

I. Background

[Executive Order 13175](#) of November 6, 2000 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments) charges all executive departments and agencies with engaging in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have Tribal implications.

[Presidential Memorandum](#) of January 26, 2021 (Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships) directed each agency to:

- submit a detailed plan of actions the agency will take to implement the policies and directives of Executive Order 13175;
- designate an appropriate agency official to coordinate implementation of the plan and preparation of progress reports required by this memorandum; and
- submit annual progress reports on the status of each action included in the agency's plan, together with any proposed updates to its plan.

II. Plan of Actions

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is a small, independent federal agency with responsibility for investigating transportation accidents and issuing safety recommendations to prevent their recurrence. We investigate every civil aviation accident in the United States, and significant accidents in other modes of transportation – railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline. In addition, the NTSB carries out special studies concerning transportation safety and coordinates the resources of the federal government and other organizations to assist victims and their family members impacted by major transportation disasters.

The NTSB is not a regulatory agency and does not provide grants, benefits, or financial assistance to the public, nor does it engage in policy making.

The agency will implement this plan to establish meaningful consultation and strengthen relationships with tribal officials in its activities that have tribal implications.

Specifically, the NTSB will:

- Coordinate with tribal governments to investigate transportation accidents occurring on reservations, in Native villages, and communities.
- Ensure that the agency's plan for addressing focus areas identified by the agency's equity assessment, as required by [Executive Order 13985](#) of January 20, 2021 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities), considers tribal implications.
- Ensure that the agency's plan for enhancing diversity and inclusion considers tribal implications, including by increasing representation in the workforce, consistent with merit systems principles.
- Ensure that the agency's advocacy program for transportation safety engages with tribal communities.

III. Agency Designated Official

The Chief of Government and Industry Affairs is the agency's Designated Official responsible for implementation of the plan and preparation of progress reports.