



STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFIARS ROUTE 6 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION



BASIC PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name	Bureau of Indian Affairs Route 6 Reconstruction and Preservation Project
Project Sponsor	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Project Type	Rural Capital Project
RAISE Request Amount	\$18,572,895
Total Project Cost	\$18,882,756

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Supporting Information can be found at:

<https://www.srfconsulting.com/srst-bia-rt-6-raise/>

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Project Readiness

Environmental Risk Assessment

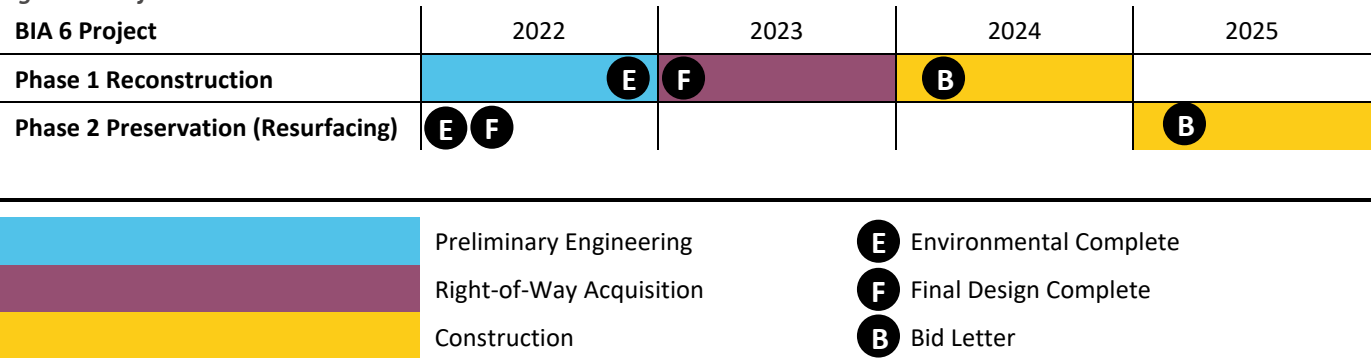
The Project is very well positioned to begin construction on schedule. Project cost estimations are current and stable, based on preliminary plan sets for Phase 1, and Phase 2 final design.

Design criteria are established through Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) standards. The technical challenges are well understood as Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has completed similar projects on facilities throughout the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. A contingency rate of 6 percent has been established to account for remaining unknowns, based upon the Tribe’s experience with similar projects.

Schedule

A [project schedule](#) identifying major project milestones is presented below. All planning agreements, permitting, review periods, and approvals have been considered. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe anticipates construction will begin in Spring 2024 and will be completed in Fall 2025.

Figure 1. Project Schedule



Critical Milestones:

- **Phase 1 Reconstruction**
 - Preliminary Engineering – **Completed.**
 - Environmental Documentation – **Completed.**
 - Final Design – **Upcoming, approximately 90 percent completed.**
 - Right-of-Way Acquisition – **Upcoming, to be completed by Spring 2024.**
 - Bid Letter and Start Construction – **Upcoming, to be started by Spring/Summer 2024.**
- **Phase 2 Preservation (Resurfacing)**
 - Preliminary Engineering – **Completed.**
 - Environmental Documentation – **Completed.**
 - Final Design – **Completed.**
 - Right-of-Way Acquisition – **N/A.**
 - Bid Letter and Start Construction – **Upcoming, to be started by Spring/Summer 2025.**

Required Approvals

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has closely coordinated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) throughout the preliminary and final design and environmental documentation phase of the Project. As a result, the Project is expected to begin with Phase 1 construction in Spring/Summer 2024, and Phase 2 in Spring/Summer 2025.

There is a broad base of State and Tribal support for the Project, as shown by the [Letters of Support](#) submitted as part of this application. The Project is highlighted in the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's [Long Range Transportation Plan](#) (LRTP) as a resurfacing project to be completed or started by 2023. The LRTP fulfills the requirements outlined in 25 CFR Part 70, Tribal Transportation Program (TTP); Final Rule. The Project is also included in the Tribe's fiscal years [2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) based on the requirements as outlined in 23 CFR Part 204.

Assessment of Project Risks and Mitigation Strategies

Because of the rural setting of this project, real estate acquisitions, shortages of materials, bid cost increases and weather-related events there is a possibility of unexpected delays however, all these risks are well known to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The Tribe has built a realistic schedule, updated current estimate of probable costs, and is confident that the Project will be delivered on-time and within budget.

Technical Capacity

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has extensive experience with Federal funds and delivering projects with similar scope. The Tribe's Transportation Department has pursued, received, and delivered transportation infrastructure projects to improve, maintain, and operate the rural Tribal transportation system on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Given some of the funding constraints associated with Tribal transportation programs, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe relies upon discretionary Federal opportunities to fund most of its major infrastructure investments. Right-of-way acquisition for Phase 1 reconstruction is minimal and temporary, with small slivers of right-of-way anticipated to correct ditch slope or inslope deficiencies, as applicable. The Tribe has built in more than adequate timeline to begin the acquisition process, to be completed well in advance of the Project's anticipated construction start date of spring/summer 2024.

Federal requirements are accounted for and well known. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance has been completed through the environmental approval process.

Supporting Documentation

All supporting documents and the RAISE grant application narrative are also available to view at the following webpage:

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