

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (2026)

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to maintain a current Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) to remain eligible for funding under the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council previously adopted the current Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) to reflect updated project priorities, schedules, funding, and other revisions recommended by the Tribal Roads Commission and the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT); and

WHEREAS, an existing bridge located in Graham County has been evaluated and classified as being in Critical Condition, indicating an urgent need for replacement to ensure the safety of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) has received funding for the design phase of the bridge replacement project and desires to complete the actions necessary to advance the project toward construction; and

WHEREAS, during the preparation of the design funding application, an incorrect route number and bridge number were inadvertently included, making it necessary to correct the project information in the Federal Highway Administration's Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS); and

WHEREAS, the bridge must be added to the Cherokee Department of Transportation's transportation inventory and incorporated into the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) to meet federal requirements and maintain eligibility for current and future Tribal Transportation Program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Annual Council assembled, with a quorum present, that the Tribal Council hereby approves an amendment to the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) to include the Graham County Bridge Replacement Project and any associated revisions necessary to maintain compliance with federal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Graham County Bridge Replacement Project is hereby added to the Cherokee Department of Transportation's transportation inventory and incorporated into the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council authorizes the Federal Highway Administration, through its authorized representative, to correct the route number, bridge number, and any other associated project information within the Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) necessary to accurately reflect the Graham County Bridge Replacement Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) is authorized to submit the amended Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP), inventory updates, and all other required documentation to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and any other appropriate agencies to facilitate the advancement of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) is directed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT)