

2026 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE

November 15–19, 2026 | Gila River Casino & Resort-Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, Arizona

To: [Tribal Council Chair / Transportation Director Name]

Date:

[Tribe Name]

From: [Your Name, Title]

Re: Request for Authorization – NTICC 2026 Conference Attendance

Dear [Tribal Council Chair / Transportation Director Name],

I am respectfully requesting authorization and travel support for [Employee Name(s)] to attend the 2026 National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC), scheduled for November 15–19, 2026, at the Gila River Casino & Resort – Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, Arizona. NTICC is the premier national gathering of tribal transportation professionals and represents a critical investment in our department's capacity to deliver safe, compliant, and effective transportation services for our community.

About NTICC

Hosted by the Center for Tribal Transportation (CTT), NTICC brings together 700+ attendees annually from tribes across all 50 states, along with federal agency partners including USDOT, FHWA, BIA, NHTSA, FTA, FRA, MARAD, and FMCSA. The conference delivers eight focused tracks, hands-on training, professional certifications, and the signature Heavy Equipment Roadeo and Transit Bus Roadeo Team Competitions.

Key Benefits for Our Tribal Transportation Staff

- **Professional Development & Training:** Eight conference tracks cover Planning (ROW/Environmental), Transit, Safety, Technology, Project Development, Road Management & Maintenance, Government/TTP 101, and Certifications & Hot Topics — directly aligned with our department's daily responsibilities.
- **Federal Compliance & Funding Knowledge:** Direct access to FHWA, BIA, and other federal agency representatives provides up-to-date guidance on Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) regulations, 25 CFR Part 170, ISDEAA compliance, and federal funding opportunities.
- **Hands-On Skills Training:** Practical workshops and the Heavy Equipment Roadeo strengthen the real-world technical skills of our operations and maintenance staff.
- **Peer Networking:** Attendees connect with transportation professionals from tribes nationwide, sharing solutions, lessons learned, and best practices applicable to Indian Country infrastructure challenges.
- **Federal & Industry Partnerships:** Exposure to 50+ exhibitors and sponsors showcasing innovative solutions, equipment, and services relevant to tribal transportation programs.
- **Professional Certifications:** Selected sessions offer certifications that directly enhance staff qualifications and our department's capacity to administer federally funded programs.
- **One On One Meetings:** Direct access to FHWA, BIA, and other federal agency representatives.

Requested Authorization

We are requesting approval for the following estimated expenses for [number] staff member(s):

Expense	Estimated Amount
Conference Registration (View NTICC's registration rates on the Registration website)	\$ _____
Hotel (approx. 5 nights view hotel block rates on our hotel booking webpage)	\$ _____
Airfare/Flight	\$ _____
Transportation (Ride share, car rental, taxi, etc.)	
Food Per Diem	\$ _____
Total Estimated Cost	\$ _____

Attending NTICC represents a direct investment in our tribal transportation program's technical capacity, regulatory compliance, and long-term infrastructure goals. I am confident this conference will yield measurable returns for our department and the community we serve.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to provide any additional information or answer questions at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

[Name, Title]

[Tribe Name] Transportation Department

2026 NTICC

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 15-19, 2026

**GILA RIVER CASINO & RESORT-WILDHORSE PASS
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

TIMELINE	EVENT
7:00 AM-4:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN
8:00 AM-4:30 PM	HEAVY EQUIPMENT ROADEO COMPETITION
8:00 AM-4:30 PM	TRANSIT BUS ROADEO COMPETITION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

TIMELINE	EVENT
7:00 AM-8:15 AM	BREAKFAST
8:00 AM-4:30 PM	EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN
8:15 AM- 4:30 PM	OPENING PLENARY SESSION
12:30 PM-2:00 PM	LUNCH
2:00 PM-4:30 PM	ONE ON ONE MEETINGS
4:30 PM-5:30 PM	OPENING RECEPTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026

TIMELINE	EVENT
7:00 AM-8:15 AM	BREAKFAST
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN
8:30 AM-10:00 AM	GENERAL SESSION
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 A.M- 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)
3:00 PM-3:30 PM	BREAK
3:30 PM-5:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

TIMELINE	EVENT
7:00 AM-8:15 AM	BREAKFAST
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN
8:30 AM-10:00 AM	GENERAL SESSION
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 A.M- 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)
3:00 PM-3:30 PM	BREAK
3:30 PM-5:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

TIMELINE	EVENT
7:00 AM-8:15 AM	BREAKFAST
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN
8:30 AM-10:00 AM	GENERAL SESSION
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM- 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)
3:00 PM-3:30 PM	BREAK
3:30 PM-5:00 PM	BREAKOUT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS (8 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)
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