



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Restructure of the WMAT Transportation Committee: Members, Roles and Responsibilities)

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**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“WMAT”) appointed the WMAT Transportation Committee to advise and recommend to the Tribal Council in all policy and program matters related to the Indian Reservation Roads Programs, bridges, roads and highways within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, byways and traffic; and other inter-modal initiatives for the benefits of the WMAT; and

**WHEREAS,** the WMAT Transportation Department, a subdivision of the Office of Planning and Community Development, recommends the restructure of the WMAT Transportation Committee as well as the restructure of the duties and roles and responsibilities of the committee and its members; and

**WHEREAS,** the WMAT Transportation Committee will be established as an Advisory Committee to represent the Tribe and all fifteen communities in Transportation related matters. Funding is available through the WMAT’s obligation funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for minimal travel for transportation related meetings and conferences. This change is due to current appointed committee members lack of authority in their respected departments, failure to attend meetings, and change in job positions; and

**WHEREAS,** the WMAT Transportation Advisory Committee will include representatives from the following Tribal Departments and outside entities:

- Tribal Transportation Department
- Tribal Environmental Protection Office
- Tribal Police Department
- Tribal Fire Department
- Tribal EMS Department
- Tribal Game and Fish Department
- Tribal Public Works Department
- Tribal Land Operations Department
- Tribal Land Office
- WMA Housing Authority
- Whiteriver Unified School District (not a Tribal entity)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Department (not a Tribal entity)

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- Indian Health Service (not a Tribal entity)

The representatives must have the authority from their respected agency to make decisions and recommendations based on their programs discipline for transportation issues; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has determined that restructuring of the WMAT Transportation Committee is in the best interests of the Tribe.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the restructure of the WMAT Transportation Committee to be from here on reestablished as the WMAT Transportation Advisory Committee. The Committee will continue to collaborate and communicate with the Tribal Division of Transportation.

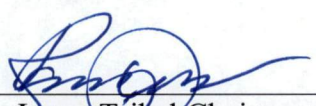
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that is hereby directs all Directors from each of the departments listed in this resolution to designate a representative to represent their respected department to attend and participate in all WMAT Transportation Advisory Committee meetings. The designated representative must have authority to speak on behalf of their department and the ability to resolve WMAT transportation related matters. The WMAT Transportation Advisory Committee will produce a Plan of Operations in six months from the date this resolution is signed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 4, 2015 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

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