

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**9:00 a.m., Friday, February 17, 2012****City of Douglas Council Chambers****425 10th Street****Douglas, AZ 85607****Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairwoman Lundstrom

Roll Call

Roll call by Lila Trimmer

In attendance: Chairwoman Bobbie Lundstrom, Steve Christy, Bill Feldmeier, Victor Flores, Hank Rogers, Kelly Anderson (telephonic)

Opening Remarks

Chairwoman Lundstrom – She thanks the hosts for the wonderful evening and the tour and taking the Board to the Chino Road expansion and improvements. It needs to be stressed to the people that do not live on borders, how important the infrastructure is and what the importance is to the economic development of not only the cities, but the country as a whole, and the state as a whole. On another note, she congratulates the Director, John Halikowski, today is his third anniversary of being the director of ADOT.

Call to the Audience

Dr. Michael Gomez – Mayor, City of Douglas

Chris Bridges - Administrator CYMPO

Ann English – Cochise County Supervisor

Ben LaForge – Douglas City Councilmember

ITEM 1: District Engineer's Report – Bill Harmon, Safford District Engineer

Bill provided an overview of the current projects in Cochise, Greenlee, and Graham Counties. Under construction right now is the I-10 – SR90 Traffic Interchange in Benson. To the north in Graham County are the US191 Segment V 4-lane Divided, US191 and San Francisco River Bridge project, and the US70 Bylas Gila River Bridge project got started. There are a variety of miscellaneous smaller projects.

ITEM 2: Director's Report – John Halikowski**ITEM 2: A) Individual Topics 1. South Mountain Corridor Study and Results from**

Recent Tribal Vote – John updates the Board on February 7th Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) special election to consider the formal position of the GRIC on the potential South Mountain corridor alignment on community lands. The vote represents a very important milestone for the South Mountain freeway study. The final vote count has not been formally certified but the other fiscal results certainly point to favoring the no-build option for construction of that South Mountain Loop 202 freeway, which means that the study of the Pecos Road, the off-community alignment will continue along with the no-build option that is included in the Environmental Impact Study.

ITEM 2: A) Individual Topics 2. Transportation and Trade Corridor Alliance is amended / added to the agenda. Consecutive numbering remains the same. – John talks about the plenary session of the Arizona-Mexico Commission that was recently held on February 10th. Board Member Flores and he were in attendance. Governor Brewer announced the creation of the Transportation and Trade Corridor Alliance. ADOT was asked to lead the effort in collaboration with the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Arizona Commerce Authority. ADOT is now in the process of identifying and notifying steering committee members and other stake holders that will be worked with to assess the viability. The effort is essentially going to provide a framework for increased statewide collaboration and raises the level of attention to issues and opportunities for economic increase and job creation.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Bill Feldmeier and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 4: Legislative Report – Will Barnow

Will Barnow provided a report of current State and Federal legislative issues. He is happy to report that Congress and the President have passed FAA reauthorization. This is a Bill that provides \$63B of funding that will go through 2015. There are some important details that they will know as things move forward whether it is this year or after the elections take place. Moving to the State Legislature side, there are a number of bills that have passed out of committee, while others are awaiting assignment in the House. HB2686, Tribal Representation, did not receive a hearing in the House. Board Member Hank Rogers requested any information about HURF bills.

ITEM 4A: Update on I-15 – Floyd Roehrich is amended / added to the agenda. Consecutive numbering remains the same. – Floyd reports that I-15 is to be a key focus area as they continue to look at not just the bridge improvement necessary but all the rest of the pavement preservation and work out there.

In addition, he talks about the TIGER Grants applications for these improvements. Pre-applications are due the 20th of February, final applications are due March 19th, and ADOT Staff is coordinating the preparation of the applications. The director has a hold for a meeting with the two other states, Utah and Nevada; they are meeting with them next week to bring them onboard so there can be a coordinated effort to make the joint application.

In the PPAC **Item 9g**, Floyd talks about a new project this fiscal year for \$15M. The purpose is to address approximately 16 miles of pavement that is in the northeastern half portion of I-15 from the Utah line to the southwest. There are many problems with the roadway. Jennifer and her team have put a lot of effort into monitoring the maintenance of this stretch of I-15 and continue to look for the long term improvement to really rehabilitate and do the reconstruction necessary for the bridges and roads.

ITEM 5: & ITEM 6 Financial and Financing Program Reports – Kristine Ward

Kristine Ward reports that HURF is 0.7% under 2011 performance. RARF--retail sales, largest component of RARF revenues, is 7.5% over FY 2011 and 1.3% above forecast. Aviation funds in January have collected \$2M in the fund which is 21.1% under last year at this time. It is 20.9% over the forecast. The Highway Expansion Loan Program has not changed much since the last presentation. She discussed other financial information relative to the Board and Department.

ITEM 7: Multimodal Planning Division Report – Scott Omer

Scott talks about the proposed interstate corridor. He was hoping to say that they had an agreement in place but are getting very close. Things have not changed financially. They are still investing a total of \$2.5M into the proposed interstate corridor as part of the study with \$1.5M coming from Nevada and \$1M coming from Arizona DOT.

ITEM 8: 2013-2017 Tentative Program Review and Request for Approval for Public Comment – Scott Omer, Kwisung Kang

He presents the FY 2013 – 2017 draft transportation construction program. The 5-year program is developed each year for the upcoming 5 years. It does show how the federal and state funds will be submitted over the next 5-year period.

- 5-Year Facilities Construction Program Recommendations (Including FY 2012 Modifications); FY 2013-2017 Statewide Subprograms,
- FY 2013-2017 Statewide Highway Construction Program (excluding MAG & PAG),
- FY 2013-2017 PAG Regional Highway Construction Program,
- FY 2013-2017 MAG Regional Highway Construction Program, and
- FY 2013-2017 Airport Development Program.
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Kwisung Kang – He gave a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan. In summary due to reduction in cash flow, the current program for FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 needs to be financially rebalanced which may require deferring some projects to future years.

Scott Omer – Next is the Airport Development Program. They have divided those up into 5 specific programming areas for federal match grants, state local grants, Airport Pavement Preservation Program, Airport Development Loan Program, and state planning services.

Motion to approve Item 8 Tentative 5 Year Plan FY2013 – 2017 made by Victor Flores and a second by Hank Rogers, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 9: Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) – Scott Omer

Approval of the Tentative FY2013-2017 Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program. Scott would like to take **Items 9a – 9f** together; these are all pavement preservation projects throughout the state of Arizona. **Item 9a** is a project on I-10 in Maricopa County.

Total programming amount is \$5.251M and being deferred from FY2013 to FY2014. **Item 9b** is a project on I-10 in Cochise County in the Safford district, however, is not being deferred. **Item 9e** on US 91 in the Safford district in Cochise County is deferring the pavement preservation project at Cochise Power Plant and the Junction of I-10 from FY2012 and being deferred to FY2014. **Items 9c** and **9d** are pavement preservation projects, as well, that are being deferred from FY2012 to FY2013; and **Item 9f** is in Flagstaff County, a pavement preservation project that is being moved from FY2013 to FY2014.

Motion to approve Items 9a through 9f made by Bill Feldmeier and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 9g is a new project in Mohave County in the Flagstaff District. It is a new pavement preservation project on the Virgin River to the state line. It is a total amount of \$15M. The project is designed and ready to go and would like to get this project advertised in March.

Motion to approve Item 9g made by Hank Rogers and a second by Victor Flores, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 9h is on I-10 in the Phoenix construction district. It is a new landscape design project with a total amount of \$380,000 that they are going to establish and has been approved by the MAG Regional Council in October. The funds are from the RTP Cash Flow. **Item 9i** is the actual construction program that goes along with that design on I-10 from Dysart Road to SR 101 loop. The total construction amount of the project is \$3.8M and those are available from the RTP Cash Flow and the MAG Regional Council approved it on October 26th.

Motion to approve Items 9h and 9i made by Victor Flores and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 9j, 9k, and 9l, these are all pavement preservation projects. **Item 9j** is on I-40 in the Flagstaff district, Buffalo Range traffic interchange to Two Guns. They are actually increasing the pavement preservation from \$2.8M to \$10M. They are taking the funding increase from the Statewide Contingency Program. **Item 9k** is in the Safford district. This project covers multiple areas with a new double chip seal pavement preservation project about 14 miles in length that covers an area of SR 80 from milepost 309 to 317 and on SR 90 from 311 to 317. First on SR 80 is north of Tombstone and the other on SR 90 is north of Sierra Vista. This double chip seal project will allow them to extend the pavement life of those roadways. **Item 9l** is on US 91 in the Holbrook district. It is new pavement preservation project called Chinle to Many Farms. The amount of \$1.1M available from the FY2012 Minor Pavement Preservation Program.

Motion to approve Items 9j through 9l made by Steve Christy and a second by Hank Rogers, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 9m and 9n, these are both airport development program projects. The first project is for the Buckeye Municipal airport in the town of Buckeye. The second project is Springerville Municipal airport. The total project amount for this is \$1.421M.

Motion to approve Items 9m and 9n made by Kelly Anderson and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 10: State Engineer's Report – Jennifer Toth

Jennifer presented a report showing the status of highway projects under construction, including total number and dollar value. In 2012, there are 108 projects under construction that total \$847M. Also during January, the department finalized three projects total value of \$2.9M. Today this fiscal year, they have finalized 57 projects.

ITEM 11: Construction Contracts - Jennifer Toth

She thanks the Board for approving the first project under the consent agenda and she has three projects to present today that did not meet the requirements of less than 15% under the department's estimate.

Item 11a is a proposed scour retrofit project located on SR 90 in Cochise County north of Middle Canyon Wash bridge. The work consists of constructing concrete floors underneath the southbound bridge. Since the low bidder is from the Tucson area, they did not need the per diem included in that unit cost. It is recommended that K.A.Z. Construction, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project.

Motion to approve Item 11a made by Victor Flores and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice note, motion carries.

Item 11b is a proposed work located in Mohave County on SR 95 at the intersection of Joy Lane. The contractor received a better quote for the concrete pipe and used a smaller crew size making the unit cost for the concrete pipe smaller than the department's price. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Combs Construction Company, Inc.

Motion to approve Item 11b made by Hank Rogers and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice note, motion carries.

Item 11c is work located in Maricopa County on SR 238, east of Mobile. It this includes placement of double application chip seal and top coat. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Company.

Motion to approve Item 11c made by Bill Feldmeier and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice note, motion carries.

ITEM 12: Master Border Plan Update – Gail Lewis

Gail provided an update of ADOT planning activities and projects currently underway or proposed in the border region.

ITEM 13: Master Lease Agreement

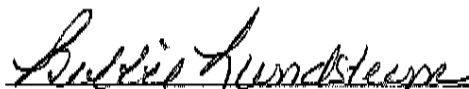
Master Lease Agreement Item 13 is amended / deleted from the agenda. Consecutive numbering remains the same.

ITEM 14: Comments and Suggestions

No comments or suggestions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Bill Feldmeier and a second made by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Bobbie Lundstrom, Chairwoman
State Transportation Board



John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation