

2019 National Tribal Symposium

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- Name: **Michia Casebier**
- Title: **President**
- Organization: **M.G. Tech-Writing, LLC**
- Presentation *Topics*: **Tribal Transit Program Planning I & II**
- Presentation Date: **Tuesday, May 14, 2019**
- Presentation *Times*: **1:30–3:00 pm–Tribal Transit Program Planning I**
3:30–5:00 pm–Tribal Transit Program Planning II
- Symposium Arrival Date: **Monday, May 13, 2019**
- Symposium Departure Date: **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**
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President of M.G. Tech-Writing, LLC (MGT), a multimodal planning and grant writing firm, Michia Casebier has funded nearly \$20 million in grants for tribal and municipal governments, non-profits, and schools; including Tribal Transit Program, Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds, Transportation Enhancement, Safe Routes to School, ICWA, and Administration for Native Americans grants to name a few. Steadfastly committed to livable community development and design, Michia has extensive experience completing safety and built-environment site visit assessments for bicycle/pedestrian access, SRTS School Route/Travel Plans, and Tribal Safety Plans. Casebier facilitated more than 50 Safe Routes to School trainings, grant writing workshops, and community meetings in 28 Arizona, six Alaska, and two Colorado communities. In November 2018, Michia was subcontracted by the KFH Group as a team member on the Rural Transit Manager's Toolkit Update, published by the National Rural Transit Assistance Program in early May 2019. Casebier co-authored the "Engaging with Tribes" article, which now appears on the RTAPs website under the "Tribal Transit" tab. In 2014, Michia was a Grant Review Panelist for the Northern Arizona Council of Governments on the Arizona Department of Transportation's Section 5310 grant round, and funded a FY14 Tribal Transit Program capital grant for the Craig Tribal Association.

- **Presentation Description:**

Session II will offer a look at the steps needed to move from the Transit Plan or Feasibility Study stage to proactive implementation of service on the ground. Examples will be shared of how tribes have overcome common program challenges (e.g., transit staff recruitment/retention, low-density population, large service areas, long travel distances and dispersed destination, service coordination and technical capacity, territoriality and unwillingness to coordinate services, etc.) Participants will brainstorm about how to do effective marketing of a new tribal transit service and with which agencies they might seek to partner. Session attendees will leave with information as to how to obtain support from their State DOT transit program and tribal liaison(s), and some tribal transit program guidebook and online resources.