YAKAMA NATION
Transportation Issues, Challenges, and Successes
DNR ENGINEERING
Washington State Transportation Commission Meeting
April 19, 2022
Highway 97

Hwy 97 Slow Vehicle Turn Out Lane, Milepost 40.5

Can additional turn out lanes be added or actual passing lanes?
Highway 97 and other State Routes

Due to extreme safety issues: Can we install signage on all the state route entrances to the reservation similar to this?

Speeding is always an issue and challenge: Can we get more patrolling on the state highways?
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Due to extreme safety issues, can we make all the state routes on the reservation 24 Hour mandatory Headlights On zones?

Sign located at Highway 97 and Larue Road
At the yearly update meeting with WSDOT, the culvert at Shinando Canyon on Highway 97 has been mentioned. Yakama Nation would welcome a comprehensive review of all culverts for fish passage.
Extend Wishpoosh Road

Roundabout at US 97 intersection

Signalization at Fort Road

Buster Road Revision
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Phase 3 Teo Rd to Robbins Rd
2015 – Yakama Nation worked with Eastern Washington University (EWU), they performed data analysis in the framework of Target Zero for tribes.

2017 - EWU presents data to Tribal Council and recommends a Tribal Traffic Safety Committee (TTSC) to develop safety measures based on the 4 Es. Based on the information presented, according to EWU’s Traffic Safety Model, the Tribal Director was directed to form a safety committee. Tribal Council resolution T-067-17 gives Tribal Council’s support for TTSC.

Committee formed of tribal programs with expertise necessary to develop measures to treat traffic safety issues on YN lands. A Strategic Plan and Work Plan was developed to guide committee objectives and priorities. Other’s participating: City of Toppenish, South Central Region Washington State Department of Transportation, Yakima County, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

Committee assisted with various grants for: Yakama Nation Tribal Police; a Traffic Safety Coordinator to lead TTSC, pedestrian safety, trail development; road safety and has developed media campaigns.
Intersection Improvement

Signage installed at Highway 97 and Lateral A and
Highway 97 and SR 22

Signage installed at various intersections along
Highway 97 between Lateral A and Toppenish
After numerous collaboration and consultation meetings between DNR Engineering and WSDOT SCR staff, the Tribal Council approved, by resolution in November 2018, of this roundabout and one at Jones Road.