

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9:00 a.m., Friday, March 16, 2012
City of Tucson Council Chambers
255 West Alameda
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Roll Call

Roll call by Board Secretary, Lila Trimmer

Board Members present: Bobbie Lundstrom, Victor Flores, Steve Christy, Kelly Anderson, Hank Rogers, Bill Feldmeier, Joseph La Rue

ITEM 1: District Engineer's Report — Todd Emery, Tucson District Engineer

Todd went over their current 5-year program as far as the Expansion, Modernization, and Preservation projects that will be going out to construction by FY14. There are proposed changes in that program. Expansion Projects: Under construction I-10; Prince to Ruthrauff is underway to be complete by November 2013. On the 5-Year Program—FY13, SR86 Valencia to Kinney is currently under design, estimated bid date FY13 timeframe. SR77 Tangerine to Pima County line is currently under design and currently proposed to be moved out to FY14. SR86 I-19 and Ajo is proposed to be moved out to FY17 and currently soliciting for design services. Modernization Projects: Under construction SR86; San Pedro Road Segment estimated complete July 2012. Under construction SR77; Eagle Crest Ranch Road estimated complete April 2012. 5-Year Program—FY12 SR86; Santa Rosa and Kitt Peak Segments estimated bid date June 2012. 5-Year Program—FY12 I-10; Marsh Station Phase III Median Improvements, New Bridges, RR Bridge Removal estimated bid date FY 2012; Bids opened February 2012 I-19; International Border to I10 Sign Replacement Project estimated complete Summer 2012. Preservation Projects: 5yr Program—FY14 I10; Marsh Station to Pima County line Mill & Replace 4" + Friction Course FY14. 5yr Program—FY15 I10, Davidson Canyon Bridge Deck Replacement estimated bid date July 2014.

ITEM 1: A) Individual Topics 1. Frontage Road Improvements

Todd provided an update on the proposed Frontage Road improvements from Country Club to Ruby Road in Nogales. In summary, we need to separate the intersection from the rest of the project and develop a stand-alone project. We need to find a workable solution at the intersection then press forward on obtaining the required environmental clearances. Based on funding, we can look at an interim signal with turn lanes or a more permanent solution. Once the intersection is functioning, we can look at future projects on the frontage road.

ITEM 2: Director's Report — John Halikowski

Mr. Halikowski announced U.S. 93 project received the National Environmental Excellence Award. The project has received national recognition for three wildlife overpasses, designed in collaboration with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, to protect motorists and provide safe crossings of U.S. 93 for the desert bighorn sheep. John commended the Board for their foresight as they authorized those projects forward. That's a piece of good news for Arizona.

No last minute items to report.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Kelly Anderson and a second by Hank Rogers, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 4: Legislative Report — Kevin Blesty

Kevin provided a report on the legislative process. Starting with the State and the bills of importance to the Board. There are three *corrections* bills as he likes to call them. The first bill, HB2358, Public Private Partnerships; toll facilities. The department has spent countless hours negotiation with the Arizona Truckers Association and has come to an agreement on some language. They will move forward in the proceedings. However, HB2358 is no longer is the bill; it is now theme park legislation. A new bill, SB1519 that just went out of House Transportation yesterday with necessary language on it. They are hoping to move it as quickly as possible. HB2061, HELP Advisory Committee; repeal, it is moving along very well. It's awaiting Senate Rules. Once it gets past Senate Rules, it goes to the floor and then for a vote. SB1200, political signs, that allows signs to be hung on highway fences. We've talked to the sponsor and asked her to please remove that from the bill. SB1402 and SB1403 are companion bills. SB1402, broadband conduit installation, to allow broadband in the open ditch. We continue to work with the stakeholders on that. SB1403 sets up the Digital Arizona Infrastructure Office. Two HURF bills, HB2771, and HCR2058, one setting up a ledger that the department would keep and the other is resolution on the ballot. Those are not moving forward this year.

ITEM 5: Public Private Partnership (P3) Update — Floyd Roehrich

Due to Gail Lewis unable to attend the Board meeting, Floyd requested to have this agenda item postponed until the April Board meeting.

ITEM 6: & ITEM 7: Financial Report and Financing Program Reports — Kristine Ward

Kristine provided summary reports on revenue collections for Highway User Revenues, Maricopa Transportation Excise Tax Revenues, and Aviation Revenues comparing fiscal year results to last year's actuals and forecasts. February year-over-year revenue growth can be attributable to stronger than expected Use Fuel Tax and Vehicle License Tax collections. Also in February, the Use Fuel Tax revenue category posted a 9.6 percent increase over February 2011. The full effect of the recent fuel prices will not be seen until the March and April reports. The Aircraft Registration revenue category continues to benefit from the enhances expired aircraft registration fees collection process. She also provided an update on financing issues including HURF and GAN issuances, and Board funding obligations. There is not a RARF report since there were no changes from last month's report. The HELP Fund is \$75,002,653. \$75 million remains in the month because this program is largely inactive. Kevin alluded to the stats of that legislation remains inactive until an advisory board is appointed or legislation has passed.

ITEM 7A: Direction to Proceed: Grant Anticipation Notes — Kristine Ward

Kristine presented a Resolution directing Departmental staff, working with RBC Capital Markets LLC as Financial Advisor and Squire Sanders (US) LLP as Bond Counsel to the Board, to take all actions necessary precedent to the Board's planned issuance of its Grant Anticipation Notes, on such terms and conditions as determined and authorized by Resolution of the Board.

Motion to approve Resolution of the Board made by Steve Christy and a second by Bill Feldmeier, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 8: Multimodal Planning Division Report — Scott Omer

Scott presents an update on the proposed interstate corridor between Arizona and Nevada. The good news is we have the Joint Project Agreement from Nevada DOT. They have signed it.

Scott will sign it Monday and have the AG sign off and return it to Nevada next week. After its signed by Nevada, we have the RFP ready to go to out to the street by the end of the month. Yesterday ADOT met with NDOT, FHWA from Arizona and Nevada, MAG, and Southern Nevada RTC to discuss the selection criteria.

ITEM 9: Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)

Scott presented recommended PPAC actions to the Board.

ITEM 9a on US 160 in Coconino County in the Flagstaff District. This is a system enhancement project to construct turn lanes and replace storm drain pipes. Request to defer construction project for \$1,000,000 from FY 2011 to FY 2012 in the Highway Construction Program.

Motion to approve Item 9a made by Victor Flores and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, and 9f Scott would like to take **Items 9b through 9f** together; these are new construction projects throughout the state of Arizona. **Item 9b** is in Navajo County in the Flagstaff District for \$2,200,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 District Minor Fund. **Item 9c** is in Navajo County in the Holbrook District for \$2,030,000 in the Highway Construction Program. This is to construct drainage improvements. Funds are available from the FY 2012 District Minor Fund. **Item 9d** is in Yavapai County in the Kingman District for \$1,600,000 from the FY 2012 District Minor Fund. This is also to construct drainage improvements. **Item 9e** is statewide to install raised pavement markers in various statewide locations, Phase 2 for \$1,600,000. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Signal Warehouse Fund. **Item 9f** is in Coconino County in the Flagstaff District for \$85,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2010 National Scenic Byways Grant, \$68,000 and the JPA 11-169 with the U.S. Forest Service, \$17,000.

Motion to approve Items 9b through 9f made by Steve Christy and a second by Joe La Rue, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 9g, 9h, and 9i Scott would like to take **Items 9g though 9i** together. **Item 9g** is in Mohave County in the Kingman District. Request is to increase the bridge project by \$550,000 to \$1,450,000 for bridge rehabilitation. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9h** is in Apache County in the Holbrook District for \$475,000. Project is for storm damage repair. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9i** is in La Paz County in the Yuma District for \$460,000. Request is to establish a new pavement preservation project. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Minor Pavement Preservation Fund.

Motion to approve Items 9g, 9h, and 9i made by Bill Feldmeier and a second by Hank Rogers, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 9j is in Maricopa County in the Prescott District. To increase the utility agreements by \$500,000 to \$32,800,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund #72312. Project is underway.

Motion to approve Item 9j made by Victor Flores and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 9k and 9l are taken together. **Item 9k** is Statewide in Coconino National Forest various highway routes in the Flagstaff District. Establish funds for staff for \$70,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Federal Agency Support Program. **Item 9l** is statewide in Tonto National Forest various highway routes in the Prescott District. Establish funds for staff for \$340,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are

available from the FY 2012 Federal Agency Support Subprogram.

Motion to approve Items 9k and 9l made by Hank Rogers and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 9m, 9n, and 9o are taken together. These three projects are in Pima County in the Tucson District. **Item 9m** is a request to delete the design project for \$200,000 from the Highway Construction Program. Transfer amount to the FY 2012 Statewide Construction Program. **Item 9n** is also a request to delete the construction project \$11,500,000 from the FY 2012 Highway Construction Program. Transfer funds to the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9o** is also a request to delete the design project for \$200,000 in the FY 2012 Highway Construction Program. Transfer funds to the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund.

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

Items 9p, 9q, 9r, 9s, 9t, and 9u are taken together. These new projects are in Pima County in the Tucson District. **Item 9p** is to establish a new design project for \$1,350,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9q** is to establish a new environmental data recovery project for \$3,000,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9r** is to establish a new right-of-way project for \$750,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9s** is to establish a new design project for \$4,100,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9t** is to establish a new design project for \$700,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9u** is to increase the design concept report and environmental assessment project by \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund.

Motion to approve Items 9p, 9q, 9r, 9s, 9t, and 9u made by Steve Christy and a second by Hank Rogers, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 9v, 9w, 9x, 9y, and 9z are taken together. These are all new project requests. **Item 9v** is in Mohave County in the Kingman District. To establish a new construction project for \$1,800,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 District Minor Fund. **Item 9w** is in Apache County in the Globe District. To establish a new design project for \$50,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 District Minor Fund. **Item 9x** is in Gila County in the Globe District. To establish a new design project for \$950,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Slope Management Fund. **Item 9y** is in Coconino County in the Flagstaff District. To establish a new design project for \$60,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund. **Item 9z** is in Navajo County in the Globe District. To establish a new design project for \$60,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2012 Statewide Contingency Fund.

Motion to approve Items 9v, 9w, 9x, 9y, and 9z made by Bill Feldmeier and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 9aa is a FY 2012–2016 Airport Development Program Project. This is a new project for Colorado City Muni to rehabilitate runway 11/29 including lighting, Phase 3. FY 2012 State Share is \$48,795; Sponsor Share is \$48,794 and FAA Share is \$1,854,187. Total project is \$1,951,776.

Motion to approve Item 9aa made by Hank Rogers and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 10: State Engineer's Report — Jennifer Toth

Jennifer reported the status of projects under the construction report for February 2012 showed 114 projects under construction valued at \$901,715,211.80. The transportation board awarded 4 projects during February valued at approximately \$72.2 million. Year to date we have finalized 78 projects. The total cost of these 78 projects has exceeded the contractors bid amount by 4.3 percent. Deducting incentive and bonus payments, revisions, omissions, and additional work paid for by others, fiscal year to date reduces this percentage to 1.8 percent.

ITEM 11: Construction Contracts — Jennifer Toth

Jennifer presented the recommended construction project awards.

Item 11a is a proposed work is located in Santa Cruz and Pima Counties on Interstate 19, beginning at the International Border in Nogales (milepost 0) and extending north to the junction of Interstate 10 in Tucson (milepost 63). The proposed work includes crossroad, frontage road, and mainline sign rehabilitation and replacement, and other related work. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to ABBCO Group, Inc.

Motion to approve Item 11a made by Bill Feldmeier and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 11b is proposed sign rehabilitation work located in Maricopa County on State Route 51, beginning at milepost 7 and extending northerly to milepost 14. The proposed work includes crossroad, frontage road, and mainline sign rehabilitation and replacement, and other related work. It is recommended to reject the bid from AJP Electric, Inc. due to failure to comply with the DBE requirements and that the contract be awarded to Roadway Electric LLC.

5 voted in the affirmative; 1 voted in the negative; 1 abstains; Results 5 : 1 : 0

Motion to approve Item 11b made by Victor Flores and a second by Joe La Rue, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 11c is proposed scour retrofit work located in Yavapai County, on SR89 south of the City of Prescott at milepost 295.36. The work consists of constructing concrete floors underneath the existing of Wash Bridge (Structure #104). The work also includes construction of cut-off walls and other related work. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Asphalt Paving and Supply, Inc.

Motion to approve Item 11c made by Hank Rogers and a second by Bill Feldmeier, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 11d is a project that consists of construction of a new freeway with two traffic interchanges and removal of the existing roadway. The work includes roadway excavation, placing embankments, PCCP and AC pavements, two precast, prestressed Type V AASHTO girder bridges, a concrete-lined drainage channel, two reinforced concrete box culverts, an unlined drainage basin, signing, pavement marking, freeway lighting, signalization, detours and maintenance of traffic. The bid is good for 60 days. The utilities have to relocate their facilities. The board will possibly meet by telephone. It is recommended to postpone this contract.

Motion to postpone Item 11d made by Joe La Rue and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 11e is a proposed project located within Pinal County and includes three roadway segments. The first segment is on I-8, about 20 miles west of the City of Casa Grande from milepost 150.00 to 158.50. The second segment is on SR287, about 10 miles east of the City of Casa Grande from milepost 118.00 to 125.90. The third segment is also on SR287, south of the Town of Florence from milepost 134.75 to 135.30. The work consists of crack sealing and other related work. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Southern Arizona Paving and Construction Company.

Motion to approve Item 11e made by Victor Flores and a second by Hank Rogers, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 11f is a proposed project at four locations in Yuma and La Paz counties, a portion of the project being on the Colorado River Indian Reservation. The first two locations are on US95 starting a milepost 29.37 and ending at milepost 44.26 and starting at milepost 80.0 and ending at milepost 96.18, north of the City of Yuma. The other two locations are on SR95 starting at milepost 142.5 and ending at milepost 148.32 and starting at milepost 152.7 and ending at milepost 161.62, north of the City of Parker. The work consists of crack sealing and other related items. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Cactus Transport, Inc.


Motion to approve Item 11f made by Bill Feldmeier and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 12: Comments and Suggestions

No comments or suggestions.

Motion to adjourn made by Victor Flores and a second by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.



Bobbie Lundstrom, Chairwoman
State Transportation Board



John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation