

Appendix G: Coordination with Native American Tribal Governments

How does the MPO consult Tribal Governments?

Coordination Process

Native American Tribal Governments are recognized under federal and state laws as independent sovereign entities. The MPO must seek input and consultation with such recognized tribal governments as exist or as identified as having interests in the MPO’s planning area (Hillsborough County). To date, only the Seminole Tribe of Florida has been identified as such.

To accomplish this objective, the MPO has identified the following contacts and placed them in its Constant Contact database. They therefore receive notices of upcoming meetings and agendas of upcoming actions being considered by the MPO. They also receive the MPO’s monthly electronic newsletters which contain articles of transportation plans and projects. Lastly, tribal governments participate in the State’s Efficient Transportation Decision Making process, which uses a web-based tool to provide information and map data to, and solicit comments from, agencies potentially affected by future plans and projects.

Tribal Government Contacts:

Name	Email	Phone	Postal Address
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Kenneth W. Dodge	kdodge@llw-law.com	561.640.0820	Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. 515 North Flagler Drive, Suite 1500 West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
Alison Swing	alisonswing@semtribe.com		
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New contacts may be identified from time to time in the future by federal and state sources. In Hillsborough County, the MPO should seek updated tribal contacts from:

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 Intermodal Systems Development
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 Tampa, FL 33612
 813-975-6400