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### **Featured Work: Geographic Roadway Inventory Tool (GRIT)**

UGPTI's NDLTAP program offered a virtual training on its Geographic Roadway Inventory Tool (GRIT) application. Brad Wentz, PE, UGPTI, reviewed GRIT and provided an opportunity for webinar attendees to discuss the layers that will be available in GRIT this fall. He also shared some best practices that are being used around the

state. Following Brad's presentation, the webinar was opened to audience questions and comments with hopes of learning how to expand the program and better utilize the data.

If you missed the webinar or want to get up to speed on GRIT, the recordings are posted to the UGPTI web page - [www.ugpti.org/resources/asset-inventory/](http://www.ugpti.org/resources/asset-inventory/).

GRIT is an asset inventory tool to help local governments preserve and maintain roads and bridges. The tool is browser-based, making it accessible on laptops, tablets and smartphones.

Who is using GRIT in North Dakota? All 53 counties, the 14 largest cities and some of the tribal nations. County, city, and tribal transportation leaders along with their consulting engineers will benefit from this technology transfer.

This is one of the applications that UGPTI will be offering to tribal transportation leaders to improve their transportation systems. We will provide consultation, applications, on-site training and ongoing technical assistance to tribal nations at no cost.

For more information on this tool, please contact us via [email](#) or our online [technical assistance request form](#).

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## UGPTI Presented at NTTC

UGPTI had the privilege to present on two critical topics at the annual National Tribal Transportation Conference in Tucson, AZ, last month. Jeremy Mattson with UGPTI's Small Urban and Rural Transit Center (SURTC) presented on [Rural Transit Planning, Demand Estimation, and Cost-Benefit Analysis](#).

Kimberly Vachal presented on the [Three Affiliated Tribes Seat Belt Primary Seat belt Intervention Assessment](#).

Thank you to everyone who attended the NTTC presentations. If you were unable to attend, please click the links above to access the presentations. We look forward to seeing you next year in Duluth, MN.

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## Safe On All Roads (SOAR)

American Indians comprise 6.2% of the population in Montana, but represent about approximately 17% of the motor vehicle crash deaths in the state each year. To spread the safety message in Tribal communities, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) developed the *Safe On All Roads (SOAR)* program. This traffic safety education program provides strong and meaningful messages relevant to the individual culture of each community. Coordinators living and working in the community manage their local programs and assist in developing appropriate education material.



For more information on MDT's SOAR program visit their [website](#).

We would like to replicate a program to implement within North Dakota tribes. If you are interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact us. The Tribal Transportation Task Force will be developing a program outline during the last quarter of this year and hope to initiate start-up during the winter of 2018.

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## Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is accepting applications for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program projects for federal fiscal year 2019.

TA provides funding for projects that include: 1) Pedestrian and bicycle projects; 2) Safe routes to school and safe routes for non-driver projects; 3) Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridor projects for non-motorized users; 4) Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas operating historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices in transportation rights of way, archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project, streetscape improvements, and corridor landscaping; and 6) Environmental mitigation projects.

Tribal governments are ELIGIBLE project applicants and are encouraged to apply.

To learn more about TA, including funding guidelines and instructions, go to the NDDOT web page at

TA applications are to be submitted to the NDDOT **by December 31, 2017**. If you have questions or need assistance with the application process, please contact Pam Wenger, Local Government Division, at (701) 328-4787.

UGPTI is willing to help tribal governments in the application process. If you have a project that meets guidelines and need help in the application process, please [contact us](#) for assistance.

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## About Us

### **Mission:**

The UGPTI's Tribal Outreach effort improves safe transportation of people and goods on tribal reservations to enhance livability, community and cultural values through increased accessibility to employment, workforce development opportunities, education, healthcare and housing.

### **Vision:**

The Tribal Outreach effort will be a leader in facilitating improvements in tribal transportation to enhance livability, community and cultural values for reservation residents.

Currently, the effort offers outreach in:

- funding opportunities
- grant writing assistance
- training (workforce development, youth, education, technology)
- program/resource assistance
- partnership/collaborative opportunities
- outreach task force
- monthly newsletter

Other resources and services will be offered as they become available. Please visit us on the web to [apply for assistance](#).

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