

CAREER OBJECTIVE:

An opportunity for professional growth while applying my multi-modal experience and education.

EXPERIENCE:

Arizona House of Representative

Legislative District 7
Salary: (b)(6)
January 14, 2019 - present

State Representative

- Represent seven (7) counties, eight (8) tribes and a multitude of communities throughout north eastern Arizona.
- Member on the Transportation Committee
- Member on the Land & Agriculture Committee
- Vice-Chair of the Indigenous Peoples Caucus
- Member of the Aviation/Aerospace Caucus
- Co-Chair of the Aerospace States Association

WHPacific, Inc.

Phoenix, Arizona Office

Business Development Manager

Salary: (b)(6)

June 2019 - May 2020

Coordinated agencies, organizations and professional associations with WHP team with their capital improvement programs.

Navajo Division of Transportation

Window Rock, AZ

Deputy Division Director

Salary: (b)(6)

May 2016 – February 2019

Deputy Division Director

- Managed five (5) Department Managers on daily/seasonal operational goals and objectives. Overall personnel count was 155 employees.
- ❖ Managed and administered 1) \$55 million FHWA-direct funding agreement annual budget; 2) \$13 million Fuel Excise Tax construction budget and 3) \$15 million Navajo Nation General Fund budget annually
- Administered and operated multi-agency partnerships with three (3) States; 11-Counties; various federal/state and local programs
- ❖ Assured success of division line functions are consistent with plans and objectives of the Office of the President and Vice-President; set division goals and objectives in consultation with the Division Director; recommends adjustments in conference with the Division Director; technically involved in the development and implementation of policies, procedures and the budget; accomplishes line functions through department and program managers.
- Coordinated division activities with government agencies outside the Navajo Nation engaged in similar mission objectives; established policy and partnership with key federal, state agencies; opens and maintains contact with key staff members of congressional committees, principal assistants to senators and representatives, elected or appointed representatives of state, local governments, ranking federal and state officials.
- Developed and implemented internal control mechanisms, procedures, and guidelines to maintain departmental accountability; conducts regular meetings with department and program management; reports regularly on division performance and accomplishments; determines effectiveness of division service

delivery; regularly communicates division accomplishments to the Division Director, Office of the President and Vice-President and committees of the Navajo Nation Council.

Navajo Division of Transportation - Department of Airports Management

Window Rock, AZ
Program Manager
Salary:(b)(6)
October 1, 2010 - May 2016

- ❖ Lead in the creation of Department of Airports Management: Navajo Nation Resolution CAP 13-13, approved Plan of Operations Department of Airports Management;
- Managed five (5) staff to maintain and operate seven (7) airports throughout Navajo Nation
- Managed and administered \$550,000 Navajo Nation General Fund budget and \$113,000 Navajo Fuel Excise Tax budget
- Successfully lead Navajo Nation to waive Navajo Nation Laws to fully accept Federal Aviation Administration grants: CJY-38-13 approved and resolved to amend NBOA/NPEA to fully receive FAA grants;
- Successfully amended Arizona statute to accept tribal airport to participate in ADOT's Aviation Fund Program: SB1317—Amendment of A.R.S.28-8202: Includes "Tribal Government" into ADOT Airport Fund Program;
- Establish Direct Federal Funding Agreement with FHWA specifically for Airport Maintenance, as identified in 25 CFR 170;
- Manage, collaborate and participate in inter-agency partnerships; allowing multitude of governments to implement community-based transportation and land use decisions;
- Continue advocating for active transportation, project partners, and consultants to ensure effective project delivery
- Provide staff support for an Ad-Hoc Working Group in support of particular projects; responsibilities include agenda setting, preparation of agendas, reports, and meeting summaries; participate in the development of staff recommendations to committees and working groups
- Prepare and present written, oral, and visual reports and recommendations to the management staff;
- Provide highly technical assistance to senior managers and executives
- ❖ Communicate with aviation-partners, i.e., FAA, ADOT & NMDOT:
- ❖ Attended and represented Navajo Airports at aviation-related functions;

Navajo Division of Transportation – Department of Transportation Planning

Window Rock, Arizona
Senior Transportation Planner
Salary:(b)(6)
September 15, 2009 – September 30, 2010

- Lead the following programs: Eastern Navajo Transportation Planning; Airport Planning & Development and Scenic Byways Program
- Manage and participate in the scoping, development, and implementation of a community-based assessment tool that identifies long-term impacts of major transportation and land use decisions; oversee technical consultants and coordinate work plans for project teams; meet with project partners to identify and resolve problems
- Assign work activities and monitor work flow; review and evaluate work products, methods, and procedures; collaborate with key stakeholders such as inter-tribal, intra-chapter and varied professionals and community advocates for active transportation, project partners, and consultants to ensure effective project delivery
- Provide staff support for an Ad-Hoc Working Group in support of particular projects; responsibilities include agenda setting, preparation of agendas, reports, and meeting summaries; participate in the development of staff recommendations to committees and working groups
- Prepare and present written, oral, and visual reports and recommendations to the management staff; Eastern ARC members and Chapters
- ❖ Provide highly technical assistance to senior managers and executives
- Experience staffing committees and/or working groups, including the preparation of agendas, reports, and meeting summaries
- ❖ Connected and held high level meeting with Navajo DOT with FAA, ADOT & NMDOT;

Attended and represented Navajo Airports at aviation-related functions, such as at the Southwest Association of American Airport Executives (SWAAAE) and 2010 NM Airport Conference

State of California Transportation Department

Oakland, California

District 4, Office of Regional Planning & Native American Liaison

Native American Liaison / Transportation Planner

Salary:(b)(6)

March 2005 – September 5, 2009

- Broker communication between California Department of Transportation and the Federal/non-Federal recognized Tribes that pertain to transportation issues and concerns
- ❖ Administer, evaluate and monitor transportation plans, programs and projects
- Participate in transportation/tribal policy development and implementation
- Analyze proposed polices from other governmental agencies
- Perform transportation studies for other agencies
- ❖ Analyze legislation related to California tribal transit issues
- ❖ Administer and monitor environmental justice grant program
- Attend offsite meetings
- Provide seamless customer service

City of Phoenix - Aviation Department

Phoenix, Arizona

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

Airport Management Intern

January 2001 – August 2003

- Conduct management studies of administrative or operational problem and recommends efficient standard operating procedures
- Assemble and analyze statistical data, blueprints and project management timelines
- ❖ Assist supervisors in development of new programs or procedures
- Represent Department head at conferences and meetings
- Demonstrate continuous effort to improve operations, decrease turnaround times, streamline work processes, and work cooperatively and jointly to provide quality seamless customer service
- Communicate orally with customers, clients, and the public using a telephone, in a face-to-face, one-to-one setting, and in a group setting
- Technical reading and writing experience
- Professional environment experience
- Experience handling and managing time sensitive multiple projects/tasks
- * Experience to discuss and technical issues of compliance with local, state and/or federal agencies

City of Phoenix - Aviation Department

Phoenix, Arizona

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

Airports Planner

December 1998 - January 2001

- ❖ Assisted in assemble and analyze statistical data
- Maintained records & report production, provided assistance in facility planning
- Assisted in the Airport Master Planning and Airport Layout Plan
- Coordinated and completed all aviation grants
- Represent Department head at conferences and community meetings
- Review and comment on any technical zoning issues, and responded to the other city departments on the general issues
- Drafted technical reports concerning the community of Phoenix regarding any changes or addition to the general plan
- Prepared project grant application of the FAA and Arizona Department of Transportation
- Assisted consultants in completing assigned construction/development projects, and prepared special planning reports as needed
- ❖ Assisted with multi-agency projects, with positive results

- Experience creating and/or maintaining database software
- Experience developing, managing, monitoring and/or auditing contracts, agreements and/or other financial information

City of Mesa

Mesa, Arizona

Falcon Field Airport

General Aviation Management Intern

October 1996 - November 1998

- * Responded to noise complaints
- Communicated with airport tenants, officials, and the general public
- Assisted FAA control tower personnel; attended council meetings and familiarized with a variety of FAA/FAR procedures
- Maintained Airport Master Leases database
- Enhanced the Airport Improvement Plans
- Requested avigational easements
- Provided facility inspection
- Conducted storm water prevention plan
- Experience with discussing any public relations aspects of a project

EDUCATION:

Navajo Community College, Chinle AZ, (b)(6)
12 credits received, 1990

Chinle High School, Chinle AZ, (b)(6)

High School Diploma, 1991

3 credits received from courses in Advance-Placement Biology and AP Physics

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ, (b)(6)

August 1991 to December 1995

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Business

Core Concentration in Airline/Airport Planning

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Extended Campus, Phoenix AZ, 4.0GPA

September 1996 to September 1997

American Association of Airport Executives – Executive Candidacy Program, Phoenix AZ

May 2000 to May 2003

University of Arizona - James E. Rogers College of Law

September 2020 – present

Master of Legal Studies - concentration in Law and Economics

AWARDS/HONORS:

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award Recipient

Navajo Nation Academic Scholarship Recipient

Gates Scholarship Recipient

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Academic Scholarship Recipient

Chinle Community Academic Scholarship Recipient

University of Arizona - Freedom Center Fellow

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Northern Arizona Council of Governments - Technical Advisory Committee, Board Member (Current)

Arizona State Transportation Board, Board Member – District 5 (2016-2017)

Arizona Association of Airports, Board of Director (2015-2017);

New Mexico Airport Managers Association, Vice President (2016-2019);

American Association of Airport Executives,

Southwest American Association of Airport Executives,

Desert Eagles Alumni Member,

American Child Resource Center, Board Member (2008-2009)

Aerospace States Association