



To: Wendell Honanie, Superintendent
Subject: Congressman Rick Renzi Meeting

On February 13, 2004 I attended a meeting scheduled at 11:00 A.M. at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. An invitation was provided by the Hopi Tribal Chairman to be part of Hopi Tribal Delegation and met with Congressman Rick Renzi regarding **Representative Sylvia Laughter's bill, HCR2001, BIA Route 60 Low Mountain, Safety Improvements.**

Those attended this meeting are as follows:

Representative Sylvia Laughter, Congressman Rick Renzi, Congressional Liaison Rosie Tsosie Bingham, Congressman Trent Franks Field Representative Shari Farrington, ADOT Representative, Navajo Tribe's Safety Officer, Hopi Tribe's Lobbyist Janet Regner, Hopi Tribal Chairman's Office Nada Talayumptewa, Hopi Transportation Chairperson Todd Honyaoma and Hopi Agency representative Andrew Casiquito and Herb Begay.

Introductions made by Representative Sylvia Laughter and presentation begin with Todd Honyaoma and Herb Begay. Herb and Andy begin with power point presentation with Herb explained each photo's begin with the drought photo's through route 60 N. During this season we don't have enough moisture and received a lot of strong winds caused erosions to the surface of the existing dirt road. Once you break through the first layer, most times it's only one layer of hard crush and there's no bottom and you end with very large soft spots. This leads roads maintenance to rent water truck, most times know one provides water and we have haul in clay material or purchase aggregate base coarse material. Second presentation was shown through Wind Whistle Rim which North of Low Mountain School which is another exist and during winter season this road is not the way to travel up through steep icy roadway, very unsafe and road does not have guard rails but recently we placed aggregate base coarse through most of the steep grade. Third presentation was on the number of school buses travel through this road in the morning and in the evening, also activity buses all from local schools, Hopi Jr. and Senior High School, Cedar Public School and other schools utilize this road traveling through. Fourth presentation was on the most recent flush flood we had received through August and September of 2003 through Hopi Indian Reservation. Showed the flooding and damages to our systems roads.

Questions and Answers:

1. **Renzi, is this road on Hopi Tribal Priority? Does the BIA or the Hopi Tribe have a Right-of-Way? Any engineering study documents?** ROW was granted back in 1976. Hopi priority was revised with route 60N included as top priority. Archaeological and Cultural Surveys completed by the Hopi Tribe through full 13.70 miles along with easement to borrow pits. Engineering studies we have not get to that stage yet but back in 1970's an engineering firm Millers Engineer had provided all surveys and BIA had perform preliminary surveys.
2. **How much traffic on this road? How much maintenance is being performed on this route?** In the year of 2000 we have been provided a daily traffic count

report from Chinle Agency of Navajo Region with 465 traffic count taken at the junction of Hopi 60 and N65. Hopi BIA Roads maintenance has been grading this road between 40 to 60% of the time form overall total number of Hopi IRR system. This road does have a lot of daily traffic utilized by not only locals but at most times very heavy hauling through this road by outside contractors to jobs north of state route 264 which tears up the surface and BIA roads maintenance have to make road passable for safety of the school buses.

3. **Renzi, he would like to see top ten priorities listing along with engineering studies with archaeological clearances on this for better justifications on seeking for funds.** HBegay presented some documents such as an archaeological survey report and project scope of work through 13.70 miles identifying location of borrow pits with their easements along with village meeting documents.
4. **Renzi, stated there are funds available from the counties, state and federal.** ADOT representative advised this is not a state route. It is a BIA route under IRR that goes through Hopi and Navajo Reservation therefore the counties can provide some funds but not the state. HBegay, during washouts we had received some assistant from the Navajo County with emergency funds total of \$14,000.00 that covered equipment rental and cultural surveys. Route 60N archaeological and cultural surveys cost \$18,000.00 funded provided by the Navajo County and the Hopi Tribe CPO had perform this work.
5. **Renzi, advised we need to make engineering studies from these emergencies we had received.** He had requested for a new school and all school buses to be replaced for Pinion School. We have to go fine more monies and different pots of funds in phases. Mr. Renzi stated the president had tied his belt had caused for some funds to be push back. **Recommended for Hopi and Navajo Tribe to come up with top ten priorities. I would like to get a copy of your power point presentation on the flush flooding through the Hopi Reservation and thank you.**

Meeting adjourned by noon, February 13, 2004.

Herb Begay
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