



National Rural Transit Assistance Program

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INTERTRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (ITA)
2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



WELCOME TO PLANNING, FUNDING, DEVELOPING, STARTING, AND SUSTAINING A TRIBAL TRANSIT SYSTEM



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 **TRIBAL TRANSIT TRAINING PROGRAM**



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PANEL INTRODUCTIONS



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<https://www.nationalrtap.org/Tribal-Transit/Engaging-with-Tribes#Startup2>

Engaging with Tribes

- **Benefits of Engaging with Tribes and Tribal Transit Programs**
- **Tribal Sovereignty**
- **Initiating Relationships with Tribes**
- **Types of Coordination**
- **Tribal Liaison Contacts within State Departments of Transportation**
- **Opportunities to Address Rural and/or Tribal Transportation Challenges**
- **Tribal Transit Program Startup**
- **Section 5311 and the Tribal Transit Program**
- **Tribal Transit Program**
- **Section 5310 and Tribal Human Services Transportation**
- **Funding and Writing Competitive Transit Program and Tribal Transit Program Grants**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Section Sources**



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ITA TRIBAL TRANSIT SESSION AGENDA

- **Welcome, Introductions, National RTAP, & Zoom**
- **Growth of Tribal Transit Systems Among Federally Recognized Tribes**
- **Examples of Tribal Transit Systems**
- **The Development Process for a Tribal Transit System**
- **The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa's Big Woods Transit**
- **Tribal Transit Framework and Functional Components**
- **Tribal Transit in a Tribal Transportation or Public Works Dept.**

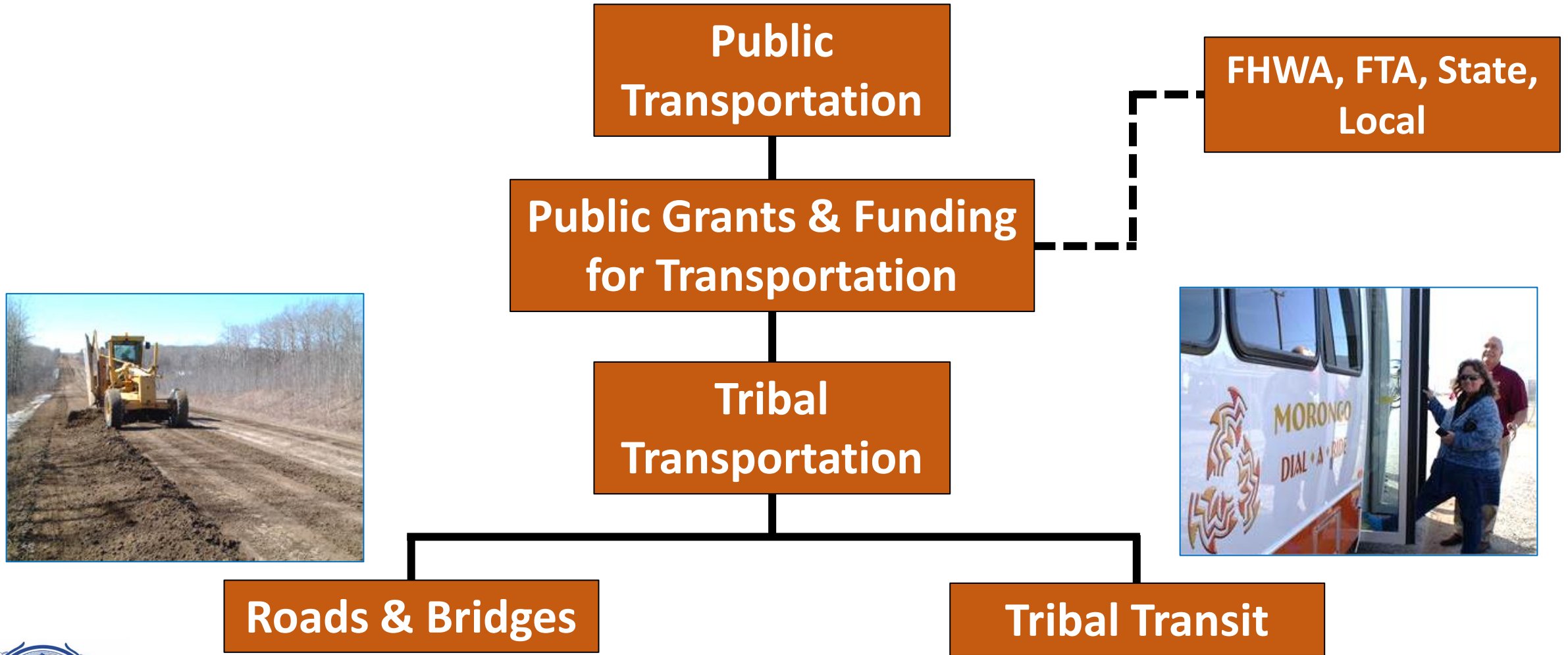


Planning, Funding, Developing, Starting, and Sustaining a Tribal Transit System

TRIBAL TRANSIT BECOMES
AN INTEGRAL PART OF
TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION



TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION STRUCTURE

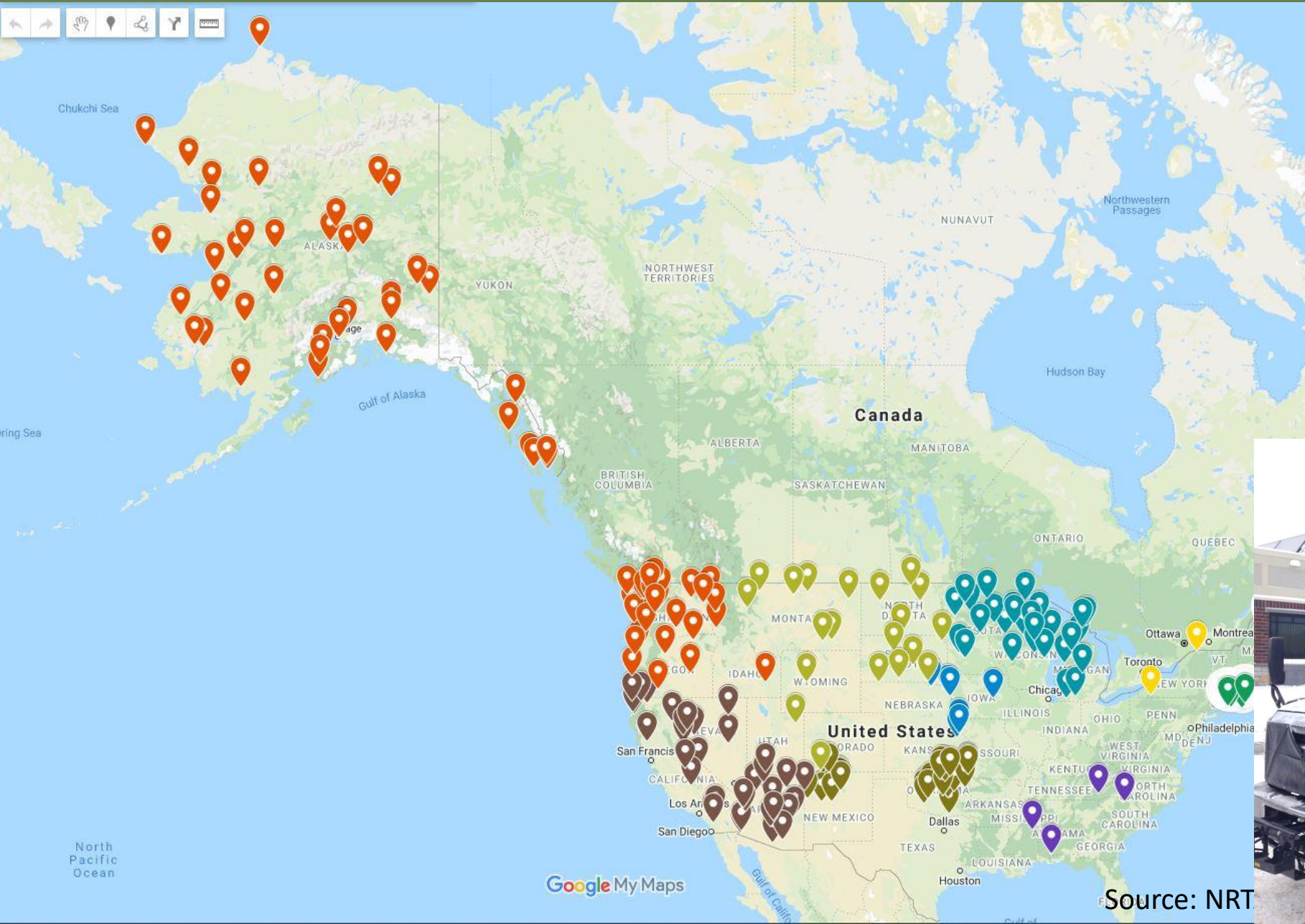


FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) ROLE

- **Tribal Transit Formula Grants - 5311 (c) (1) (B)**
 - Provides funding to federally recognized Indian tribes to provide public transportation services on and around Indian reservations or tribal land in rural areas.
- **Funding for:**
 - Capital
 - Operating
 - Planning
 - administrative expenses
- **Eligible activities:**
 - Capital projects → Facilities, wash racks, fuel stations
 - Operating costs of equipment → Vehicles, Parts, Labor
 - Facilities for use in public transportation → Bus shelters
 - Acquisition of public transportation services → Contracting



THE GROWTH OF TRIBAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS



Source: NRT

TRIBAL TRANSIT EXAMPLES



Bois Fort Band of Chippewa/Big Woods Transit , Nett Lake, MN



**Ute Tribe Public Transit
Fort Duchesne UT**



**Hualapai Transit
Peach Springs, Arizona**



**Squaxin Island Tribe
South Puget Sound, WA**



**Redding Rancheria
Redding, CA**



**Cherokee Transit
Cherokee, NC**



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**Example of How One Tribal
Transit System Was Developed**

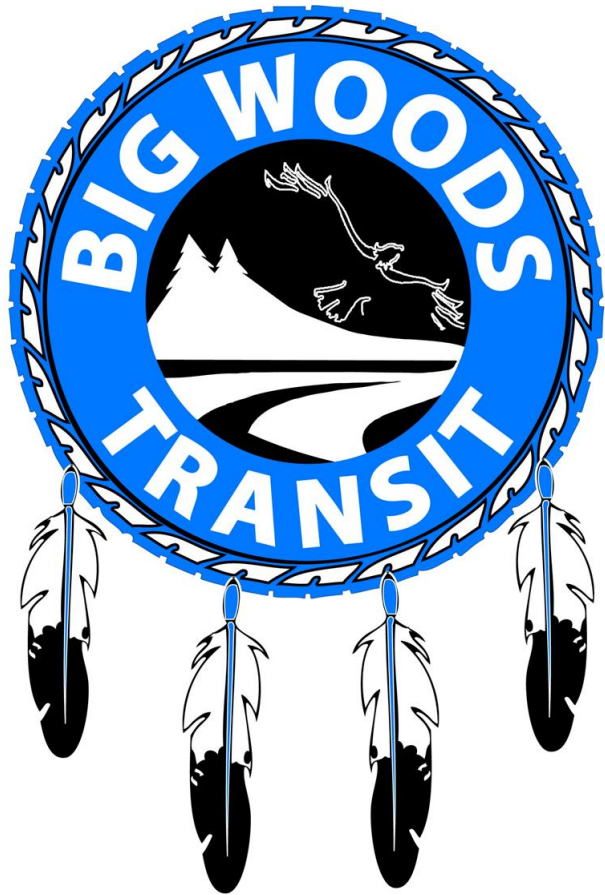




**BOIS FORTE BAND OF
CHIPPEWA/BIG WOODS TRANSIT**

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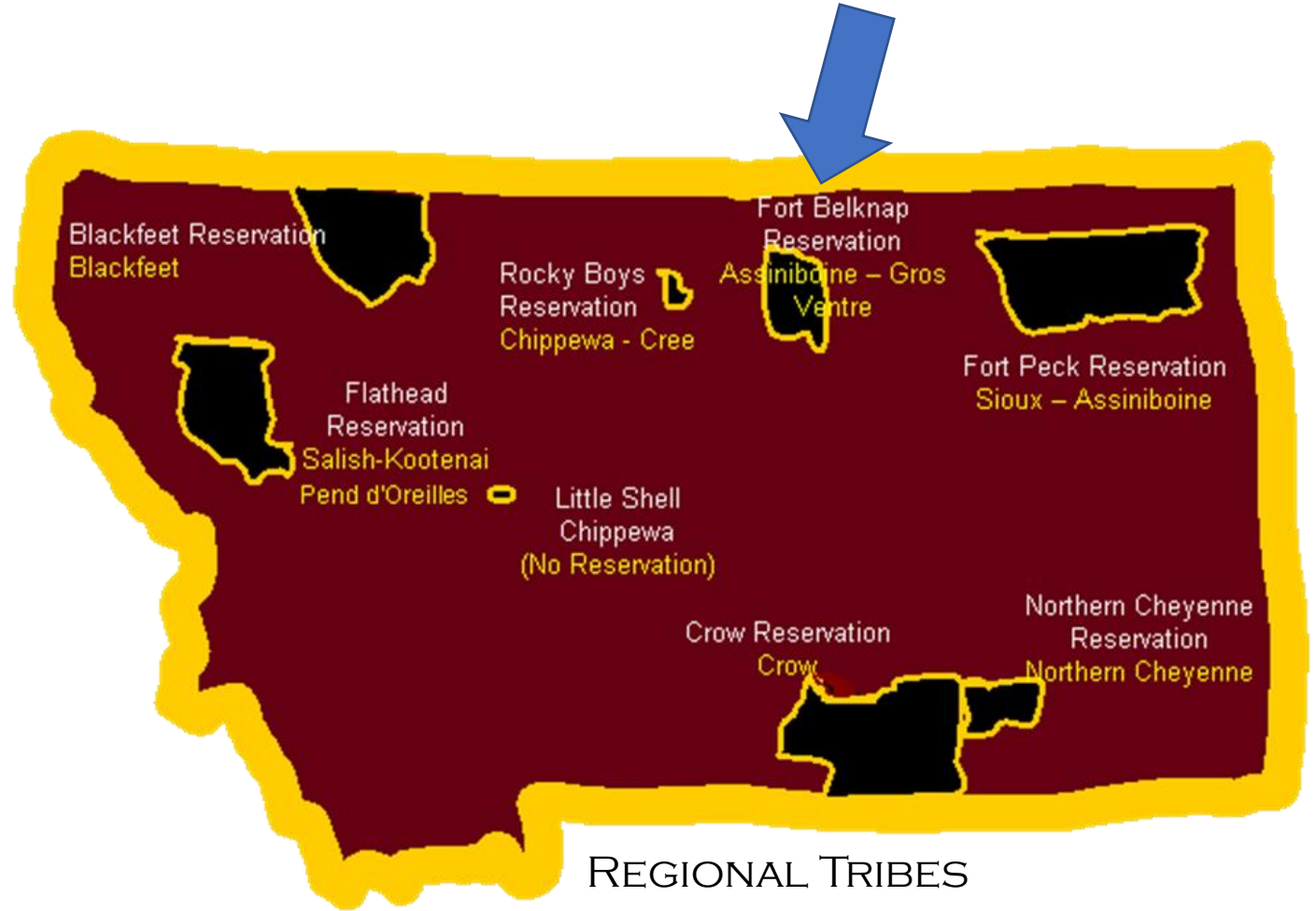
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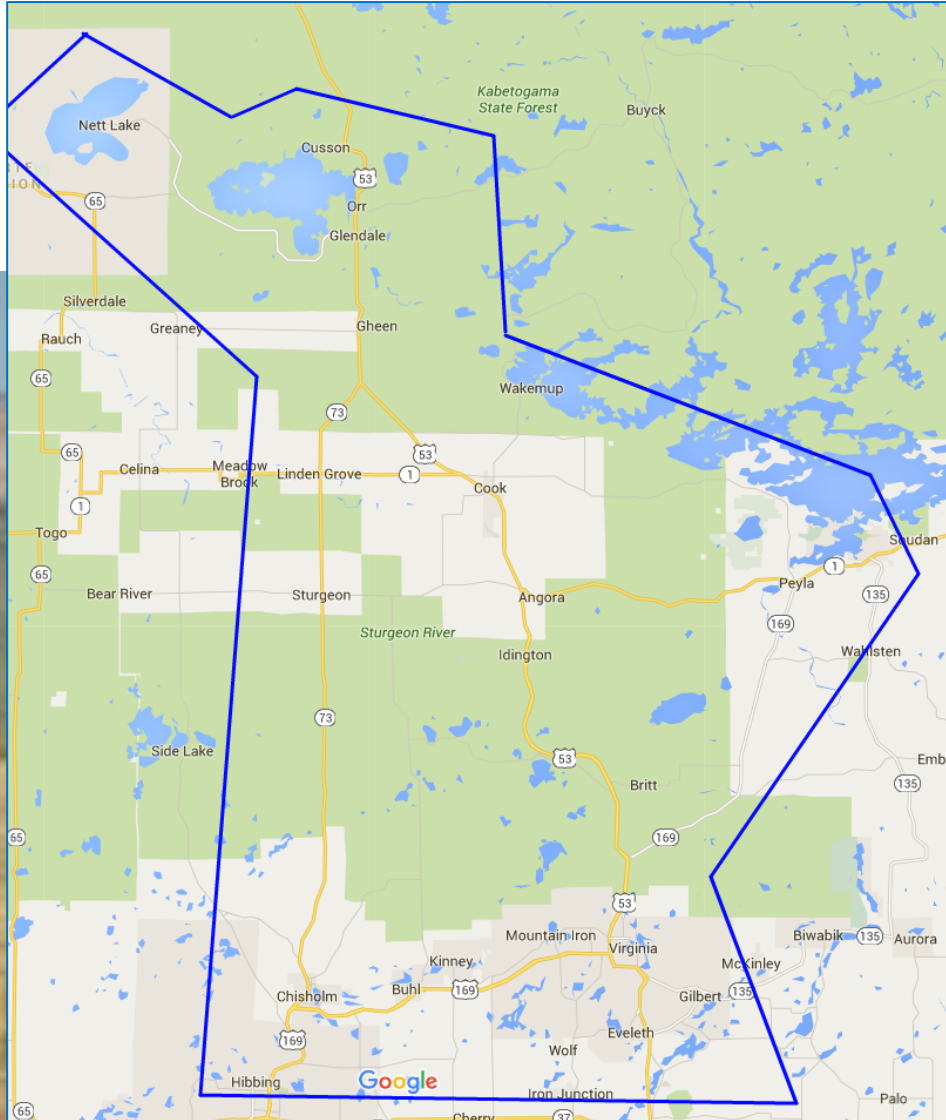
MINNESOTA LOCATION



**NETT LAKE,
MINNESOTA**



BIG WOODS TRANSIT SERVICE AREA



BIG WOODS TRANSIT SERVICE PROFILE

SERVICE AREA:	10,000 SQ. MILES
ANNUAL RIDERSHIP:	30,921 PASSENGER TRIPS
ANNUAL VEHICLE REVENUE MILES:	274,803 VRM ANNUALLY
ANNUAL VEHICLE REVENUE HOURS:	14,000 VRH ANNUALLY
VEHICLES AT MAXIMUM SERVICE:	9 TRANSIT VEHICLES
MODES:	COMMUTER BUS DEMAND RESPONSIVE



BIG WOODS EVOLUTION BEYOND TRANSIT



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EXPANSION INTO THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY



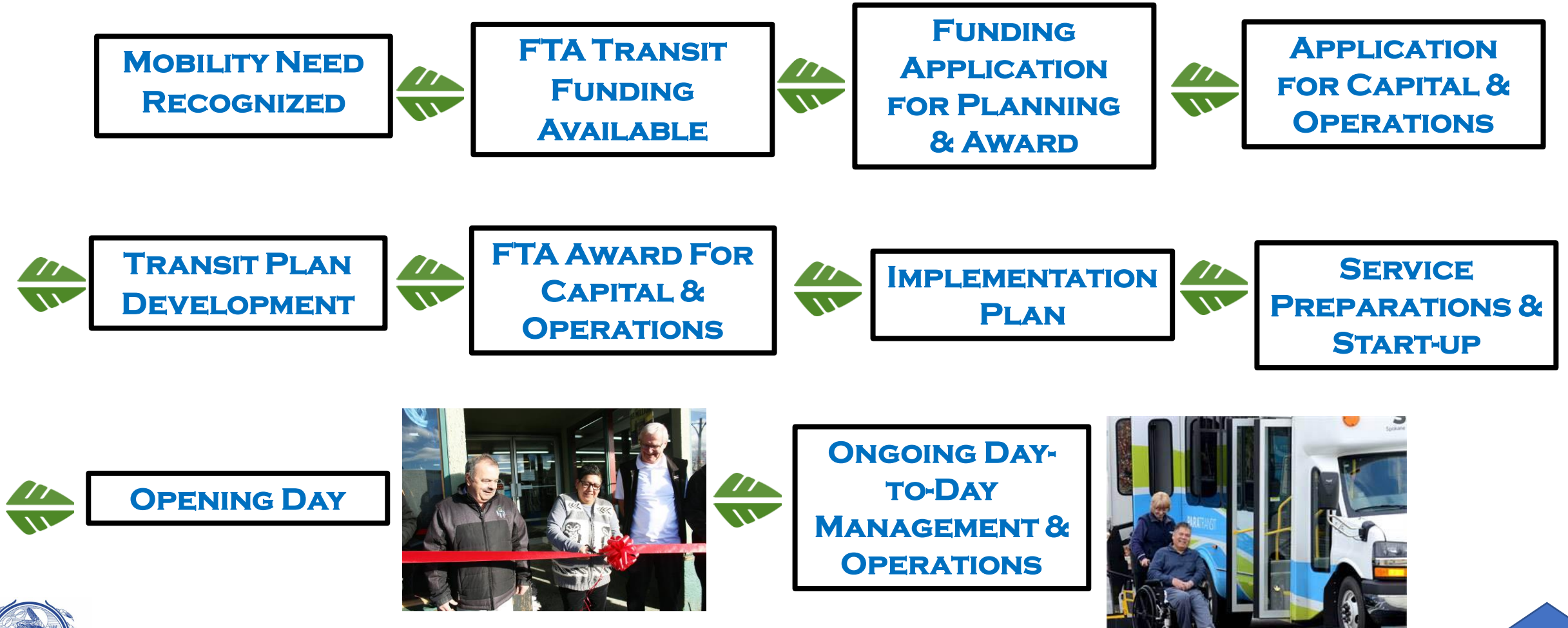
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The Development Process



GENERAL PHASES IN IMPLEMENTING TRIBAL TRANSIT

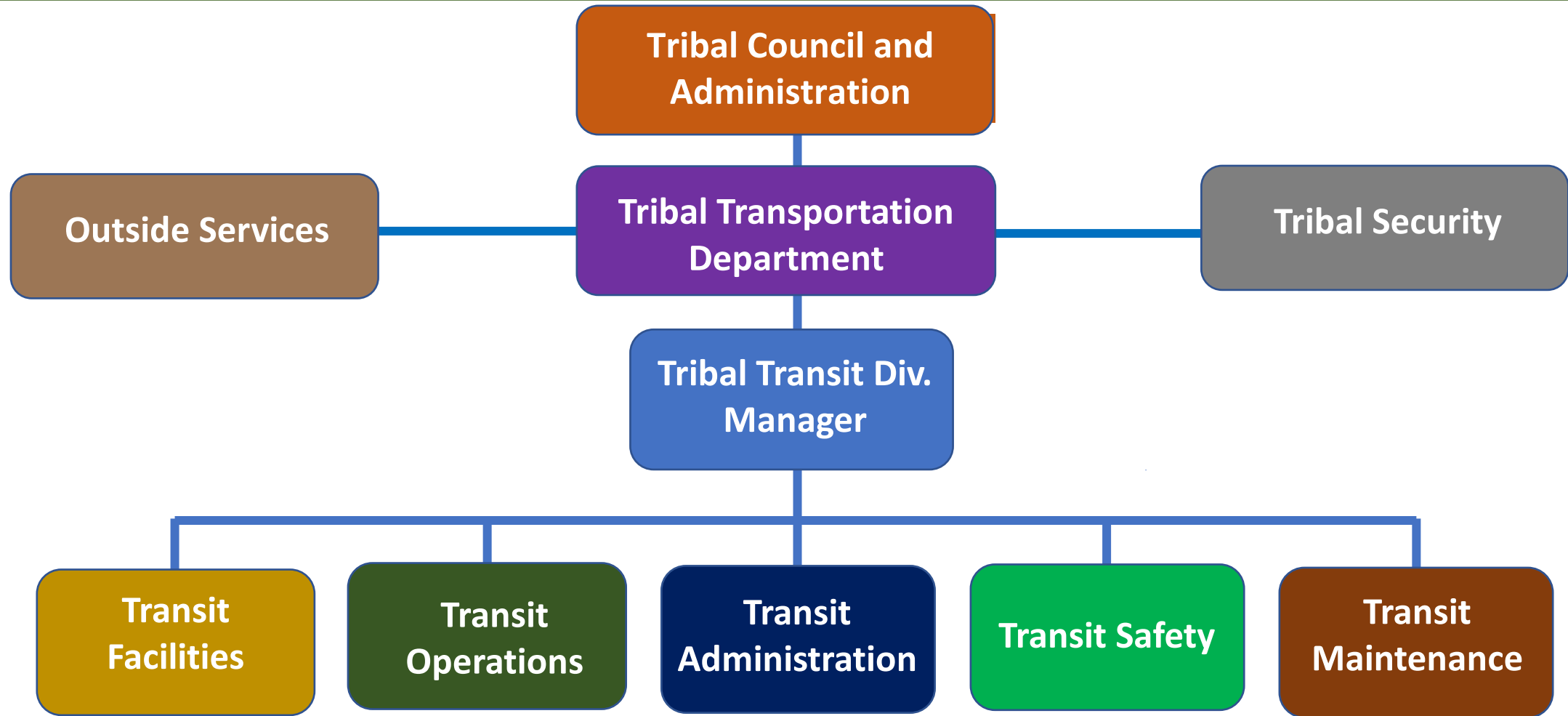


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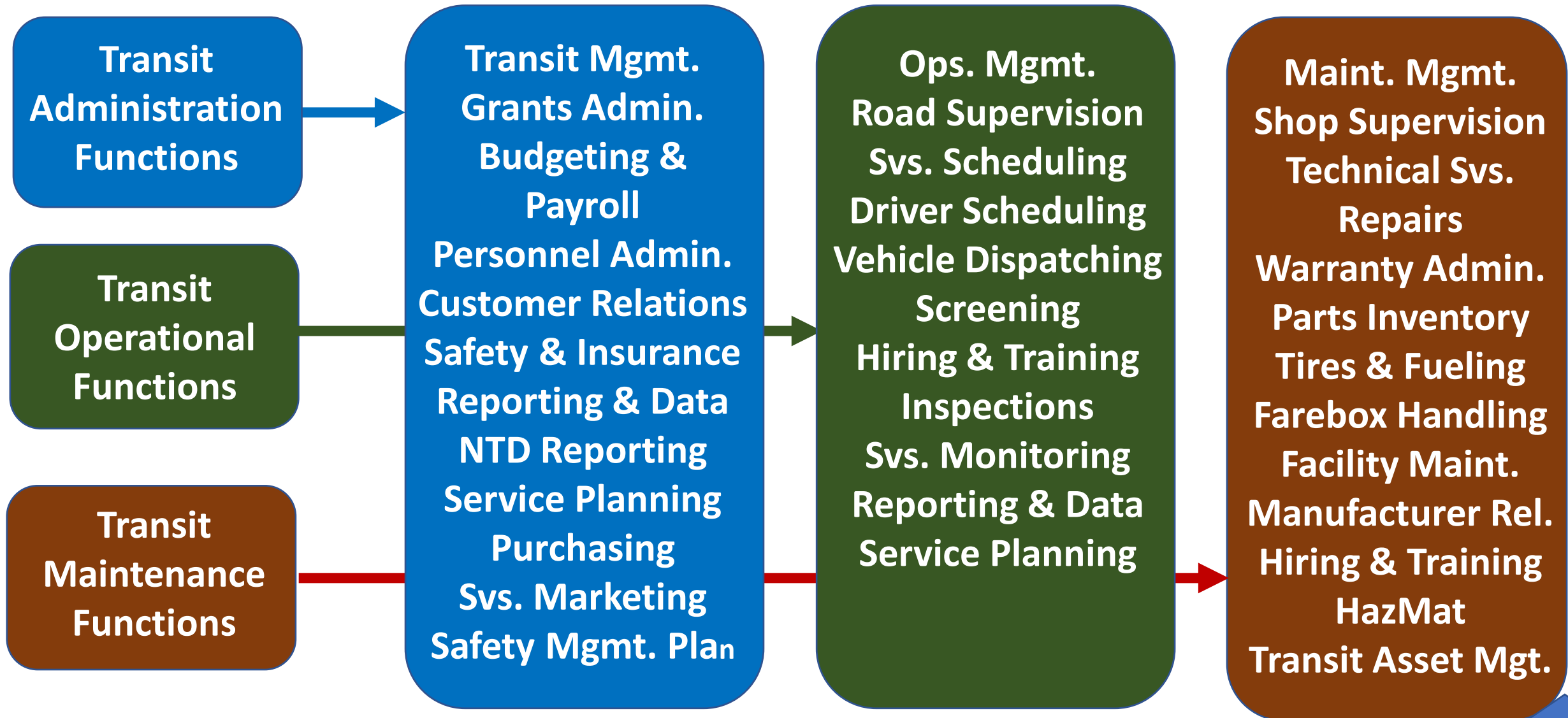
TRIBAL TRANSIT
ORGANIZATION



TRIBAL TRANSIT FUNCTIONAL AREAS



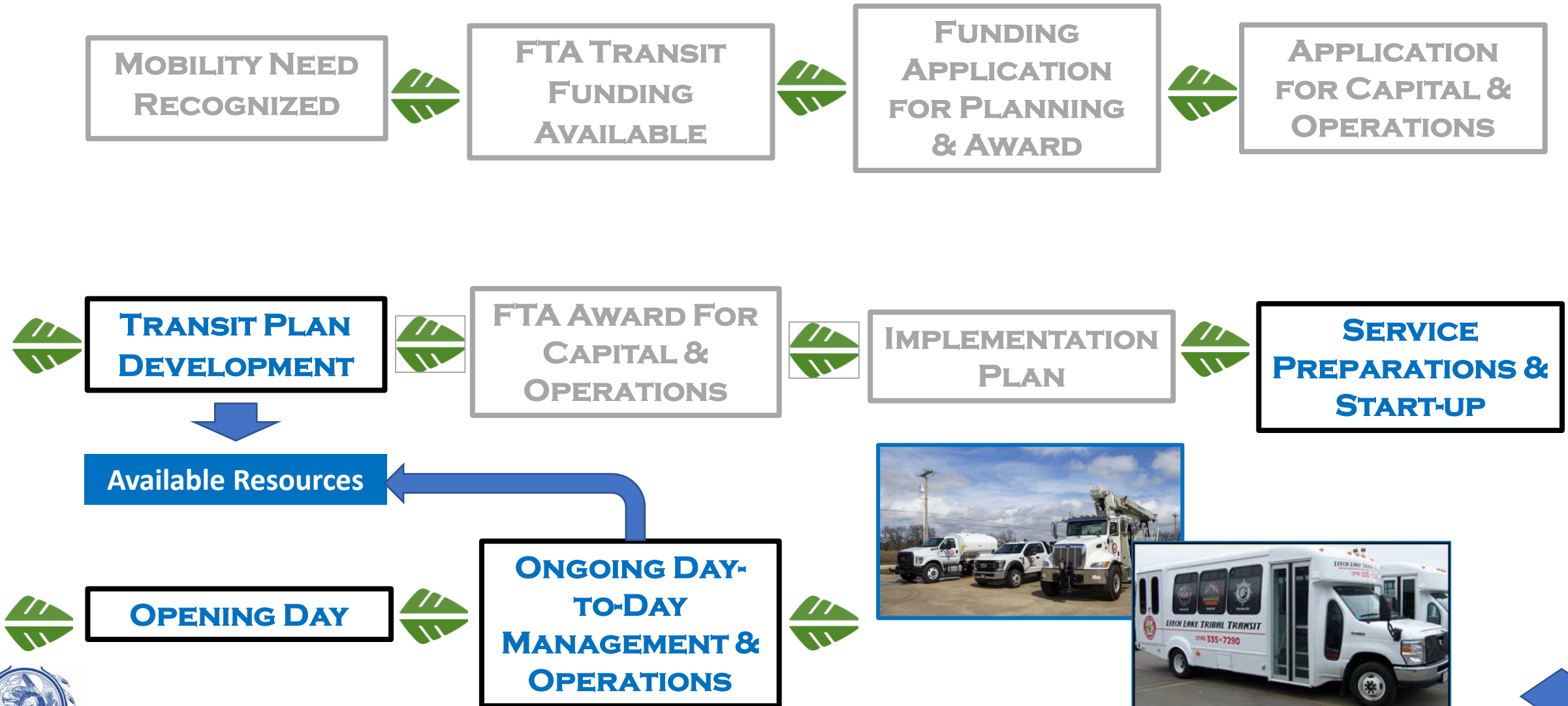
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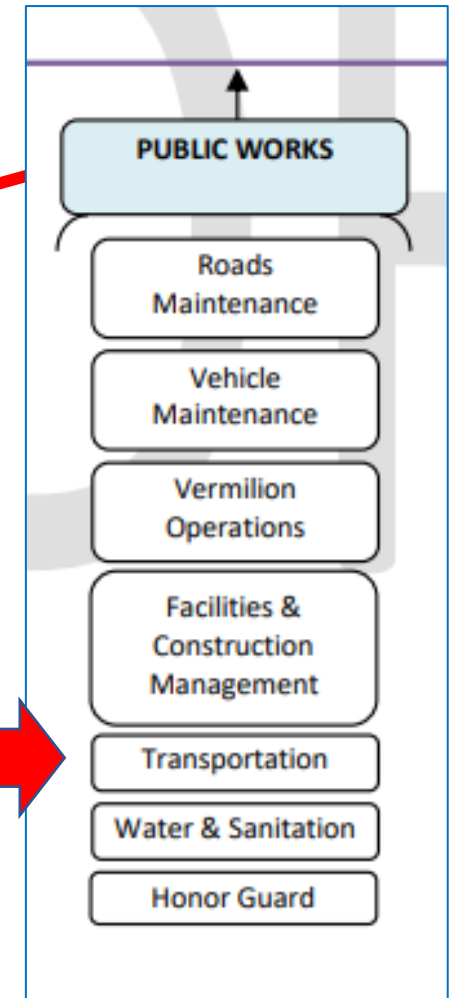
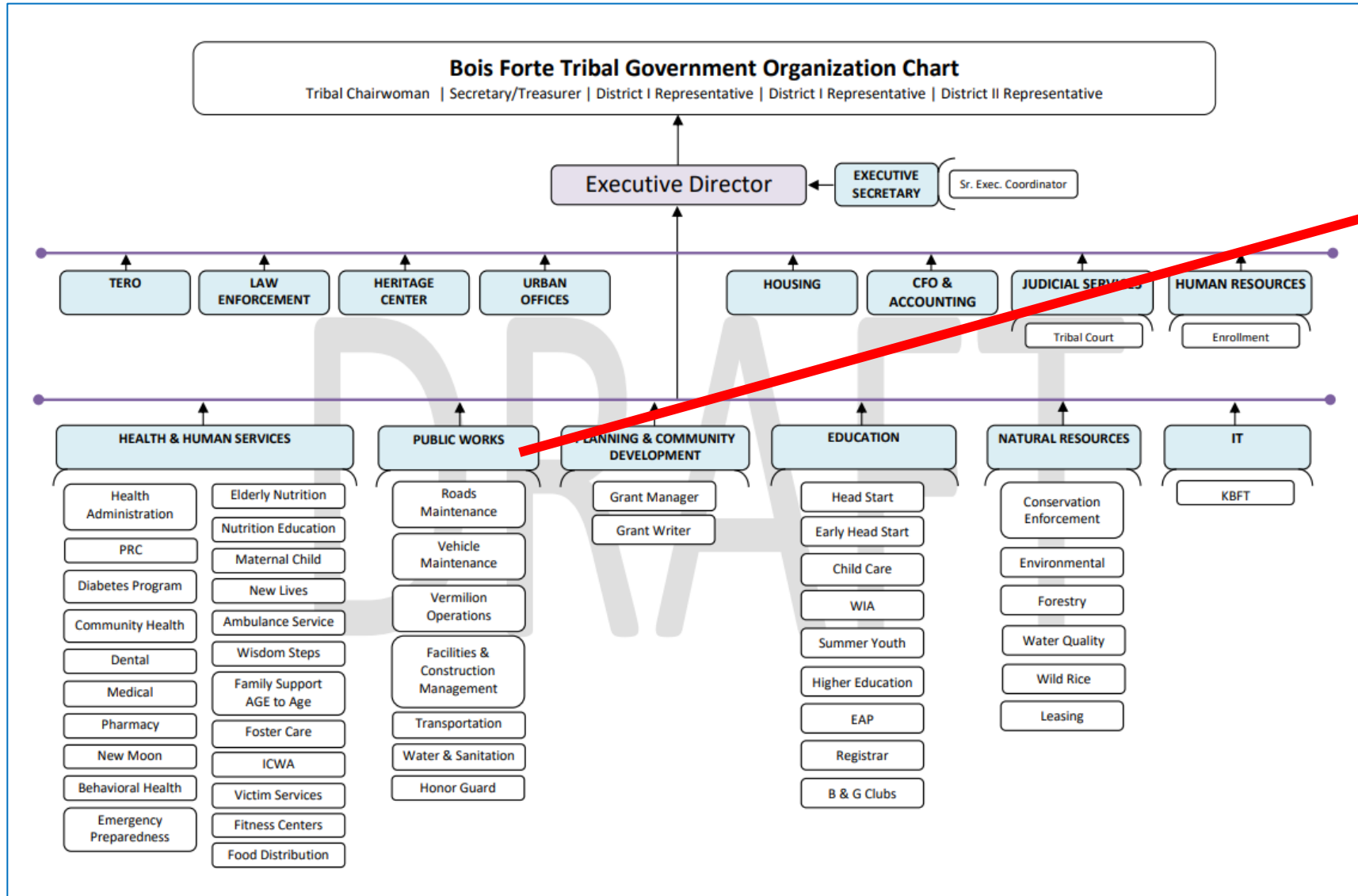
Tribal Transportation Synergies



GENERAL PATH TO IMPLEMENTING TRIBAL TRANSIT & ONGOING SERVICE



TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION



TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION & TRIBAL TRANSIT

- **BENEFITS OF WORKING WITHIN THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION DEPT. OR PUBLIC WORKS**

- AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- TECHNICAL SUPPORT
- LEVERAGED FUNDING
- OVERLAPPING TRAINING
- SAFETY MANAGEMENT
- COLLABORATION
- COORDINATION
- JOB SHARING
- OTHER SYNERGIES



LEVERAGED TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION



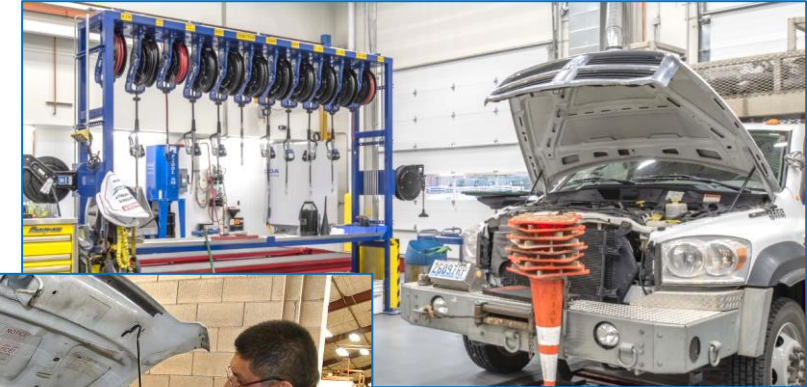
Parts Inventory



Electrical Charging



Fuel



Fleet Maintenance



Tire Program



Safety



Fleet Parking & Facilities



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



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