Tribal Consultation, Texas Style

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Programmatic Strategies

- Establish locations of interest/concern
- Designate points of contact
- Establish expectations
  - Scope of projects for consultation
  - Share information on procedures
  - Share information on how and who makes decisions
- Minimize routine, focus on what’s important
Developing Agreements

- Do homework, gather background
- Make first contact
  - Establish level of interest
  - Identify contact person
- Schedule a face to face meeting
  - Pitch programmatic strategies
  - Identify particular interests or concerns
- Develop a relationship
Execute and Follow the PA

- Familiarize CRM staff with PA provisions
- Mention PA in letters or other contacts
- Remind other FHWA/DOT staff of commitments

- Honor commitments
PA Maintenance

- Check in (call) from time to time
  - Point of contact unchanged?
  - Any new interests/concerns?
- Make the effort to visit Tribe
- Invite Tribal representatives for large, complex, or special projects