

Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council 17763 S. Muskogee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464

Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF TEN (10) ROADS TO, AND REMOVAL OF (2) ROAD SEGMENTS FROM THE LIST OF CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES FOR INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Title 23 United States Code, §204(j) provides for tribal determination of its own needs and priorities for the allocation of Federal Highway Indian Reservation Road (IRR) funding;

WHEREAS, the implementing regulations promulgated in 25 CFR Part 170 requires a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of projects for the expenditure of IRR funding;

WHEREAS, the following IRR projects have been determined be of the highest priority according to the approved rating system: (1) for matching purposes, that portion of the I-44 and 193rd Street Interchange directly adjacent to the Cherokee Casino, (2) Stick Ross Road Phase II, (3) Northeast Ft. Gibson Extension, (4) Dreadfulwater Road, (5) Kansas-Dry Creek, (6) Pumpkin Hollow Road and related Extensions to include the eastern-most portion of Sawmill Hollow that connects to Proctor-Chewey Road, (7) Nicut North Road, (8) Salina-Kenwood, (9) Greasy Road, and, (10) Nicut Road-Part;

WHEREAS, certain road segments that were previously identified as Nation-priorities are recommended to be removed from the priority list because of other available funding sources or insufficient rights-of-way as follows: (1) the "Jarvis Road" portion of the Rice, Woodard, and Jarvis project, and (2) the EW-82 portion of Northeast Ft. Gibson Road, which lies in between NS-441 and 442 Roads.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the aforementioned ten (10) roads are hereby approved as construction priorities and therefore the BIA authorized to update the Nation's IRR-TIP to include such roads for IRR funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the aforementioned two (2) road segments that were previously identified as priorities are hereby removed from the list of construction projects for IRR funding.