

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2014
City of Willcox Council Chambers
300 W. Rex Allen Drive
Willcox, Arizona 85643

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Bill Cuthbertson.

Roll call by Board Secretary Mary Beckley

In attendance: Steve Christy, Kelly Anderson, Joe La Rue, Deanna Beaver, William Cuthbertson and Jack Sellers.

Absent: Hank Rogers

Opening Remarks

Chairman Christy welcomed everyone in attendance and asked Vice Chairman Anderson to give a synopsis of the prior evening's activities. Mr. Anderson thanked Scott Dahmer, owner of Aridus Wine Company, for hosting an interesting wine crushing facility tour and ending the evening at Aridus for wine tasting. He thanked the community as well as the Chamber of Commerce for coordinating the event. He also mentioned Wings over Willcox, a yearly bird watching event that takes place in January. Mr. Sellers was impressed by the Aridus doing their own custom crushing, which is also encouraging for the area. Mr. La Rue stated this private enterprise is making a significant investment in Willcox, which is an engine to build the wine industry and also the tourism industry in Willcox.

Call to the Audience

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

1. Anthony Smith, Chairman of the Pinal Board of Supervisors, re: Pinal County supports Maricopa SR 347 grade separation plan; important to the regional transportation system for a viable thoroughfare, which will reduce congestion and improve safety; Pinal County and other regional partners will be pledging funds for this project.
2. Randy Heiss, Executive Director/SEAGO, re: Welcome and thank you for including the environmental assessment of SR 189 project in the five year plan, and the possible acceleration of this project.
3. Dan Coxworth, new administrator for the Sierra Vista MPO, re: to introduce himself to the Board.
4. Christian Price, Mayor, City of Maricopa, re: thanked Board and ADOT staff for adding the SR 347 overpass in the five year plan.
5. Tom Rankin, Mayor, Florence, re: requested to meet with ADOT staff regarding establishing public private partnership in the north/south corridor (I-40) to help with road projects, specifically to minimize traffic congestion in Pinal County.
6. Denny O'Flattery, Spokesperson/Javelina Chase Bicycle Event, re: Requesting more road safety/adequate sized and clean shoulders for bicyclists and other recreational users.

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CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: And that concludes the call to the audience. And moving into the formal agenda, our first item is the district engineer's report of the Safford District, district engineer, Mr. Bill Harmon.

MR. HARMON: Good morning, Chairman Christy and members of the State Transportation Board and Director Halikowski and the staff, ladies and gentlemen of the public. I'd like to welcome you to Willcox, Cochise County, the Safford district. It's a neat place. And I'd also like to thank, likewise, the Chamber of Commerce, Aridus Winery for this fascinating experience yesterday. It just goes to show you what the conviction and will (Inaudible) invest themselves into the community, what -- what that can do.

Okay. Just to go through. We have half a dozen projects that -- that are probably in progress. There is (Inaudible) preservation projects in the state system. I just want to point out that here the decision in Willcox, we have about \$20 million worth of work going on right now, okay, yet to be obligated or advertised or awarded in this month. We still have several projects near the tail end of our fiscal year. And it's a variety of spot and

(Inaudible) and safety work, many which are associated with legacy enhancement projects, safe routes to school, things like that.

We're pointing out this one here, the Campbell Blue project is just a really neat project. Not very big. But if there was any project that I saw in my whole career, the amount of cooperation and partnership that went behind it. It's -- it's a neat project, and I look forward to seeing that advance.

The next fiscal year we have some pavement preservation projects in the state system, as well as several clear spot projects. I point out here the rehabilitation of two rest areas on I-10, in Texas Canyon and San Simon. The call is not to shut down both rest areas at the same time.

And, likewise, next fiscal year, local public agency projects. There are several that are big events, a variety of, again, legacy enhancement projects, as well as projects that are in the (Inaudible) STP funded projects or -- if we even do that (Inaudible) anymore. I can't remember which flavor of plumbing it is. I'm trying to go as fast as I can.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We're trying to get to the five-year program.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Let me think about it.

1 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Which -- which year?

2 MR. HARMON: Right. And I just (Inaudible) rise
3 a little bit. We have several projects that are
4 programmed in the five-year plan that are a redesign.

5 I want to point out one of those. That's the US
6 191 interchange with I-10 that's just west of here at exit
7 331 where we are reconfiguring the on and off ramps on the
8 westbound side. That seemed like a small thing, but that
9 will remove yet another (Inaudible) point for oversize
10 loads to allow oversize loads to continue on I-10 -- or
11 overheight loads, I should say, as well as come up US 191.

12 And two other projects that -- that are kind of
13 in the -- in the works. State Route, 80 heavy truck port
14 of entry location study. I got word earlier this week
15 that that project is going to move forward. And that --
16 that is a study to consider segregating heavy truck
17 traffic in the Douglas area. So we'll have our kickoff
18 meeting later this summer.

19 And as well as to keep on the regular screen, the
20 railroad overpass US 191 south of I-10. And, again, it's
21 a 1937 vintage bridge. And I just want to point out that
22 that particular project won't go down in one -- as one
23 project. Because of the poor soils in the Willcox Playa
24 area, that that project has to be phased into at least two
25 phases. And one is just building embankments and putting

1 soil along a future alignment. And what the -- the soils
2 push the water out of the clays and consolidate with poor
3 soils. That's a project that would (Inaudible). And
4 we're 60 percent done with design on that right now. And
5 then further incubation that we will see it move forward.
6 And I'm just talking about what's happening with the
7 (Inaudible) word up at Morenci.

8 We have three projects that are -- will be
9 privately funded through Freeport McMoRan. The first two,
10 Shannon and B Hill are routine minor realignments. It
11 sounds unusual, but we do a lot of that for the mine's
12 operational needs. Shannon on the calendar 2015, and B
13 Hill 2016.

14 The great -- large realignment to put 191 around
15 the mine property, that Freeport is still doing their
16 homework. They're doing geotechnical investigations.
17 (Inaudible). But it is not at the top of their priority
18 list yet to -- to permit a significant amount of funds for
19 construction. So that construction is on a holding
20 pattern.

21 With that I wish you a happy Friday of 13th. Any
22 questions?

23 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Cuthbertson, this is your
24 district, and you're a district engineer. Do you have any
25 comments or questions of the district engineer?

1 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: No, not really at this
2 time.

3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Okay. I have just a quick
4 question. The Texas Canyon area and to the east, just on
5 the eastern fringe of your district going almost to the
6 Tucson district has had significant safety issues of
7 pretty profound proportions. In addition to that, there's
8 been dust issues as well.

9 Can you comment briefly on any focus that the
10 Department and your district are doing on those?

11 MR. HARMON: Yes. Yes, Mr. Chair. Taking the
12 Texas Canyon area. That pass is the highest place on I-10
13 in Arizona, and it sees a lot of weather issues. And
14 because of the age of the construction, we do have what we
15 call clear zone issues, and that we've addressed through
16 many separate projects in the past.

17 And we do have another project in the works right
18 now to treat, spot treat walk-out properties, a warp
19 barrier, guardrail that -- that in what we call the
20 Highway Safety Improvement Program, HSIP program. That
21 work attrition carries a very high benefit cost ratio,
22 meaning that there are many accidents, collisions, run off
23 the road type. So we (Inaudible) work on that area.

24 And we have also completed a design concept
25 report for a long range project that would carry three

1 lanes in each direction through Texas Canyon, because of
2 the concentration of truck traffic on those grades.

3 Now, the dust storm issues at Safford. Several
4 years ago was successful in implementing a federal safety
5 technology project where we installed dust storm
6 monitoring and warning equipment that -- that those
7 sensors detect high speed wind that would be sufficient to
8 bring dust aloft, as well as poor visibility. And it
9 triggers warning signs.

10 Now, having said that, consider that is a pilot
11 project to shake down the technology. I would tell you
12 and the public that that technology is not ready for prime
13 time yet. There's a lot of issues that we need to work
14 through, aside from just basic things like maintainability
15 and programming things in the future. We still need to
16 shake out the best place to put those kind of things.

17 So before we can contemplate putting it elsewhere
18 in the state, we still need to have some -- some
19 brilliant, hard, serious conversations about the
20 technology.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Thank you for your comments.
22 The only other note I'd just like to make is we kind of
23 get focused and preoccupied with that corridor between
24 Phoenix to Tucson and some points south from Tucson to
25 Nogales right now with our I-11 initiatives in the

1 intermountain corridors.

2 But we can't as a -- as a Board, and I'm sure the
3 Department would agree as well, ignore or put it on the
4 back burner the areas east of Tucson on I-10. Those have
5 as much significance for commerce and travel as any other
6 corridor in the state. And I think we get kind of
7 preoccupied with -- with the glamour and all of the
8 smoke -- not smoke and mirrors, bells and whistles --
9 bells and whistles that go along with the Phoenix to
10 Nogales issue. But we -- we need to maintain our focus
11 on -- on I-10 east.

12 MR. HARMON: I appreciate that thought,
13 Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any other questions of the
15 district engineer? Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

16 Moving on to the director's report, we will hear
17 from the ADOT director, Mr. John Halikowski.

18 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Thank you. Thanks,
19 Mr. Chairman. It's Friday. It's the 13th, and I know
20 there's a full moon tonight, so I want to be very careful.
21 Also, I heard Floyd over there say let's get to the
22 business at hand, the five-year plan. So I -- I would
23 like to beg your indulgence, and I'll do a more full
24 report at the next meeting.

25 But a couple of items I want to touch on this

1 last minute that have been mentioned in here. Mayor
2 Rankin mentioned the fact that we need to invest in
3 transportation infrastructure in the state. And as you
4 know through our presentations to you and to the Southern
5 Arizona Leadership Council and other business entities
6 throughout the state, we've been working very hard for the
7 past couple of years on this key commerce corridor
8 initiative to invest \$20 billion over 20 years in the
9 state transportation infrastructure. That's on our
10 website, and our plan is there.

11 But more importantly, next week the
12 Arizona-Mexico Commission will be meeting. And our
13 thought is that we would like to present to the
14 Arizona-Mexico Commission the Transportation and Trade
15 Corridor Alliance where -- that we've been doing under
16 Governor Brewer's executive order. And within that effort
17 to focus on our trade corridors and increase the state's
18 economy is the key commerce corridor plan. So that will
19 be available for folks to review. And that is not the end
20 of the discussion.

21 ADOT will still keep working and meeting with
22 folks, as we are with We Build Arizona right now to keep
23 talking about how we can get investment in the state's
24 infrastructure through initiatives in the future.

25 The other thing I -- I wanted to point out is

1 that you mentioned dust. And Bill I know has been working
2 on experimental dust issues. And he's got monitors at
3 Bowie and San Simon.

4 Just the other day we met with some engineers at
5 Maricopa County who have some new ideas that I just spoke
6 with the state engineer about on the way down here,
7 because right now we have difficulty detecting dust at
8 lower levels, say, around 2,000 feet or less.

9 And the other thing about the monitors we have is
10 that they're looking at a 10 kilometer or more area. We
11 would like to start to shrink that down to give more
12 accurate information.

13 And then, of course, finally there's the link
14 from the technology to the motorist. And our discussions
15 are revolving around with U of A how we can make that link
16 through existing databases. But eventually we're going to
17 have to look at putting some fiber into our rights-of-way
18 so that we can communicate with Traffic Operations Center
19 quickly and then back through various alert systems to
20 motorists. So we have not forgotten the dust issue, but
21 work continues on improving that technology.

22 And then as far as I-10 and not forgetting that
23 it is one of our key commerce corridors. I called a
24 meeting almost a month and a half ago now, as I am
25 president of the Western States Transportation Officials,

1 and invited all 18 member states to come to Tempe.
2 Sixteen came.

3 And one of the things we're focused on is how we
4 improve commercial traffic accessibility throughout our 18
5 states. And taking the I-95 corridor example that we see
6 on the east coast, certainly what we would like to do is
7 the intermountain west states and start to focus on those
8 types of commercial corridors and form our own corridor
9 coalitions out here in the west. Certainly, I-10 is one
10 of those. I-80 may be another. I-40 could be another.

11 So we plan to meet again to further discuss and
12 come up with some ideas on how we begin to make it a more
13 seamless transportation system throughout the
14 intermountain west. So I just wanted to let you know that
15 for us that is kind of glamorous if we can get a number of
16 states together and start talking about how we can work on
17 specific corridors.

18 So, thanks, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Thank you, Director. We'll
20 move on to our item 3 of the agenda, our consent agenda.
21 Does any Board member have any items that they would like
22 to pull for further discussion or isolation?

23 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Mr. Chair, I move to
24 approve the consent agenda as presented by staff.

25 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There is a motion by
2 Mr. Anderson and a second by Mr. La Rue to approve the
3 consent agenda as presented. Is there any discussion?

4 If not, all those in favor of approving the
5 consent agenda as presented signify by saying aye.

6 (All Board members say aye.)

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing non
8 opposition -- no opposition, we'll move on with the next
9 agenda item, which is the legislative report, as the
10 consent agenda has been approved.

11 We'll now here from our Deputy Director of
12 Policy, Mr. Floyd Roehrich.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And good
14 morning to you, the Board members, and Mr. Halikowski.

15 Mr. Biesty sends his regrets. He could not be
16 here. He had a conflict. We did not have a lot to report
17 at this time.

18 There's been, obviously, with the state
19 legislature completing their action and the governor
20 actioning all the -- the bills and at a loss from there,
21 he agreed with those last month, so that's fine.

22 On the federal level, he did want to just real
23 quickly just state that there's still a lot of dialogue
24 going on in Congress about reauthorization or an extension
25 of map 21. There's no general consensus coming out yet.

1 The administration has put a bill together. The House is
2 putting a bill together. The Senate has put a bill
3 together. And -- and -- and they all have enough
4 differences in them that -- that they've not reached a
5 consensus where they think there's going to be action any
6 time soon. So we're still monitoring that. Hopefully, by
7 next month we'll -- we'll see some action. Because as he
8 has reported previously, with the current funding and --
9 and -- that map 21 provided for the Highway Trust Fund, we
10 are looking at -- or the USDOT. And then the (Inaudible)
11 is looking at -- at a -- possibly a -- hitting below their
12 \$4 billion threshold of money in the -- in the account
13 probably sometime in the August/September time frame,
14 which could require them to adjust some of the payments
15 back to the states.

16 At this point we've not seen that or analyzed any
17 impact to our current year's program, the 2014 program.
18 But it would affect moving forward 2015 if they would have
19 to take actions regarding reimbursement or if they do not
20 do an extension or something to put money into a -- a
21 highway bill for fiscal year 15 and beyond. We're
22 continuing to monitor that. Hopefully, we'll have
23 something more to present by next month. But that's where
24 the legislative report stands at this time.

25 And Mr. Biesty said he would be available next

1 month to give more comprehensive review and get us updated
2 on any actions that are happening.

3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Roehrich, you used the
4 term, it could cause adjustments to the payments from the
5 federal government to the Department.

6 Could that also be it could cause a complete
7 stoppage of payments?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, at some point in time
9 that is correct. The -- the first action would be to --
10 to reduce payments and defer payments for projects that
11 are ongoing. But without a new bill, an extension that --
12 that would put money in for us to move forward with fiscal
13 year 15 projects, we would have to sit down and -- and
14 decide can we move forward with 15 projects, especially if
15 we as a state have the cash flow with our funds, given
16 Kristine's concerns about cash flow opportunity. It could
17 affect future projects, absolutely.

18 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: So the fourth quarter is -- is
19 when we're going to be monitoring very significantly?

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Well, Mr. Chairman, to that
21 point, we actually began monitoring this several months
22 ago.

23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Absolutely.

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Reports were coming out that
25 in fiscal year 14 the Highway Trust Fund was declining at

1 a rate sufficient enough to cause us some concern about
2 the slowdown of reimbursements in fiscal 14. We sat and
3 did a lot of analysis on fiscal 14. And I would say that
4 we're okay right now as we sit here today for fiscal year
5 14. We'll be able to -- to work those projects.

6 As Floyd said, fiscal year 15 is a different
7 story, and it's very hard to tell because you're trying to
8 predict what Congress will do. As we all know, that is --
9 is crystal balling a lot of things.

10 So we've looked around at what some other states
11 are doing. And I think Arkansas is one of the examples
12 we're looking at where I believe they pulled at least ten
13 projects out, out of their next five year coming up in
14 fiscal 15 because of the concern about whether funds would
15 be available.

16 I spend a lot of time back east, as you know.
17 And it's just, I will tell you, very frustrating for state
18 DOTs, because we keep getting dangled over the cliff on a
19 string saying things could get cut and then at the last
20 minute something always seems to come through.

21 We've been watching the House and the Senate,
22 their numerous amendments to both transportation bills.
23 And at this point what I would say is that there's still a
24 lot of talking to go on. And I've tried to hold back and
25 not get too excited about some of the amendments we've

1 seen because I don't think they've decided yet what
 2 they're going to do. But, certainly, Congress is aware
 3 that states, if they don't do something for 15, are -- are
 4 going to be looking at pulling projects back.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Yeah, I think the take away
 6 from all this is that we've been struggling with reduced
 7 revenues coming in. Now we're facing no revenues at all,
 8 potentially.

9 And I've been noticing that a number of states
 10 and their Transportations have taken the stance that they
 11 just can't rely on the federal government and that they're
 12 going to have to call their own shots and create their own
 13 revenue sources and fund their own projects as possible
 14 and that the partnership that existed with Washington is
 15 no longer a viable one and it's -- I know that the
 16 Department has been monitoring it, as you say. But it's
 17 probably a wake up call for not only the state of Arizona
 18 but all states that we can't rely on what happens in
 19 Washington and we need to find our own revenue sources and
 20 promote our own projects without relying on Washington.

21 Any questions on the legislative report to
 22 Mr. Roehrich?

23 If not, Mr. Roehrich, would you please proceed on
 24 behalf of Kristine Ward, the financial report.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair. And she does

1 express her regrets that -- that she was not able to make
 2 this.

3 She does -- her and her staff are in the middle
 4 of closing out of state fiscal year 2014, so they're --
 5 they're reconciling all the books for that, as well as
 6 looking at that -- that fourth quarter fiscal year 2015,
 7 which goes until the end of September, and reviewing all
 8 that.

9 She will have a comprehensive presentation next
 10 month that will allow her to let the Board know how -- how
 11 we're closing out 2014 state fiscal year and then rolling
 12 out for the end of the federal fiscal for 2014, as well.
 13 So she will have that all available.

14 But the one issue she did want to say is the
 15 five-year program that is presented to you today which has
 16 incorporated the comments from the study session and is
 17 brought current has been fully analyzed from her financial
 18 perspective, and it is fully fiscally constrained. So it
 19 meets all conditions. And I have notification that it's
 20 gone to the FHWA, as well as now presented to the Board.
 21 So adoption of the five-year program meets fiscal
 22 constraint.

23 Any adjustments to the five-year program would
 24 then require her to review that, which could possibly
 25 delay the Board taking action on that. She just wanted to

1 make sure that I had made that point.

2 So the five-year program as reviewed with the
3 Board is fiscally constrained and ready to go. And that's
4 all I have for a financial report.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any questions regarding the
6 financial report of Mr. Roehrich?

7 Can I ask you a question regarding the item 6,
8 which is now before us, which is the final approval of the
9 statewide transportation.

10 Is there a staff presentation that is in the
11 ready here?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Omer will come up
13 and present that item. And then if we -- the Board has
14 further discussions and comments on that, we can --

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Okay.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: We can have them.

17 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: So we'll proceed then with the
18 presentation by the assistant director for multimodal
19 planning, Mr. Scott Omer, who will present the final
20 statewide transportation facilities construction program.

21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
22 note that Mr. Omer had a tie on this morning when I met
23 him, but he saw I wasn't wearing one, so.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: So noted.

25 MR. OMER: If you remember Heartbreak Ridge,

1 there's a reason why I took my tie off. So thank you
2 Mr. Chairman, members of the Board.

3 I am actually really happy to -- this is my
4 favorite meeting of the year. Well, except for last year.
5 (Inaudible) approval of the five-year program. So
6 hopefully this is my favorite meeting of the year.

7 So, again, I -- I would like to say that, you
8 know, we appreciate all the hard work and effort that the
9 Transportation Board has gone through, really, the last
10 four or five years. This has not been an easy process.
11 For the members that are newer on the Board, this isn't
12 the first time we've had to make multiple adjustments in
13 our program because of finances (Inaudible).

14 This Board has also been really good about
15 listening to the staff and making sure that we're hearing
16 your input, we're hearing the -- you know, our
17 constituents and your -- and their input and all our
18 stakeholders. So we do appreciate that.

19 And then I'd like to thank my staff, of course,
20 because they really do hit really hard for the last six
21 months or so of the year to make sure that we can prepare
22 the program. So we appreciate everyone's efforts.

23 As you know, as part of our process we do conduct
24 three public hearings throughout the state of Arizona. We
25 do those in Phoenix. This year it was in Marana and also

1 in Flagstaff. We have the public who make comments. We
 2 have our web page, in person, written. As of in -- as of
 3 May 20th, which was our public work study session, and we
 4 also had with the Board at that time, which was the end of
 5 the comment period, we'd only received 81 comments this
 6 year, which was in big contrast to last year when we
 7 received -- I think it was like 800.

8 So, but again, we did hear -- have good comments
 9 on the program. We make sure that we take those into
 10 consideration as we move forward. And we do listen to the
 11 comments, whether in writing or people coming to the -- to
 12 the meetings or via the web page or even people coming up
 13 and stopping to say, how about this.

14 So some of the staff recommendations of the major
 15 project changes that we talked about in May with the Board
 16 at the study session are outlined here. And we haven't
 17 made any other changes other than what we talked about at
 18 the study session, and I'll show you those.

19 But the recommendations that we provide today is
 20 the SR 189 Nogales to I-19 project. The total project
 21 cost is about \$69 million. Staff's recommendation is to
 22 have \$2 million put aside for the environmental process in
 23 FY 16, \$4 million set aside for the design of the project
 24 in FY 18, and then the -- the construction of the project
 25 is \$63 million of that project is actually we're showing

1 it in FY 21, which is not -- and I'll just make it clear.
 2 It's not in this five-year program. It is in the
 3 Department's development program.

4 The SR 347 project, the railroad pass in
 5 Maricopa. The total cost of the project is currently
 6 estimated at \$55 million. Staff's recommendation is to
 7 have \$6 million for the design of the project in FY 15,
 8 \$5.5 million for right-of-way the project -- right-of-way
 9 for the project in 16, another \$7.3 million for
 10 right-of-way for the project in FY 17, and the
 11 construction of the project is about \$36.2 million. And
 12 we have that shown in FY 20, which is the first year of
 13 the development program.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Omer, let me interrupt you
 15 real briefly on this particular project. How does this
 16 all configure with what the jurisdictions are inputting as
 17 far as contributions toward the project?

18 MR. OMER: So, Mr. Chairman, that's a great
 19 question. And I think by now you know that I'm pretty
 20 conservative. And we have not shown any local funding in
 21 this program because we don't have an agreement in place.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: And what --

23 MR. OMER: As we move forward and -- and in good
 24 faith, the City of Maricopa and any other stakeholders
 25 that move forward to assist in funding of the project,

1 we'll amend our program at that time showing the funding.
 2 And if there was an opportunity to move forward, it would
 3 be because of that funding that would be coming in.

4 Does that answer your question?

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: That answers my question.

6 MR. OMER: And last, the other project we talked
 7 about in May was the US 60 Show Low to Little Mormon Lake
 8 project. We show \$6 million for the construction of that
 9 project in FY 18. As you remember, the staff recommended
 10 to not include it. The Board asked us to include it. So
 11 we have done that in this -- in the program.

12 Next, see, this is the same chart that we've been
 13 showing for the last couple of years now about how we
 14 divide up our funding, with the green being preservation
 15 of our program -- of our transportation system, the
 16 burgundy or red color being modernization of the system,
 17 the purple being project development costs, the gold being
 18 planning, and then blue being expansion of the system.

19 As you can see, the expansion projects that we
 20 have in each one of the years of the five-year program, at
 21 least the major projects that we'd like to highlight is in
 22 FY 15. We have the US 60 Silver King project at a total
 23 of \$45 million in the program. US 95 Fortune Wash Bridge
 24 project at \$13.5 million in the program. We went and
 25 showed the SR 347 Maricopa Road overpass design as \$6

1 million -- or \$6 million for design of the project in FY
 2 15.

3 SR 260 Thousand Trails is a \$62 million project
 4 in FY 16. SR 347, the first year of right-of-way for the
 5 project at \$5.5 million. And the SR 189 Nogales 919
 6 project, the environmental document for \$2 million in FY
 7 16.

8 Moving on to FY 17, the SR 89 Junction 89A to
 9 Deep Well Ranch Road is \$15 million in FY 17. With the
 10 design of the I-15 -- I-15 bridge number one project for
 11 \$2.5 million in FY 17, and SR 347, the other section --
 12 segment of the right-of-way at \$7.3 million in FY 17.

13 Moving on to FY 18, SR 189 design at \$4 million.
 14 The SR 60 Show Low to Little Mormon Lake is shown at
 15 \$6 million in FY 18. And that's the only two major
 16 projects that we have in the program in that year.

17 And then in FY 19 we would have the design of the
 18 260 Lion Springs project, and the construction of the I-15
 19 Virgin River Bridge project is \$33 million in FY 19.

20 We move on to the development program. We did
 21 balance the program to make sure that we're still trying
 22 to get to that point where we would keep preservation as a
 23 key component in the -- in the -- for the Department we
 24 have to make sure we're preserving our actual
 25 transportation system.

1 So as I had mentioned earlier, we put SR 347
2 construction in the project at \$35.2 million to \$36.2
3 million -- sorry -- in FY 20. SR 189 construction of the
4 project in Nogales at \$63 million in FY 21. I-10 SR 87
5 Picacho Peak project is scheduled at \$85 million in FY 22.
6 And I-10 Early to I-8 is \$40 million FY 23.

7 And we did not include any other expansion
8 projects in the development program. We really felt that
9 it was important for us to be able to fund preservation
10 and still be able to keep our system preserves. We didn't
11 add any expansion -- or, yeah, any expansion (Inaudible).
12 We're trying to preserve our system.

13 Individual project updates that we've done in the
14 regions. We did have, you know, conversations with PAG,
15 and we made sure that we covered all the changes that need
16 to be made. Slight changes on I-10 Ina Road TI. And I
17 spoke to you about this at the study session. We
18 decreased the amount of RTA funds by \$1.5 million in FY
19 16, so it changed it from \$34.2 million to \$32.7 million.
20 On the same project we added PAG STP funds in FY 16 for a
21 total of \$600,000. And PAG Regional Council approved us
22 on March 27th.

23 The SR 87 Town of Sells project, we advanced the
24 construction of that project from FY 15 to FY 14. So you
25 would not see it in this new program. It's actually moved

1 up to this year.

2 The SR 86 Valencia to Kenney project. This
3 project really did cause us to make numerous adjustments
4 to the transportation five-year program in general,
5 because we had to delay this project from FY 14 to FY 15.
6 It's \$43.4 million. And we did have to make other
7 adjustments to make sure that we could find a place for it
8 to land.

9 The other projects that were moved because of
10 this project were the I-14 Walnut Canyon, the Twin Airst
11 project, SR 89 milepost -- I'm sorry. It's the Slide
12 project south of Page at \$25 million. And SR 86 Town of
13 Sells to Fresno project, which I just mentioned. All
14 these projects were moved to other -- to other fiscal
15 years than FY 14 in order to fund this project in FY 15.

16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Inaudible). It's in 14,
17 right?

18 MR. OMER: The other proposed changes in the MAG
19 region. We did look at the freeway management system in
20 the MAG region, and MAG -- freeway management system
21 program is updated to align with delays. Revenue
22 production projections. The MAG Regional Council did
23 approve this on May 28th.

24 The I-10 Fairway Drive to El Mirage TI, we have
25 design for the project in FY 15 and right-of-way for the

1 project FY 15, as well, for a total between those two of
2 \$1.9 million.

3 A little bit more detail about the 189 project.
4 As I reported to you at the study session, the project is
5 ongoing. The DCR and the planning environmental linkage's
6 project was developing (Inaudible) alternatives if we
7 complete it a little bit later on. The current cost
8 estimate is \$69 million. We're showing you how we're
9 going to put those into the program.

10 We didn't feel like the delivery project --
11 delivery of the project would be a high risk. It's more
12 of a medium risk because of the lack of the identification
13 of the final funding for the project. Even though we have
14 it in our development program, it's not -- that part isn't
15 (Inaudible) physically constrained. And the NPA document
16 is on hold until the funding source can be committed to
17 implement the recommendations of the final project itself.

18 And the SR 347 project. As I just talked about,
19 this project will be -- the DCR is going to be complete at
20 the end of this calendar year, so in fiscal year 15.

21 Let's talk a little bit about how we put the
22 project into the program. And when this project is
23 completed with phases of the project in the program, we
24 think we can go ahead and sign off -- or the Federal
25 Highway Administration can sign off on the environmental

1 (Inaudible) because it has specific segments of the
2 project funded.

3 US 60 to Little Mormon Lake project. We have it
4 on hold. We'll start the project up again as soon as
5 the -- if the Board chooses -- approves this project
6 today. We have it at \$6 million, and that's pretty much
7 it. We were asked to put this project back into the
8 program.

9 So, Mr. Chair, that's the end of my presentation.
10 I'd gladly ask any other -- or answer any questions.

11 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Are there any questions from
12 the Board of Mr. Omer regarding the five-year plan?

13 Ms. Beaver.

14 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Yes. I just wanted to ask.
15 With regard to the delivery program, as far as having it
16 in this, they are in here. I realize they were a little
17 bit fluid.

18 Are those going -- they're incorporated into this
19 when we vote on it today?

20 MR. OMER: Are you --

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: That's the final plan.

22 MR. OMER: Mr. -- Mr. Christy and Ms. Beaver, do
23 you mean the development program?

24 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: No. The development
25 program is in here. I see that. But I don't see the

1 programs that you just -- the slides you just had up
2 there, I don't see those in here.

3 MR. OMER: Okay. Sorry. Mr. Chair, Ms. Beaver,
4 while the slides may not be in there, the actual physical
5 projects --

6 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Projects.

7 MR. OMER: -- are in the program, so.

8 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Okay. Well, I was looking
9 for those two --

10 MR. OMER: Correct.

11 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: -- and I was struggling
12 to -- to locate them.

13 MR. OMER: Which two? Are you looking for two
14 specific projects?

15 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Yes. The Mormon.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: The Show Low project?

17 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Yeah, the Show Low Mormon
18 Lake project, specifically. And --

19 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: SR 347 or --

20 MR. OMER: It's going to be on Page 33 in the
21 program. It sounds like I'm speaking -- I'm in church.
22 It's on Page 33 of your program. We can all sing now.
23 The third project up from the bottom.

24 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any further questions of

1 Mr. Omer?

2 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: Mr. Chair, I think she had
3 one other --

4 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: And 347.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: I'm sorry.

6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'm sure you know what page
7 it's on.

8 MR. OMER: Page 45.

9 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Okay.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: One of the Board members
11 mentioned to me that the railroad overpass maybe is
12 necessary here instead of in Maricopa. Destroying the
13 ambiance of the wine last night (Inaudible). I don't want
14 to mention Board Member La Rue by name.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. -- Mr. Chair and
16 Mr. Director, as you know, this is the Board's program. I
17 can just leave it at that.

18 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any further questions of
19 Mr. Omer? If not, at this time I'd like to ask Mr. --

20 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: No, I have a question.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. La Rue.

22 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: So, Scott, we received an
23 e-mail I think yesterday with a court order. How does
24 that -- does that have any impact on what we're doing
25 here? And can you just clarify that?

1 MR. OMER: So I might ask the -- let me --

2 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. La Rue. I
3 think that is a legal question that I'm hoping
4 administratively we -- we could answer that. That might
5 be something directed toward your Board attorney. And
6 because it is a legal question, you may want to consider
7 it in executive session if you're asking for legal advice
8 or interpretation.

9 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: I'm not really asking for
10 legal advice. I'm just asking to put it in context of
11 what approval we're making with regards to the airport
12 piece of the five-year plan.

13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Michelle, did you get a
14 chance to see that? We had e-mailed it to you, and I had
15 one conversation with Mr. Acosta. I don't know if this is
16 something you want to address.

17 MS. KUNZMAN: Well, I do think that if the Board
18 is asking for legal advice that we would go into executive
19 session.

20 But I do actually agree with the member, Member
21 La Rue that it sounds to me like what you're asking is
22 substantively if the issues that are within that Order, if
23 they are, in fact, impacted by approval of the five-year
24 plan; is that correct?

25 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: Correct.

1 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: And that -- that answer would
2 be required in executive session?

3 MS. KUNZMAN: No. I -- I believe that would be a
4 question that substantively Mr. Omer could answer, I would
5 think.

6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So let me answer for the
7 Department, Mr. Chairman and Mr. La Rue. You know, I've
8 reviewed that letter or the case that was sent to us. I
9 do not see how it relates to the five-year program that
10 you're getting ready to vote on. It's a completely
11 different case and issue. And the fact set doesn't even
12 seem to have anything to do with what we're talking about
13 as far as the Grand Canyon Airport. So I don't see it as
14 an issue.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: If -- if the Board would feel
16 more comfortable with getting formal legal advice from our
17 attorney, the Board -- the Chairman would entertain a
18 motion to go into executive session.

19 Hearing no such motion, any further questions of
20 Mr. Omer?

21 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chair, if I could. I would
22 just ask our attorney to identify for the record her name
23 and position. We didn't catch that.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Oh, I'm sorry.

25 MR. HALIKOWSKI: I want to make sure it's

1 recorded in the minutes in case any questions come up
2 about the issue in the future.

3 MS. KUNZMAN: Thank -- thank you, Dr. Halikowski.
4 My name is Michelle Kunzman from the attorney general's
5 office.

6 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: At this time I'd like to ask
8 Mr. Anderson, Vice Chair Anderson, if he'd like to propose
9 a motion.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Inaudible).

11 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: In a way I do feel like
12 all eyes are on me. But I think the exercise that we went
13 through last year, and I think, you know, Mr. Omer, doing
14 the -- the work session a few weeks ago was really good,
15 as well as not having three scenarios for the public -- or
16 the Board to -- to consider. And so I think we've learned
17 a lot over the last, you know, year, 18 months.

18 And so with that, I'd like to make a motion to
19 approve the 2015-2019 statewide transportation facilities
20 construction program.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: We have a motion. Is there a
22 second?

23 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: I second.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Cuthbertson has seconded
25 the motion. Any discussion on the motion at hand?

1 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of the
2 motion to approve the 2015 to 2019 statewide
3 transportation facilities construction program so signify
4 by saying aye.

5 (All Board members say aye.)

6 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
7 five-year program plan is approved.

8 Our next agenda item is a report on our
9 multimodal planning division. And once again we'll hear
10 from our assistant director of multimodal planning,
11 Mr. Scott Omer.

12 MR. OMER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So as usual I'm
13 here to give an update on the I-11 Intermountain West
14 Corridor study. And kind of like the program, we're
15 winding this thing up as well, and you won't have to be
16 hearing about this very much longer.

17 So kind of where we're at on the project is -- is
18 we've said all along that this study was scheduled to be
19 wrapped up in July. And I'm holding -- holding firm that
20 we're going to wrap this up in July.

21 What we have next is we have the final public
22 meetings are scheduled in the Tucson area on June 18, in
23 Phoenix on June 25th, and then there's some virtual public
24 meetings that have been going on throughout the last --
25 throughout this month and into next month. And in

1 culmination of that, it ends up being that we'll be
 2 confirming what the study recommendations are and
 3 proposing an implementation plan, both near-term and
 4 long-term steps and presenting the business case that will
 5 basically -- what it says is that we feel that the
 6 corridor is viable. It does have business case that
 7 supports it. And we would at that point put the project
 8 on hold and -- well, actually, not put it on hold, but
 9 we'd adopt this project as complete at that time. We will
 10 bring back the final recommendations to the Board,
 11 probably ask if you would like to see those in a study
 12 session or in this meeting. We could do a final
 13 presentation of exactly what the recommendations are.

14 But, Mr. Chair, that's the completion of my I-11
 15 update for this month.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: So you're still -- as you say,
 17 you're still holding firm on the July timetable for the
 18 study completion?

19 MR. OMER: I am. I'm not holding the contract,
 20 but I do believe that that's what we're (Inaudible) for
 21 wrapping this up in July. That's -- we have not had
 22 any -- any indications that that wasn't going to happen.

23 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Okay. Any questions regarding
 24 the I-11 corridor study or project from the Board?

25 Hearing going none, Mr. Omer, you're still on the

1 (Inaudible) here for the item 8, the priority planning
 2 advisory committee report.

3 MR. OMER: Mr. Chair, we do have -- actually, we
 4 have two separate sections to go today. The first is the
 5 May 28 PPAC meeting. We do have projects 8 A, as in
 6 alpha, through 8 X, as in x-ray, that were project
 7 modifications.

8 The Department would recommend approval of these
 9 projects. If you would like to see any of these
 10 individually, we can pull those. If not, we'd recommend
 11 all these projects at one time.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Is there a Board member that
 13 would like to have those projects pulled?

14 If not, the Chair would entertain a motion to
 15 accept and approve the project modification items 8 A
 16 through 8 X as presented.

17 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: So moved.

18 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by
 20 Mr. Anderson and a second by Ms. Beaver to approve the
 21 project modifications item A -- items 8 A through 8 X as
 22 presented.

23 Any discussion? All those in favor of the motion
 24 signify by saying aye.

25 (All Board members say aye.)

1 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
2 opposition, the project modifications as presented have
3 passed.

4 Mr. Omer.

5 MR. OMER: Mr. Chair, next we have our new
6 projects that are identified in item 8 Y, as in Yankee,
7 through 8 alpha x-ray, AX. We -- again, we can do these
8 projects independently or the Board -- or the Department
9 is fine with these being altogether if that's your wish.

10 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Is there a desire by any Board
11 member to pull any of these projects individually for
12 inspection?

13 If not, the Chair will entertain a motion to
14 accept and approve new projects items 8Y, as in Yankee,
15 through 8 Alpha x-ray as presented.

16 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: So moved.

17 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Ms. Beaver
19 and a second by Vice Chairman Anderson to accept and
20 approve new projects items 8 Y through 8 AX as presented.

21 All those in -- excuse me. Discussion? Hearing
22 no call for discussion, all those in favor of the motion
23 as presented signify by saying aye.

24 (All Board members say aye.)

25 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no

1 opposition, new projects item -- items 8 Y through 8 AX
2 pass as presented.

3 Mr. Omer.

4 MR. OMER: (Inaudible), Mr. Chair, on the second.
5 The loan airport project is at item 8 Alpha Yankee or 8
6 AY. The Board -- the Department will recommend approval
7 of this project.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any questions of Mr. Omer
9 requesting this project modification?

10 If not, the Chair will entertain a motion to
11 accept and approve airport project item 8 AY as presented.

12 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: So moved.

13 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Mr. La Rue
15 and a second by Ms. Beaver to accept and approve airport
16 project item 8 AY as presented.

17 Discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of
18 the motion signify by saying aye.

19 (All Board members says aye.)

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
21 opposition, the airport project item 8 AY as presented
22 passes.

23 Mr. Omer.

24 MR. OMER: Mr. Chair, now if we could move on to
25 the specialty type meeting of June 3rd, which is on Page

1 94 of your agenda. We do have project modifications are
 2 items 8 Alpha Zulu through 8 bravo Frank -- or bravo
 3 foxtrot. Sorry.

4 So if we -- it's the Board's pleasure, if you'd
 5 like to take these independently or all at one time. The
 6 Department recommends approval of these projects.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Is there a desire by any Board
 8 member to take these projects individually?

9 Hearing no such request, the Chair will entertain
 10 a motion to accept and approve the addendum project
 11 modifications items 8 AZY -- am I on the right one?

12 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: AZ.

13 MR. OMER: AZ.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: I'm sorry. Items 8 AZ through
 15 8 BF as presented.

16 BOARD MEMBER SELLERS: So moved.

17 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by
 19 Mr. Sellers and seconded by Mr. Anderson to accept and
 20 approve addendum project modifications item 8 AZ through 8
 21 BF as presented.

22 Discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of
 23 the motion as presented signify by saying aye.

24 (All Board members say aye.)

25 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no

1 opposition, the addendum project modifications items 8 AZ
 2 through 8 BF pass as presented.

3 Mr. Omer.

4 MR. OMER: Lastly, Mr. Chair. The addendum new
 5 projects are items B bravo golf, BG through 8 Charlie
 6 bravo, CB. We do have one minor issue on item 8 BH, bravo
 7 Henry. The county is Gila instead of Pinal.

8 But other than that, Mr. Chair, the staff would
 9 recommend approval of these projects.

10 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Bravo, Mr. Omer. At this
 11 point, unless there's any motion to discuss this project
 12 in its entirety, the Chair would accept a motion to
 13 approve addendum new projects item 8 BG through 8 CB as
 14 presented.

15 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: So moved.

16 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There is a motion made by
 18 Mr. Cuthbertson and seconded by Vice Chair Anderson to
 19 accept and approve addendum new projects items 8 BG
 20 through 8 CB as presented.

21 Discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of
 22 the motion as presented signify by saying aye.

23 (All Board members say aye.)

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none the
 25 motion carries.

1 Thank you, Mr. Omer. I don't know what we're
2 going to do without seeing your shining face in front of
3 us.

4 MR. OMER: I'll be back in a second.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Oh.

6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We have (Inaudible) shining
7 face.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Well, this is a breath of
9 fresh air. Maybe a hurricane. Who knows.

10 Our next agenda item is the state engineer's
11 report. And we'll hear from the deputy director of
12 transportation and our state engineer Jennifer Toth.

13 MS. TOTH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of
14 the Board. Currently we have 113 projects under
15 construction which are totaling just above \$750 million,
16 and fiscal year to date we have closed out 143 projects.
17 Eight of those were done in the month of May.

18 That concludes the state engineer's report. I'd
19 be happy to answer any questions.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any questions of the state
21 engineer?

22 Hearing no questions, thank you, Ms. Toth. If
23 you'd proceed on to construction contracts item No. 10.

24 MS. TOTH: Thank you. I want to thank the Board
25 for their approval of the seven consent contracts on the

1 agenda.

2 And then moving on, we have nine nonconsented
3 contracts, seven of which are retained over another
4 justifications, and then two of which need a little bit
5 more explanation.

6 The first project, item 10 A, is on State Route
7 77 north of Snowflake. It's a widening and drainage
8 improvement project.

9 And the reason for the difference is because work
10 would be slow because of difficulty in accessing the site.
11 So there's limited working room, and working in multiple
12 phases requires more time and different equipment than was
13 estimated by the Department for both the roadway
14 excavate -- or all three of the roadway excavation, the
15 aggregate phase, and the asphalt and concrete. And the
16 rail bank protection, the Department just underestimated
17 that item. All bids from all bidders were higher than the
18 Department estimate for that item. So based on that
19 information and review of the bid tabs, it is recommended
20 the contract be awarded to Southwest Concrete Paving.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: District 5 is Hank's, isn't
22 it? So seeing he's not here, is there any questions of
23 the state engineer regarding this contract?

24 Hearing no questions, the Chair would entertain a
25 motion to accept and approve the staff's recommendation to

1 award the contract for item 10 A to Southwest Concrete
2 Paving Company.

3 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: So moved.

4 BOARD MEMBER SELLERS: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Ms. Beaver
6 and a second by Mr. Sellers to accept and approve staff's
7 recommendation to award the contract for item 10 A to
8 Southwest Concrete Paving Company.

9 Discussion? All those in favor of the motion
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (All Board members say aye.)

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
13 opposition, the motion carries.

14 Ms. Toth.

15 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Item No. 10 B is actually
16 at the -- in Payson at the intersection of State Route 87
17 and 260. It's extending medians, removing and replacing
18 AC, and installing an overhead sign structure.

19 The reason for the difference on this project is
20 due to the heavy traffic volumes at the intersection, the
21 work must be done in kind of piecemeal fashion. They're
22 also done at night, resulting in lower production rates
23 than what the Department estimated. So it is recommended
24 that the contract be awarded to AJP Electric.

25 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Who represents District 4?

1 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: I do.

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Okay. Mr. Anderson, do you
3 have any questions or comments regarding this project?

4 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: No, I don't. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Hearing no questions for the
6 state engineer regarding this project, the Chair will
7 entertain a motion to accept and approve staff's
8 recommendation to award the contract for item 10 B to AJP
9 Electric, Inc.

10 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: So moved.

11 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Vice Chair
13 Anderson and a second by Mr. La Rue to approve staff's
14 recommendation to award the contract for item 10 B to AJP
15 Electric, Inc.

16 Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor
17 of the motion signify by saying aye.

18 (All Board members say aye.)

19 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
20 motion carries.

21 Ms. Toth.

22 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Moving on to item 10 C.
23 This project is actually in two locations, one on State
24 Route 188 and the remainder on State Route 288. And they
25 are both concrete box culvert repairs.

1 The reason for the differences on this project is
 2 on the structural concrete removal, the Department assumed
 3 that waste material could be buried on-site. But the
 4 depth could not be sufficient to allow that, so it results
 5 in a higher haul cost for the disposal of that. In
 6 addition, we thought that the structural concrete could be
 7 dumped directly into the forms, and we actually are going
 8 to need to use a conveyor to move the -- the concrete,
 9 which results in a higher cost, as well. So based on the
 10 analysis and the bid tabs, it is recommended the contract
 11 be awarded to FNF Contracting.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Cuthbertson, this is your
 13 district. Do you have any questions of the state
 14 engineer?

15 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: Actually, I don't
 16 think it's my district --

17 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: It's mine.

18 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: -- because I don't
 19 have (Inaudible).

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Oh, it is your district.

21 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Actually, you've got all the
 23 districts. Okay. Vice Chair, sorry. Vice Chair
 24 Anderson.

25 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: I have no issues, and I

1 move for approval.

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Vice Chair
 3 Anderson to approve the motion to accept and approve
 4 staff's recommendation to award the contract for item 10 C
 5 to FNF Construction.

6 Is there a second?

7 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: I second.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Cuthbertson has seconded
 9 the motion.

10 Discussion? All those in favor of the motion
 11 signify by saying aye.

12 (All Board members say aye.)

13 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none the
 14 motion carries.

15 Ms. Toth.

16 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Moving on to item 10 D.
 17 This is a segment of the 303 from US 60 to Happy Valley
 18 Road. This is a design build project. So when the
 19 Department does its estimate, it does its estimate at a
 20 30 percent level. And so that's part of the reason why
 21 you see the higher -- or the lower prices, actually, on
 22 this project coming in from the contractor.

23 So in order to construct the roadway, (Inaudible)
 24 actually achieve some savings by grinding the existing AC
 25 and AB into reusable material that they're using for base

1 material. In addition, the large amount of conduit and
 2 trenching needed for the project really resulted in
 3 production efficiencies by the contractor that were not
 4 anticipated by the Department's estimate as well. And
 5 then top soil, they're going to be -- rather than bringing
 6 in top soil, they're going to amend the soil to be able to
 7 use it as top soil. So it's recommended the contract be
 8 awarded to FNF Construction.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Sellers, Mr. La Rue, this
 10 is your district. Any questions of the state engineer?

11 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: Yeah, it's actually in my
 12 backyard, so it looks very nice. A question. That \$10
 13 million savings, can I move it somewhere else on that 303,
 14 enhance it?

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Are you making a motion?

16 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: Yeah, I'll make a motion.
 17 I move the \$10 million. No. Motion to approve.

18 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: A motion by Mr. La Rue to
 19 accept and approve staff's recommendation to award the
 20 contract for item 10 D, as in David, to FNF Construction
 21 has been made.

22 Is there a second?

23 BOARD MEMBER SELLERS: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a second by
 25 Mr. Sellers.

1 All those -- any discussion regarding the motion?

2 All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

3 (All Board members say aye.)

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
 5 motion carries.

6 Ms. Toth.

7 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Moving on to item 10 E.
 8 This is a shared use (Inaudible) in the town of Thatcher.
 9 And the reason for the difference is really due to the
 10 presence of many utility lines in the vicinity. So a lot
 11 of hand work is needed to be done, which lowers the
 12 production rate than was estimated by the Department. It
 13 is recommended that the contract be awarded to Visus
 14 Engineering Construction.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Ms. -- Vice Chair Anderson,
 16 this is in your district. Any questions of the district
 17 engineer?

18 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: No questions or issues.
 19 I move for approval.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's been a motion made by
 21 the Vice Chairman to accept and approve staff's
 22 recommendation to award the contract for item 10 E, as in
 23 Edward, to -- is it Visus or Vissus? Visus sounds better.
 24 Visus Engineering Construction.

25 Is there a second to the motion?

1 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Second.

2 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There is a second by
4 Ms. Beaver.

5 Discussion on the motion? All those in favor of
6 the motion as presented signify by saying aye.

7 (All Board members say aye.)

8 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
9 opposition, the motion carries.

10 Ms Toth.

11 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Moving on to item 10 F.
12 This is the safe routes to school project. And it is
13 constructing a school bus route driveway and also
14 sidewalks.

15 And the Department did estimate costs using crew
16 sizes and production rates typical of an urban project.
17 So due to the limited size of the worksite and the large
18 equipment, you know, it led to lower production rates,
19 hence; the Department overestimated. It is recommended
20 that the contract be awarded to KAZ Construction.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: District 5 is Mr. Rogers.
22 He's not here.

23 Are there any questions to the district engineer
24 regarding this project?

25 Hearing no questions, the Chair will entertain a

1 motion to accept and approve staff's recommendation to
2 award the contract for item 10 F to KAZ Construction, Inc.

3 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There is a motion by
5 Ms. Beaver. Is there a second?

6 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a second by Vice Chair
8 Anderson to accept and approve staff's recommendation to
9 award the contract for item 10 F to KAZ Construction.

10 Discussion? Hearing no discussion, all those in
11 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

12 (All Board members say aye.)

13 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
14 motion carries.

15 Ms. Toth.

16 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Moving on to 10 G on US
17 60. This is a rest area project. And the Department just
18 really doesn't have historical pricing on composting
19 toilets, so we overestimated those costs associated with
20 that. And it is recommended that the contract be awarded
21 to LOR Construction.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Could you give us a little bit
23 more detail about composting?

24 This is Mr. Cuthbertson's.

25 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: No, not mine.

1 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: You again? I'm sorry.
 2 Mr. Anderson, do you have any questions regarding this
 3 construction contract of the state engineer?

4 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: You know, I do not. But
 5 this is one -- one rest area that Hank, Mr. Rogers has
 6 always been --

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: That's why -- that's why I
 8 thought it was his.

9 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: Yeah. So, you know, I
 10 don't. So I'm going to move for approval on his behalf.

11 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Vice Chair
 12 Anderson to accept and approve staff's recommendation to
 13 award the contract for item 10 G to LOR Construction.

14 Is there a second?

15 BOARD MEMBER CUTHBERTSON: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson to
 17 accept and approve staff's recommendation to award the
 18 contract for item 10 G to LOR Construction, Inc.

19 Discussion? Hearing no discussion, all those in
 20 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

21 (All Board members say aye.)

22 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
 23 opposition, the motion carries.

24 Ms. Toth.

25 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Moving on to item 10 H.

1 (Inaudible).

2 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Sure.

3 MS. TOTH: Thank you. At the time of bid
 4 opening, Carson Construction certified that it had not met
 5 the BB established on this project, but had made a good
 6 faith effort. Carson's claim of good faith effort is
 7 currently under review at this time, and the Department
 8 does recommend postponing action until the July Board
 9 meeting in order to allow time for ADOT to complete the BB
 10 compliance review.

11 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Sellers or Mr. La Rue, do
 12 you have any questions regarding this?

13 BOARD MEMBER LA RUE: No. I'd move to accept
 14 staff's recommendation to postpone.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There has been a motion to
 16 accept and approve staff's recommendation to postpone
 17 award of the contract for item 10 H until the next
 18 meeting.

19 Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER SELLERS: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a second by
 22 Mr. Sellers.

23 All those -- any discussion on the motion?
 24 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of the motion as
 25 presented signify by saying aye.

1 (All Board members say aye.)

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
3 motion passes as presented.

4 Ms. Toth.

5 MS. TOTH: Thank you. Moving on to the last
6 project, item 10 I in Gila County. At bid openings Road
7 Safe Traffic Systems, (Inaudible) for that, was read as
8 apparent low bidder and Sun Line Contracting was read as
9 apparent second low bid. In reviews subsequent to the bid
10 opening, it was found that Road Safe Traffic Systems did
11 not sign its bid proposal. The standard specifications do
12 state that proposals will be considered irregular and will
13 be rejected if the bidder fails to sign the proposal.

14 The Department did notify all of the bidders
15 about this finding in a letter dated May 16 of this year
16 with the deadline of May 23rd for any protests concerning
17 the proposed recommendation. No responses have been
18 received, and the Department does recommend rejection of
19 Road Safe Traffic Systems' bid and award the project to
20 Sun Line Contracting.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Vice Chair Anderson, this is
22 your district. Any questions of the director -- of the --

23 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: No questions or issues.
24 With that I move --

25 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: The director. Sorry.

1 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: So I will move for
2 approval of staff's request to reject Road Safe Traffic
3 and approve the Sun Line Contracting bid.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Is there a second to Vice
5 Chair Anderson's motion?

6 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a second by Ms. Beaver
8 to accept and approve staff's recommendation to reject the
9 bid of Road Safe Traffic Systems, Inc. and award the
10 contract for item 10 I to Sun Line Contracting, LLC.

11 Discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all
12 those in favor of the motion as presented signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (All Board members say aye.)

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
16 motion carries. And thank you, Ms. Toth.

17 Mr. Roehrich will present item 11 on the agenda
18 regarding the new Board member e-mail addresses and agenda
19 templates.

20 Mr. Roehrich.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Board
22 members. I think it was last month I had given a
23 demonstration of the new Board website,
24 aztransportationboard.gov. In conjunction with that, we
25 were going to roll out this month the new e-mail addresses

1 that would be linked onto the website where all of your
2 contact information is for your constituents and others
3 who may want to contact you directly as opposed to going
4 through Board info where you all have to be broadcasted
5 and -- and -- and -- and kind of communication that --
6 that was not as direct towards your -- the public as we
7 would discuss.

8 Unfortunately, we've run into some issues with
9 developing those e-mail addresses and getting everything
10 set up. So at this point I'd like to just basically ask
11 the Board members to -- to complete and sign the forms,
12 the CAF forms, the computer access forms. We'll get that
13 done. But we're now looking at August or possibly the
14 first of September until we will have everything linked
15 into the new website that will provide direct e-mail
16 access to all of the Board members.

17 So at that time, once I've had a chance to work
18 through our IT group and verify that everything is
19 working, then we will agendize it again, come back, and
20 then remind everybody how the e-mail addresses and all
21 that would work.

22 But the computer access form is -- is one -- it's
23 an administrative form that we have to certify back to
24 (Inaudible) and everybody that you will be having access
25 through our system to the new website for e-mail

1 communications.

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Does this delay have anything
3 to do with the Affordable Healthcare Act getting health
4 insurance, Mr. Roehrich?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, it does not.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Okay.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: It's all technology driven towards
8 working on -- that's just whatever it is. I don't know.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: So if I like my Board
10 membership, I can keep it?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: That is correct. Now, the -- but
12 the cost might go up.

13 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: With --

14 MR. ROEHRICH: I'd just have the Board members to
15 finish the forms. I know I think Mary has given them to
16 everybody. We just need to -- they're a very simple form.
17 Just to complete it.

18 And then once we have everything set up, we'll
19 agenda it, whether it's next month or the following month
20 when we're ready to get it back so we can get you all set
21 up for your direct e-mail communications.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: With the Board's approval,
23 we'll just defer this to Mr. Roehrich's discernment to
24 bring it before the Board again when completed.

25 And thank you, Mr. Roehrich.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: If we can move on to item 12.
3 Again we have our assistant director of multimodal
4 planning division, Scott Omer, who will present the
5 airport development plan loan to the City of Williams for
6 construction of new aircraft storage hangars at the City
7 owned and operated HA Clark Airport.

8 Mr. Omer.

9 MR. OMER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So Arizona
10 State Transportation Board policy No. 39 provides the
11 transportation board the ability to fund airport
12 development loan projects to airports for revenue
13 generating projects which are not eligible for development
14 grants. The Board sets aside \$2 million for that
15 annually. At least there was in 2014, there was \$2
16 million set aside.

17 Our guidelines require when we consider these
18 loans a review and a recommendation by an Airport
19 Development Loan Committee. We make a recommendation to
20 the Board. That committee consists of the airport route
21 manager, my client, who is here today. Kristine Ward is
22 our chief financial officer. The Chairman, Mr. Christy,
23 is on the committee, as well as myself.

24 So we reviewed the loan applications and make a
25 recommendation of yes or no. So the City of Williams as

1 the Mr. -- as the Chairman has said did apply for a grant
2 of \$500,000 to construct new aircraft storage hangars at
3 the City owned and operated HA Clark Airport.

4 We found the submission, the application was
5 complete. We reviewed it and the Airport Development Loan
6 Committee makes the recommendation to the Board to approve
7 this loan application by the City of Williams. So we
8 would ask the Board to approve the loan of \$500,000 to the
9 City of Williams for construction of new airport --
10 aircraft storage hanger at the HA Clark Airport in
11 Williams, Arizona.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any questions regarding this
13 agenda item of Mr. Omer from the Board?

14 Hearing no requests for questions, the Chair
15 would entertain a motion to approve the airport
16 development plan loan in the amount of \$500,000 to the
17 City of Williams for construction of new aircraft storage
18 hangers at the City owned and operated HA Clark Airport in
19 Williams, Arizona.

20 BOARD MEMBER SELLERS: Move for approval.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by
22 Mr. Sellers to approve.

23 Is there a second?

24 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by Ms. Beaver.

1 Discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of
2 the motion as presented signify by saying aye.

3 (All Board members say aye.)

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
5 motion carries.

6 We are at the last agenda item, suggestions for
7 future Board meetings.

8 Mr. Roehrich.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I just want to -- to
10 remind the Board that in the past we've been asked to set
11 up and coordinate two -- two agenda items that we're still
12 working on. We were not able to get them ready for this
13 month, so we're continuing to move forward.

14 One of them was an overview of the Grand Canyon
15 Airport development plan that the Department has in the
16 near term and, if you will, kind of the short -- the --
17 the -- maybe midterm plans. It was in conjunction to -- I
18 believe it was last month where a number of calls to the
19 audience requests concerns about the Grand Canyon Airport.
20 We were asked to prepare that.

21 We'll have that ready to go next month. And when
22 we put together, the agenda, Mr. Chair, if it's still
23 wanted out to the agenda, we'll be prepared, staff, to
24 present that.

25 The second item we were asked to -- to coordinate

1 was for the Mexican Consulate in Tucson, Council Ricardo
2 Pineda Albarran, to come here and talk about the
3 relationship, the background and development opportunities
4 of Mexico in relationship with -- with Arizona.

5 I reached out to his executive assistant. He is
6 working with the Council to find a date. This month did
7 not work. I kind of -- on behalf of your -- extend -- on
8 behalf of yourself, Mr. Chair, extended it as open that
9 invitation for any time this year. I've given him the
10 full list of -- of the planned meetings and locations, and
11 I'm waiting to hear back from him. I'll follow up maybe
12 in a week or two if I don't hear from him as far as when
13 we can get that scheduled.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Great.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: So those are the two items that we
16 have that we're moving forward with for future agenda
17 topics.

18 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Great. And one other item,
19 just to keep it in the record, as well as on the front
20 burner is according to Mr. Omer, we are still on -- on
21 course for the July results of the studies for the I-11
22 corridor. And I just want to make sure that that report
23 will be agendized. I'm sure it will fall under the
24 standing agenda item regarding the I-11 under multimodal
25 planning.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chris -- Mr. Chair, I think
2 what we'll do is because that's a more comprehensive
3 report than just the update, we'll put that as an agenda
4 item. So we'll be able to review any aspect of that
5 report or any final recommendations or (Inaudible).

6 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: For the July meeting?

7 MR. OMER: Probably not. It won't be completed.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: I think if it will -- completed in
9 July, in my opinion, and I think -- Scott, you tell me
10 different -- August will probably be the first time that
11 we'll be able to come in and comprehensively discuss it.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Okay.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: We need time to prepare and -- and
14 pull together what all the final recommendations are
15 and -- and elements of the report.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Very good. Does any Board
17 member have any suggestions for future agenda items?

18 Hearing none, the Chair would gratefully
19 entertain a motion to adjourn.

20 BOARD MEMBER ANDERSON: So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by
22 Mr. Anderson. Is there a second?

23 BOARD MEMBER BEAVER: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: By Ms. Beaver. All those --
25 discussion on the motion?

1 Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion
2 signify by saying aye.

3 (All Board members say aye.)

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed?

5 We are adjourned.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Kelly Anderson and seconded by Deanna Beaver. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 10:35 a.m. MST



Stephen W. Christy, Chairman
State Transportation Board



John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation