Washington State

Cascadia Rising Exercise Series

Critical Transportation Tabletop Exercise

CT TTX Expanded Questions

General Information

EXERCISE OBJECTIVES AND CORE CAPABILITIES

The objectives below describe the expected outcomes for the exercise. The objectives are linked to core capabilities: distinct critical elements necessary to achieve specific mission area(s). The objectives and aligned core capabilities are guided by elected and appointed officials and selected by the exercise planning team.

Exercise Objectives	Core Capability	Mission Area
1. Examine and assess the coordination of response phase transportation activities between state, tribal, and local transportation entities.	Critical Transportation; Operational Coordination; Situational Assessment	Response
2. Discuss how initial damage assessments of transportation infrastructure will be coordinated across all impacted jurisdictions.	Critical Transportation; Operational Coordination; Situational Assessment	
3. Assess and discuss the procedures for the coordination of prioritized critical transportation needs across all jurisdictions.	Critical Transportation; Operational Coordination; Logistics and Supply Chain Management	
4. Discuss how to determine the elements needed as input to develop a plan for reopening the statewide transportation system.	Critical Transportation; Operational Coordination;	

Tabletop Exercise Questions

QUESTIONS: MODULE 1 RECONNECTING LOCALLY

The following questions are suggested so that you may prepare for the discussion. These questions are not a definitive list of items to be addressed rather, overarching questions to address the topic area. The facilitator will have follow up questions to the below list during the module conduct.

1. What is your tribe's or jurisdiction's priority at this point in the response, and how are they determined?

   a) What routes are pre-identified priority routes? This should be exclusive of snow routes.

   b) What routes have been pre-identified as potentially being unrepairable?

   c) What EEIs are used to establish these priorities?

      I. Routes to/from Airfield Points of Distribution (APODs)?

      II. Routes to/from State Staging Areas (SSA)

      III. Commodity Points of Distribution (CPOD)?

      IV. Capacity and distance to/from shelters?

      V. Location of pre-established evacuation shelters?

      VI. Capacity and distance to/from medical facilities?

      VII. Location of mass transit hubs (e.g., bus stations)?

2. What affects will the pre-identified state priority routes have on tribal and/or local priority routes?

   a) If state, tribal and local jurisdictional routes are not aligned, what is needed to align them for ingress / egress to impacted areas or support operations?

3. What resources (types of assessment teams) do you have for completing assessment and inspections of the tribal and/or local transportation system?

   a) Realizing there will be a slight delay until some things become organized, what is the anticipated damage assessment timeframe in order to begin developing a common operating picture for your tribe and local jurisdiction?

   b) Have pre-identified alternate routes identified?

      I. Once the damage assessments are analyzed and roads prioritized, if alternate routes are needed, what is the anticipated timeframe to identify and provide this information to regional and state partners?

4. What are some of the isolated tribes/communities within the geographic region?

   a) What additional routes are available to connect to those communities?

      I. What are some of the restrictions (weight, clearance, turning radius)?

   b) What are the impacts to the isolated communities?

5. How will the isolated tribes / community priority routes be prioritized for route clearance?

   a) What is the anticipated and/or pre-identified time to clear the prioritized routes?

      I. How quickly can equipment, resources, and staff be pre-positioned and/or begin clearing routes to impacted tribes and isolated communities?

      II. What is this anticipated timeframe to clear priority routes to impacted and/or isolated tribes and communities to ensure life safety and search and rescue efforts can be met?

6. How is emergency public information and education being conducted?

   a) What pre-scripted messages have been established to support impacted tribes and communities, people, people with access and functional needs? This could be, and not limited to, informing them on items such as?

      I. Route availability, travel restrictions (ex: tier 1 – emergency responders, tier 2 – public access to health and medical facilities and shelters, tier 3 – travel to grocery stores, etc.

      II. First responder availability/timeframes,

      III. Search and rescue efforts,

      IV. Health and medical capabilities,

      V. Community Points of Distribution (CPOD) and shelter availability

   b) How are these messages delivered?

      I. Electronic – radio, social media, text, alert/warning,

      II. Pamphlets, flyers, newsprint, etc.

7. What evacuation routes have been established, documented, and communicated with the public?

   a) How many of the evacuation routes are the same routes prioritized as clearance routes for emergency vehicles, first responders?

8. How are mass transit and/or emergency services being organized and coordinated to expedite the movement of displaced survivors to shelters, health and medical locations, etc.?

   a) What pre-existing mutual aid agreements are in place to use public transit services, school busses, taxi (including Uber, Lyft) services?

   b) How are these services being communicated with the public?

c) What other factors will need to be considered?

9. How will transportation system issues impact other community lifelines ability to restore: Communications, Energy, Sheltering, Food and Water?

10. What are your major barriers and constraints?

   a) Geographic

   b) Resources

      I. Equipment

      II. Fuel

      III. HAZMAT

      IV. People

11. How are the priorities, gaps, barriers, constraints, and localized communications with responders and the public shared with regional partners and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for coordination, support and to share vertically with federal partners and laterally with adjacent states?

12. How does your tribe's or jurisdiction's transportation or emergency operations plans support the influx of federal/state and logistical resources to support western Washington (Eastern Washington)?

QUESTIONS: MODULE 2 CONNECTING WITH ADJACENT JURISDICTIONS

The following questions are suggested so that you may prepare for the discussion. These questions are not a definitive list of items to be addressed rather, overarching questions to address the topic area. The facilitator will have follow up questions to the below list during the module conduct.

1. Based on updated and ongoing situational assessment information, what updates to your tribal and jurisdictional priorities are there?

2. How are route priorities being deconflicted within and/or among the jurisdiction?

   a) How are tribal and jurisdictional route priorities deconflicted and coordinated across the region?

      I. What is the anticipated time frame on determining regional tribal and local jurisdictional route prioritization to be completed?

    II.   How quickly can equipment, resources, and staff be coordinated and pre-positioned and/or begin clearing routes to impacted tribes and isolated communities?

    III.   What is this anticipated timeframe to clear priority routes to impacted and/or isolated tribes and communities to ensure life safety and search and rescue efforts can be met?

3. **What additional resources may be needed to clear priority roadways, highways, and bridges of not only debris, but traffic congestion/bottlenecks to connect the jurisdictions?**

   a) Have these been identified in the pre-planning effort?

   b) What interlocal governmental agreements and/or mutual aid agreements are in place with the public and private sector to assist with this effort?

4. **How are these resources for clearing and potentially restoring the transportation infrastructure being coordinated and shared?**

   a) What is the anticipated time frame to coordinate and mobilize agreed upon resources to deploy from either less impacted jurisdictions or non-impacted jurisdictions?

   b) How are these time frames and resource commitments being communicated with first responders, the health and medical community, and the public?

   c) Resources?

       I.   What type of resources – food, water, those needed to rebuild?

5. **How will factors for re-opening transportation routes be prioritized and coordinated within:**

   a) Within your community?

   b) With adjoining jurisdictions?

6. **How are tribal and local jurisdictional priorities, gaps, barriers, constraints, and localized communications with responders and the public shared with geographic regional partners and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for coordination, support and to share vertically with federal partners and laterally with adjacent states?**

7. For a CSZ event, how have priority routes for logisitical movement and displaced survivors been identified, coordinated, and communicated with officials and the public?

8. From a transportation system lens, what are the short and long-term impacts of the staging of response resources on your community?

9. How are tribal and local jurisdictional priorities, gaps, barriers, constraints, and localized communications with responders and the public coordinated with geographic regional partners and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for support?

10. As the roads open to Western Washington, what are some anticipated concerns (*Eastern Washington*)?

11. How have the tribes and jurisdictions prepared localized damage assessment team(s) and route clearance resources to be mobilized to support impacted tribes and local jurisdictional communities in Western Washington (*Eastern Washington*)?

QUESTIONS: MODULE 3 RECONNECTING THE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

The following questions are suggested so that you may prepare for the discussion. These questions are not a definitive list of items to be addressed rather, overarching questions to address the topic area. The facilitator will have follow up questions to the below list during the module conduct.

Plenary Session Questions

1. Based on what was learned from Module's 1 and 2, what are the tribal and local jurisdiction's regional priorities at this point?

2. How are the regional priorities coordinated and communicated among the regions and is this process different than in previous modules?

3. How will you coordinate across jurisdictions, regions, and state partners?

    a) How will conflicts be resolved at this level?

    b) How do the localized priority routes support state priority route reopening efforts to move resources and supplies?

        I. Do those bypasses and temporary measures have the capability to support potentially oversized and overweight vehicles

II.   How are resources coordinated to support clearance of bottlenecked congestion along I-5?

4.   **What plans have identified local staging resources or C-PODs (Community Points of Distribution) and priority routes as they become available?**

   a)   What is the anticipated time frame needed to get primary routes cleared to support CPODs operations before tribal and local jurisdictional displaced survivors (not evacuating) are impacted?

5.   **Two-part question: As temporary services start to come back online, what are the some of the known and/or unknown infrastructure vulnerabilities tribes and local jurisdictions can anticipate and how will they need to be addressed/prioritized?**

6.   **How are tribal and/or localized plans supportive of the incorporation of regional, state and/or federal support resources into your response?**

7.   **What additional mutual aid and/or interlocal governmental support will need to continue to support secondary or tertiary route clearance at this point in the response?**

8.   **What additional mutual aid and/or interlocal governmental support will need to continue to support primary, secondary and/or tertiary route (road, rail and/or bridge) temporary repairs at this point in the response?**

9.   **Not every community lifeline will be fully operational; however, please identify some of the potential short- and/or long-term transportation impacts affecting the geographic region.**

   a)   What will be needed as temporary stop-gap measures to support the restoration of the primary, secondary and tertiary routes of travel to and from shelters, medical facilities, CPODs, grocery stores, etc.?

   b)   How are the ongoing transportation priorities going to be coordinated, and communicated laterally with regional partners and vertically with the SEOC and the state agencies responsible for supporting restoration efforts?

10.   **How are mass transit resources (bus/rail/air/School Districts) used to support localized support for displaced survivors, survivors w/AFN and pet relocations?**

   a)   What mutual aid and/or interlocal governmental agreements exist between eastern and western WA tribes and jurisdictions to support building capability to support evacuations?

b) What pre-scripted public information notices/messaging/education materials exist to support displaced survivors/people w/AFN, so they know how to access these resources?

11. How are mass transit and/or emergency services being organized and coordinated to support the evacuation of displaced survivors from Western Washington to shelters, health and medical locations, in eastern Washington?

a) What pre-existing mutual aid agreements are in place to use public transit services, school busses, taxi (including Uber, Lyft) services?

b) How are these services being communicated with the impacted and public?

c) How are disruptions of normal operating mass transit services being communicated to the general eastern Washington public in order to support evacuees and displaced people and people with access and functional needs from western Washington?

QUESTIONS: MODULE 4 INPUT TO THE STATEWIDE REOPENING PLAN

The following questions are suggested so that you may prepare for the discussion. These questions are not a definitive list of items to be addressed rather, overarching questions to address the topic area. The facilitator will have follow up questions to the below list during the module conduct.

1. What are your respective tribal and local jurisdiction's recommended priorities at to propose to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and the Unified Coordination Group (UCG) clear and re-open?

a) How will your community determine what the new normal should be?

2. How are the tribal and local jurisdictional critical transportation routes coordinated and prioritized across the geographical regions? Should they (or do they need to be) be to affect an effective re-opening plan?

a) Are there plans or agreements or how do current plans or agreements support or augment regional collaboration and decision making to inform the SEOC and UCGs statewide critical decision making process?

3. What process and information does the SEOC and UCG use to prioritize geographical, regional, tribal and/or local jurisdictional critical transportation prioritized route clearance and re-opening?

a) During response operations how will this process inform tribes, local jurisdictions, state and federal response partners?

b) What information will be needed to effectively inform the executive and legislative branches to build and sustain short- and long-term restoration efforts?

4. How are waivers for oversize/overweight vehicles, tolls, extended hours, coordinated and approved?