

Tribal AVIATION Symposium



DOT/FAA Tribal Aviation Symposium March 14 and 15, 2022 | 12:00pm-4:45pm EST Preliminary Agenda

DAY 1 – MONDAY, MARCH 14

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

12:00 PM

Moderator: Kevin Allis (Forest County Potawatomi Community), President, Thunderbird Strategic, LLC

- **Pete Buttigieg**, DOT Secretary
- **Arlando Teller**, DOT Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs
- **Steve Dickson**, FAA Administrator
- **Senator Jack C. Jackson Jr.**, Arizona

PANEL PRESENTATION

12:30 PM

The FAA Office of Airports will provide an overview of the airport programs and airport grants programs, including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), and others, and provide information on how to access applicable grant funds.

Moderator: Ignacio Flores, Director, Office of Airports, Southwest Region

Panel

- **Shannetta Griffin**, FAA Associate Administrator, Office of Airports
- **Robert Craven**, FAA Director of Airport Planning and Programming
- **FAA Grant Programs and Overview of Grant Management**
 - **Jonathan Linquist**, FAA- Eligibility and Justification
 - **Denise Taylor-Sands**, FAA - Planning Before Environmental
 - **Kim Harris**, FAA - DELPHI System, Drawdown
 - **Jared Raymond**, FAA - How Best to Compete for a Grant

Q&A

BREAK

1:45 PM

TRIBAL AIRPORTS BEST PRACTICES ROUNDTABLE**1:55 PM**

A number of Tribal airports and Tribal communities will share their best practices on how to successfully manage Tribal airports and work with local communities to partner and collaborate in order to succeed.

Moderators:

Milo Booth, DOT, Director of Tribal Affairs

Mark McClardy, Director, Office of Airports Western Pacific Region

Panel

- **Tribal Airports Best Practices. An opportunity to hear from Tribally owned/managed airports and their success stories.**
 - **Royce Gchachu**, Andrew Othole Memorial Airport, NM (XNI)
 - **Kino Chevez**, Taos Airport, NM (SKX)
 - **Elizabeth Church and Henry Small**, Quinhagak Airport, AK
 - **Jonah Begay**, Navajo DOT
- **Tribal Community Best Practices. An opportunity to hear from tribal communities on the impact of airports in their community.**
 - **Jane Lucero**, Associate Director of Operations/Planning, Sunport Airport, NM
 - **Mayor Albert Smith**, Metlakatla Indian Community
 - **Councilman Keolani Booth**, Metlakatla Indian Community
 - **Cheryl Andrews-Maltais** Chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah
- **Q&A**

WRAP-UP & CLOSING REMARKS**3:40 PM**

- **Arlando Teller**, DOT Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs
- **Steve Dickson**, FAA Administrator

END**DAY 2 – TUESDAY, MARCH 15****WELCOME****12:00 PM**

Moderator: Kevin Allis (Forest County Potawatomi Community), President, Thunderbird Strategic, LLC

- **Arlando Teller**, DOT Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs
- **Brad Mims**, FAA Deputy Administrator
- **Morgan Rodman**, WH Council on Native American Affairs

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY: DRONES, ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY (AAM) AND COMMERCIAL SPACE PANEL PRESENTATION

12:20 PM

FAA will provide an overview of the drones and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), while Tribes share their work with drones and AAM. FAA will also provide an overview of the Commercial Space Transportation program and a discussion on spaceports.

Moderator: Billy Nolen, FAA Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety

- **Tribes Share Their Work with Drones and AAM**
 - **James Grimsley**, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
 - **JC Coffey**, Cherokee Nation
- **Q&A**

Moderator: Kelvin Coleman, FAA Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Commercial Space Transportation

- **Overview of FAA Commercial Space Programs and Spaceports**
 - **Pamela Underwood**, FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation
- **Q&A**

BREAK #1

1:35 PM

AVIATION CAREERS & STEM/AVSESD ROUNDTABLE

1:45 PM

Panelists will discuss outreach to Tribal communities in Alaska on drones and STEM, as well as work with Native American High School Students, efforts to host summer aviation camps for Native American youth, and American Indian Science and Engineering Society high school program.

Moderator: Chris Sharp, Manager, Aviation Workforce and Education Division, ARA-100

Panel

- **Nick Adkins**, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Director of Operations, Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration
- **Joelle Petersen**, CFI – Galena Alaska SHS-CTE Aviation Teacher
- **Dr. Timothy B. Holt**, Ph.D., FRAeS, C.M. Dean and Professor, College of Aviation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- **Brittany Attaway**, Director of Community Relations and Business Development Delaware Resource Group of Oklahoma, LLC
- **Rennea Howell**, Ogahpah Nation of Oklahoma - PK-12 Program Officer - American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)

Q&A

BREAK #2

3:00 PM

PROTECTING SACRED SITES FROM OVERFLIGHTS ROUNDTABLE**3:10 PM**

Panelists will discuss the Sacred Sites Memorandum of Understanding, consideration of sacred sites in consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Executive Order 13175, and voluntary approaches to protecting sacred sites.

Moderator: Eldridge Onco | DOT Office of Tribal Affairs

Panel

- **Carl Slater**, Navajo Nation Council Delegate
- **Katherine Andrus**, FAA Federal Preservation Officer
- **John Becker**, Papillon Airways

Q&A**LISTENING SESSION: FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON OUTREACH****4:00 PM**

DOT and FAA want to engage with Tribal leaders and ask what DOT/FAA can do to improve and meet Tribal needs, this is an opportunity for Tribal leaders to provide feedback to the DOT/FAA for future consideration and express any concerns, issues or interests to DOT/FAA leadership.

WRAP-UP & CLOSING REMARKS**4:30 PM**

- **Arlando Teller**, DOT Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs
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