

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, December 18, 2015
City of Maricopa
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Maricopa, AZ 85138

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board member Jack Sellers.

Roll call by Board Secretary Mary Beckley

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

Absent: Michael Hammond

Opening Remarks

Chairman Anderson stated that he and wife Torri hosted the board, staff members and city officials in Maricopa last night. He thanked the board members for the gifts presented to him. Mr. La Rue thanked Chairman Anderson and his wife for having the board to the event.

Call to the Audience

The following member of the public addressed the Board:

1. Christian Price, City of Maricopa Mayor, re: Thank you for being in Maricopa and for ADOT and board partnering with the city on 347 overpass; he thanked Chairman Anderson for his service over six years on the board.
2. Jahudiel Aguilar, Road Superintendent/Santa Cruz County, re: requested funds for the design of the TI improvements on Ruby Road frontage road
3. Terry McKeon, Deputy Public Works Director/Casa Grande, re: make the widening I-10 project between Early Road to Interstate 8 through Casa Grande a high priority with new additional funds.
4. Bruce Bracker, Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority, re:, SR 189 expansion; board to visit Nogales in February and for port tour; finding long term funding solution with ADOT and recently met with technical team;
5. Lance Jungmeyer, Fresh Produce Association, re: read letter to Board on importance of SR 189 and international trade for the Fresh Produce Association of America and the state of Arizona.
6. Robert Shuler, Fresh Produce Association, re: public safety aspects of the expansion of SR 189; appreciates support of the board to get this project into the five year program.

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Next up is district
3 engineer's report. Madhu Reddy, Central District Engineer.

4 MR. REDDY: (Inaudible.)

5 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Questions or comments for
6 Mr. Reddy?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Next up is the director's
9 report. John, first off, how's the knee?

10 MR. HALIKOWSKI: The knee's working pretty well,
11 Mr. Chairman. Thank you. It's the foot that I can concentrate
12 on next. (Inaudible.) So thank you, Mr. Chair.

13 Today I just wanted to focus a little bit on what
14 we're doing with our new division, (inaudible). As you know,
15 funds are extremely scarce (inaudible). So it's incumbent on
16 the department to squeeze every bit of capacity we can out of
17 the system by focusing on active system management and traffic
18 (inaudible). And in order to do that, we're combining that with
19 a daily focus on operations. But one of the things that we
20 recently brought to the forefront was we (inaudible) some of our
21 partners (inaudible). And really what that is all about is
22 (inaudible) first responders. So that's our law enforcement
23 agencies, the fire departments, our own ADOT employees, working
24 with the (inaudible) companies to clear incidents as quickly as
25 we can.

1 And on my travels, (inaudible) in Tennessee two
2 years ago (inaudible). And so what our goal is is to work with
3 our fellow partner agencies to repeat what they've done in
4 Tennessee, because we've seen (inaudible) drop dramatically, and
5 this represents a big improvement in public safety from the
6 secondary crashes that are the cause of the queuing as traffic
7 backs up while we're waiting for the crash to clear. So I just
8 wanted to update the Board that we had a very successful summit
9 in bringing in fire departments locally. We also had the
10 Tennessee Department of Public Safety (inaudible) come out and
11 talk about their experience (inaudible). So you will see more
12 of this from the department in the future looking at the system
13 as a whole from an operations perspective and (inaudible)
14 squeeze all the capacity we can out of that.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Last minute items?

16 MR. HALIKOWSKI: No, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Any questions for the
18 director? I see none.

19 Thank you, John.

20 Consent agenda, I believe there are some changes
21 to the item.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, staff is
23 recommending that in approving the consent agenda, we remove
24 Item 3D for inclusion in the consent agenda. (Inaudible.) That
25 needs to be discussed, but at this time ADOT staff is

1 recommending you move forward with the consent agenda with the
2 exception of the removal of Item 3D.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Are there items on the
4 consent agenda that the Board would like to address separately?

5 Seeing none, Board's pleasure on the consent
6 agenda?

7 MR. LA RUE: I would move to approve the consent
8 agenda (inaudible) except (inaudible).

9 MR. SELLERS: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. La Rue, seconded
11 by Mr. Sellers to accept the consent agenda, but removing 3D and
12 moving it to the construction contract section of the agenda.
13 Further discussion?

14 All in favor?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Item 4, Floyd.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I just want to take a
18 few moments on behalf of staff, and we do this traditionally.
19 One significance of this December meeting is that it's usually
20 the last meeting for the Board chair, and expecting (inaudible)
21 this will be your last meeting as the chairman. Also
22 (inaudible) a six-year run on the Transportation Board.
23 (Inaudible) a few acknowledgements of that. I know last night
24 we had a really beautiful reception. It was great to be there.
25 (Inaudible) talked a little bit, and (inaudible) about six

1 years, you know, what happened in that six years? Where did it
2 go? And it goes by fast, but there's a lot of accomplishment.
3 So we have just a few things I want to talk about.

4 You know, in 2010 when you came on the Board, you
5 had come just a little bit after the director had come on board.
6 He came on in 2009. And when he walked in, he basically was
7 told by the chief financial officer, congratulations, you're
8 nominated on the record. (Inaudible.) You and your board
9 members, you came on the board with a board member that said,
10 this is really the start of the (inaudible). Well,
11 congratulations, you're (inaudible). What do you want to do?
12 (Inaudible.)

13 (Inaudible) really address how we maintain a
14 statewide (inaudible) infrastructure (inaudible) to make sure
15 that we're doing the best we can. And from our perspective, one
16 of the characteristics that you brought on board was (inaudible)
17 general nature of you're calm, reserved, you're steady, a
18 (inaudible) towards addressing the problems, and really
19 (inaudible) logical approach towards here's a problem, let's get
20 (inaudible) solved. You know, let's not make it an issue. Let's
21 not dramatize it. Let's not let it get out of hand. We can
22 solve this. Together you and your peers have done that
23 (inaudible). Priorities that ensure that (inaudible) the state
24 system (inaudible) as well as looking for those (inaudible).

25 And it really -- this year also as the chair, you

1 really emulated that, especially when you had your (inaudible)
2 towards so many problems. You know, 347 (inaudible) great
3 example of nobody could find the full money to do that, but
4 under your leadership and bringing those parties together, with
5 the City of Maricopa stepping up, the Ak-Chin community stepping
6 up, Transportation Board stepping up, working with the
7 department, we found a way that everyone (inaudible) said now
8 (inaudible) project. Now we can move this forward. (Inaudible)
9 really not just to sit there and say, we've got problems. You,
10 ADOT and the Transportation Board solve it. It is we've got a
11 problem or an issue. Let's all get together (inaudible) solve
12 it.

13 And I think it speaks to your true nature of
14 community and doing better than how you found it. It's really
15 reflected in this -- your whole character. As one of the first
16 mayors of the Town of Maricopa (inaudible) as a group, and it
17 grew fast. It was really (inaudible) steroids at the beginning.
18 And really the success that (inaudible) and that's what we were
19 able to see and what we as staff are really appreciative of
20 working with all that time. (Inaudible) the fact that again
21 (inaudible) strong type of community.

22 It's not only reflected in yourself, but as well
23 as your wife, who is president of the Metro Unified School Board
24 (inaudible), and she's a leader in the Arizona School Board
25 Association. You and your family obviously emulate how

1 important community is, how important your city is, (inaudible).
2 It's not just something you say, but something you do, which is
3 truly a characteristic that is much appreciated, probably
4 underrecognized sometimes, but appreciated and so important.

5 So the six years that you were here you didn't
6 really (inaudible) issues with the economy and the (inaudible).
7 We've done some major things. Each year you've developed a
8 fiscally-constrained construction improvement program that
9 really helped us refocusing to fixing what we have first,
10 reprioritizing the importance of preservation of the existing
11 system, especially through the rural areas. This might be their
12 major transportation corridor. They need it to be functional.
13 It's a quality of life (inaudible) issue.

14 It's an economic development issue, as well as we
15 looked at key investment strategies such as working with us on
16 establishing the tier one funding for Interstate 11, a corridor
17 that is still in the future, but we're getting closer because of
18 actions that you and your (inaudible) have taken in order to
19 make sure that happened. You've been here (inaudible) on South
20 Mountain, and through (inaudible) private partnership or limited
21 (inaudible), and finally (inaudible) moving that forward to
22 completion.

23 Making improvements on State Route 260 and State
24 Route 89. Even around the border region, you've made many
25 improvements on the border region and the (inaudible) area as

1 well as the Nogales area, Mariposa port of entry, and even a
2 part of the conversation again as we look to solving the issue
3 (inaudible) State Route 189 project forward and (inaudible) do
4 that.

5 You were here at the time when we looked at the
6 long-range plan. We're now in the process of doing (inaudible)
7 update to it. You also (inaudible) Tucson (inaudible) State
8 Route 347 (inaudible). Again, you brought all the parties
9 together to solve a problem that (inaudible) any one agency just
10 seemed overwhelming where are we going to find the money to do
11 this project, but you found a way to get everybody working
12 together.

13 So from myself and the full staff and the
14 director as well as (inaudible), we really want to thank you for
15 (inaudible) time on the Board. We want to thank you for the
16 dedicated service you've had, as well as just what you've
17 brought to the Board with your character and quality of how
18 you've conducted yourself. And during this year as chair, you
19 really got the Board and all of us focused on solving those
20 projects without getting involved in (inaudible). (Inaudible.)

21 We also want to thank your wife and family,
22 because I know time away from them, you know, we (inaudible) it
23 was something they had to give up. So from all of us, for all
24 your future endeavors for you and your family, we wish you all
25 the greatest success, and more importantly, may the force be

1 with you.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: (Inaudible.)

3 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) that was a -- again, a
4 major (inaudible) project as well as -- and you helped us all
5 (inaudible) part of the team that worked to figure out how to
6 make that happen. Thank you, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, on
9 behalf of all the staff. (Inaudible). It did go by very fast.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, it did.

11 MR. HALIKOWSKI: So we have a (inaudible) over
12 the years. (Inaudible) members like you on the Board.
13 Seriously, (inaudible).

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: (Inaudible.)

15 MR. HALIKOWSKI: (Inaudible.)

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Biesty, legislative
17 report.

18 MR. BIESTY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members
19 of the board. I do, Mr. Chairman, (inaudible) that it's been an
20 honor and a privilege serving the Board with you the past six
21 years. I do wish you the best.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: You know, I remember when I
23 was going through the Senate confirmation. You kind of held my
24 hand through that process (inaudible) a good time (inaudible).
25 Thank you.

1 MR. BIESTY: You're welcome, (inaudible).

2 Well, I think it's appropriate for this time of
3 the year to say hallelujah. The federal government, Congress
4 has enacted a fairly long-term bill. Congress passed and the
5 President signed a five-year \$305 billion surface transportation
6 authorization bill. Part of that bill includes the (inaudible)
7 increase over (inaudible). There's a slight increase in 2016
8 for inflation added to that bill. So we're grateful for that.
9 (Inaudible) understand, it and we'll also be forming a
10 implementation team (inaudible).

11 On the state level, (inaudible) three bills this
12 year, two of which are kind of operational and verifying bills.
13 One is the -- bringing the state into compliance with our
14 virtual driver's license divisions. The second has to do with
15 criminal records checks for third parties. But the one that
16 we're really going to be pushing hard on is a bill that we've
17 authorized ADOT to advertise and provide sponsorships on ADOT
18 assets and facilities in order to generate revenue. It's kind
19 of an expansion of what we've done with the (inaudible) program.
20 So (inaudible) give us the authority to do that on other assets
21 (inaudible). Other states have done that and (inaudible)
22 generate some revenue off of that. The revenue that's generated
23 will go into the State Highway Fund. So we'll get that this
24 year. (Inaudible) the chairman of the House Transportation
25 Committee (inaudible).

1 Other than that, I just want to wish the Board a
2 merry Christmas, happy holidays, and if you have any questions,
3 I'll be happy to answer them.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Questions or comments for
5 Mr. Biesty?

6 MR. LA RUE: Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. La Rue.

8 MR. LA RUE: So Kevin (inaudible) Supreme Court
9 case, and we talked about (inaudible). Anything in that area
10 (inaudible) talking about?

11 MR. BIESTY: Are we talking about the
12 (inaudible)?

13 MR. LA RUE: Yeah, the crossover issue and
14 whether (inaudible).

15 MR. BIESTY: Mr. Chairman, the answer is yes, and
16 we can provide a briefing to the Board on that at another time.

17 MR. LA RUE: Is that part of the legislative
18 agenda?

19 MR. BIESTY: Mr. Chairman (inaudible).

20 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, we've been looking
21 at a comprehensive set of solutions when it comes to this
22 particular issue. As we all know, our families all drive these
23 particular highways, and we're looking at many different aspects
24 to this problem right now. So (inaudible) discussion
25 (inaudible) to look at (inaudible).

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

2 Further questions or comments?

3 Ms. Ward, the financial report.

4 MS. WARD: Well, good morning.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Good morning.

6 MS. WARD: And it is a sad day that you're moving
7 along. It's been a real pleasure working with you.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

9 MS. WARD: And so I have your final financial
10 report, and (inaudible) smile genuinely through this, because
11 we've -- you know getting (inaudible) authorization hasn't
12 happened since I've been here, and (inaudible) in the last four
13 years.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: (Inaudible.)

15 MS. WARD: Yes. (Inaudible.)

16 All right. In terms of our HURF revenues, we are
17 strong in all categories, and so quite, quite good. And we
18 actually are outside of our target range in terms of revenues.
19 We are (inaudible) our forecast by 2.1 percent (inaudible) do
20 this forecasting said oh, we're over (inaudible). It was an
21 audit. It was a one-time audit. (Inaudible). So gas tax is
22 about 6.3 percent above last year, year to date. Diesel, 5.5
23 percent, and then VLT, also quite strong, 6.9 percent over last
24 year, year to date.

25 RARF, Regional Area Road Fund, we are dead on

1 forecast for revenues. We've got about 130 mil -- million
2 (inaudible) to date, and strong (inaudible). If you had noticed
3 that, don't worry about it. We have a legislative change that
4 kind of threw some dollars into the regional category and
5 (inaudible).

6 So (inaudible) Kevin was discussing. Again,
7 five-year authorization, (inaudible) Kevin was saying we're in
8 the midst of analyzing the bill. We've probably seen various
9 numbers flowing around and being published. At this point
10 roughly we're seeing somewhere between (inaudible) into the
11 state. That does not mean that is all available for our
12 program, and keep in mind once you get these (inaudible) does
13 their analysis, and there are a series of (inaudible) and things
14 (inaudible). So what we're kind of estimating now is
15 (inaudible).

16 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, before we leave
17 that point, could we break that down a little bit, because
18 (inaudible)?

19 MS. WARD: (Inaudible.)

20 MR. HALIKOWSKI: (Inaudible.)

21 MS. WARD: So the one that Kevin was discussing,
22 that 300-and-some-odd million additional, that is (inaudible).
23 The amount of the (inaudible) for the entire country.
24 (Inaudible). So when you take Arizona's allocations at this
25 point, the estimates that they've done, before (inaudible) has

1 done their analysis and taken those steps adds up, you're
2 looking at (inaudible) Arizona. (Inaudible.) After that. So
3 this is not the, oh boy, (inaudible), but you're better off
4 (inaudible) because now (inaudible).

5 MR. HALIKOWSKI: (Inaudible.)

6 MS. WARD: I've actually already taken that down
7 for the obligation (inaudible). (Inaudible.)

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: I just wanted to point out,
9 Mr. Chairman, (inaudible) distribution even though it seems like
10 a large number (inaudible) all of that's farmed out under the
11 distribution. (Inaudible.)

12 MS. WARD: Absolutely. Absolutely.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director,
14 (inaudible), but that's where we got to take that number and do
15 the analysis that Christine's staff is doing to see what is
16 (inaudible). (Inaudible) program and from the agency, and
17 that's (inaudible) doing. So a lot more definitive numbers as
18 we (inaudible) up to the January study session (inaudible)
19 tentative program (inaudible).

20 MS. WARD: For the highway trust fund, we ended
21 up doing (inaudible) \$52 billion worth of (inaudible).
22 (Inaudible) if you have any questions.

23 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Questions or comments?
24 Ms. La Rue.

25 MS. BEAVER: Yes.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ms. Beaver.

2 MS. BEAVER: Yes. Kristine, I was wondering -- I
3 don't know --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me. Ms. Beaver,
5 would you use the microphone or pull it closer.

6 MS. BEAVER: Okay. I apologize (inaudible).
7 Okay. I'm louder now.

8 At the last meeting, there was an Item 3J on the
9 consent agenda, page 11, dated 11/20/2015, and its bid results,
10 page 201, dated 10/9/2015. The funding source was different on
11 (inaudible) we approved that day. I'm aware the Board's
12 position is to approve the project, so schedule (inaudible) can
13 handle the funding sources, but because it was so different, I
14 just wanted to incorporate that into the record if they could.
15 What had been approved at that meeting was 86 percent fed,
16 (inaudible) state, 1 percent Pima County and 4 percent City of
17 Tucson, and it should correctly reflect 94.3 percent fed and 5.7
18 local, which is SRC, MIC. Am I correct on that?

19 MS. WARD: My goodness. The provision of that
20 was quite impressive. I do -- I can say that you are accurate
21 in that we identified (inaudible) Pima funds (inaudible)
22 Maricopa funds.

23 MS. BEAVER: I just (inaudible) the record
24 (inaudible).

25 MS. WARD: But thank you. Very impressive.

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Further comments?

2 MR. LA RUE: I thought (inaudible).

3 MR. HALIKOWSKI: (Inaudible.)

4 MS. WARD: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

6 Multimodal Planning Division report, Mr. Kies.

7 MR. KIES: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 (Inaudible) that it's been an honor to work with
9 you (inaudible) few years that I've been (inaudible). Hope the
10 best in the future.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 MR. KIES: What I'd like to start out with, the
13 multimodal planning report is this is an update from last month.
14 As Mr. Sellers point out, last month (inaudible) in regards to
15 the I-11 tier one EIS getting off to a start. I do want to
16 mention (inaudible) of Interstate 11 has now been designated
17 border to border from Nogales to the Hoover Dam bypass, and the
18 legislation does now say that the I-11 generally follows I-19
19 from Nogales to Tucson, and generally follows I-10 from Tucson
20 to Phoenix and then US-93 to Hoover Dam.

21 So the tier one EIS is really focused on that
22 (inaudible) corridor generally reside in those areas. And we
23 (inaudible) all of our consultants are under contract.
24 (Inaudible.) In January we will be seeing a -- what we're
25 calling a (inaudible) event where we're going to do an awareness

1 campaign that is going to be a blast of media releases, social
2 -- social media. We're going to have a web page update where we
3 have video that is playing so the public (inaudible) get
4 involved, and so I just want to bring that to your attention,
5 that a lot more (inaudible).

6 So with that, the presentation I had today was to
7 give you an over -- an update on where we are with the planning
8 to programming process, or P to P.

9 Just a reminder to the Board what the P to P
10 process is. It's a new way of us doing decision making for the
11 five year program to look at projects from a performance-based
12 aspect looking at safety and infrastructure condition and
13 mobility (inaudible) and those type of subjects, and making
14 decisions about the type of projects that we're recommend
15 (inaudible) the five-year program as we give consideration.

16 So what I'm going to talk to you, and hopefully
17 the Board remembers seeing this graphic time after time as we've
18 been talking about development of the P to P process, and talk
19 to you about some of the major things that I (inaudible) been
20 doing related to the P to P process. And the first thing that I
21 want to highlight is the right-hand side arrow that says five
22 years. A five-year cycle, whereas we do our long-range
23 planning, we look at the performance of our system and recommend
24 strategic investments that will then flow into what we call the
25 development program. And I think this is where the Board is

1 interested in where can we get those ideas for those longer
2 range projects that we are recommending come into the
3 development program that's six through ten years out.

4 So what we've been doing over the last year or so
5 is we've initiated what I call the Strategic Corridor Program.
6 We're looking at these eleven corridors that you see on the map.
7 The ones that are highlighted in red are corridors that we've
8 been studying for over -- for a year to six months now, and then
9 the ones that are in blue have just recently kicked off. So all
10 of these corridors are now being looked at from a performance
11 standpoint, and the ultimate goal here is to come up with those
12 strategic investments that we can then roll into the
13 developmental program so that we can look out ten years and see
14 where we're looking for those major investments in the system.

15 The approach that we're taking in this corridor
16 program is, again, to look at a performance first, and you see
17 some categories on this slide: Pavement, bridge, mobility,
18 safety, freight. These are the areas that we're measuring
19 performance on those strategic corridors, and then from that
20 performance, we assess the need and then come up with solutions
21 that we will then recommend to the Board for implementation.

22 What do I mean by measuring performance? So on
23 this slide, you see a map of I-40 from California to Flagstaff,
24 and then below you see some red, yellow, green highlights that
25 as we cut up the corridor into segments. You see segments on

1 that graphic at the bottom, and all of our performance
2 categories, pavement, bridge, mobility, safety, freight, we can
3 now start coloring the performance red, yellow, green for
4 (inaudible) and start to see side by side where parts of our
5 corridors, our system are performing poorly in multiple
6 categories or we see that there's a trend towards fair to poor
7 category, and we can start to identify need based on that.

8 The big product that I see coming out of this,
9 these corridor studies is a relative estimate of need where we
10 can compare corridors apples to apples. So in this graphic, you
11 see two corridors, I-17 and I-19 compared against each other,
12 and the darker the blue on these maps, the more -- the greater
13 the need that we can identify. So you see on I-17 north of
14 Phoenix from Black Canyon City up to Sunset Point a very dark
15 blue area on the map, and based on performance, we can now
16 report to you that we see a very strong need for improvements on
17 that section of I-17 versus other corridors and versus other
18 sections of I-17. And once this whole program is complete,
19 we'll be able to compare all of those strategic corridors apples
20 to apples. So that's the big initiative that we've been doing
21 on that five-year cycle of the planning to programming.

22 Now I'd like to focus on the left hand arrow,
23 which is the one-year cycle of planning to programming where we
24 bring all the projects -- we nominate projects (inaudible)
25 delivery program and how we start to build the five-year program

1 that we'll be showing you next month. As you can see with
2 (inaudible) diagram, it all starts as system performance at the
3 bottom. And so what we have been working on and reporting year
4 after year now, this is annual performance report where we look
5 at the performance of our bridges, pavement, safety, mobility
6 and map those out so that people can clearly see where our
7 performance lies, and when we come to you in January with the
8 tentative program, we'll be bringing you a package of these --
9 of this performance report along side that.

10 Here's an example of the type of information that
11 you'll find in the performance report. This is a map of our
12 bridge conditions around the state, and you can see the State of
13 Arizona and the current condition of our bridges on the state
14 highway system in red, yellow, green for poor, fair and good.
15 And then you can see the trend up in the upper left-hand corner
16 from 2001 to 2014 and see where the trend of our bridge
17 condition has been going over that period of time, and you can
18 see the fair condition growing and how what's some concern is
19 the poor condition has been growing over the last few years.

20 I did want to (inaudible) remind the Board that
21 as there's a lot of discussions about funding available from
22 (inaudible) and additional funding, we do intend to look at all
23 of our needs and look at where those fundings -- funds might be
24 most appropriate, and we do believe that the preservation
25 category is something that the Board still needs to remember and

1 consider as we talk about the funding of the five-year program.

2 Another set of data that you'll receive in the
3 performance report (inaudible) is related to accidents, and here
4 you can see some of the trends or accidents on the state highway
5 system, fatalities, serious injuries. It's happy to report that
6 the trends are in the down direction, less accidents, but the
7 map here also lets us see how some of our -- how the state
8 highway system compares against the average rate. So when you
9 see an orange color, that means that that's a section of the
10 state highway system that is above the average crash rate. And
11 this helps us point our attention to those corridors that have a
12 higher-than-the-average accident history compared to others.

13 So with that, that's (inaudible) brief glimpse at
14 the system performance report, and then the rest of the process
15 is to nominate projects that helps us improve that performance
16 and put it into the five-year program. And we have a multi-step
17 process that we go through each year. And I'm not going to go
18 through all of these steps, but you can see that there's many
19 steps that we go through throughout the year (inaudible)
20 planning category, and then once (inaudible) made, then we move
21 over into the programming category. So we nominate projects,
22 prioritize them, and then put them into the suggested tentative
23 program.

24 Again, in the nominated projects, we're doing it
25 based on performance. Here's another slide (inaudible)

1 performance or our state highway system. This happens to be
2 pavement, and you can see the trends, our interstate pavement
3 conditions and our non-interstate pavement conditions. We've in
4 the past have been very proud of being able to keep our
5 interstate system in a very good condition. In fact, keeping
6 less than 10 percent of our interstate condition in the
7 (inaudible) category rather than all of the department. And as
8 you can see on this trend, it is becoming more and more
9 difficult for us to keep that 10 -- that less than 10 percent of
10 our interstate system in the (inaudible), and again, it
11 highlights a little -- the emphasis that we should be putting
12 towards preservation.

13 When we asked that pavement group for nomination
14 for projects this year, (inaudible) to consider in the five-year
15 program, they gave us \$1.2 billion in pavement preservation
16 needs to address those performance issues on (inaudible).
17 (Inaudible) an example of the list here. We asked them to
18 prioritize the projects from one to whatever number it was so
19 you can see that we (inaudible) provide a list with a priority
20 one, two, three, four, and that helps us build the five-year
21 program.

22 Then in this year, for the first year, we've been
23 going around to the districts and having district workshops
24 where we talk about performance and the needs of each of the
25 districts, and we are currently in the process of wrapping up

1 that workshop process.

2 One of the things that we find very helpful with
3 these district workshops is that we bring everybody together in
4 the room all -- and sort of lock them in the room for a day and
5 talk about what are the needs, what (inaudible) ideas, and one
6 of the things that's been most helpful is that multiple areas of
7 ADOT (inaudible) recommending multiple projects in the same area
8 of the corridor, and this year we actually found an interesting
9 conversation about I-17 from New River to the Sunset Point where
10 multiple groups of ADOT are recommending different solutions,
11 and if we weren't all together in one room, we might have
12 started programming projects that are sort of tripping over each
13 other. And this is just one thing I can -- we can prove this
14 year that the amount of communication in the program process.

15 So with that said, that's sort of the highlight
16 of that hanging category there on the planning to programming
17 process. And then there's (inaudible) start the programming
18 process in January (inaudible) in the program to your attention.
19 Before we do that, we go through a prioritization process where
20 we have some criteria, both technical and policy, that gives us
21 a prioritized list, and that completes that one-year cycle of
22 the arrow so that we can come to you with a definitive program.
23 And that builds the five (inaudible) program.

24 This happens to be a slide from last year that
25 showed the projects that were being recommended to you in the

1 program, and that's where we will be in January when we have a
2 study session in late January with yourselves.

3 So with that, I thought that it would be helpful
4 to give you a highlight of all the activities that were going on
5 with the last year to build the five-year fund.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Any questions or comments for
7 Mr. Kies?

8 MR. SELLERS: Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Sellers.

10 MR. SELLERS: Michael, perhaps I (inaudible)
11 direct it to Mr. Biesty, but my understanding is that the
12 (inaudible) included some incentive for dealing with freight.
13 Are we incorporating any of that or (inaudible)?

14 MR. KIES: Yeah. There's two programs that I'm
15 aware of in the FAST Act. One is a -- what I would call a
16 (inaudible), a formula (inaudible) that we now have available to
17 the state to fund, the freight-related projects on what's called
18 the national freight system, and I (inaudible) working on
19 fighting with the details of that national freight system. And
20 that's the part of the analysis that I think Mr. Biesty talked
21 about.

22 The other freight program that's in the
23 (inaudible) is a (inaudible) program where federal highway will
24 from time to time ask for grant applications similar to the -- I
25 assume it's always to the TIGER grant program. It's -- the way

1 I read it, it reads very (inaudible) to the type of grant
2 program, and that would be for projects of national significance
3 that are related to freight. So some of these ideas (inaudible)
4 over the last several years, Interstate 11, the Sonoran corridor
5 or the Tucson area, those might be projects that could be
6 thought about as projects of national significance. But until
7 I've reached (inaudible) we don't have anything.

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, we started meeting
9 last week, and we're going through every section of the FAST Act
10 to ensure that if there's money out there, we're able to
11 complete for it and grab it. So the staff as a whole
12 (inaudible) provision is. As Mike points out, one of the things
13 that's holding us a little bit is the feds still haven't come
14 out with the rules (inaudible) this money. So we're
15 aggressively starting to get ourselves in a position (inaudible)
16 to finalize policies to go over this, the guidelines. We're not
17 going to (inaudible). We're going to be ready together.

18 I want to ask you about the first freight
19 program. Is that new money, or you're only able to allocate
20 your existing money to freight (inaudible) coming into the
21 state?

22 MR. KIES: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Because as I understand it, what
24 they said would be -- use up to 95 percent (inaudible) federal
25 money on freight project (inaudible) percent. So there wouldn't

1 be any necessarily new money coming in. Or are we still under
2 study on this?

3 MS. WARD: It is hard to tell given the level of
4 (inaudible) we had (inaudible). We'll need to split that out
5 and answer that question directly. Overall, there was an
6 increase in the (inaudible) percent in the FAST Act. In those
7 increases, a portion was segmented off for the (inaudible)
8 program. (Inaudible) for the entire state (inaudible).

9 MR. HALIKOWSKI: In other words, (inaudible) for
10 freight, but not necessarily solely designated for freight.

11 MS. WARD: That is correct.

12 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Okay. And then on the grant
13 program, (inaudible).

14 MS. WARD: (Inaudible.)

15 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Okay. We'll get that
16 information for you, Mr. Chairman, but that's a national number
17 that we're looking at and trying to figure out (inaudible) break
18 down to the state. So I just wanted to be clear in that there
19 are designations in the FAST Act, but I don't anticipate
20 (inaudible) coming in. We're going to still have to be very
21 conservative to how we (inaudible) it.

22 MR. SELLERS: Well, unfortunately one of the
23 things that popped in my mind myself was whether (inaudible).

24 MR. HALIKOWSKI: At this point, Mr. Chairman,
25 Mr. Sellers, we don't know (inaudible), but again, it is

1 (inaudible).

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Questions for Mr. Kies?

3 MS. BEAVER: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Ms. Beaver.

5 MS. BEAVER: Mr. Kies, I was wondering you were
6 speaking about the district workshops and then you reference
7 (inaudible) specifically talked about I-17 collectively. Can
8 you tell me who the participants are? Are they individual
9 districts or the (inaudible)? Who are the participants?

10 MR. KIES: Yeah. Ms. Beaver, (inaudible) the
11 district workshops is that it's district staff (inaudible)
12 district. So for I-17, that's the northwest district, but then
13 what we've -- what we've done on top of that this year is we
14 bring the technical groups into that same meeting. So, like,
15 pavement group, the bridge group, the safety group, those groups
16 are all in the room at the same time so that as -- as I
17 mentioned (inaudible), the pavement group brought \$1.2 billion
18 worth of needs, and then the entire state (inaudible), but the
19 district staff then who knows their highways better than anybody
20 else, then we can provide input on whether those priorities in
21 the pavement group make sense or that the other projects that
22 should be combined with that pavement (inaudible) need to create
23 a bigger project that addresses a safety (inaudible). That's
24 essentially how (inaudible). And but it's the district staff
25 (inaudible) technical groups from (inaudible).

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Questions? If not, we'll
2 move to PPAC. Mike.

3 MR. KIES: Thank you Mr. Chair. Thank you
4 Mr. Chair.

5 There are 14 items on the PPAC agenda this month.
6 Twelve of those items are project modifications. If -- unless
7 the Board has specific questions or concerns about any of the
8 project modifications, I would ask the board to approve Items 8A
9 through 8L on PPAC.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The Board's pleasure on
11 project modifications?

12 MR. SELLERS: Move for approval.

13 MR. LA RUE: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. Sellers. Second
15 by Mr. La Rue to approve project modifications 8A through 8L as
16 presented by staff. Discussion?

17 All in favor?

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. KIES: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

20 There are two new projects that are on the PPAC
21 agenda. They are items 8M and 8N. Unless there are any
22 questions or concerns about those two projects, I would ask the
23 Board to approve Items 8M through 8N.

24 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The Board's pleasure on new
25 projects?

1 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Move to approve.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. Cuthbertson.

3 MS. BEAVER: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Ms. Beaver to
5 approve projects 8M and 8N as presented. Discussion?

6 All in favor?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. KIES: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you, Mike.

10 Mr. Boschen, state engineer's report.

11 MR. BOSCHEN: Good morning, Chairman Anderson and
12 board members. (Inaudible) talk to you about the state
13 engineer's report today and also new contracts. We're going to
14 do it a little bit differently. It's in the presence of
15 (inaudible).

16 The state engineer's report. We have 127
17 projects under construction, for a total of 785.3 million. We
18 did finalize seven projects. (Inaudible) what the number was
19 last month, and I think that one (inaudible) last month, but
20 also 7.5 million. Fiscal year to date, we have 65 projects
21 finalized. (Inaudible) we had 58. And (inaudible).

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Questions of Steve? If not,
23 we'll move into contracts.

24 MR. BOSCHEN: Moving to contracts. This
25 (inaudible), so that's a good thing. I appreciate the Board

1 approving the consent agenda. There were nine on that.
2 (Inaudible.) (Inaudible) projects delivery in the first half.
3 So we're really pleased that (inaudible). Unfortunately, we
4 still have seven projects that we need to discuss this month.
5 Dallas (inaudible).

6 The first one, going to go (inaudible). This was
7 on the consent agenda. We did ask to take it off. It's in
8 Summerton. It's a (inaudible). We did (inaudible). So we're
9 looking at postponing it, so the local can come up with the
10 money. We do expect this to come back next month. So the
11 recommendation for 3D to postpone the project.

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The Board's pleasure on the
13 project?

14 MR. LA RUE: I move 3D for (inaudible).

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. La Rue moved.

16 MR. SELLERS: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Mr. Sellers to
18 (inaudible) postpone. Further discussion?

19 All in favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. BOSCHEN: Next project, (inaudible) up to
22 District 1. This is a project in Avondale. Again, (inaudible)
23 budget on this one, 23.1 percent. This is a local ITS project.
24 Avondale has indicated they would like to rescope this project.
25 At this point, we're recommending rejecting all bids and

1 (inaudible) bring it back for recommendation (inaudible).

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Board's pleasure on 10A?

3 MR. LA RUE: I move Item 10A to be (inaudible).

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. La Rue.

5 MR. SELLERS: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Mr. Sellers to
7 accept and approve staff's recommendation to reject all items
8 for Item 10A. Further discussion?

9 All in favor?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. BOSCHEN: Mr. Chairman, I'm still in District
12 1. This is a project in Goodyear. This is one of our
13 (inaudible). So we do have a project that is significantly
14 under the -- again, it's another ITS project, and the reason why
15 we got such good pricing is the low bidder is actually has the
16 equipment to do this. (Inaudible). Usually that's done by
17 itself. So that's why we had such a competitive bid. So after
18 review, (inaudible).

19 (Inaudible conversation.)

20 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

21 MR. BOSCHEN: We recommend award to Kimbrell
22 Electric Corporation.

23 MR. LA RUE: I move 10B for award.

24 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. La Rue.

25 MR. SELLERS: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Mr. Sellers to --
2 motion to accept and approve staff's recommendation to award the
3 contract for 10B to Kimbrell Electric, Inc. Further discussion?

4 All in favor?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: 10C.

7 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman, we're still in District
8 1. The project in Glendale, it is a local street project. It
9 only received two bids. It did come in over. Glendale has
10 asked us to postpone this for (inaudible) to look at other
11 options (inaudible).

12 MR. LA RUE: I would move 10C postponed.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. La Rue.

14 MR. SELLERS: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Mr. Sellers to
16 accept and approve staff's recommendation to postpone Item 10C
17 to a future meeting. Further discussion?

18 All in favor?

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. BOSCHEN: All right. We're going to move out
21 of District 1.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. BOSCHEN: Hold on. Here we go. 10D is in
24 Winslow. It's a local street widening project. It did come in
25 over. Some of the reasons why it came in over were it's

1 piecemeal. Usually we can get a lot of (inaudible) or concrete
2 pavement at fairly competitive prices. (Inaudible). After
3 review, we believe that the bids are responsive and (inaudible)
4 responsive and responsible.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

6 MR. BOSCHEN: Recommend award to Hunter
7 Contracting for 10D.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Board's pleasure on 10D?

9 MR. CUTHBERTSON: I move to approve Item 10D.

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. Cuthbertson.

11 MS. BEAVER: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Ms. Beaver to
13 accept and approve staff's recommendation to award the contract
14 for Item 10D to Hunter Contracting Company. Further discussion?

15 All in favor?

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. BOSCHEN: (Inaudible) Flagstaff area
18 (inaudible). This is a bridge project that involves the
19 eastbound and westbound. Eastbound (inaudible) to be rehabbed,
20 and the westbound will also (inaudible). (Inaudible.) As you
21 can see on the slide, it is a remote site. (Inaudible) concrete
22 came in a little bit higher. (Inaudible). After review, the
23 department (inaudible) believe its bid is responsive and
24 responsible, and we recommend award to FNF Construction.

25 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The Board's pleasure on 10E?

1 MR. CUTHBERTSON: I move to approve Item 10E.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. Cuthbertson.

3 MS. BEAVER: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Ms. Beaver to
5 accept and approve staff's recommendation to award the contract
6 for Item 10 E to FNF Construction, Inc. Further discussion?

7 All in favor?

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. BOSCHEN: And we're finally (inaudible)
10 district, or District 6. Item 10F, State Route 89. This is the
11 Perkinsville roundabout. And this one did have some challenges.
12 We had asphalt (inaudible). Gave us a non-responsive bid
13 (inaudible) requirements. We do think that it's a competitive
14 bid (inaudible) than we expected. After review, the department
15 believes that the second bid is responsible and responsible and
16 recommend award to Falcone Brothers & Associates.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The Board's pleasure on 10F?

18 MS. BEAVER: I'd like to make a motion to approve
19 10F.

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Ms. Beaver.

21 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Mr. Cuthbertson to
23 approve staff's recommendation to award the contract for Item
24 10F Falcone Brothers (inaudible), Inc. Further discussion?

25 All in favor?

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MR. BOSCHEN: (Inaudible).

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Thank you, Steve. Number 11
4 is Arizona State Transportation Board policies. And I think
5 every two years, is that correct, Floyd, (inaudible) and review
6 the Board policies and --

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, (inaudible)
8 responsibilities of the Board is to -- on odd years or -- and
9 every other year is to reaffirm (inaudible) the policies that
10 have been used (inaudible) the Board and staff (inaudible)
11 five-year program (inaudible) responsibilities.

12 In 2013 there were pretty extensive review
13 (inaudible) of the policies based on the MAP-21 legislation in
14 the past. This year, in 2015, (inaudible) rules and other
15 issues coming out of that (inaudible) 2015 (inaudible) we're
16 recommending that the Transportation Board take the 2013
17 policies and just reaffirm them for the next two years or some
18 period of time when they can finish the analysis of (inaudible)
19 policies (inaudible) would be headed in.

20 Staff has reviewed the 2013 policies and
21 (inaudible) and a few have responded that (inaudible). So based
22 upon that fact and the fact that we know there's going to be
23 some modifications in the future that we will need to address,
24 but for 2015 and for this year, we are recommending that the
25 Board reaffirm the current policies as is and (inaudible) of

1 2015, and they will stand at least for the next two years or
2 some period of time less than that (inaudible) we decide that
3 the policies need to be adjusted.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Are there any questions or
5 comments from the Board on those policies (inaudible)? And like
6 Floyd said, in 2013 we went through that quite a bit (inaudible)
7 session as well as the regular meeting, and make it reflect
8 (inaudible). So we -- looks like we may have some work to do in
9 another year (inaudible).

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Well (inaudible) at this point we
11 don't feel there are any adjustments that need to be made.
12 (Inaudible.)

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: So the motion would be before
14 we accept this would be to adopt the 2015 State Transportation
15 Board policies as presented with no (inaudible) from 2013.

16 MS. BEAVER: So moved.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Ms. Beaver.

18 MR. CUTHBERTSON: I second.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Second by Cuthbertson. Any
20 further discussion on the policies?

21 MR. LA RUE: Mr. Chair, it was my understanding
22 that (inaudible).

23 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: (Inaudible.)

24 MR. LA RUE: (Inaudible.)

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. La Rue (inaudible).

1 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm going to call for the
2 vote. All in favor?

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Which leads us to changing a
5 few seats up here. If we need to --

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, it has seriously
7 (inaudible) that the Board does need to address and especially
8 the (inaudible) of calendar year 2016 (inaudible) and vice chair
9 (inaudible). Traditionally it's been done usually December
10 (inaudible). So at the Board's discretion, (inaudible) now to
11 discuss it, we can decide (inaudible) going to nominate the
12 chair and the vice chair for 2016. At this time you will want
13 us to agenda this. As long as it's before the second Monday of
14 January of the calendar year. The Board needs to make its
15 action on its chair by (inaudible).

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I don't see any need
17 (inaudible) did that last year in Tucson. So I'm (inaudible).

18 MS. BEAVER: Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Ms. Beaver.

20 MS. BEAVER: I would like to nominate Mr. Joe La
21 Rue for chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: There's a motion by --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

24 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- move and second to
25 nominate Vice Chair La Rue for the chairmanship for 2016.

1 Further discussion?

2 All in favor?

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I think we need a recount.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. We need to take
7 action on vice chair for 2016.

8 MR. SELLERS: Mr. Chairman?

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Sellers.

10 MR. SELLERS: I would like to move and nominate
11 Deanna Beaver to be vice chairman in 2016.

12 MR. CUTHBERTSON: I second.

13 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Moved by Mr. Sellers and
14 second by Mr. Cuthbertson to nominate Ms. Beaver for vice
15 chairmanship for 2016. Any comments? Stephanie?

16 All in favor?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Congratulations.

19 Thirteen, suggestions for the next meeting, which
20 is in Yuma, in coordination with the Yuma Transportation Summit.
21 Specific dates on that? Floyd? Middle of January?

22 MR. ROEHRICH: It's Friday, the 15th, so
23 (inaudible).

24 MS. BEAVER: (Inaudible.)

25 MR. ROEHRICH: The summit starts on the 13th

1 through the 15th, if I remember (inaudible) exactly.

2 (Inaudible) to work with Mary. (Inaudible) hotel reservations,

3 but we're trying to accommodate the best we can, but then the

4 meeting will be in (inaudible) on that Friday (inaudible).

5 (End of excerpt.)

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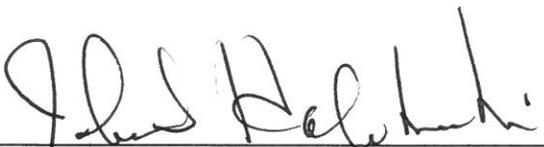
A motion to adjourn the December 18, 2015 Board meeting was made by Joe La Rue and seconded by Deanna Beaver. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. MST.

For 

Kelly O. Anderson, Chairman
State Transportation Board

Joseph E La Rue



John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation