

CHAPTER 5: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT



BIA Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program. Per 170.412, the tribe should fulfill minimum LRTP requirements: area and reservation maps, basic inventory, priority lists, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), resolution, cover letter, and a demonstrated consultation process that secures meaningful tribal input and involvement, advises the tribe of the final decision, and advises/addresses issues of importance based on input gathered during the planning process. Per 170.413, there must be public involvement during the LRTP update process, covering a range of users. For public meetings, the tribe must publish in local public newspapers at least 15 days before the meeting date. At the public meeting there must be copies available of the LRTP draft, funding information, and planning process, and an opportunity to comment.

Outreach strategy. The purpose is to engage Squaxin and Non-Squaxin stakeholders in the LRTP update process to attract interest optimize the variety and amount of feedback. Components include assessing the current transportation system, defining problems and issues, evaluating options for their effectiveness, and prioritizing projects. Outreach options include but are not limited to:

- *Klah-Che-Min*. Articles in Squaxin's monthly newsletter.
- *Daily Scoop*. Updates and/or announcements in Squaxin's daily email.
- www.squaxinisoland.org presence on the official Squaxin web site.
- Flyers. Distributed around the community for public awareness.
- Friday Mailings. Updates and/or announcements mailed on Fridays to the official Squaxin mailing list.
- Community events. Presence at Squaxin events such as Health Fair, Housing Fair.
- Brochures, displays, presentations, briefings.
- Individual and group focus interviews. For Squaxin and Non-Squaxin stakeholders.
- *Shelton Mason Journal* and/or *The Olympian* legal announcements about public meetings.

Stakeholder role. The stakeholder role is to listen, review, then comment (provide feedback) in a pro-active, timely manner via phone, email, writing, or in person (i.e. meetings or personal contact).

Squaxin stakeholders. "Inside" agencies, organizations, and individuals such as tribal department managers, key tribal program staff and management (i.e. tourism, Squaxin Transit, health promotions), tribal community members, tribal enrolled members, Tribal Council.

Non-Squaxin stakeholders. "Outside" stakeholders such as federal (i.e. BIA IRR Portland office), state (i.e. WSDOT), region (i.e. PRTP, TRPC (consultant), Mason Transit, Paratransit Services, Mason County), and tribal (i.e. SPIPA, NW TTAP) agencies and organizations.

>> Please reference the attachments for more details. # # #