



AKTTAP Newsletter | October 2023



Morgan Malley (FHWA), Vicky Wolf and Billy Connor (AKTTAP) at the AKTTAP booth.

The Alaska Tribal Technical Assistance Program in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration sponsored the National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC) that was held in Anchorage, Alaska on September 24 to 29. The AKTTAP and FHWA shared a booth in the conference exhibit hall which provided an opportunity to interact with many attendees. The AKTTAP would like to thank everyone who stopped by the booth and took the time to participate in the Training Needs Assessment Survey for Alaska. The information gathered in the survey will be used to prioritize training events over the next year. If you have not had an opportunity to respond to the survey, there is still time.

The link for the survey is <https://forms.gle/ysh1tyJQg5Q6bmqa6>.

The Alaska TTAP sponsored three breakout sessions at the 2023 NTICC

conference: one on the future of transportation in rural Alaska, one on climate change, and one on funding opportunities for Alaskan tribes. All three were well attended. The sessions can be summarized as follows

- There is a growing desire for roads and trails in rural Alaska to connect area villages to the hub communities and become less reliant on air-taxis.

- While the number and intensity of storms impacting the west coast of Alaska are not increasing, the shoulder seasons are increasing in length which causes freeze-up to occur later. Consequently, the impact of fall storms is increasing, causing flooding and coastal erosion.

- There are numerous funding opportunities for tribes. These can be found on the USDOT sponsored [Navigator website](#). Regional TTAPS will work to make information related to local tribes available.



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AKTTAP at NTICC
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Upcoming Events

Construction on Permafrost Class

November 17, 2023

The AKTTAP invites you to a 1-day training course on Roads and Airfields Constructed on Permafrost. The course will be offered on November 17, 2023 in the BP Design Theater on the UAF campus, Fairbanks, Alaska. The course will be taught by Billy Connor and Kevin Bjella. This course provides the practicing engineer with the basic knowledge required to build roadway and airports over permafrost terrain.

Please register that you are planning to attend the event at <https://forms.gle/xZEm87woCHwaMYne9>.



Gravel Roads Training

February 2024

The AKTTAP in partnership with the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) for Alaska will be presenting a 2-day class on the construction and maintenance of gravel roads. Topics covered will include routine maintenance, drainage and dust management. The course will be offered in Fairbanks and in Anchorage the week of February 19th. Registration will open in December for the class once details are finalized.



Webinars on YouTube

Ongoing

Every webinar sponsored by the AKTTAP is recorded and posted to the AIDC channel on YouTube. Topics currently available are Dust management, Updating Your LRTP, Ice Roads Funding, and DOT Grants Dashboard Demonstration. Upcoming webinars on the new TTP reporting interface (Oct. 26) and the Alaska Marine Highway System (Nov. 2) will be posted once complete. There is a playlist dedicated to those webinars that can be found at [AKTTAP Playlist](#).



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