



Delegates commend completion of N27 road construction between Nazlini and Chinle

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Council Delegates Kee Allen Begay Jr. (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Blue Gap/Tachee, Tselani/Cottonwood) and Eugene Tso (Chinle) expressed appreciation to the Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) and the Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority (NECA) for the completion of the 10.86-mile Navajo Route 27 (N27) road project between Nazlini and Chinle.

Delegate Begay said: “The N27 road has been in the works for several years under current and previous Nazlini Chapter leadership. Seeing this work completed by the Navajo Nation’s own workforce and contractors is also a proud moment for our communities. We thank the Navajo Department of Transportation and the Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority for making this a reality.”

Although the \$33.33 million N27 project experienced several delays as a result of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, road construction resumed and continued into the end of 2020 with the installation of several cattle guards and fencing along the route.

The N27 project also features a new roundabout in Chinle where N27 meets Route 7. The route additionally includes reinforced steel and concrete grades to prevent erosion, new drainage systems and road signage.

Begay added: “I’m very grateful for the residents of Flat Rock in Nazlini and those living in the Three Turkey Ruins areas. Their participation in advocating for this project means they now don’t have to worry about traveling during inclement weather, especially those who commute to work daily including our kids during school years. At the same time, we continue to advocate at the local and state levels for important road projects that will improve the quality of life for our Navajo citizens.”

Delegate Tso said: “As a former grazing official, I remember visiting the grazing permit holders to request their consent on this project. I commend the leadership of NDOT Executive Director Garrett Silversmith in completing this project. This road is now safe for our school buses carrying our precious children. It will mean less repairs for vehicle owners who no longer have to travel through the mud causing wear and tear. I hope to see N27 designated as a scenic route, which can attract tourists to boost the local economy.”

Director Silversmith also cited the help of all of the Chinle and Nazlini Chapter Officials for their key roles in the success of the N27 road project.

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