

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

