

2020 Government-to-Government Annual Report
December 10, 2020

This report identifies activities of the Travel Information Council in accordance with ORS 182.162-182.168, the Relationship of State Agencies with Indian Tribes.

1. Policy adopted by agency

The policy statement for TIC's Government-to-Government Relations was established on January 1, 2013 with enactment of Senate Bill 1591 giving TIC managerial authority over certain safety rest areas located on Oregon Highways. (The agency's policy statement is appended to this report). The policy recognizes the responsibilities of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the protection of cultural resources and establishes the responsibilities of agency staff to uphold those protections and develop relations with the federally recognized tribes located in Oregon.

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3. Agency programs that affect tribes

3.1 Safety Rest Areas

TIC manages 29 safety rest area locations on Oregon highways. As there is possibility that cultural resources could be uncovered during a ground-disturbing activity, the agency consults with LCIS and SHPO, and contracts with a professional archaeologist to ensure protection of cultural resources before any planned construction activity.

TIC manages safety rest areas in the following locations:

I-5 Rest Area Locations:

- French Prairie, north and southbound (just south of Wilsonville)
- Santiam, north and southbound (just south of Salem)
- Oak Grove, north and southbound (north of Eugene)
- Gettings Creek, north and southbound (I-5, south of Springfield)
- Cabin Creek, north and southbound (I-5, north of Roseburg)
- Manzanita, north and southbound (just north of Grants Pass)
- Suncrest, southbound (south of Medford)

I-84 Rest Area Locations:

- Memaloose, east and westbound (near The Dalles on I-84)
- Boardman, east and westbound (I-84)
- Stanfield, east and westbound (near Pendleton on I-84)
- Deadman's Pass, east and westbound (I-84, east of Pendleton)
- Charles Reynolds, east and westbound (east of La Grande on I-84)
- Baker Valley, east and westbound (near Baker City on I-84)
- Weatherby, westbound (I-84)
- Ontario, westbound (I-84)

Highway 97 Locations:

- Cow Canyon (on Hwy 97 near Madras)
- Beaver Marsh (on Hwy 97 near Chemult)
- Midland (on Hwy 97 near Klamath Falls)
- Peter Skene Ogden (Hwy 97 near Redmond)

Other Locations:

- Government Camp (Hwy 26)
- Sunset (on Hwy 26 near Seaside)
- Tillamook (US Hwy 101, south of Tillamook)
- The Maples (Hwy 22 west of Detroit)
- Van Duzer Corridor (on Hwy 18)
- Ellmaker (on Hwy 20)

TIC bases its rest area management on the needs of visiting motorists and collaborates with communities, industry partners and regional business to provide the best traveling experience possible. Rest area information centers provide visitors with travel displays and brochures about area hotels, restaurants, golf courses, museums and other attractions. The rest area "Free Coffee" program is a service sponsored by local non-profit organizations in the interest of public safety.

3.2 Highway Business Signs

TIC serves travelers and business interests through its business logo and guide signs program. Known for their iconic blue sign backgrounds, logo signs guide motorist to local services offering gas, food, lodging, camping and area attractions. On

conventional highways, the agency also provides blue signs to tourist-oriented businesses and brown signs to museums and historic sites.

3.3 Historical Marker Program

TIC administers the Oregon Historical Marker program that restores, updates and maintains the state's oldest wooden markers while creating a new generation of markers to tell Oregon's stories and reflect the changing perspective of the state's history.

4. Area of work and communication with tribes

4.1 We are in the middle of a multi-year project to replace and update Oregon Trail interpretive panels in rest area kiosks along I-84. Staff from Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute, Bobby Connors, Jennifer Karson Engum and Malissa Minthorn Winks, were hired as sub-contractors in the research portion of this project. We are thankful to Tamera Moody and the Museum at Warm Springs for their input into this process as well. We are just beginning the text drafting portion of the project, which will be iterative and allow time for input and more partnerships.

4.2 We are grateful to Robert Kentta with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz for his guidance and work on revisions to two markers on the north coast, Fort Stevens Historical Marker at Fort Stevens State Park and the Cascadian Earthquake and Tsunami of 1700 marker at Siletz Bay in Lincoln City. Both markers were reinstalled early in 2020.

4.3 We are currently working on a new project telling the story of the impact of the Beaver Hill coal mine on people in the Coos Bay and Coquille region. We are grateful to Chief Don Ivy of the Coquille Tribe for his participation on the project committee and his input and guidance on the development of the text for the new marker.

4.4 Rest Area staff worked closely with Catherine Erickson, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, while planning and accomplishing the replacement of a portion of the off-site sewer piping at Charles Reynolds Rest Area.

5. Training and Employee Awareness

5.1 Jim Denno and Annie von Domitz represented the agency at the digital Tribal State Government to Government Summit on December 1-2, 2020.

5.2 All TIC rest area staff have received in-house training through an overview of agency policies and procedures concerning archaeological and cultural resources issues and operational procedures governing emergencies or inadvertent discoveries. Each rest area supervisor has also received additional training regarding protocols and procedures specific to their rest area.