

Tribal Green Transportation Project

Assuring Equitable Access
and Building Technical
Capacity for Transportation
Decarbonization among
Native Nations in
Washington, Oregon, Idaho,
and Montana

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**On behalf of the WSU Energy Program and DOE,
Welcome to our project presentation**

**Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
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WSU and the Contributions of America's First Peoples

Washington State University acknowledges that its locations statewide are on the homelands of Native peoples, who have lived in this region from time immemorial. There are 37 federally recognized Tribes that historically shared their traditional homelands and waterways in what is now Washington State. Of these, 29 are federally recognized Tribes in Washington with the remaining Tribes in Idaho, Montana, and Oregon, some of which represent multiple tribes and bands.

The University expresses its deepest respect for and gratitude towards these original and current caretakers of the region. As an academic community, we acknowledge our responsibility to establish and maintain relationships with these tribes and Native peoples, in support of tribal sovereignty and the inclusion of their voices in teaching, research and programming. Washington State University established the [Office of Tribal Relations](#) and [Native American Programs](#) to guide us in our relationship with tribes and service to Native American students and communities. We also pledge that these relationships will consist of mutual trust, respect, and reciprocity.

As a land grant institution, we also recognize that the Morrill Act of 1862 established land-grant institutions by providing each state with “public” and federal lands, which are traced back to the dispossession of Indigenous lands. In 1890, Washington State received 90,081 acres of Indigenous Lands designated to establish Washington State University ([see data](#)). Washington State University retains the majority of these lands to this day. We acknowledge that the dispossession of Indigenous lands was often taken by coercive and violent acts, and the disregard of treaties. For that, we extend our deepest apologies. We owe our deepest gratitude to the Native peoples of this region and maintain our commitment towards reconciliation.

Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- WSU Executive Policy 41
- Project description
- Engagement, Outreach, Education Plan
- Technical Assistance opportunities
- Next steps

WSU Executive Policy 41

- **Engagement:** Establish and nurture reciprocal relationships, through which WSU identifies and collaborates with Tribal employees, cultural specialists, and representatives as equal partners. These relationships should be built before projects commence and maintained throughout their duration. Engagement also entails ensuring that Tribal partners are apprised of the impacts of projects and of opportunities that arise because of them.
- **Consultation:** A deliberative process through which WSU shares information regarding WSU programs, activities, and research with affected Tribes. WSU communicates early, regularly, and in good faith with individual Tribal governments or designated Tribal departments to ensure an understanding of the activity; identify and address Tribal concerns; and secure consent, when applicable, for those activities.
- **Consent:** The individual with primary oversight of the program, project, or activity should determine whether formal consent is required from the affected Tribe(s) and proceed accordingly. The Executive Director for Tribal Relations may assist in identifying the appropriate leaders and protocols of the Tribe(s), make introductions, recommend applicable WSU employees that should be consulted, and guide the individual through the consultation process as needed.

Project Lineup

Budgeted Project Partners	
<p>From the Light Consulting LLC, Pendleton, OR 97801 Umatilla Tribal Member-owned energy project management and consulting firm</p>	<p>Stikeen Strategies, Seattle WA, 98117 independent consulting firm focused on transportation electrification assistance for rural BPA utilities</p>
<p>Clean Cities Partners: 1) Columbia-Willamette (Portland, OR) and Western Washington (Seattle, WA), 2) Treasure Valley (Boise, ID), 3) Yellowstone-Teton (Bozeman, MT)</p>	<p>3P Transportation Services, Olympia WA 98504 registered woman-owned DBE consulting firm focused on transportation planning.</p>
<p>Other Project Partners (off budget)</p>	
<p>Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) (supporting renewables and ZEV deployment for BPA utilities across the four-state region)</p>	<p>Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) (non-profit network of 65 tribes throughout the West)</p>

Project Goals

<p>Eliminate barriers to tribal ZEV access Foster community-directed engagement identifying concerns, needs, and opportunities. Facilitate active participation and direction from Native communities, ZEV and utility experts, and our Clean Cities partners.</p>	<p>Generate greater ZEV awareness Generate greater awareness broadly at many popular, tribal-sponsored events. Foster awareness at more technical energy and climate events and support tribal participation in green transportation programs.</p>	<p>Build ZEV technical capacity Support creation of community-directed ZEV transition plans and site-specific TA and workforce training, building tribal and utility capacity for future progress.</p>	<p>Support long-term pollution reduction by ZEV market expansion Reduce GHG and air pollution through greater adoption of ZEVs and the infrastructure to support them throughout Indian Country and generally in rural areas.</p>
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Washington: 29

1. Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
2. Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
3. Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
4. Cowlitz Indian Tribe
5. Hoh Indian Tribe
6. Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
7. Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation
8. Lower Elwha Tribal Community
9. Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation
10. Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation
11. Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
12. Nisqually Indian Tribe
13. Nooksack Indian Tribe of Washington
14. Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
15. Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation
16. Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation
17. Quinault Indian Nation
18. Samish Indian Nation
19. Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe of Washington
20. Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation
21. Skokomish Indian Tribe
22. Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
23. Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation
24. Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation
25. Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington
26. Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation
27. Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
28. Tulalip Tribes of Washington
29. Upper Skagit Indian Tribe of Washington

Oregon: 9

1. Burns Paiute Tribe
2. Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
3. Confederated Tribes of Siletz
4. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
5. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation
6. Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
7. Coquille Indian Tribe
8. Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
9. Klamath Tribes

Idaho: 5

1. Coeur D’Alene Tribe
2. Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
3. Nez Perce Tribe
4. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
5. Shoshone-Paiute Tribes

Montana: 12

1. Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation
2. Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana
3. Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation
4. Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
5. Crow Tribe of Montana
6. Flathead Tribe
7. Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
8. Gros Ventre
9. Kootenai
10. Little Shell
11. Northern Cheyenne Tribe
12. Pend d’Oreille

Major Project Action...in two parts

Engagement, Outreach, Education

- Community driven
- Broad based, throughout WA, OR, ID, MT
- Transportation decarbonization – EVs and beyond

Native+Utility Technical Assistance

- 4-8 Native+Utility partnerships
- Technical assistance includes:
 - Community planning
 - Project assistance
 - Workforce/enterprise development

Engagement, Outreach, Education Plan

Start Up

- Advisory Committee
- Project identity
- Collateral materials
- Educational display
- Project website
- Native engagement training
- Internships

Activities

- Tribal database
- Several major events: ATNI, GTSE, summits, forums, workshops, etc
- Community showcases
 - In the community
 - Clean Cities support
 - Pow Wow educational outreach
 - Ride and Drive events
 - Workforce/enterprise development
- Success case studies
- Community Benefits Plan/Report

Project Technical Assistance Plans

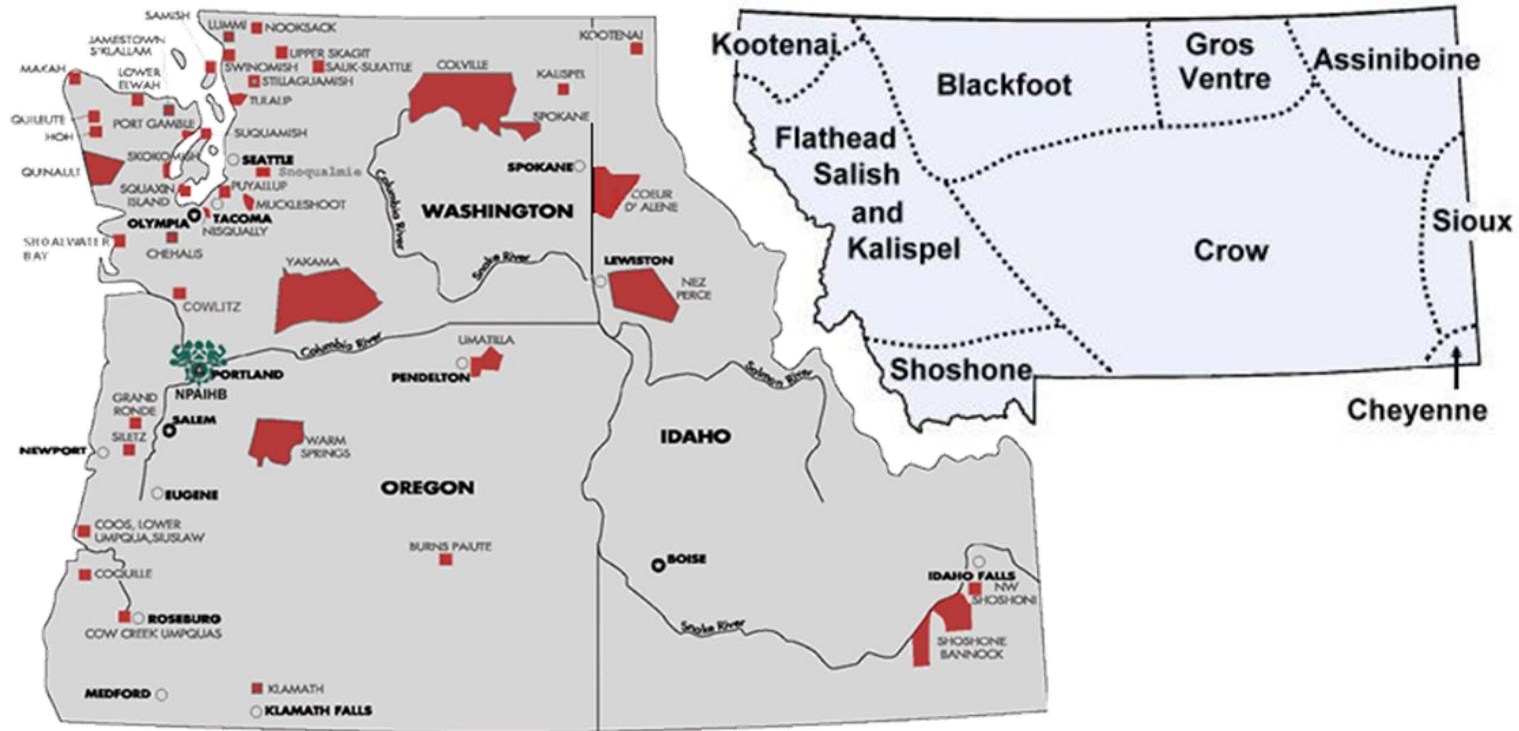
Start Up

- Project ideas from Native communities
- Native+Utility Partnerships
- Selection process: Native consultation/consent
- Agreement process with utilities
- Community involvement

Deliverables

- Community transition plans
- Project technical assistance
 - Mix of expertise
 - Types of assistance
 - When to lock up contracts
- Workforce/enterprise assistance
- Native consent/approval

Project Showcases – Where, Who’s Interested



What’s in a showcase? What would you like to see in your community? EVs 101 training or exhibition, student education or workforce programming, or EV ride & drive event

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