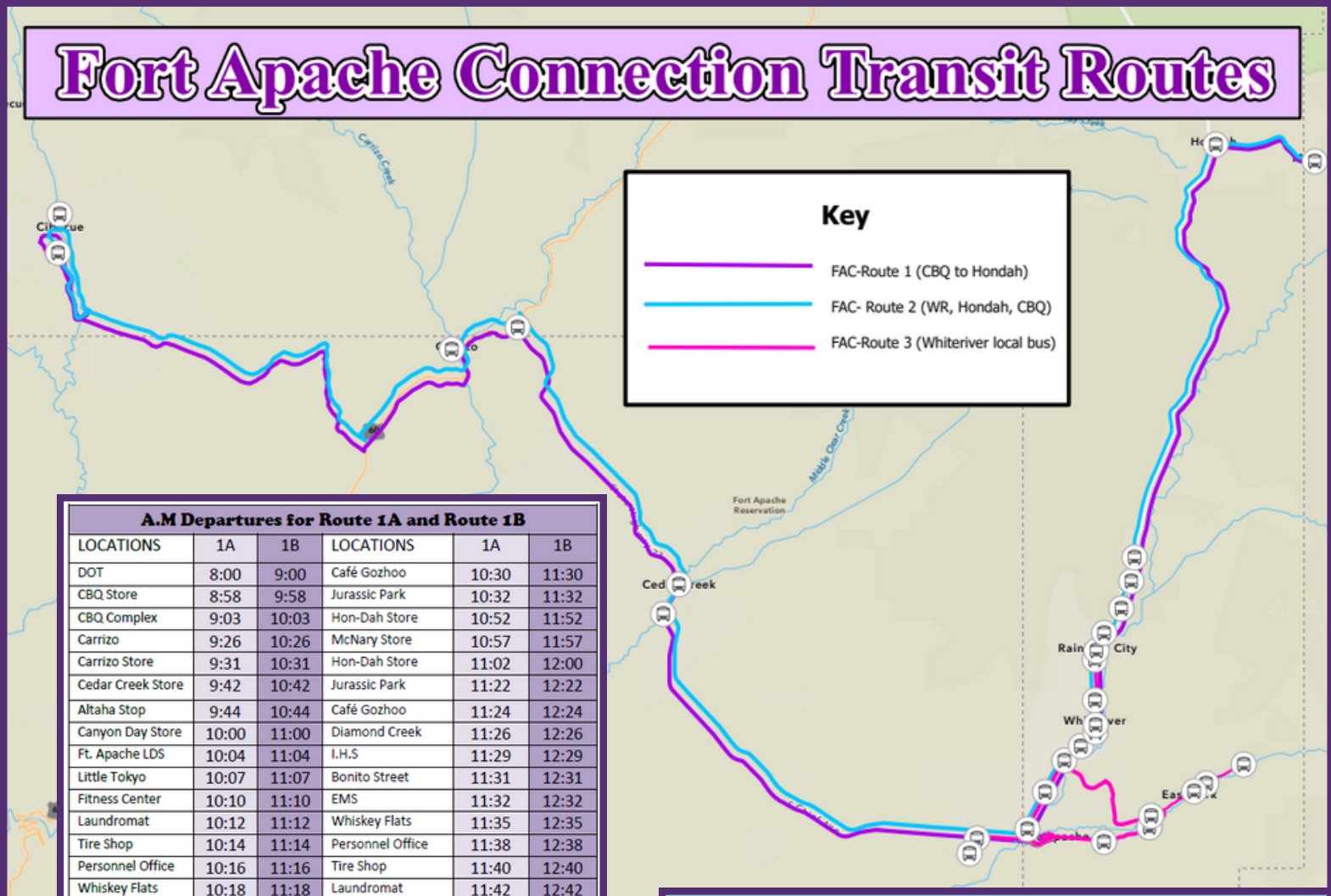


Whiskey Flats Bus Stop Shelter - Complete



FORT APACHE CONNECTION

Fort Apache Connection Transit Routes



Key

- FAC-Route 1 (CBQ to Hondah)
- FAC-Route 2 (WR, Hondah, CBQ)
- FAC-Route 3 (Whiteriver local bus)

A.M Departures for Route 1A and Route 1B					
LOCATIONS	1A	1B	LOCATIONS	1A	1B
DOT	8:00	9:00	Café Gozhoo	10:30	11:30
CBQ Store	8:58	9:58	Jurassic Park	10:32	11:32
CBQ Complex	9:03	10:03	Hon-Dah Store	10:52	11:52
Carrizo	9:26	10:26	McNary Store	10:57	11:57
Carrizo Store	9:31	10:31	Hon-Dah Store	11:02	12:00
Cedar Creek Store	9:42	10:42	Jurassic Park	11:22	12:22
Altaha Stop	9:44	10:44	Café Gozhoo	11:24	12:24
Canyon Day Store	10:00	11:00	Diamond Creek	11:26	12:26
Ft. Apache LDS	10:04	11:04	I.H.S	11:29	12:29
Little Tokyo	10:07	11:07	Bonito Street	11:31	12:31
Fitness Center	10:10	11:10	EMS	11:32	12:32
Laundromat	10:12	11:12	Whiskey Flats	11:35	12:35
Tire Shop	10:14	11:14	Personnel Office	11:38	12:38
Personnel Office	10:16	11:16	Tire Shop	11:40	12:40
Whiskey Flats	10:18	11:18	Laundromat	11:42	12:42
EMS	10:21	11:21	Fitness Center	11:44	12:44
Bonito Street	10:23	11:23	Little Tokyo	11:47	12:47
I.H.S	10:25	11:25	Ft. Apache LDS	11:50	12:50
Diamond Creek	10:28	11:28	Canyon Day Store	11:54	12:54

P.M Departures for Route 1A and Route 1B					
LOCATIONS	1A	1B	LOCATIONS	1A	1B
Canyon Day Store	1:05	2:05	CBQ Complex	2:07	3:07
Altaha Stop	1:20	2:20	Carrizo	2:33	3:33
CedarCreek Store	1:22	2:22	Carrizo Store	2:37	3:37
Carrizo Store	1:33	2:33	Cedar Creek Store	2:48	3:48
Carrizo	1:38	2:38	Altaha Stop	2:50	3:50
CBQ Store	2:02	3:02	Canyon Day Store	3:06	4:06

A.M Departures for Route 2A and Route 2B								
LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B
DOT	8:00	9:00	Hon-Dah Store	9:02	10:02	Carrizo Store	10:17	11:17
Canyon Day Store	8:04	9:04	Jurassic Park	9:19	10:19	Carrizo	10:22	11:22
Ft. Apache LDS	8:07	9:07	Café Gozhoo	9:21	10:21	CBQ Store	10:51	11:51
Little Tokyo	8:10	9:10	Diamond Creek	9:23	10:23	CBQ Complex	10:55	11:55
Fitness Center	8:13	9:13	I.H.S	9:26	10:26	Carrizo	11:26	12:26
Laundromat	8:15	9:15	Bonito Street	9:29	10:29	Carrizo Store	11:31	12:31
Tire Shop	8:17	9:17	EMS	9:30	10:30	Cedar Creek Store	11:42	12:42
Personnel Office	8:19	9:19	Whiskey Flats	9:32	10:32	Altaha Stop	11:44	12:44
Whiskey Flats	8:21	9:21	Personnel Office	9:35	10:35	Canyon Day Store	12:01	1:01
EMS	8:23	9:23	Tire Shop	9:36	10:36			
Bonito Street	8:24	9:24	Laundromat	9:38	10:38			
I.H.S	8:26	9:26	Fitness Center	9:40	10:40			
Diamond Creek	8:29	9:29	Little Tokyo	9:43	10:43			
Café Gozhoo	8:32	9:32	Ft. Apache LDS	9:45	10:45			
Jurassic Park	8:34	9:34	Canyon Day Store	9:48	10:48			
Hon-Dah Store	8:51	9:51	Altaha Stop	10:04	11:04			
McNary Store	8:56	9:56	Cedar Creek Store	10:06	11:06			

P.M Departures for Route 2A and Route 2B								
LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B	LOCATIONS	2A	2B
Canyon Day Store	1:05	2:05	Diamond Creek	1:34	2:23	EMS	2:40	3:40
Ft. Apache LDS	1:08	2:08	Café Gozhoo	1:37	2:37	Whiskey Flats	2:43	3:43
Little Tokyo	1:13	2:13	Jurassic Park	1:40	2:40	Personnel Office	2:45	3:45
Fitness Center	1:16	2:16	Hon-Dah Store	1:58	2:58	Tire Shop	2:47	3:47
Laundromat	1:18	2:16	McNary Store	2:03	3:03	Laundromat	2:49	3:49
Tire Shop	1:21	2:21	Hon-Dah Store	2:08	3:08	Fitness Center	2:51	3:51
Personnel Office	1:23	2:23	Jurassic Park	2:26	3:26	Little Tokyo	2:54	3:54
Whiskey Flats	1:25	2:25	Café Gozhoo	2:29	3:29	Ft. Apache LDS	2:57	3:57
EMS	1:28	2:28	Diamond Creek	2:32	3:32	Canyon Day Store	3:01	4:01
Bonito Street	1:30	2:30	I.H.S	2:36	3:36			
I.H.S	1:32	2:32	Bonito Street	2:39	3:39			

A.M Departures for Route 3(R3)					P.M Departures	
LOCATIONS	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3
DOT	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	1:00	2:00
Seven Mile Store	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:05	1:05	2:05
East Fork Bus Stop	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09	1:09	2:09
EF Bus Turn Around	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13	1:13	2:13
McNeil Lane	8:16	9:16	10:16	11:16	1:16	2:16
Dove Street	8:19	9:19	10:19	11:19	1:19	2:19
EF Trading Post	8:24	9:24	10:24	11:24	1:24	2:24
Fitness Center	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	1:30	2:30
Personnel Office	8:34	9:34	10:34	11:34	1:34	2:34
I.H.S	8:39	9:39	10:39	11:39	1:39	2:39
Personnel Office	8:44	9:44	10:44	11:44	1:44	2:44
Fitness Center	8:48	9:48	10:48	11:48	1:48	2:48
CD West Street	8:55	9:55	10:55	11:55	1:55	2:55
Canyon Day Store	8:57	9:57	10:57	11:57	1:57	2:57

FORT APACHE CONNECTION



INFORMATION & SERVICES

- The FAC Transit currently operates three bus routes;
 - Route 1,
 - Route 2 and,
 - Route 3
- The FAC Transit has a seasonal connector route with San Carlos Apache Tribe to meet at Seneca.
- The FAC Transit will pick up and drop off passengers at designated bus stop locations from Monday to Friday.
- The FAC Transit will deviate off the three routes, UP TO 3/4 of a mile Monday to Friday. Must call ahead of scheduled time.
- You can connect with the Four Seasons Connection at Hon-Dah Store. All transit buses are wheelchair accessible and operated in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS** are allowed on the transit bus. If you are intoxicated you will be denied a ride.

FORT APACHE CONNECTION



HOURS & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Transit Service Hours:
 - Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Transit does not run on the following holidays:
 - New Year's Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Veteran's Day
 - Thanksgiving
 - Christmas
 - Any days the White Mountain Apache Tribe deems a Tribal Holiday

ANNOUNCEMENT

Times listed on the schedule are arrival times and vary due to connecting with other transit buses, traffic, weather conditions and bus stops.

AM times are shown in LIGHT face type. PM times are shown in **BOLD** face type.

CANYON DAY SOLAR LIGHTING PROJECT

CANYON DAY SOLAR LIGHTING

- Estimated Completion Date:
May 2024
- Location: Canyon Day
 - Marigold Ave.
 - S West Street
 - S. 7th Street
 - S. East Street
 - Hastings Street
- Total # of miles: 2.5 miles
- Total Cost: \$1.5 million

The project has been delayed due to muddy conditions and continued snowy weather.



ATTENDED THE SOUTHWESTERN TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUMMIT

DOT Director, LaReesa Sanchez, and Transit Manager, Lerona Massey, attended the 1st Annual SWTTAP Summit at Twin Arrows Resort & Casino near Flagstaff, Arizona. Councilwoman Mariddie Craig, Councilman Aubrey Aday Sr., and WMATPD Traffic Safety Officer/Coordinator Karl Leslie also attended.

The SWTTAP Summit's goal was to bring together Tribal Leaders, Tribal Transportation Professionals, Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, State Transportation Departments of Transportation, and local experts to discuss emerging trends, funding opportunities, share insights, challenges, solutions and foster collaboration.

As WMATDOT we were able to learn more from our neighbor Tribes, ways crash data is used for grant applications, changes in transit requirements, right-of-way and much more. We were also able to sit down with BIA Western Region Representatives to discuss WMAT projects, concerns, and needs.

SOUTHWESTERN TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUMMIT



Tribal Crash Data Reporting Tool

While at the 2024 SWTTAP Summit, DOT Director, LaReesa Sanchez and WMATPD Traffic Safety Officer/Coordinator attended a Tribal Crash Data Reporting Tool training provided by Qk4.



Tribal Crash Data Reporting Tool

WHAT IS TRIBAL CRASH DATA?

“Tribal Crash Data” refers to the information collected and recorded following a vehicular accident, commonly known as a crash or collision. This data plays a crucial role in understanding the dynamics of traffic incidents, aiding in the development of safety measures, and facilitating improvements in road infrastructure and vehicle design.

When a crash occurs, various details are documented to create a comprehensive crash report. This information typically includes the date, time, and location of the incident, as well as the weather conditions at the time. The vehicles involved are identified, and their makes, models, and license plate numbers are recorded. In addition, the crash report often contains details about the individuals involved, such as driver information and, if applicable, details about passengers and pedestrians.

The Severity of injuries sustained by those involved, if any is meticulously documented. Contributing factors such as speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, or adverse road conditions are also analyzed and recorded.

Analyzing crash data is instrumental in identifying patterns and trends that can inform road safety strategies. Governments, transportations agencies, and law enforcement use this data to implement targeted interventions, such as improved signage, traffic signal adjustments, or changes in road design. Engineers and vehicle manufactures rely on crash data to enhance vehicle safety features and overall design.

Development of the Division of Transportation Building

The White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Region Office recently met to discuss crucial aspects, including revisiting plans, navigating legalities, understanding historical perspectives, and how to move forward in constructing the WMATDOT Building located at the Whiteriver Airport.

Joined by key stakeholders Tribal Chairman Kasey Velasquez, Lareesa Sanchez- Director for DOT, Kaneesha Wycliffe, Transportation Coordinator, RonElle Beardsley -DOI BIA Western Region Awarding Official, Nancy E. Jones, Self-Determination Officer, Scott Schmidt, and Steve Spade- AOTR's and Kyle Clayton- BIA Western Region Office



Development of Department of Transportation Building

It is important to highlight that this endeavor will require the support from Tribal Council, Office of the Attorney General, Grants & Contracts, Treasurer, and Controller.



Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward on this exciting journey together.

Division of Transportation 8th Anniversary Outreach Celebration

WMATDOT was established by Tribal Council on March 23, 2016 we celebrated our 8th Anniversary at Time Square in an “Outreach Celebration”.



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WMAT DOT FUNDING Q&A

HOW IS WMAT DOT FUNDED?

WMAT DOT receives its funding from the Highway Trust Fund. This funding is allocated to tribes, and then dispersed through the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, Office of Tribal Transportation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Funds are allocated among Tribes using a formula based on tribal population, road mileage and average tribal shares of the former Tribal Transportation Allocation Methodology (TTAM) formula

HOW CAN WMAT DOT USE THESE FUNDS?

All Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funds provided to Tribes can be expended only on eligible projects and activities identified in the federal regulations and included in an FHWA approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Funds can be used for the following:

- Transportation planning, research, maintenance, engineering, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of tribal transportation facilities
- Operation and maintenance of transit programs and facilities that are located on, or provide access to, tribal land, or are administered by a tribal government
- Any transportation project eligible for assistance under this title that is located within, or that provides access to, tribal land, or is associated with a tribal government

WMAT DOT prepares the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a 5-year plan for improvements on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Each project on the TIP is supported by tribal resolution. WMAT DOT submits the TIP to the BIA Division of Transportation (BIADOT) for review and approval. BIADOT reviews, approves, and forwards the TIP to FHWA Federal Lands Highway Office (FLHO) for approval. WMAT DOT can allocate TTP funds for its projects once the TIP is approved by FHWA.

WHAT IS THE TTP?

The Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) is the largest program in the Office of Federal Lands Highway. Established in 23 U.S.C. 202 to address the transportation needs of Tribal governments throughout the United States, the program will receive \$505 million in FY 2020, as established in Public Law 114-94, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (the FAST Act). The purpose of the TTP is to provide safe and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and Alaska Native Village communities. A prime objective of the TTP is to contribute to the economic development, self-determination, and employment of Indians and Native Americans. The Tribal Transportation Program is funded by contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund and is subject to the overall Federal-aid obligation limitation.



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