

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2013
Arizona Department of Transportation
Administration Building Auditorium
206 S. 17th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Roll Call

Roll call by Board Secretary Lila Trimmer

In attendance: Joe La Rue, Steve Christy, Victor Flores, Kelly Anderson, Hank Rogers, and Bobbie Lundstrom (via telephone—excused herself at 10:20 a.m.)

Call to the Audience

1. Gary Moore, Director of Operations/Forest Energy Corporation
2. Doyel Shamley, Apache County Natural Resources

ITEM 1: Director's Report A) Individual Topics —John S. Halikowski

A1.) Transportation and Trade Corridor Alliance (TTCA) Update

Director Halikowski updated the Board on the recent TTCA Meeting and Forum discussions. The purpose of the events were to provide an interactive forum on trade, transportation, and economic competitiveness by including both key State agencies and public sector stakeholders.

The third meeting of the Trade and Transportation Corridor Alliance was on February 19th in downtown Phoenix. The Alliance is a coalition of ADOT, the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), and the Arizona Mexico Commission. The Steering Committee is a group appointed by the agencies of mostly private sector players. Chairman Flores was in attendance. The Steering Committee members are working to develop a roadmap for making Arizona highly competitive in terms of freight, logistics, and international trade. The five subcommittees of the Steering Committee will be holding public listening sessions over the next three months to get input about this important effort. Based on the public input, the ideas from the Steering Committee members and the research done by our own agencies, they are aiming to have the road map document complete, at least in draft form, by the end of the calendar year. The meeting is about what is going on in Mexico at the border and in the private sector world of the stakeholders that we serve. It is so competitive out there that we owe it to the taxpayers and to the stakeholders to put together the best people to determine how to use the limited dollars in the smartest possible way. The TTCA was followed by a Forum that was put on by the Arizona Mexico Commission. The Forum was called "As the World Trades" and gave several panelists an opportunity to interact with one another about trade and competitiveness. The Director was part of the panel with Sandra Watson of the ACA, Bruce Wright from the University of Arizona, and Gene Seroka of American President Lines. Former Congressman Jim Kolbe was the keynote speaker. Todd Sanders of the Greater Phoenix Chamber was the moderator. There were a lot of great questions and excellent interactive dialogue. Even better, there were more than 150 people in the audience who were totally engaged in these issues and truly interested in how Arizona can be more competitive. Finally, the Governor came in to close the session. She was extremely supportive of the TTCA and the work of the three agencies. It was a very productive day. There is a real alignment between the business-community, the Commerce Authority, and ADOT. They are making a lot of progress.

A2.) Meeting with Arizona Congressional Delegation

Director Halikowski briefed the Board on a transportation-related meeting with the Arizona Congressional delegation that he and Chairman Flores and Board Member La Rue attended. That meeting focused on the work that ties into the TTCA because with I-11, Arizona has great transportation resources. There are two major interstate highways and two class one railroads. Arizona has huge trading partners to the South with Mexico and to the North with Canada and bound by Texas and California. What Arizona lacks to be a major trading hub is the North-South connection of I-11. He recently returned from one week in Washington, DC and met with twelve different Congressional leaders and with the Federal Highway Administration. They discussed transportation funding issues and what Arizona is facing with the Federal Highway Administration and this need for I-11. He had a couple of the meetings with Congressman John Duncan who is the vice chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. They discussed Arizona's position not only nationally and internationally given the proximity to California and Mexico. Congressman Duncan asked if the Director was available to return during the summer to testify to his Committee on freight movements and how Arizona would fit into the national goal. We are hoping to have Chairman Shuster come out to Arizona sometime this year to speak on transportation issues. They were very interested in the national and international infrastructure. We are pressing forward with I-11 and looking at this as a true international and interstate corridor. The Study should be wrapping up within the next 12-14 months. The Director has been meeting with Arizona's State Legislators as well as the Congressional Delegation.

***ITEM 2: Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented was made by Hank Rogers and seconded by Steve Christy. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

ITEM 3: Legislative Report— Ralene Whitmer, Government Relations Specialist

Ralene gave a briefing on a few State Legislative bills.

HB 2172, ADOT Administration, there is a portion of the bill that would allow more flexibility for parity bonds when we need to finance those bonds. It is currently in the Senate. It has passed its first Committee and on the agenda for a committee next week.

HB 2477, Photo Radar on State Highways, that basically incorporates what we currently have in the contract with the cities into State Law. That bill is moving through the House. It passed Rules and Caucus yesterday.

HB 2523, State Transportation Board, Tribal Representation, this bill would add to the membership of the State Transportation Board by a representative of tribal government. This bill has made its way to the House Transportation Committee. The deadline has passed for this bill to come out of the House.

HB 2621, Funds, State Parks, Roads, Fees, this bill would require a voluntary fee from individuals that would be collected at the time of registration to help fund state park projects. That bill has made it out of the House Rules Committee and Caucus.

SB 1317, Tribal Airports, State Aviation Fund, that would allow publicly owned and operated airport facilities to receive State Aviation Fund monies and those airports would be on Indian reservations. That bill has made it out of the Senate and is in the House waiting for Committee meeting.

SB 1344, Highway Construction Projects, JCCR Review, this would require any highway project more than \$15 million be heard in front of the Joint Committee on Capital Review. That bill is in the Senate but failed. That bill is now in the House (Striker Bill) and will have a different topic and new language.

The deadline for the bills to be heard in the house of origin has already passed. The deadline date for House bills to be heard in the opposite body, and that is in two weeks.

ITEM 4: Financial Report—Kristine Ward

Kristine gave the financial presentation in a new abbreviated format to the Board.

HURF Revenues continue to be weak. HURF is 1.4% behind forecast. The problem is Gas and Use (diesel) Fuel Tax revenues are running behind. Gas tax revenues are running .7% behind last year and Use Fuel revenues are 5.5% behind last year. We are not meeting forecast. At this point, we are just watching, it is about a \$10 million hit to revenues but we are hoping to make it up in the later half of the year.

RARF Revenues are in the green and at forecast just a little behind at –.6%. Retail Sales are +5.8% above last year as well as Restaurant & Bar +7.1 % above last year's. There is healthy growth at this time. Contracting is still lagging a bit behind.

Kristine gave a brief update on Sequestration. It took effect last Friday, March 1. We are fortunate because it looks like from a federal aid perspective, we will have minimal to no impact particularly in FY2013. The Federal Highway Trust Fund is exempted, but the Federal General Fund transfers are not exempted. There is an adequate fund balance to absorb the reduction. If Sequestration is not dealt with, we are not certain what impacts there will be in FY2014. In Emergency Funds, we have adequate fund balances to absorb reduction. With regards to the TIGER Grants, we lucked out. Our money came through in FFY 2012. The Sequestration only impacts FFY2013 funding.

Kristine stated that another unknown is how will Sequestration potentially impact HURF and RARF funds. Homeland Security is cutting back the Customs Inspectors. Recently the Customs Inspectors overtime was eliminated with projected furloughs expected in April. Slow downs of the ships by those inspectors coming into the LA ports could mean a slow down of the truckers and diminished fuel usage and the truckers transporting the goods coming off of those ships. Ultimately it is not known how this will impact the HURF revenues, which are already trickling behind forecast.

ITEM 5: Overview of Vehicle Size, Weight, and Load Regulations—Floyd Roehrich, Jr.

Floyd provided an overview of how the Department regulates vehicle size, weight, and load on State Highways in accordance with Title 17 Arizona Administrative Code, Chapter 6. He stated that he would limit his comments to the Rules and restrictions. There are various state statutes and federal regulations (23 CFR 658) governing the allowable vehicle size, weight and load regulations, particularly Title 17, Arizona Administrative Code Ch. 6, Over dimensional Permits.

Last fall the Globe District was contacted by a representative of a logging company that has a timber clearing contract with the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest (ASNF) and was hauling logs using SR 261. The logging company contacted the District right after the District had closed SR 261 for the winter. They still had equipment staged in the ASNF and were planning to continue logging as long as possible. For a number of years, ADOT has closed SR 261, as well as certain other limited-use routes, during the winter months for safety and to reduce maintenance costs associated with keeping those roads open during the winter. The logging company requested ADOT keep a portion of SR 261 open and allow them to continue logging when the weather would allow them to work. ADOT's Globe District Engineer made arrangements with the logging company to allow them access, but it was during this time that the District noted that SR 261 has a maximum weight restriction of 35,000 pounds and that the other route that the logging company was using, SR 273, has a maximum weight restriction of 20,000 pounds and it also included a restriction on vehicle lengths over 80 ft. and widths of 12 ft. would require front and rear escorts.

These conditions are spelled out in Title 17, AZ Administrative Code Ch. 6, Article 4 Transport Restrictions, Table 4 and carry the rule of law for enforcement. Once the logging company was made aware of these restrictions, a number of conversations took place from the District level, through the Director's Office, and up to the Governor's Office regarding this issue. A number of local county officials were involved in the discussion. Because the AAC carries the rule of law, ADOT does not have the ability to waive or permit exceptions. The restrictions documented in Table 4 were developed to ensure the safety of the traveling public and to protect the identified routes from excessive damage by allowing vehicles that exceeded the restrictions to use them. This AAC has been in effect for years, along with Table 4 restrictions (The last time it was modified by Rule was April 2003). The restrictions are based upon previous engineering analysis taking into account the roadway characteristics including the geometric configuration and roadway structural capacity. Table 4 can be modified by going through the Administrative Rule-Making Process, but requires sufficient improvements are made to the routes justifying any changes.

Last year the Forest Service completed a project on SR 273 to add an asphalt overlay to the roadway and has submitted documents to ADOT for review in consideration of modifying Table 4 to reduce or eliminate the load restriction. Title 17 AAC Ch 6 is currently going through the notice of proposed rule making process and ADOT is reviewing the documents from the Forest Service to confirm modifying Table 4. Until modifications are made to SR 261 and any other route identified in Table 4, those restrictions are in place and anyone violating them are susceptible to enforcement actions.

Regarding Board authority in this matter, they have none. ARS28-332 A - Department of Transportation jurisdiction; duties; divisions - The exclusive control and jurisdiction over state highways, state routes, state owned airports and all state owned transportation systems or modes are vested in the Department of Transportation. ARS28-363. Duties of the Director: Administration - 5. Exercise complete and exclusive operational control and jurisdiction over the use of state highways and routes.

ITEM 6: Request for ADOT to Develop Two Hypothetical Scenarios of the 2014 -2018 ADOT 5-Year Construction Program—Floyd Roehrich, Jr.

One hypothetical scenario would show only the statutorily required \$20 million DPS transfer, and the second hypothetical scenario would be based on currently proposed state budgets. Also, directed the ADOT Director, through staff, to make arrangements for a meeting with the Legislature's Transportation and/or Budget Committees to discuss these scenarios.

Floyd stated that ADOT will not prepare alternate 5-Year Transportation Facilities Construction programs based upon hypothetical funding scenarios for the reason that there is no statutory or policy requirement. Floyd referenced ARS 28-304 (C) The Board shall 1) develop policies to guide the development or modification of the Five Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program that are consistent with the principles of performance based planning developed pursuant to Article 7 of this chapter. Article 7 - Transportation Planning requirements ARS 28-505 C (1) Select projects and services in the Five Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program pursuant to Ch 20, Article 3 of this title and the long-range statewide transportation plan pursuant to section 28-307.

Floyd further stated that the Department will continue to work with the Board throughout the public hearing process to complete the current Tentative 5-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

Board Member Steve Christy noted that ADOT staff declined to produce the scenarios as requested stating regulatory rules. Mr. Christy also made note since 2009 when he became a Board Member that this is the first time a request was declined.

ITEM 7: Multimodal Planning Division Report—Scott Omer

Scott updated the Board on I-11; Staff met with the Arizona delegation last week in Washington and discussed the I-11 Study in detail with the FHWA Administrator. FHWA is very comfortable with the process we are following and agreed that we are on the right path. Director Halikowski gave a presentation to the I-11 Coalition this week, along with the Governor, ACA, and MAG. It was a good meeting. Scott said they met with AZGF concerning some potential mitigation banking along the designated corridor.

Scott updated the Board on the Rolle Airfield Grant issue that the Board heard about last month in Yuma. It is now resolved and staff is working with them on their master plan.

The 5-Year Tentative Program is complete and available online and soon expects to start receiving comments.

***ITEM 8: Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)—Scott Omer**

Scott presented recommended PPAC actions to the Board including consideration of changes to the FY2013 - 2017 Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

Project Modifications – *Items 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g, 8h, 8i, and 8j

***ITEM 8a:** COUNTY: Statewide Page 62
DISTRICT: Statewide
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: Excess Land
TYPE OF WORK: Property Disposal
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 5,507,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Stephanie Neves
PROJECT: H089301R
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the right of way project by \$305,000 to \$5,812,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Contingency Fund #72313.
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 5,812,000

***ITEM 8b:** ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 322.0 Page 65
COUNTY: Cochise
DISTRICT: Safford
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: Johnson Road – W. Willcox TI (EB)
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation
ADVERTISEMENT DATE: 04/19/2013
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 8,931,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Raed Dalbik
PROJECT: H815101C, Item # 12213
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the construction project by \$600,000 to \$9,531,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Highway Safety Improvement Program #72813. Change project location to Dragoon Rd - W. Willcox TI (WB). Change the beginning Milepost to 318.83. Change the project length to 17.42 miles.
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 9,531,000

***ITEM 8c:**

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 101.8
COUNTY: Mohave
DISTRICT: Kingman
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: Antelope Wash
TYPE OF WORK: Environmental
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 37,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Doescher
PROJECT: H738802E
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the environmental phase by \$104,000 to \$141,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Environmental Support Services Fund #77713.

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NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 141,000

***ITEM 8d:**

ROUTE NO: SR 95 @ MP 0.0
COUNTY: Yuma
DISTRICT: Yuma
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: International Border - Juan Sanchez Blvd.
TYPE OF WORK: Infrastructure Improvements
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 203,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Paul Patane
PROJECT: H800301R / 02R
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the right of way project by \$750,000 to \$953,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Contingency Fund #72313.

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NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 953,000

***ITEM 8e:**

ROUTE NO: SR 95 @ MP 182.0
COUNTY: Mohave
DISTRICT: Kingman
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: Lake Havasu State Park (Contact Point) Phase I
TYPE OF WORK: Design State Park Access Road
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 425,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Michael Andazola
PROJECT: H851201D
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the design project by \$165,000 to \$590,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 State Parks Program #78413.

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NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 590,000

***ITEM 8f:**

ROUTE NO: SR 188 @ MP 254.0
COUNTY: Gila
DISTRICT: Globe
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: Roosevelt to Jakes Corner
TYPE OF WORK: Design for Drainage Repair and Pavement Preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 323,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Michael Andazola
PROJECT: H620102D

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REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the design project by \$82,000 to \$405,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Change the Project Name to Roosevelt to Punkin Center. Funds are available from the following sources.

FY 2013 District Minor Fund #73313 \$ 70,000
FY 2013 Environmental Support Services #77713 \$ 12,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 405,000

***ITEM 8g:**

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 0.1
COUNTY: Yuma
DISTRICT: Yuma
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: MP 0.1 - 0.3, Ehrenberg
TYPE OF WORK: Design Shared-Use Path and Fencing
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 59,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Gregory Johnson
PROJECT: H798701D
JPA: 10-154 I with La Paz County

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REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the design project by \$118,000 to \$177,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the Transportation Enhancement Improvement Fund #75313. TERC approved Round 16, 2008

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 177,000

***ITEM 8h:**

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 230.0
COUNTY: Gila
DISTRICT: Globe
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: Oak Flat to Miami
TYPE OF WORK: Design
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,885,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma
PROJECT: H581801D

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REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the design project by \$536,000 to \$2,421,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Engineering Development Fund #70713.

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 2,421,000

***ITEM 8i:**

ROUTE NO: SR 288 @ MP 260.0 Page 79
 COUNTY: Gila
 DISTRICT: Globe
 SCHEDULE: FY 2013
 SECTION: Roosevelt to Young
 TYPE OF WORK: Design Concrete Box Culvert Extension
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 150,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma
 PROJECT: H859701D
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the design project by \$86,000 to \$236,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Engineering Development Fund #70713.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 236,000

***ITEM 8j:**

ROUTE NO: SR 260 @ MP 267.7 Page 81
 COUNTY: Gila
 DISTRICT: Prescott
 SCHEDULE: FY 2013
 SECTION: Various Bridges
 TYPE OF WORK: Repair Approach Slab
 ADVERTISEMENT DATE: 06/01/2013
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,500,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Vivian Li
 PROJECT: H863701C, Item # 20513
 REQUESTED ACTION: **Change the project name to "Tonto Creek Bridge to Wildlife Underpass #2" in the Highway Construction Program. Change Beginning Milepost to 268.3. Change project length to 5.4 miles.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,500,000

A motion to accept and approve Project Modifications items 8a through 8j as presented was made by Steve Christy and seconded by Hank Rogers. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

New Projects — *Items 8k, 8l, 8m, 8n, 8o, 8p, 8q, 8r, 8s, 8t, 8u, and 8v

***ITEM 8k:**

ROUTE NO: SR 260 @ MP 268.3 Page 83
 COUNTY: Gila
 DISTRICT: Prescott
 SCHEDULE: New Project Request
 SECTION: Tonto Creek Bridge to Wildlife Underpass #2
 TYPE OF WORK: Design Repair Approach Slab
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
 PROJECT MANAGER: Vivian Li
 PROJECT: H863701D
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish the new design project for \$209,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Engineering Development Fund #70713.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 209,000

***ITEM 8l:**

ROUTE NO: SR 87 @ MP 252.3

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COUNTY: Yavapai

DISTRICT: Prescott

SCHEDULE: New Project Request

SECTION: Jct of SR 87 and SR 260

TYPE OF WORK: Design for Intersection Improvement

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project

PROJECT MANAGER: Vivian Li

PROJECT: H840901D

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project for \$139,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 District Minor Fund #73313.

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 139,000

***ITEM 8m:**

ROUTE NO: SR 260 @ MP 218.7

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COUNTY: Yavapai

DISTRICT: Prescott

SCHEDULE: New Project Request

SECTION: Industrial Drive in Camp Verde

TYPE OF WORK: Design for Roundabout

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project

PROJECT MANAGER: Vivian Li

PROJECT: H862501D

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project for \$457,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Construction Preparation: Technical Engineering Group #70013.

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 457,000

***ITEM 8n:**

ROUTE NO: SR 86 @ MP 120.6

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COUNTY: Pima

DISTRICT: Tucson

SCHEDULE: New Project Request

SECTION: Fresnal to MP 123.9

TYPE OF WORK: Design Widening of Roadway

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project

PROJECT MANAGER: David Brauer

PROJECT: H846901D

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project for \$1,800,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Contingency Fund #72313.

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,800,000

***ITEM 8o:**

ROUTE NO: SR 266 @ MP 104.0

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COUNTY: Graham

DISTRICT: Safford

SCHEDULE: New Project Request

SECTION: Jct. 191 – Bonita

TYPE OF WORK: Design

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project

PROJECT MANAGER: Steve Wilson

PROJECT: H862101D

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project for \$117,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the following sources.**

FY 2013 Construction Preparation: Technical Engineering Group #70013 \$ 79,000

FY 2013 High Risk Rural Roads Fund #72713 \$ 38,000

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 117,000

***ITEM 8p:**

ROUTE NO: SR 95 @ MP 181.0

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COUNTY: Mohave

DISTRICT: Kingman

SCHEDULE: New Project Request

SECTION: Lake Havasu City / Signal Re-timing

TYPE OF WORK: Seasonal Traffic County at Eight Different Locations on SR 95

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project

PROJECT MANAGER: Yow-Shi Ho / John Hoang

PROJECT: HX25101X

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new data collection project by \$22,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2013 Traffic Signals Fund #71213.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 22,000

***ITEM 8q:**

COUNTY: Statewide

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DISTRICT: Statewide

SCHEDULE: New Project

SECTION: US Army Corps of Engineers - Phoenix Branch

TYPE OF WORK: Transfer Funds to the Army Corps of Engineers

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project

PROJECT MANAGER: Paul O'Brien

PROJECT: M503601X

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new non-infrastructure project for \$172,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2013 Federal Agency Support Fund #76513.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 172,000

*ITEM 8r:

COUNTY: Statewide
DISTRICT: Statewide
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Arizona's Significant Historic Roads
TYPE OF WORK: Develop Historic Context to Identify Historic Roads
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Phil Jeselnik
PROJECT: M503201X
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new non-infrastructure project for \$199,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the Historic Preservation and Arizona Significant Historic Roads Grant.** TERC approved in Round 18, 2010.
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 199,000

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*ITEM 8s:

COUNTY: Maricopa
DISTRICT: Phoenix Construction
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Avondale School Crossing Enhancement Project
TYPE OF WORK: Construct Pedestrian Crossings for Student Access
ADVERTISEMENT DATE: 04/01/2013
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Phil Jeselnik
PROJECT: PSRTS01C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new pedestrian crossing project for \$136,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2013 Safe Routes to School Fund #79413.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 136,000

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*ITEM 8t:

ROUTE NO: US 180 @ MP 403.5
COUNTY: Apache
DISTRICT: Globe
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Eagar to Alpine
TYPE OF WORK: Design Fence Replacement
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma
PROJECT: H842701D
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project for \$193,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Engineering Development Fund #70713.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 193,000

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*ITEM 8u:

ROUTE NO: SR 260 @ MP 385.5
COUNTY: Apache
DISTRICT: Globe
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Eagar Area
TYPE OF WORK: Design Fence Replacement
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma
PROJECT: H842401D
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project for \$167,000 in the Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Engineering Development Fund #70713.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 167,000

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***ITEM 8v:**

ROUTE NO: US 191 @ MP 247.8
COUNTY: Apache
DISTRICT: Globe
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Alpine Area
TYPE OF WORK: Design Fence Replacement
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma
PROJECT: H842501D
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project for \$164,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Engineering Development Fund #70713.

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NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:

\$ 164,000

A motion to accept and approve New Projects items 8k through 8v as presented was made by Hank Rogers and seconded by Kelly Anderson. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

AMENDMENT 03/06/2013 ADD PPAC AGENDA ITEMS 8w and 8x — Scott Omer

***Item 8w:** New Project is for engineering investigation and analysis as well as immediate design for corresponding immediate roadway work. In addition, the information will be used to make decisions for permanent solutions and roadway work.

***ITEM 8w:**

ROUTE NO: SR 89 @ MP 526.0
COUNTY: Coconino
DISTRICT: Flagstaff
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: MP 526 – MP 527 South of Page
TYPE OF WORK: Emergency Investigation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Mike Andazola
PROJECT: H864101D, Item #30513
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new design project of \$2,000,000 from Federal Emergency Relief Funds.

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Federal Emergency Relief Funds

\$2,000,000

A motion to accept and approve Staff's recommendation and establish a new design project of \$2,000,000 from Federal Emergency Relief Funds was made by Kelly Anderson and seconded by Joe La Rue. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

***Item 8x:** Project Modifications is due to increases in quantities and unit prices. The new total program budget amount includes contingency, CE, and ICAP. The project is programmed for construction in the third quarter of FY13.

***ITEM 8x:**

ROUTE NO: SR 89 @ MP 335.9
COUNTY: Yavapai
DISTRICT: Prescott
SCHEDULE: FY 2013
SECTION: Big Chino Wash Bridge Str #979
TYPE OF WORK: Bridge Rehabilitation
ADVERTISEMENT DATE: 04/29/2013
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 2,200,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Yuwei Qi
PROJECT: H797601C, Item # 18313
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase project by \$800,000 to \$3,000,000 in the Highway Construction Program. Funds are available from the FY 2013 Statewide Contingency Fund #72313.

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NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:

\$ 3,000,000

A motion to accept and approve Staff's recommendation and increase project by \$800,000 to \$3,000,000 in the Highway Construction Program was made by Kelly Anderson and seconded by Hank Rogers. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

ITEM 9: State Engineer's Report — Jennifer Toth

Status of Repairs to US 89

Jennifer stated that the Board just moved forward with \$2 million that ADOT received from FHWA , the quick release of those emergency relief funds. First she wanted to say thanks to the team under Rob Samour, the senior deputy State Engineer for Operations. Rob has been leading the tremendous effort along with the technical staff, our district staff and Maintenance and our Communications and our Government Relations group. They have done a tremendous job in the two weeks since the incident on February 20. Jennifer showed the Board a video of an aerial view of the area. The video showed the landslide area and how far it extends. It is a about 1/4 of mile in length at the toe of the slope. She also showed pictures of the immediate area of the destruction of the roadway. The landslide occurred underneath the roadway system. She said that Highway 89 and 89A are open. Page is open for business. She wanted to get that message out from an economic development standpoint. Presently the objectives are focused on the safety at the site for the workers and for the traveling public. They want to restore mobility to the area both in a long-term and short-term nature to minimize the impacts from a social, political, cultural, and environmental and an economic standpoint and keep the public, the stakeholders, and the media informed of the recovery activities to date. There are three other videos on the website www.azdot.gov/us89, that shows the work that has been accomplished and is being accomplished in terms of the geotechnical investigation. They have also secured an emergency contractor on site to grade an access road for first responders to get emergency response vehicles through the site. As she earlier stated today, we received the \$2 million quick release funds, generally the emergency relief funds process is a reimbursement basis. We expend the funds and then we are reimbursed through the Federal Aid Emergency Relief funds. This time we received the down payment of \$2 million to help us with geotechnical investigation and primarily design work that needs to be accomplished. She thanked FHWA administrator, Karla Petty, and her staff as they have been extremely helpful in moving this forward. There has been sustained interest from the community members and the public. There has been some degree of media coverage almost every day since the event occurred. We have three videos on the ADOT website as well as Facebook. Nearly 10,000 people have shared photos on Facebook. We are getting a tremendous amount of coverage. ADOT has established a webpage for this landslide. We have been having meetings with the community and passing out handouts to the businesses, hotels, and motels. We want to make sure the public is informed of the detour. At the end of March, ADOT staff will establish office hours at the city of Page Town Hall. There will be presentations to Page and Kanab City Councils. We will continue to man the hotline that we have established and use the traditional media as well as social media sites available to us. The next steps are we need to continue the geotechnical investigation. We are taking a three-prong approach. The first prong being is establishing the first responder access. The second prong is working with the Navajo Nation and BIA and investigate the potential of an interim detour that is much shorter in distance and are continuing to work along those lines with BIA, FHWA, and the Navajo Nation. The third prong is what are our long-term options will be once the geotechnical investigation is complete . What does the area look like. Will we be able to rebuild in that location or are we going to have to do some realignment in that area.

Jennifer stated that the offices of tourism have been informed of the detour since tourist season is coming and the public knows they can still get to their vacation destinations.

Engineer's Report

Jennifer updated the Board with the Status of Projects Under Construction Report for February 2013 shows 86 projects under construction valued at \$920.2 million. The Transportation Board awarded 8 projects during February valued at approximately \$47.8 million. During February the Department finalized 33 projects valued at \$156.8 million. Projects where the final cost exceeded the contractors bid amount by more than 5% are detailed in your board package. Year to date we have finalized 172 projects. The total cost of these 172 projects has exceeded the contractors bid amount by 6.3%. Deducting incentive, bonus payments, revisions, omissions and additional work paid for by others, fiscal year to date reduces this percentage to 4.3%.

***ITEM 10: Construction Contracts —Jennifer Toth**

***ITEM 10a:** As noted in the comments, the amount of funds needed for construction exceeded the amount previously approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (the Nation) for this project. The additional funds were approved by MAG on February 27, 2013 and the Nation concurred with the award on March 5, 2013. Staff recommends to accept and award contract to Combs Construction Company, Inc.

***ITEM 10a:** BIDS OPENED: January 18, 2013
HIGHWAY: FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION
SECTION: Various Locations
COUNTY: Maricopa
ROUTE NO.: N/A
PROJECT: CM-FTM-0(200)T 0000 MA FTM SS69701C
FUNDING: 100% Federal
LOW BIDDER: Combs Construction Company, Inc.
LOW BID AMOUNT: \$ 2,706,937.55
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 2,652,472.00
\$ OVER ESTIMATE: \$ 54,465.55
% OVER ESTIMATE: 2.1%
PROJECT DBE GOAL: 2.04%
BIDDER COMMITMENT: 2.18%
NO. BIDDERS: 10
RECOMMENDATION: Award

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A motion to accept and approve Staff's recommendation and award contract to Combs Construction Company, Inc. was made by Steve Christy and seconded by Kelly Anderson. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

***ITEM 10b:** The proposed work is located in Yavapai County on SR89 within the Town of Chino Valley. The project consists of constructing new sidewalks and landscaping.

***ITEM 10b:** BIDS OPENED: February 15, 2013
HIGHWAY: PRESCOTT-ASH FORK HIGHWAY (SR 89)
SECTION: Center Street – Road 4 South
COUNTY: Yavapai
ROUTE NO.: SR 89
PROJECT: TEA-089-B(205)T 089 YV 325 H810101C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: JNJ Engineering Construction, Inc.
LOW BID AMOUNT: \$ 692,516.37
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,009,314.52
\$ UNDER ESTIMATE: \$ 3,16,798.15
% UNDER ESTIMATE: 31.4%
PROJECT DBE GOAL: 3.31%
BIDDER COMMITMENT: 5.38%
NO. BIDDERS: 9
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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A motion to accept and approve Staff's recommendation and award contract to JNJ Engineering Construction, Inc. was made by Hank Rogers and seconded by Joe La Rue. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

***ITEM 10c:** The proposed project is located in the Yuma District, Kingman District, and Prescott District, which are within Maricopa, Gila, Yuma, La Paz, Mohave, and Yavapai Counties. A portion of this project is located in Prescott National Forest and Tonto National Forest and also on the Colorado River, Fort Mojave, and Yavapai-Prescott Indian Communities. The work consists primarily of removing and disposing of existing pedestrian signal modules from their housing, and supplying and installing new countdown pedestrian modules. Additional work will include removing and replacing pedestrian crossing signs and removing and replacing pedestrian push button assemblies on existing poles.

***ITEM 10c:** BIDS OPENED: February 8, 2013
HIGHWAY: WESTERN REGION
SECTION: Prescott, Kingman & Yuma Districts, Various Locations
COUNTY: Statewide
ROUTE NO.: N/A
PROJECT: HSIP-999-A(357)T 999 SW 000 H843101C
FUNDING: 100% Federal
LOW BIDDER: TLL Electric, Inc.
LOW BID AMOUNT: \$ 177,630.40
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 210,647.50
\$ UNDER ESTIMATE: \$ 33,017.10
% UNDER ESTIMATE: 15.7%
PROJECT DBE GOAL: 3.00%
BIDDER COMMITMENT: 16.52%
NO. BIDDERS: 7
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD


A motion to accept and approve Staff's recommendation and award contract to TLL Electric, Inc. As presented was made by Steve Christy and seconded by Kelly Anderson. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

ITEM 11: Suggestions


Board Member Steve Christy requested an update on the complete widening status of I-10 between Phoenix and Tucson and all the challenges therein for the next Board meeting.

A motion adjourn was made by Kelly Anderson and seconded by Hank Rogers. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M. MST



Victor Flores, Chairman
State Transportation Board



Floyd P. Roehrich, Jr., Deputy Director for Policy
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