# Native American Transportation and Mobility Issues

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#### Tribes As Distinct Entities

- Unique relationship with United States government tied to federal trust responsibilities
- Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes
- 368 treaties between the US and tribes
- 574 federally recognized tribes

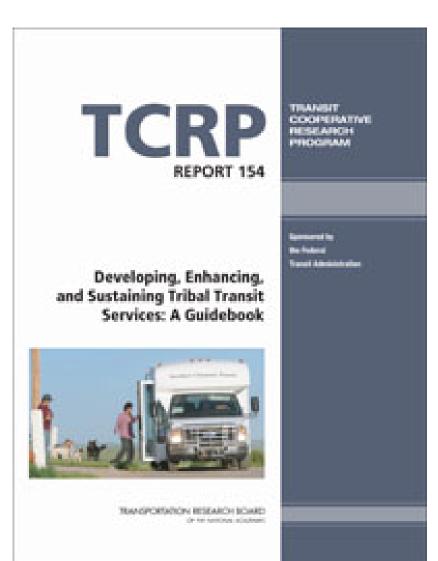
## Framing Tribal Issues and Racial Equity

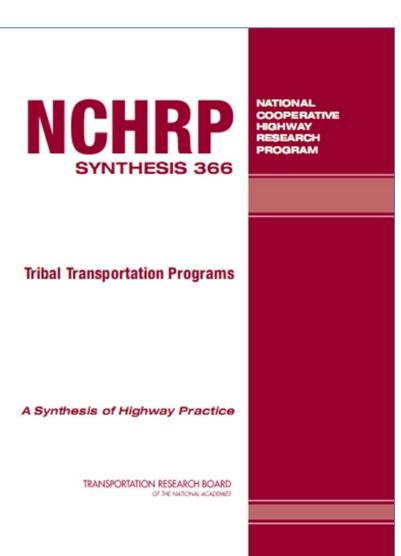
- Clarify position of Native American people, lands and governments
- Role of transportation in support of treaty obligations of the US
- Identify personal, social and economic consequences to Native American lands and communities of restricted mobility, isolation and underdeveloped infrastructure including transit, roads, bridges, aviation, internet connectivity and electric power
- Equity policy and research on structural political impediments to self-determination of indigenous people in colonial nations
- Emergence of data as lifeblood for transportation programs and policy

# TRB Standing Committee on Native American Transportation Issues

• The Committee is concerned with research and practice pertaining to transportation issues on or near tribal lands and communities or affecting tribal historical or cultural properties wherever located. Tribal transportation issues include all modes of moving people and goods from one place to another, all relevant agencies, including tribal, state, federal, regional and local providers, and all relationships and interactive processes of various governmental units -tribal, federal, state, and local - with regard to the development, planning, administration, coordination, and implementation of transportation laws, policies, plans, programs, and projects.









A Guidebook for Successful Communication, Cooperation, and Coordination Strategies Between Transportation Agencies and Tribal Communities

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#### Join TRB

#### 100<sup>th</sup> TRB Annual Meeting – All Virtual Event

January 7, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Committee Meeting

January 11, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.: Tribal Historical and Archeological Preservation Joint Subcommittee

#### No registration fee required to attend Committee Meetings

January 26 Poster Session: Native American Transportation

January 28, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Speaker Session: Trending Topics in Tribal Transportation, Session 1386

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