

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2018
City of Globe
Council Chambers
150 N. Pine Street
Globe, AZ 85501

Call to Order

Chairman Cuthbertson called the State Transportation Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Stratton.

Roll Call by Board Secretary Linda Priano

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance:** William Cuthbertson, Jack Sellers, Mike Hammond, Steve Stratton, Jesse Thompson, Sam Elters and Gary Knight. **Absent:** None. There were approximately 45 members of the public in the audience.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Cuthbertson thanked the Mayor, Council Members and the City of Globe for the delightful events on Thursday evening and for hosting the board meeting. Board Member Sellers stated he enjoyed the walking tour of the historic sites in Globe and learned that the first woman Governor came from Globe. Board Member Stratton thanked the mayor and his staff for organizing the events and for treating the board so well and Board Member Thompson added it was a great opportunity to meet local leadership and that there were great conversations. Floyd Roehrich, Jr. presented and recognized past Chairwoman, Deanna Beaver, with a Five-Year Service Award.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

Floyd Roehrich, Jr., reminded all attendees to fill out the optional survey cards to assist our Civil Rights Department.

Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the State Transportation Board. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

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3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: I'd like to begin by
4 asking Mayor Gameros to make comments.

5 MAYOR GAMEROS: Good morning, Mr. Chair and
6 Board.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Good morning.

8 MAYOR GAMEROS: Just a few comments I have.
9 Again, I want to welcome you to the city of Globe, our wonderful
10 city, and we hope you enjoyed last night's event. It appears
11 that you did. We get all the credit for it, Paul and I, but it
12 really was our staff that made that possible, and I really want
13 to thank Shelly Salazar, who is our city clerk. She's the one
14 that coordinated and got this all -- event together. Michelle
15 and Megan from the City for helping last night and serving. We
16 can thank Cactus Asphalt, who sponsored the bar last night, and
17 Molly Cornwell from the downtown association, who obviously gave
18 you the tours and a little bit of history. Also, Joe Heather,
19 I'd like to thank him for setting up and providing (inaudible)
20 community transit for us for transportation.

21 As you saw the train depot, you need to thank
22 yourselves, also, because the train depot is part of a state
23 transportation enhancement program, also, so funding for
24 enhancement came from the -- from ADOT. So -- and Rick Powers,
25 I know, who is a big worker there, and Jerry Barnes and Kit

1 Colbert. (Inaudible) Kit Colbert had a lot to do with that.

2 Also I want to mention I thank you for -- the
3 City thanks for you the partnership for the erection of the
4 safety signals for our fire trucks as it goes out into the
5 highway. That is a project that took place in the past year.
6 We have the signs up. We have the emergency lightings, and it's
7 full -- in full operation. It makes it a safer intersection
8 right here on (inaudible) Highway 60.

9 And I want to thank the local district, Bill
10 Harmon, too, for assisting in permitting and also for -- excuse
11 me -- for traffic control during the operations or during the
12 construction of this. One of the things that I -- we'll be
13 coming -- the City will be coming forward to you asking for
14 ADOT's support, we have (inaudible) bridge that is -- it's in
15 the early stages of (inaudible). So the cost estimate is \$1.9
16 million. So this is a very structurally deficient bridge. It
17 is a top priority. It is the only crossing, high water crossing
18 that we have to the canyon area, so if something would wash out
19 that bridge, we would not be able to access that area for those
20 individuals.

21 And as we move forward with it, it also has a
22 railroad (inaudible) crossing to it. So it will make it a safer
23 intersection for the railroad and the bridge, make it a
24 combination construction project.

25 So I thank you for being here, and thank you for

1 the time.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Thank you,
3 Mr. Mayor.

4 Next I have Steve Sanders, Gila County Public
5 Works Director.

6 MR. SANDERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of
7 the Board. I just want to take this time to thank you for some
8 projects that you have in the upcoming five-year plan.
9 Specifically, Pinto Creek Bridge on Highway 60 that I believe is
10 out to bid right now, and a mill and fill preservation project
11 on Highway 60 from Superior to the county line. Looking forward
12 to that, especially, the Lion Springs section of 260. It's been
13 a long, long time coming, and it seems to be moving forward.

14 Appreciate the opportunity the Southeast District
15 and Bill Harmon have gave us to partner with them on a local
16 project in the Globe (inaudible) area on Highway 60. We're
17 going to do some off-site improvements on some county roads in
18 addition to what they're doing, and just a great partnership,
19 and looking forward to working with them on a pavement
20 preservation project if they have some district minor funds
21 through the community of Tonto Basin on Highway 188, that
22 certainly could use some improvement. Anyway, thank you for
23 keeping Gila County in the five-year plan and moving the
24 projects forward. We appreciate it.

25 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Thank you.

1 Next, Chris Bridges, CYMPO administrator.

2 MR. BRIDGES: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of
3 the Board. I also want to thank City of Globe. Excellent job
4 last night. I told my wife all about the food, and she's
5 extremely jealous, so I will be back for sure.

6 But I'm here to just express our thanks on behalf
7 of the CYMPO board. It's been a long time of me showing up here
8 and badgering the heck out of you, for many years on State Route
9 69, but we do appreciate identifying that in the upcoming five-
10 year plan. We're very excited for it. We're ready for the
11 design. Sounds like it's ready to go here in the next few
12 months. So we're excited to deliver that project, and then I've
13 got to figure out what's next so I can keep (inaudible). Thank
14 you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

16 Shane Dille, Deputy City Manager for the City of
17 Flagstaff.

18 MR. DILLE: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of
19 the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to address you this
20 morning. It was a beautiful drive down from Flagstaff, and --
21 this morning, and I'm excited to be able to sit before you.

22 At your places is a letter that was drafted by
23 our city manager in conjunction to direction that she received
24 from our city council. The letter is a thank you letter for all
25 your support over these -- over this past year or so as we work

1 through now two JPAs, one on the assessment of the 4th Street
2 overpass bridge, a widening and expansion over I-40, as well as
3 the design. So we've got those two under our belts, and we're
4 currently working with probably one of the finest engineers on
5 your roster, Audra Merrick. She's a real gem to have in our
6 community and a real asset to I think what we're trying to
7 accomplish in this neck -- in our neck of the woods.

8 On the -- on a JPA for the actual construction of
9 this, certainly excited to see the continued support from the
10 Board in keeping this project alive and well on your five-year
11 plan. The letter suggests the continued to -- appreciation on
12 moving that program forward, as well as the City's ongoing
13 commitment to our 50/50 share on making that happen. We've
14 currently identified \$5.8 million in our own tax money to
15 partner with the State in both the widening and expansion of
16 these bridges. That should not only address local issues, but
17 position the State well for growth on I-40 as we look to the
18 future. So thank you. Thank you very, very much for your
19 continued support, and I look forward to your vote today. So
20 thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

22 Next, John Moffatt, Director of Economic
23 Development for Pima County.

24 MR. MOFFATT: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, board
25 members. I'm the economic development director for Pima County,

1 and I'm here representing the County today. I've appeared
2 before this board a number of times in support of -- as an
3 advocate for the full build out of State Route 189, and it's --
4 the economic value to southern Arizona as well as to the entire
5 state is very important. I recognize that. I am (inaudible)
6 Director Halikowski, staff, they've done so much work, but also
7 you and our partners from Pinal -- Pinal, yeah. We're in Pinal
8 County -- from Santa Cruz County to help us accomplish this
9 goal, the benefits of the investment to assure we'll accrue far
10 beyond Santa Cruz County in southern Arizona, and I just urge
11 your approval with a modified five-year plan to incorporate
12 that. So your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thanks.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

14 Bruce Bracker, Santa Cruz County.

15 MR. BRACKER: Good morning, Chairman Cuthbertson,
16 members of the ADOT Board. I'm Bruce Bracker. I'm a supervisor
17 from Santa Cruz County.

18 We've been coming to meetings advocating for
19 State Route 189 for four or five years now. We really
20 appreciate the support that we've had from your staff and your
21 support recognizing the economic importance and impact that this
22 full build out will make. I want to let you know that the
23 County stands ready to fulfill its obligation with the
24 commitment of the overweight fees that we receive in our
25 community to help this project get done, and I just, again,

1 really to thank you for your support of this really tremendous
2 project for Santa Cruz County, but also for southern Arizona and
3 the whole state. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

5 Guillermo Valencia, Chairman of the Nogales and
6 Santa Cruz Port Authority.

7 MR. VALENCIA: Good morning, Chairman. Good
8 morning, members of the Board. Guillermo Valencia, Chairman,
9 Greater Nogales and Santa Cruz County Port Authority.

10 Before I go on, I want to recognize a couple
11 members that came with me, but they're not going to get up in
12 front of you, but I do need to tell you they're here in support
13 of our efforts. Marcelino Varona, Councilman, City of Nogales.
14 Lance Jungmeyer, whose been in front of you many times before,
15 Fresh Produce Association of Americas. They're here with me,
16 also. Several more wanted to be here, but we're splitting up
17 between this event and the Arizona-Mexico Commission. So some
18 of them are there.

19 But over the past four or five years, (inaudible)
20 to say we have been coming before you to advocate for the
21 modernization of State Route 189. We want to thank you for
22 allowing us to be part of the process, and for bringing this
23 project in front of the Board, along with Director Halikowski
24 and staff. Floyd, you guys have been terrific to work with. We
25 thank you and we look forward to any favorable consideration

1 that you can give this vote on State Route 189. Thank you very
2 much.

3 Also, the City of Nogales is also wanting you --
4 to let you know that they're also committed to their portion of
5 the overweight fees that are part of this State Route 189
6 project. Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

8 Next I have Bob Zacke, citizen from Miami, here
9 to talk about the Pinto Creek Bridge. It says Bob has some
10 questions to read. I'll remind the Board during the call to the
11 audience, we're really not able to answer these questions, but
12 it's good to have the questions so that we can put them on the
13 record, so...

14 MR. ZACKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And these
15 are questions I maybe should have talked with Steve about in
16 some of our meetings, but there's always something else on the
17 agenda when we're meeting on it. I just learned about this a
18 few weeks ago when this meeting was announced in the local
19 paper, and I found out this about the Pinto Creek Bridge and
20 plans to tear it down and put up a new one.

21 So my questions are why can't the -- it's a
22 historic, award-winning bridge. It's won awards. Why can't
23 this bridge be upgraded to modern standards and continue to be
24 used? There are bridges in other states that are much older
25 that are still being used. They -- that's one question. Yeah.

1 Why don't you use that bridge for one-way
2 traffic, and build another bridge beside it for traffic in the
3 other direction, which has been done successfully if it's
4 necessary to meet increased traffic (inaudible) highway safety,
5 which I expect it will be?

6 Okay. I already mentioned it was -- it won an
7 award for being the most beautiful steel bridge in its class in
8 1949 by the American Institute of Steel Construction.

9 And then my final question is the Queen Creek
10 bridge just beside of Superior was built at about the same time,
11 by the same builder, and so does that mean that this one, also,
12 is being considered to be replaced sometime in the future?

13 So those are my questions. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you. Yeah. As I
15 mentioned, we can't answer the questions now, but that's --
16 hopefully we'll have them on the record. So thanks for your
17 help.

18 Next I have Jerry Williams here to talk --
19 spokesman for the LeChee Chapter -- is it LeChee Chapter
20 president?

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning. Thank you board
22 chair, vice chair and the rest of the board members. My name is
23 Jerry Williams, and I'm with the LeChee Chapter. We're right
24 south of Page. We're next to Page, and we're here to see if --
25 how we can get our foot in the door for some fundings that are

1 coming through, and I was reading this morning that ADOT
2 spend -- will be spending \$260 million per year for the next
3 five years, and then on top of that, \$320 million per year for
4 year six through year ten. So from where we come from, we have
5 two areas -- Horseshoe Bend and low -- Lower and Upper Antelope
6 Canyons.

7 In 2016, we had 830,000 visitors at Lower and
8 Upper Antelope Canyons, and the same group heads over to
9 Horseshoe Bend. And as far as traffic, it's -- it's a chaos,
10 and I think Mr. Thompson can allude to that, because he came
11 down for a visit, and we welcome you guys to come out and take a
12 look for yourself, because that Horseshoe Bend, once the parking
13 lot fills over on the west side of the road, people start
14 parking along side the road, and they start darting across
15 traffic to get over to Horseshoe Bend.

16 So -- and then in -- 22, 2 and 98, which is 2.5
17 miles east of Page, that includes the Antelope Point Marina, and
18 then the Upper and Lower Antelope Canyons, we have had multiple
19 accidents there and we wanted to see if that -- we can have ADOT
20 take a look at that, what -- I'm hoping it says here that you
21 guys are going to make a decision on the five-year plan, and I'm
22 hoping that somehow ADOT can squeeze us in, because what is it
23 going to take for ADOT to take a look at these areas?

24 And with 830,000 visitors, these are visitors
25 from the Asian countries, Europe, France, Canada, and it's only

1 going up, and the only reason I say that is I was at a
2 conference in Phoenix, and I asked some of the people that were
3 -- that were coming from Europe, Japan, Asia. I asked them,
4 "Why do you guys all fly in to Las Vegas and L.A.?" And they
5 said, "That's the only two destinations that have a direct
6 flight into the United States close to these attractions."

7 And then they said 2019, China is going to bring
8 direct flights into Sky Harbor. And that's going to impact a
9 lot of traffic going up north, from Phoenix to our area. And
10 this is the reason that we heard about this meeting, through
11 Mr. Thompson. So we're hoping that the Board can take a look at
12 it and hopefully consider us as part of your five-year plan and
13 then your-10 year plan.

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Thank you.

16 Next I have JoAnne Yazzie Pioche. You'll have to
17 forgive me for your last name. If you could help me with that.
18 She's also here to -- spokesman for the LeChee Chapter.

19 MS. YAZZIE PIOCHE: Good morning, and that is
20 Pioche.

21 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Pioche. Okay. Sorry,
22 sorry.

23 MS. YAZZIE PIOCHE: That's okay.

24 Good morning. Thank you, Chairman, and the Board
25 for addressing us here today.

1 I am from LeChee area, Page, Lake Powell. Like
2 Jerry said, this 98 and 89 is a very busy place. So my
3 suggestion, since Jerry did talk about Antelope Canyon, maybe
4 the possibility of putting a turnabout -- turnabout there,
5 because the turnaround -- is that what they're called -- anyhow,
6 the reason being, it will also slow down traffic. Right now
7 people are, you know, hopping across, and it's really a
8 dangerous area. It's not only for the tourism, but it's also
9 boaters, boaters that are going to Lake Powell.

10 And so that really is chaotic, and then coming
11 off 98 by the NGS and going westbound, it's downhill, and we get
12 a lot of truck traffic, too. So the turnabout or the turnaround
13 -- is that what they're called?

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Roundabout.

15 MS. YAZZIE PIOCHE: Roundabout. Yes.

16 Roundabout. Anyway, that is something that should be -- maybe
17 put that into your plan.

18 Same way with Horseshoe Bend. I understand the
19 City of Page has been in the talks with you regarding that or at
20 least the issue on the Horseshoe Bend issue, but there are other
21 businesses that are popping up along Highway 98 going eastbound.
22 There's the Adventurous Antelope Canyon at Milepost 302, and
23 then Canyon X, which is at Milepost 310. These two are both
24 going eastbound. And then, also, on 89, going northbound,
25 there's Waterhole Canyon as well.

1 So as Jerry had said, Page, in that area, not
2 just Page, but Page, LeChee area, northern Arizona, has become a
3 number one destination spot. The numbers that Jerry gave in
4 2016 I'm sure has doubled, and so we really need to address this
5 highway safety issue. It's a very -- in dire need. And also,
6 for the elderlies that come into town, we all have to be on
7 alert during the summer season because of the people that come
8 to visit our area. And we'd love to have you come visit us,
9 so... I know Mr. Thompson did come visit us.

10 Anyway, that's all I wanted to address, and
11 hopefully that you will definitely put us on your five-year plan
12 to do some improvement, turnoff lanes, whatnot, to these
13 businesses that have popped up. Thank you for your time.
14 (Inaudible.)

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

16 Next I have Rae Tate, Community Manager for Page,
17 Arizona.

18 MS. TATE: Good morning, Mr. Chair and the Board.
19 Thank you for having us, and thank you for accepting our -- or
20 thank you for accepting us. Anyhow, I'm just going to reiterate
21 what they said.

22 I'm from the LeChee area as well. So we have a
23 resolution here that I'd like to present, and some statistics
24 and data included. And again, it's just to get your attention
25 to mitigate highway -- State Highway 98 and the traffic there.

1 So I don't know who to present this --

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Ma'am, I will take those.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes.

4 MS. TATE: Okay. Great.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: And then those will become part of
6 our meeting.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Public records.

8 MS. TATE: Again, thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Next I have Richard Rubin,
10 Maquila Association, speaking for the Index Nogales.

11 MR. RUBIN: Thank you very much, Chairman
12 Cuthbertson, the entire ADOT board and ADOT staff.

13 I'm here representing the Maquila Association in
14 Sonora, 70,000 employees strong, over 200 private businesses, of
15 which a large percentage of those are from Arizona. I'm here to
16 thank you for your support for the full build out of SR-189, and
17 I hope for an approval today. Thank you very much.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

19 Okay. Worked my way through the stack of
20 questions. Comments? Any more? So that concludes the call to
21 the audience.

22 We'll move on to Item 1 on the agenda. Bill
23 Harmon, Southeast District Director will provide the district
24 engineer's report, for information and discussion.

25 MR. HARMON: Good morning, Chairman Cuthbertson,

1 members of the State Transportation Board. It's great to have
2 you here. You know, it's interesting. Here we've been praying
3 for rain for so long, and you guys show up and the rain
4 (inaudible). I've heard that you deliver, and that's very
5 impressive.

6 So welcome to Globe and Gila County. I would
7 also like to echo our gratitude to the City of Globe. What a
8 funny bit last night, and we really appreciate the hospitality,
9 and you also being here today.

10 Just one of the things -- one of the highlights
11 -- in fact, I got some (inaudible) back here for our district.
12 Raise your hands and say hello.

13 So this is -- we all have a role to play, and you
14 know, Wednesday night was busy on the eastern part of our
15 district. We had an interstate closure for a dust storm again,
16 and so we detoured traffic off I-10, through Safford, and up
17 into Lordsburg, New Mexico, and worked with our counterparts
18 close in Lordsburg.

19 That kept us busy over there, and at the same
20 time, the -- on the western side, we helped with traffic control
21 and shutting down US-60 because of a hostage event at the Top of
22 the World that DPS and SWAT had to take care of. And that had
23 the US-60 closed down for several hours.

24 Same night, you know, so we had a lot of our
25 people mobilized, and just thank you for all that you do, and as

1 I just want to remind our local supporters that we've got your
2 back, and we're out there 24/7. If things go wrong, we'll do
3 our best to help out. And I just wanted to say thanks to my
4 crew for -- publicly for all that they do for us. And be
5 careful. Things can turn bad in a heartbeat.

6 So let's see. Just highlight some notable
7 projects. Recently completed. US-60, Silver King to Superior
8 project. It's a works project that, realistically speaking, as
9 we turn our focus more and more to modernization and
10 preservation, this was probably the last expansion project we'll
11 see in our corner of the world for a while. But we are grateful
12 for all of those who helped make that happen, and it's been on
13 the books for a long time. It turned out to be a very nice
14 project.

15 US-70, San Carlos High School turn lanes and the
16 BIA6 intersection, both on the San Carlos Apache reservation,
17 turned out very well. Very nice looking projects. Of course,
18 there's been a lot of pavement preservation work.

19 The -- that Silver King project went from the
20 Gonzales Pass area, and all the way through Superior to the
21 junction of State Route 177. Four-lane divided, and just a
22 terrific improvement in that corridor, and it's very nice. Now,
23 the hard part, of course, will be getting through the mountains
24 between Globe and -- or Superior and Globe area. We'll save
25 that for a rainy day, and probably not tomorrow.

1 Okay. Under construction are -- you know,
2 advertising is a -- US-75, a safety improvement project, and
3 US-70 Peridot westbound climbing lane, and both of those are on
4 the San Carlos Apache reservation on Highway 70. Both very much
5 needed projects. And again, I want to thank our partners from
6 the San Carlos and Apache that have been with us and worked with
7 us for about a decade and a half on this project to help us make
8 it happen.

9 And then, of course, our other meat and potatoes
10 projects, pavement preservation, sign rehab jobs, those kind of
11 things in the state system. Local projects.

12 And Bylas, again, very nice. Quite an
13 extraordinary vision. A focus on pedestrian safety, a lot of
14 sidewalk and pathway work, lighting removal. We've been
15 actually able to build a series of very short what we're calling
16 country roads where we take several driveways and plug them
17 into -- they then have one outlet onto the highway, and with
18 raised median, and will actually have a pedestrian (inaudible).
19 There is a lot of pedestrian traffic and a lot of young people,
20 elderly people on foot, and it's just (inaudible) a really neat
21 project (inaudible).

22 Coming up pretty soon, US-60, Pinto Creek Bridge.
23 We're still trying to pin down some loose ends there. We're
24 hoping it will advertise next week or maybe the week after, but
25 certainly before the end of the fiscal year. And then US-70,

1 20th Avenue, 8th -- yeah, 20th to 8th in Safford. (Inaudible)
2 project. There for (inaudible) safety.

3 Out a little ways, there's work in Gila County on
4 US-60, in town by the Claypool area. I'd like to thank the
5 County for their contribution to make that project happen. It
6 starts where the fire department and Circle K is there.

7 Down in Winkelman, State Route 77, Gila River
8 Bridge, another (inaudible) project at the little crossroads
9 (inaudible) there. And then, again, south of Safford on Highway
10 191 (inaudible).

11 But Pinto Creek, yeah, so the footprint of the
12 old bridge and the new bridge overlap, and it is a graceful old
13 bridge. I acknowledge that. The new bridge will look nice,
14 too. So we'll have a four-span steel structure. It will be --
15 we will work with The Forest Service making sure that it fits
16 the setting. An awful lot of work to do on that. It will take
17 about two years to do. So that -- we'll see construction start
18 Octoberish, they actually see the dirt flying, go for a couple
19 years, and then we'll turn our sights to Queen Creek Bridge
20 about 2021 or so. Okay.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Excuse me. Mr. Chair?

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Bill, before you go on, I heard
24 some things about this Pinto Creek Bridge. What's going on with
25 the old bridge?

1 MR. HARMON: Well, because --

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Did we study that? I mean, what
3 (inaudible) --

4 MR. HARMON: Yes, sir. We took a good, hard look
5 at it, worked with the State Historic Preservation Office and
6 their stakeholders, Mr. Roehrich, and the reality of that
7 because of the structure is -- structurally -- the bridge is
8 structurally deficient. It has some serious issues with fatigue
9 and cracking and things like that, corrosion. It would be
10 extremely expensive to do any rehabilitation work on that.

11 And given that anything that man puts up will
12 eventually come down. Weather and gravity kind of do its magic
13 over the years. The -- some of our newer bridges have a life
14 that will equal or exceed that. You know, we like to get at
15 least 50 years out of a bridge, and often we get a century of
16 service out of a bridge. Kudos for design and people who take
17 care of them. But the reality is that the old bridge is worn
18 out. It's time to take it down, and we'd like to take it down
19 on our terms versus gravity pulling it down.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Excuse me, Mr. Harmon. Chairman
21 Board Member Stratton, do you have a comment?

22 MR. STRATTON: I have a couple questions. Even
23 though it's not depicted in this drawing, speaking with the
24 state engineer previous times, the new bridge will have suicide
25 fencing on it, correct?

1 MR. HARMON: No, sir, not immediately. It will
2 have provisions to install it in the future. (Inaudible.)

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Stratton, we're
4 going to verify that design detail and we'll respond, and we'll
5 respond in the (inaudible).

6 MR. HARMON: Yeah.

7 MR. STRATTON: If you would, please, I'd
8 appreciate it.

9 MR. HARMON: Yeah.

10 MR. STRATTON: Also, my understanding is there
11 will be minimal interruption to the traffic since this one will
12 be built north of the existing bridge, and traffic will continue
13 on the old bridge while this one is being built.

14 MR. HARMON: We will maintain two-way traffic on
15 the bridge as long as possible. There will be a period of time
16 because the east ends overlap a bit that we'll have to pinch
17 down, and there will be a number of planned closures at night as
18 well as during the day that we'll deal with for blasting,
19 placing girders, those kind of things. That will -- will take
20 place -- we'll give as much warning and predictability to the
21 public as possible, but that's one of the (inaudible) that we'll
22 take (inaudible).

23 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thanks. All right.

25 MR. HARMON: All right. State Route 366, Swift

1 Trail up Mountain Graham. We saw a lot of damage during the
2 Frye fire this last year. That -- The Forest Service and ADOT
3 partners, we worked really hard for two months up there. We had
4 our crews working six days a week, 12, 14, 16 hours a day trying
5 to reopen it up to traffic. We did. We're grateful for the
6 FHWA and the emergency repair ER program where we have received
7 money back for -- where our maintenance folks (inaudible)
8 invested, and as well as we have three project level repairs
9 that -- to do up on Mount Graham that are forthcoming yet. So
10 we're still working with The Forest Service trying to get ready
11 for the monsoons (inaudible) watersheds.

12 State Route 88, Apache Trail improvements. We
13 have a neat project. We were successful in getting a Federal
14 Land Access Program, a FLAP project, where the Central Federal
15 Lands office of (inaudible) out of Denver are -- will be coming
16 in and doing drainage improvements and surface stabilization
17 work on the east end of Apache. We're (inaudible) to the
18 Roosevelt Dam. That will be a real benefit out there. It's
19 very maintenance intensive route.

20 191, Morenci realignments. That -- we are
21 working with Freeport on a sequence of alignments and what we
22 call BEO (inaudible) project. (Inaudible) work is really
23 starting now, and over the next few years, we will actually --
24 if anyone's familiar with that and have driven US-91 and are
25 aware of the rock tunnel, it's a tunnel driven through the

1 mountain. By the end of 2021, that tunnel will no longer be
2 part of the state system, but we'll get two new, shiny metal
3 tunnels out of it. So we're going to trade two new ones for one
4 old one.

5 I-10 detours, by US-70, US-191. Whether it's a
6 dust storm or a winter blizzard, a law enforcement action or a
7 HAZMAT collision, any of those kind of things will shut down
8 I-10 in southeastern Arizona or southwestern New Mexico because
9 of the -- what happens there. We work very closely with New
10 Mexico State Police and New Mexico DOT. That's something that
11 incremental improvements are (inaudible) continue pursuing.

12 Low volume route study was an excellent study
13 that shined a light -- it inventoried routes in our system that
14 carried around two to 300 vehicles a day or less, and it's a
15 great inventory document, and that presents now some tough
16 policy challenges for the people involved in transportation
17 policies for the next several years.

18 Now, with that, it has always been interesting
19 Arizona (inaudible) you know, I think of the -- in Superior,
20 (inaudible) were putting this together, the village at the top
21 of (inaudible) Main Street and what's now US-70 -- or US-60. I
22 think about -- that's about the same time the Vikings were
23 giving the people in what would be called England a hard time.
24 So historical context. Some of the stuff has been going on for
25 a long time.

1 And again, ADOT, we'll continue to be there with
2 you, and we've got your back. Thanks so much. Mr. Chair, if
3 anyone has any questions for me.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Board members, questions?

5 Yeah. You mentioned, Bill, your day on
6 Wednesday, and I think sometimes too often we don't appreciate
7 some of the work that the operations crews do, not just in your
8 district, but across the state, and whether it's dust or snow or
9 rain or some other unexpected event, they keep the traffic
10 flowing as smoothly as possible under real difficult
11 circumstances. So I mean, they're really the unsung heroes, and
12 pass your appreciation on to your crews for sure.

13 MR. HARMON: Thank you. Yeah.

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

15 Board Member Stratton.

16 MR. STRATTON: I'd just like to thank Bill. He's
17 been very responsive when I have called him with a problem or
18 someone needs an answer to something, and it's always been a
19 very quick response, and I'd just -- I appreciate what you do.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. HARMON: (Inaudible.)

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. We'll move on to
23 Item 2 on the agenda, ADOT executive officer Floyd Roehrich will
24 provide the director's report, for information and discussion.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair and members

1 of the Board.

2 The director sends his regrets since he couldn't
3 be here today, but this meeting is overlapping or conflicting,
4 if you will, with the Arizona-Mexico Commission meeting, which
5 is going on right now in Tucson. And with governor there, the
6 director is down there again advocating as well for the
7 additional transportation needs along the border. And
8 obviously, the State Route 189 is a successful win for the whole
9 state, ultimately, once that gets constructed.

10 But in the meantime, he has no last minute items,
11 but he does expect to be able to give you an update on the
12 activities and discussions that are ongoing from the
13 Arizona-Mexico Commission, that meeting, and we'll have that at
14 the next board meeting.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: All right. Thank you,
16 Floyd.

17 Item 3 on the agenda, the Board will consider
18 items included in the consent agenda, for information and
19 possible action.

20 Are there any items, board members, that you
21 would -- on the consent agenda that you would like to be pulled
22 for individual discussion?

23 Okay. Hearing none, is there a motion to approve
24 the consent agenda as presented?

25 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

1 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Moved by Board
3 Member Sellers -- Stratton, seconded by Board Member Thompson.
4 Any discussion?

5 All right. Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: All opposed, nay? The
8 ayes have it. The motion passes.

9 Okay. Moving on to Item 4 on the agenda, Floyd
10 will provide us with the legislative report, for information and
11 discussion only.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

13 So with the legislative session being over, we're
14 at the point now kind of that lull period until bills kick in,
15 but there are a couple of things that we're still following up
16 from the session.

17 One of them was Senate Bill 1065. That was the
18 commercial vehicle port of entry. That was the bill that gave
19 us the enabling ability to enter into the fee with the City of
20 Nogales and Santa Cruz County to look at the overweight fees
21 that are collected to use a portion of those that they're
22 dedicating to help with the funding for the full State Route
23 189. We're in the process of finalizing those intergovernmental
24 agreements with those two entities in order to move that
25 forward. In anticipation of that, obviously, which has led to

1 the full build out of 189 have been presented previously to the
2 Board and will be in the tentative program that the Board is set
3 to action later -- later in this meeting.

4 The second bill was House Bill 2166, and that's
5 the alternative fuel vehicle fee, and the director is now
6 starting to work on developing his plan, coordinating that
7 through the agency, as well as with the governor's office in
8 order to follow through the rule-making process. We'll meet
9 internally. We'll meet with the Department of Public Safety to
10 establish how large that fee should be. Again, the impetus of
11 that fee was to pay for the Department of Public Safety highway
12 patrol efforts, and then that would eliminate the need to divert
13 those HURF funds for that action. That is going on right now.
14 Anticipated it will make it through the rule-making process
15 later this year, and right now, it's -- the fee is set to start
16 collecting January of 2019.

17 There were a number of other transportation
18 related bills that the -- that were debated this session. None
19 of them passed to move forward, but we're encouraged by the
20 continued discussion of transportation. We think a number of
21 those debates and issues will come back, maybe some others, next
22 session. So we're always encouraged when there's a continued
23 discussion of transportation bills, and obviously as those
24 actions take place and discussions take place, we'll be briefing
25 the Board.

1 That's it right now for the state level.

2 On the federal level, Congress has been
3 addressing a number of highway issues, but the two major
4 non-highway bills that they're working on right now is the
5 reauthorization of the FAA and the Water Resource Development
6 Act. Both bills will provide funding for infrastructure-type
7 projects, but they will be used to boost infrastructure related
8 to non-highway activities.

9 There has been the talk about additional funding
10 to the USDOT for some of their programs. The House and Senate
11 will look at funding FAST Act-level funding to the Federal
12 Highway Administration, which could generate an additional
13 discretionary funding. We don't know where that's at until
14 those bills work their way through and we get a chance to
15 analyze what they are. But both bills do show continuation of
16 the Build Grant program, which has been formerly called the
17 TIGER program, but at different levels depending on whether it's
18 a House or Senate bill. The Senate Bill is providing
19 \$1 trillion for Build Grants, while the House level provides 750
20 million. Both of those are over a period of time.

21 The administration's infrastructure plan has not
22 been moving because of all of these other issues that Congress
23 has been working on. Although the committees have said that
24 they will start sketching out an infrastructure plan, assumes
25 Congress gives final approval to the FAA and the Water Resource

1 Bill, but those are expected to continue through the rest of the
2 year, so they don't expect transportation and infrastructure
3 plan other than these to move forward until next year.

4 And with that, let's see, the last item they have
5 here is the Senate automated vehicle supporters are still
6 working to get around roadblocks that were created by high level
7 -- profile automated vehicle accidents. They're continuing to
8 express hope that the Senate will address some legislation later
9 this year and then followed by the House that will look at
10 automated vehicles that would help establish some type of
11 national policy, but that is, again, an ongoing issue. That
12 will probably require some of these other actions to happen
13 before those move forward.

14 With that, Mr. Chair, that's the legislative
15 update.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Questions by board
17 members? Thank you.

18 Item 5 on the agenda, Kristine Ward, Chief
19 Financial Officer, will provide an update of the financial
20 report, for information and discussion.

21 MS. WARD: Well, good morning. We have
22 (Inaudible) and short report today.

23 We are on target on our revenue projections for
24 the year, just mildly off in both HURF and RARF. But starting
25 with HURF, year to date, we're up to about \$1.3 billion

1 collected, and we're just a little under forecast, .7 percent,
2 but within our target range. We did have a very -- we have a
3 slight, little anomaly going on in diesel tax. We had a strong
4 decline this month, and we're investigating why that is. It's
5 associated with our -- some refunds, and I believe we might have
6 a timing issue, but we're checking into it. At this point, we
7 haven't got anything -- nothing that we're seriously concerned
8 about.

9 VLT, we're running a little over last year, about
10 5.5 percent over last year's year-to-date, but we're just a bit
11 below forecast. Fortunately, gas tax revenues are above
12 forecast, and that's what's making it all kind of balance.

13 Moving on to RARF, the Regional Area Road Fund.
14 Year-to-date actuals, we've got about \$364 collected and 6
15 percent growth over last year. We're running a little ahead of
16 forecast on RARF. If you want to put that in perspective, what
17 does that mean? 1.5 percent above forecast equates to about one
18 in -- \$5 million. About \$5 million.

19 Retail sales are strong -- retail sales, we've
20 been paying a lot of attention to them, because they represent
21 about 50, almost 55 percent of the sources of revenue flowing
22 into RARF.

23 And with that, I have nothing to report out on
24 the federal aid program.

25 On the debt program, we are on schedule. You

1 recall I came to the Board and I asked for your permission and
2 -- to -- and you approved a resolution to issue a \$300 million
3 Regional Area Road Fund bond. We are on schedule. We will go
4 to market and price that issue in early August, and we will
5 close on that issue. We anticipate closing in late August,
6 early September.

7 And that concludes the financial report. If you
8 have any questions, I'd be happy to answer.

9 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions? Seeing none,
10 thank you, Kristine.

11 MS. WARD: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Moving on to Item 6
13 on the agenda, Clem Ligocki, Planning and Programming Manager,
14 Multimodal Planning Division, will present the tentative
15 2019-2023 Transportation Facilities Construction Program for
16 Board review, discussion and approval of the program. So this
17 is for discussion and possible action.

18 MR. LIGOCKI: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members
19 of the Board. I'm here on behalf of Greg Byres, who is at the
20 AASHTO National Leadership Institute, and so I'm pleased to be
21 here.

22 I'd like to start before I get into the
23 presentation just thanking some people for all their work
24 leading up to this, and that would include the Board and the
25 guidance you've provided and our leadership team. Really

1 appreciate all the guidance that we've received along the way.
2 And then Bret Anderson and his team. Bret's here. Lynn's part
3 of that team. A tremendous amount of work that they've put in.
4 I just wanted to make sure I recognized Bret and his team. And
5 then, of course, financial management services is very important
6 in this process. And let's not forget all of our or partners
7 and the MPOs, the Councils of Government, our tribal
8 governments, Cities and Towns, and even our Freight Advisory
9 Committee, which we haven't mentioned much, contributed as well.
10 So thanks to everyone. I appreciate that.

11 So just briefly today, we'll have a quick recap
12 of the things that we've prevented up -- presented up to this
13 time, and then that's leading up to our request and approval of
14 the program, of course.

15 So we have had, obviously, a great deal of public
16 information and comments, which again, we greatly appreciate. I
17 want to thank Laura Douglas from Communications and also Linda
18 Priano here who have helped to really process a lot of the
19 information for us and helped us to really address what we have.
20 It's all very important. And so you see the great variety of
21 input that we've had, including many speakers here at the public
22 meetings that we have had.

23 And again, on project-related comments, there's
24 been a lot of input there. That's been very important. We've
25 listed here the most common areas that have been presented and

1 commented on, and -- but more on that coming here shortly.

2 I wanted show this again on 89. So just to
3 confirm that, yes, phases I and II are included in the proposed
4 program, and the figure that I'm showing here is the one that I
5 believe Floyd showed at the study session, which is just a brief
6 recap of the various funding components for that project, as a
7 reminder.

8 But other project-related comments, of course,
9 there were several other significant project-related comments
10 that were brought forth during our comment period. They're all
11 important. We're taking them all very seriously, and for
12 preservation and modification -- modernization projects that we
13 have. So what we're doing there is as Greg noted at the
14 previous meeting, we'll take all those recommendations forward,
15 (inaudible) our regional planners, looking forward to our next
16 cycle in the P2P process that we will conduct, and we'll be
17 reaching out to defined projects that can go into the process
18 appropriately to be considered and ready in the next cycle. So
19 we'll be working with the MPOs, Councils of Government, and even
20 reaching out to those for clarification who have made the
21 comments.

22 Of course, some of the public comments related to
23 expansion projects, and these may also compete in the next
24 program cycle. Certainly subject to the long range
25 transportation plan parameters in the plan that the Board

1 approved earlier. So those parameters are outlined here again,
2 as Greg presented at the last meeting.

3 And then just briefly, the expansion projects
4 proposed. We'll go through those as a -- just a brief reminder,
5 of course.

6 For fiscal year '19, we have 154 million. You
7 see the State Route 189 project there highlighted, but also we
8 have US-93, the gap, right-of-way program proposed there, and
9 then we have also the I-17 projects north of Anthem listed.

10 For fiscal year '20, the 4th Street Bridge that
11 Chris Bridges mentioned earlier, a 50/50 share with Flagstaff,
12 and then comes in 93/40, the west Kingman TI project right-of-
13 way. Also listed is 69, the right-of-way and utilities, and
14 then US-93, the gap project.

15 Fiscal year '21, there's 69 again listed as the
16 construction phase. 93, US-93, Cane Springs design and 260 Lion
17 Springs design, and then the I-17 projects spanning '21 and '22.

18 And then finally, fiscal year '23, the Cane
19 Springs project, Big Jim Wash design, with construction coming
20 later, of course, and then 45 million for 260, Lion Springs in
21 that year.

22 Another development program, just a brief glimpse
23 of that once more, again, going from 2024 to 2028. The
24 construction of 93/40 west Kingman TI showing up there, and that
25 construction being there -- I would point out that what you saw

1 earlier with the design, the right-of-way, is the federal
2 freight funding. So just so you know, that's being put to good
3 use there.

4 For 2025, we have the 93 and Big Jim Wash
5 project, and then you see I-19 coming in in 2026, and then I-10,
6 Gila River Indian Community in 2027, and the funding there for
7 2028.

8 Here are the numbers on the airport program.
9 Again, these are unchanged from what you've seen. It's just a
10 repeat as a summary. The information there, the total program,
11 approximately 11.6 million.

12 And so at this point, I'd ask respectfully your
13 approval of the program and, of course, Bret will deliver it
14 very promptly upon your approval and then begin, again, very
15 quickly on next year's work.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Great. Thanks. And so
17 that's really a recap on what we saw in the study session.

18 Board members, do you have questions for Clem?
19 Yeah. Board Member Stratton.

20 MR. STRATTON: On the airport program, have we
21 fully repaid everything now that -- after the sweep by the
22 State?

23 MS. WARD: Yes.

24 MR. STRATTON: Okay. Thank you.

25 I don't have a question, but I do have a comment.

1 Thank staff for what they've done, obviously a very good job,
2 but I also want to thank the entities, the Town of Maricopa on
3 the 347 project and Prescott (inaudible), Flagstaff, Santa Cruz,
4 Nogales. You know, obviously we don't have enough money to do
5 what needs to be done out there, and without the partnerships
6 that were developed for these projects, we wouldn't be doing
7 them. We couldn't do them. So kudos to you guys for stepping
8 up and partnering with us and helping us get the projects done.

9 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. (Inaudible.) Any
10 other comments? Board Member Thompson.

11 MR. THOMPSON: I'd just like to say thank you to
12 you and the ADOT staff as well. (Inaudible.) Same to the
13 public, is when they come to the public comments and they
14 introduce their project and you're able to reach back out to
15 them after (inaudible), those projects that they want to get
16 (inaudible), I think that's one thing I think that gives them
17 hope and, you know, expecting that something will happen in the
18 future by doing that. So thank you very much.

19 MR. HAMMOND: Board Chair, I'll make a motion.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

21 MR. STRATTON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So I have a motion
23 to approve the 2019-2023 State Five-Year Transportation
24 Facilities Construction Program as presented, moved by Board
25 Member Hammond, and seconded by Board Member Stratton. Is there

1 any discussion?

2 All in favor signify by saying aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Those opposed, signify by
5 saying nay? Ayes have it. The motion passes.

6 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, Board, thank you very
7 much. (Inaudible.)

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Thank you.

9 Okay. So we'll move on to Item 7 on the agenda.
10 Clem will present an update on the current planning activities
11 pursuant to the ARS 28-506, for information and discussion only.
12 Multimodal Planning.

13 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, board members, I have
14 only just one thing. With this approval that we're very
15 grateful for, we'll get to work there. And we're starting right
16 away our cycle, the planning to programming process to develop
17 the next program. And so I would say that for anyone who's
18 here, everyone, it's time. It's not too early to start talking
19 to those MPOs and COGs, the communities to get an input, work
20 with your district engineers to start with any ideas and so we
21 can get a project submitted that we need to consider.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Yeah. Thank you.

23 You know, I just -- I just commend you on the
24 process that we have for evaluating those projects. I know it's
25 a long process and I know it's a long haul, and sometimes we get

1 -- you know, we get -- you know, we have more good projects than
2 we have money, obviously, and so having a methodical way of
3 evaluating those and looking at them and that process, I think,
4 is -- serves the state well. So thank you for the work that you
5 do.

6 MR. LIGOCKI: Chairman, thank you very much.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah.

8 Okay. Moving on to Item 8 the agenda, do I have
9 -- oh, I have Dallas. Okay. Okay. State engineer Dallas
10 Hammit will present a report showing the status of the highway
11 projects under construction, for information and discussion
12 only.

13 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

14 Currently, we have 98 projects under
15 construction, totaling just under \$1.6 billion. In May we
16 finalized 18 projects, totaling 24.1 million, and year-to-date,
17 we have finalized 107 projects.

18 I did have a little more I wanted to state on the
19 Pinto Creek Bridge. We did receive our federal authorization
20 this week. It will advertise in the next two weeks. We plan on
21 bid opening August 31st, with the anticipation of being at the
22 board in September, granting we have bids and everything to go
23 forward.

24 That's all I have for the state engineer's
25 report.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Questions from the
2 Board?

3 Okay. Thank you, Dallas.

4 So we'll go on to Item 9 on the agenda. Dallas
5 will present recommended construction project awards that are
6 not on the consent agenda, for discussion and possible action.

7 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you
8 for approving the four items in the consent agenda.

9 We have a number of projects to discuss, and as
10 you see, all but one are local projects. And a lot of these
11 local projects have very specialized items. But as we look at
12 year-to-date on how we've been doing, year-to-date we have
13 awarded with a low bid of \$387,452,000. The estimate on those
14 projects was 397,392 [sic]. So we're about 2.5 percent under
15 the State's estimate with another month or so to go in the year.
16 So we've been fairly close.

17 The last few months, we have seen some increases,
18 but we've also had some specialty projects, like this month,
19 that don't always tell the big story on the projects. So we are
20 monitoring.

21 We did have a meeting just this week looking at
22 what our impacts with increasing fuel, tariffs. I really see
23 our biggest risk is labor. As the economy grows, our
24 competition for labor in the construction area will be taxed
25 between developments and highway construction. So we are

1 tracking that very carefully.

2 Our first project, Item 9A, this is a project in
3 the City of Glendale. It will add a sidewalk. On the project
4 the low bid was \$261,000. The State's estimate was 300 -- or
5 excuse me -- \$236,216.85. It was over the State's estimate by
6 \$24,783.15, or 10.5 percent.

7 As we look to the bids, the low bidder saw that
8 the duration for some of the items such as clearing and grubbing
9 and quality control was -- we had underestimated that duration.
10 So they had a little more labor. We have reviewed the bid and
11 believe it is a responsive and responsible bid and would
12 recommend award to Visus Engineering Construction, Inc.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.
14 Questions from the Board?

15 Okay. Do I have a motion to accept staff's
16 recommendation to --

17 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: -- to award the item
19 described -- the project described as Item 9A as presented to
20 the Visus Engineering Construction? Moved by --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't know.

22 MS. PRIANO: Board Member Knight.

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: By Board Member --

24 MS. PRIANO: Knight.

25 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: I wanted to say Gary.

2 (Inaudible.)

3 Board Member Knight. I apologize hearing that.

4 And seconded by Board Member Thompson. Any discussion?

5 All in favor say aye?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay? Ayes have
8 it. Motion passes.

9 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 Item 9B also in the City of Glendale, and this
11 will add EVP. And if you're like me, I had to go look that up
12 and see what that acronym was. It's an emergency vehicle
13 preemption. So it's for emergency vehicles to preempt signals
14 so they can get through safely and timely. On the project, the
15 low bid was \$460,969. The State's estimate was \$636,284.50. It
16 was under the State's estimate by \$175,315.50, or 27.6 percent.

17 And pretty much the whole difference is we got a
18 much better than expected pricing on the equipment that we had
19 anticipated. Everything else was fairly close. We have
20 reviewed the bid and believe it is a responsive and responsible
21 bid and would recommend award to CS Construction, Inc.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Any questions?

23 Do I have a motion to accept and approve staff's
24 recommendation to award the project 9B to CS Construction, Inc.?

25 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, I so move.

1 MR. SELLERS: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Moved by Board

3 Member Elters. Seconded by Vice Chair Sellers.

4 All those in favor?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay? Ayes have
7 it. Motion passes.

8 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

9 Item 9C is in the City of Surprise, and the
10 project is to add bike lanes. The low bid was \$3,394,221. The
11 State's estimate was \$2,370,841. It was over the State's
12 estimate by \$1,023,380, or 43.2 percent. We saw higher than
13 expected pricing in the concrete, curb and gutter, the
14 excavation. What we found is working in some tight areas, we
15 underestimated those costs. The department has reviewed the bid
16 and believes it is a responsible and responsive bid and would
17 recommend award to Combs Construction, Inc.

18 I do have one other thing. We have on all of
19 those locals contacted the local agency since they have to cover
20 the difference, and all of them have said yes, they have the
21 money and they want to proceed.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you. Questions?

23 Do I have a motion to accept and approve staff's
24 recommendations to award the project described as of 9C to Combs
25 Construction Company, Inc.?

1 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, I so move. And I do
2 have a question.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

4 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. A motion by Board
6 Member Elters, seconded by Board Member Hammond.

7 Board Member Elters, you have question?

8 MR. ELTERS: Yeah. Mr. Dallas -- Hammit,
9 Mr. Hammit.

10 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Dallas works.

11 MR. ELTERS: (Inaudible.) 40 percent is a lot
12 of -- recognizing what you said earlier about fuel and
13 commodities and such, I did notice not only it is 40 percent
14 over budget. It, in fact, exceeds the programmed amount for the
15 project by \$150,000 or thereabout. So I take it that's going
16 (inaudible) from the emergency fund.

17 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elters, it's a
18 local project. So anything over the local entity covers those
19 funds. So this does not come out of ADOT's contingency. It
20 comes out of the local government, in this case the City of
21 Surprise.

22 MR. ELTERS: Okay. So at least according to the
23 write-up, the City's part of the share was 15 percent. So it's
24 -- if you figure 15 percent out of 3 million, it's somewhere
25 around 500,000. You're saying the portion -- the difference

1 between 15 percent of what was estimated and what the actual bid
2 is, the City is contributing a higher dollar amount, and they're
3 on board with it. That's what I heard you say?

4 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elters, that is my
5 understanding. I will confirm that. But on these local
6 projects within our JPAs, we have a stipulation that any
7 overruns, the local agency is responsible. I will go back and
8 confirm that we did have an exception in this case, but when I
9 was reviewing the bids, I contacted our folks and asked have the
10 locals agreed to cover the additional costs and they're good to
11 go, and the answer was yes. But I'll make sure there was not an
12 exception in this case.

13 MR. ELTERS: If you would. Yes. It would be
14 good to understand, you know, 15 percent of what was estimated
15 if indeed the county -- they're making up the difference. That
16 difference is quite a bit, because the lowest bid is \$1 million
17 over our lowest estimate.

18 MR. HAMMIT: Understood. I'll make sure I find
19 out and get back to you.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I guess what I mean,
21 if I could just quickly add.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Sure.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: I guess I just want to make sure.
24 Remember, this is out of the MAG program. So they put the local
25 match. They use the federal aid. That's within the MAG

1 program. So it's not a subprogram of ADOT's funding. It's a
2 subprogram of MAG's funding. So when they go over, like that
3 million dollars, either the City has to come up with the full
4 million dollars or they have to get money out of the subprogram
5 within MAG and then match whatever's required in their agreement
6 to give it to us. So it never does affect any of our highway
7 projects or any of the program projects that we have for the
8 rest of the state. It's all managed through MAG's program. So
9 that million dollars comes out of the MAG program, whether the
10 City of Glendale -- or in this case, excuse me, the City of
11 Surprise came up with the full amount, or they had to go up with
12 some match to use additional money out of the MAG's contingency
13 fund. But it does not come out of the fund -- the rest of the
14 state fund.

15 MR. ELTERS: Okay. That helps a lot. Thank you.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Board Member Knight.

18 MR. KNIGHT: Floyd, so let me see if I understand
19 this. So if the low bid's 3 million, the 85 percent that is the
20 fed's portion, is it 85 percent of the 3 million, or is it just
21 85 percent of the original state's estimate? In other words,
22 that million, that overage, is the entire million --

23 MR. ROEHRICH: I'm going to point to the state
24 engineer (inaudible).

25 MR. KNIGHT: -- than the responsibility of the --

1 of the local or just 15 percent of it?

2 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight, if they're
3 using federal funds, the project was eligible. So if they go
4 through, as Floyd said, the MAG subprogram, they would -- and
5 again, I need to read the agreement. If they can go to that
6 subprogram, it would be coming out of the MAG area.

7 On most of them, the local entity, if it goes
8 over that much, as we'll see on the next one, project, the local
9 entity has the opportunity to cover those funds or look to
10 rescope and get a smaller project. So the local has the choice
11 to move forward or to say, hey, we can't absorb this increase
12 and go back. Does that answer your question?

13 MR. KNIGHT: I think so.

14 MR. HAMMIT: Okay.

15 MR. ELTERS: Thank you for the explanation,
16 Dallas. It helps. I guess when I looked at it, the combination
17 of only (inaudible), as well as the fact that it was 40 percent
18 over, and it is 40 percent on \$100,000 project. (Inaudible.)
19 So I appreciate the explanation and (inaudible).

20 MR. HAMMIT: No problem whatsoever.

21 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Good discussion. Thank
22 you, Board Member Hammit and staff.

23 So the item has been properly moved and seconded.
24 I think discussion's closed. All those in favor signify by
25 saying aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay? Okay. The
3 motion passes.

4 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 Item 9D, this project in the city -- or the town
6 of Colorado City was to install sidewalk and then make those
7 sidewalks ADA compliant. The low bid was \$720,000. The State's
8 estimate on this project was \$319,953.75. It was over by
9 \$400,046.25, or 125 percent. As we looked at the project, the
10 biggest thing in talking to the -- we only had two bidders --
11 the remote location, transport of materials was much more
12 expensive than we anticipated. But in this case, in working
13 with the locals since they would be responsible for the
14 difference, they've asked to reject all bids, and they will go
15 back and see if they want to rescope the project to scale it
16 down. So recommendation from staff is to reject all bids.

17 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. I've got a motion
19 to accept staff's recommendation to reject all bids for Item 9D
20 by Board Member Knight.

21 MR. SELLERS: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Second by Vice Chair
23 Sellers. Any discussion?

24 Okay. All in favor signify by saying aye.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay? The motion
2 passes.

3 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

4 Item 9E, this project is in Lake Havasu City. It
5 will widen an existing roadway, add curb and gutter and
6 sidewalk. The low bid on the project was \$1,111,054.02.
7 Everyone's having trouble talking. The State's estimate was
8 \$915,270.90. It was over the estimate by \$195,783.12, or 21.4
9 percent.

10 As we reviewed, we saw higher than expected
11 pricing in the asphalt items, on the concrete curb and gutter,
12 longer duration. Again, we anticipated that they could move
13 faster as they had extra duration that gave the extra
14 (inaudible). So the (inaudible) was a little higher. We have
15 reviewed the bid and believe it is a responsive and responsible
16 bid and would recommend award to Fann Contracting, Inc.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions?

18 Okay. Do I have a motion to accept and approve
19 staff's recommendation for Item 9E to award the contract to Fann
20 Contracting, Inc.?

21 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

22 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved by Board Member
24 Elters, seconded by Board Member Hammond. Discussion?

25 All in favor signify by saying aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay? Ayes have
3 it. The motion passes.

4 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 Item 9F, another local project, City of Apache
6 Junction, to place curb and gutter and sidewalk. On this
7 project, the low bid was \$1,270,000. The State's estimate was
8 \$1,119,041. It was over the State's estimate by \$150,959, or
9 13.5 percent.

10 We saw higher than expected prices in the grading
11 items and in the storm drain. The department has reviewed the
12 bid and believes it is a responsive and responsible bid and
13 would recommend award to Visus Engineering Construction, Inc.

14 MR. STRATTON: Move to approve.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions? Okay.

16 MR. HAMMOND: I have a quick question. This is
17 kind of a broader one on these over -- higher bids than
18 estimated. The State makes the estimate for the municipality?
19 Is that how the system works?

20 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hammond, the -- on
21 these projects, the -- generally the locals, we have a
22 consultant that works with them, prepares it, but our staff does
23 review it. So we have ownership. But a lot of times there's
24 different standards, and a lot of our estimates are based on
25 ADOT bids. So we go by history, and it's not as detailed as,

1 like, a contractor would do. We don't break it down always this
2 many hours of labor, this much for materials. Generally,
3 concrete, curb and gutter goes for this much a foot, and we make
4 an estimate from there. So as we get into smaller quantities in
5 those areas, sometimes we're off in those type of estimates.

6 MR. HAMMOND: So it's kind of a collaborative
7 effort between the municipality and the State? I just wondered
8 if there's tension building because the State's underbidding,
9 and then these municipalities get -- you know, get hammered for
10 a cost that they didn't budget, so... But it sounds like that's
11 not the situation. It's not -- this relationship between the
12 State and these municipalities is pretty solid in these -- in
13 this area, whether the bids come in high or low?

14 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hammond, in
15 general, yes. Just like any of us, when we have higher bids,
16 and if we pay for it here, we don't get to do something else.
17 So I don't know that there's extension. We explain the bids and
18 give them the opportunity to go forward or not. So we're
19 working to modify our prices, but this month I only had two that
20 weren't -- that were under, and we're looking at, hey, do we
21 need to adjust our history on our bids.

22 MR. HAMMOND: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Okay. I have a
24 motion on the floor. I need to -- by Board Member Stratton.
25 Was it Board Member Stratton?

1 MR. ELTERS: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: To accept and approve the
3 recommendation by staff to award the contract for 9F to Visus
4 Engineering Construction. Seconded by Board Member Elters. Any
5 further discussion?

6 All in favor signify by saying aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay? Ayes have
9 it. Motion passes.

10 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 Item 9G, this is a project on US-60 in
12 Wickenburg, and it's to replace some of the existing roadway
13 through town.

14 On the project, the low bid was \$1,534,470.61.
15 The State's estimate was \$1,335,095.10. It was over the State's
16 estimate by \$199,375.51, or 14.9 percent. Where we saw higher
17 than expected pricing, in the asphalt. They had lower
18 production rates, which led to more days of paving, higher
19 quality control. We have reviewed the bids and believe it is a
20 responsive and responsible bid and would recommend award to
21 Paveco, Inc.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions? Do I have a
23 motion to accept and approve staff's recommendation to award the
24 project described, it's Item 9G, to Paveco, Inc.?

25 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, I so move.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

2 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved by Board Member
4 Elters. Seconded by Board Member Knight. All those -- any
5 discussion?

6 All in favor signify by saying aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay? Ayes have
9 it. The motion passes.

10 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Thank you.

12 Okay. So we'll move on to Item 10. Staff will
13 present an update regarding the designation on portions of
14 former U.S. Route 80, for information and discussion.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair and board
16 members.

17 On our ongoing issue of evaluating the request
18 that we received previously from Mr. Clinco's group for
19 reviewing the former U.S. Route 80 for a historic designation,
20 just a reminder that we have completed and we are working with
21 some of the local governments on the off state highway system
22 portions of former U.S. Route 80, and that is ongoing. But as
23 far as evaluating the portions of former U.S. Route 80 that are
24 on the state highway system, we're in the process of finalizing
25 those. We've made a little bit of progress from last month, but

1 it's still taking a little bit longer because there's still some
2 discussion and review about what Mr. Clinco had submitted and
3 plus what we're finding in our research. So that is ongoing.

4 They do feel and the team feels that they will
5 have something ready to go back to meet with (inaudible) and
6 Mr. Clinco hopefully next month, and then from there they will
7 submit their report to the Arizona Historical Advisory Council.
8 If you remember, the statute requires them to at least make them
9 aware of the evaluation and the recommendation so they can
10 comment on it. They don't approve it, but they have a chance to
11 review it and comment on it. And then hopefully, as they've
12 said, they were going to come back later summer.

13 So if they get all this done in July and August,
14 hopefully we'll be back sometime in that August, September,
15 October time frame, and when that time comes, we will present
16 those portions of former U.S. Route 80 that are on the state
17 system that we view qualify as historic, and then we will start
18 doing the signing and the designation from there.

19 So it is continuing to move forward. We're
20 making progress. There's still a couple steps left to go. We
21 do expect that we will come back again, as we had said before,
22 later this summer, but it might be late summer, beginning of
23 fall, depending on weather in Arizona, it could -- summer could
24 go forever and fall could be like four weeks -- or four days, I
25 was going to say. Four days.

1 So I will keep the Board updated, as I said,
2 monthly as we continue to make progress, but we are making
3 progress. So we've got just a few more steps left to go.

4 With that, Mr. Chair, any questions?

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions? Okay. Thank
6 you, Floyd.

7 Okay. For Item 11, we have a request -- the
8 Board has a request by the City of Chandler for a letter of
9 support from the Board on their Arizona 2018 --

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, just to make sure, that
11 was an addendum -- Item 12. We added that as an Item 12. 11 is
12 still suggestion for future board topics.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: You have the discretion to take
15 them out of order. You can do Item 12 now if you want and talk
16 about the addendum. We're more than happy to do that.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: No. Let's wait. We'll
18 -- well -- well, actually, let's -- I do want to take them out
19 of order. I do want to take them out of order. I'm sorry.
20 Because I think it might be a segue to additional topics. So
21 let's go ahead and change the order, and we'll say for Item 11,
22 we'll address the City of Chandler's request for a letter of
23 recommendation to the Board on the Arizona 2018 BUILD grant
24 application, and I will invite Vice Chair Sellers to speak on
25 that.

1 MR. SELLERS: Thank you.

2 The City of Chandler is preparing a BUILD grant,
3 formerly a TIGER grant, for the construction of a four-mile long
4 segment of Chandler Heights Road between McQueen and Val Vista.
5 This is an important project because of the tremendous
6 population growth in southeast Maricopa County, as well as
7 adjacent Pinal County. To acquire federal grants these days
8 requires significant local funding. Consequently, I feel our
9 board should support projects that meet our priorities so that
10 we can get as much federal help with these critical projects as
11 possible. That's why I've asked to have this on our agenda, to
12 have full board support.

13 I'll be happy to answer any questions. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Floyd, do you have
16 comments on that? You look like you're ready to talk.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 And again, this is -- again, this is a Board
19 issue. This is obviously the Board can decide are they going to
20 support these? Are you going to sign the letter? Whether
21 that's each of you signing individually or by -- by a motion you
22 approve it, and therefore, Mr. Chair, you can sign if they just
23 want that.

24 The format and then the form of that, it could be
25 whichever direction you want, but I do think it -- as you

1 evaluate this, you actually list today, and it's appropriate to
2 action this today, and I want it to be clear the agency feels
3 that, but I do think that there's a greater issue we're going to
4 have to talk about in the future on infrastructure funding,
5 especially if the federal government goes the direction they're
6 going where they're asking for the locals to bring more, at
7 especially a higher percentage of project costs than what the
8 federal government has usually provided.

9 I think it does then become a policy issue. We
10 and our director has asked us to start working on this, and
11 Dallas' team along with some other people, Kristine's team and
12 others have been talking about from a policy perspective how
13 will we address these in the future. If they're projects that
14 are not in competition with us, obviously, it's easier to
15 support those. But what if the local or another entity wants to
16 start working on a project and develop something that's in a
17 direct competition with us, and it doesn't meet our priorities?

18 Then we need to start talking about exactly how
19 we would go about supporting those or not, and that's also going
20 to then become a board policy issue more than likely, especially
21 if it goes this direction. How does the Board want to address
22 these requests? Because as Mr. Sellers said in his comments,
23 whether this is BUILD grant or some of the future grants that
24 are in the President's principles of an infrastructure plan,
25 it's a lot more required for the locals to bring some funding

1 than before, and it is going to become a little bit of a frenzy
2 on responding to these grants in order to make yourself
3 competitive.

4 So addressing this today is very appropriate, and
5 I think it's up to the Board whatever you choose to do. But
6 they will -- could potentially be a larger policy issue. We're
7 starting with the one that we -- we probably want to bring to
8 the Board to talk about as well.

9 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So let me just
10 verify my understanding of what's on the table for my own sake
11 and maybe for board members as well. This letter is not a
12 commitment by the Board for funding or for, you know, approval
13 or anything. It is basically saying we support -- we support --
14 this project aligns with the priorities that we have set in
15 place in our long range plan, and it meets those criteria, and
16 one of the criteria is to get federal funding. And so that is
17 part of the process, but we're just -- we're just recognizing
18 that this project, you know, had it had federal funding, would
19 be one that we would consider in our programming process, were
20 they considering it in our programming process. Is that right,
21 or is that -- am I --

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, this is a local
23 project.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: We would not have ever programmed

1 this type of improvement through the State, through ADOT or
2 through the Board, but it could have been programmed through
3 MAG, through either the MAG program or the arterial streets
4 program, some of those funds. So that's why it's a worthy
5 infrastructure project, and as you said, supporting those,
6 because it does bring additional money, and it helps us getting
7 these (inaudible) improvements are very good.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: And again, this doesn't conflict
10 with any priorities we have. So it is definitely something to
11 support. And you're right, they're not asking for any funding
12 support, just support so when they submit their application,
13 they've got a bunch of letters from local transportation
14 officials like this board and others who support these things.

15 In the future, though, could you start seeing
16 requests for people coming that say, will you commit some funds
17 in order for us to make sure our local match starts getting to a
18 point that makes us competitive to draw down other federal
19 funds? That's why I think from a policy perspective, we need to
20 start talking about -- it's important to get transportation
21 funding in here, but is it important to get transportation
22 funding for projects that are a low priority for us just to get
23 funding when we really need to focus the funds we have on these
24 priority projects. That could become a conflict later on, which
25 is why as a policy discussion, we're talking about it, and the

1 Board may want to talk about it, too, as a policy discussion.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Good. Good
3 clarification.

4 Board Member Hammond, you had a question?

5 MR. HAMMOND: First of all, I would support the
6 letter. My only question was can we do it, you know, legally
7 and...

8 MR. SELLERS: We can.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes.

10 MR. HAMMOND: But your point is well taken. I
11 think it should be put on on a study session, because if our
12 letter carries weight, we want to -- we want to be focused in
13 how we use that weight, because there's limited money. And the
14 biggest issue I see with getting funding for anything is when a
15 community or a state or a county doesn't speak with one voice.
16 So if there's limited funds we have available to go after,
17 whether it's local projects or -- you know, or state projects,
18 and our letters carry weight, we should be targeted and as a
19 board probably have some policy on how we use that weight.

20 But I certainly support, as I think, you know,
21 the county and the city and whoever can put a letter together,
22 would support a project that seems very important to a local
23 entity. So, you know, if you need a motion to approve or to put
24 that letter together, and I don't know, does it get circulated
25 and we look at it or --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. You have to.

2 MR. HAMMOND: You've certainly got my motion.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Okay. Any other
4 suggestion?

5 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would echo the
6 comments made by Mr. Hammond as far as this would be a good
7 discussion for a study session just to capture the Board's
8 thoughts on how we approach that in the future.

9 My question to Mr. Sellers on this one is, is MAG
10 being asked to write a similar letter of support, MAG regional
11 council? And then additionally, most of these grants have some
12 limitation on how much you can apply for. So if you have that
13 info, what is the -- what is the approximate overall cost of
14 this project, which I trust has some regional nature to it? And
15 then how much money would they be applying to this grant?

16 MR. SELLERS: And I honestly don't have all those
17 answers. But yes, it has a lot of local, regional support, and
18 part of the reason I asked to go ahead and get this approved
19 today is because the cutoff for their current grant season is
20 July. So it's not like we're competing with other people that
21 are going to be applying for these grants now. We did go
22 through a process, as I mentioned in my earlier remarks, that
23 said is this really a project that we could view as a priority
24 project, and I would not have brought it here today if I didn't
25 feel (inaudible).

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

2 MR. ELTERS: So Chairman --

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Yes. Yes.

4 MR. ELTERS: One last thing, and that is while I
5 do support the discussion in the future on a study session,
6 given the nature of this and the timing, I would be fully
7 inclined to support it as well.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Thank you.

9 And it sounds to me like there's a couple of
10 motions here, and it sound to me like we have a motion to --
11 for -- what's the letter that's been presented and by Vice Chair
12 Sellers, and it sounds like there's a broader issue that the
13 Board should come back in a study session or in an upcoming
14 meeting and address how we want to move forward.

15 I mean, we are asking as part of our long range
16 plan that people bring federal money to the table as one of the
17 criteria. So we have to -- we owe it to those folks that are
18 putting that together some kind of feedback on whether we think
19 this is a worthy project that we're going to support going
20 forward or maybe not. So I don't know how that plays out, but
21 that's a different -- sounds like it's a different discussion.
22 This one doesn't impact the funding that we're overseeing, so to
23 me, it -- I mean, I certainly think it's a -- this is a worthy
24 project to support.

25 So -- and how we craft the letter, whether it be

1 -- I guess maybe -- I'm not sure. I'll ask the Board their
2 preference on how we craft the letter. I guess if there's some
3 -- if there's some -- you know, if there are some folks that
4 aren't comfortable with the letter, do we have it signed by just
5 myself or myself and the vice chair, or if we're all comfortable
6 with it, we can all sign it, or how -- how that would best --

7 MR. SELLERS: We've actually prepared two letters
8 today. One would be signed by the Chair. The other would be
9 signed by board members. And my preference, of course, would be
10 to have each one of us sign.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Board Member
12 Stratton.

13 MR. STRATTON: I agree with my fellow board
14 members that we should have a workshop on this or work session;
15 however, I don't think we should do that until we at least have
16 the draft policy from the staff to give us something to look at
17 and discuss --

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

19 MR. STRATTON: -- and work through that, and I
20 believe there's plenty of time to have that done prior to the
21 next grant cycle.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Good, good, good.

23 Okay. So I'm -- first I'm looking for a motion
24 to -- now, I don't know if we've had a chance to review -- I've
25 looked at the letter itself. The content of the letter itself,

1 I think that would be something that we would want to do before
2 we approved it.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, you have the letters in
4 your packet.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: It is one letter, but it is
7 formatted two ways: One that says you're signing on behalf of
8 the Board, and one that has all the board members' signatures on
9 it. And if you just want to pass it up and down the row so
10 people could look at it, but the language is fundamentally the
11 same. It's, like, two paragraphs. It just gives that support
12 for this project that the City of Chandler is submitting.

13 And then we've -- now, if you want a different
14 format, obviously, we'll mark it up, we'll make it. Then we'll
15 have to get the signature -- work out the signature process that
16 way. But if those are acceptable to you, you have both of them
17 there for you to decide. You sign on behalf of the Board, and
18 all you need is one motion for that letter. The issue about
19 making this a study session topic or us develop draft policiy,
20 that's all directed to us. We're going to take care of that as
21 staff.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So looking for the
23 letter here. (Inaudible.) Yes. Go -- Board Member Hammond.

24 MR. HAMMOND: So staff has looked at the letter
25 and finds it -- maybe not the right word is innocuous, but --

1 but it's okay. And on that note, and you know, unless everybody
2 wants to read it, I think we would probably look at the broader
3 motion that we all sign it, and if that fails, look at the other
4 motion of just the chair signing it, because you would want the
5 broader board to sign it.

6 MR. SELLERS: Correct.

7 MR. HAMMOND: So I would make a motion that we
8 sign the broader letter, and if everybody wants to take a look
9 at it before we act on that.

10 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So I have a motion
11 to accept the letter of recommen- -- of support to the City of
12 Chandler for the grant build program -- of the BUILD grant
13 project as submitted.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's not a long letter.
15 You could read it (inaudible).

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. For -- I could do
17 that. Do you -- has -- have all the board members had a chance
18 to look at it? (Inaudible.) Let me pass it down. Well, let me
19 pass it down. First let me finish up this motion.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: I was going to say so you have it.
21 At least if somebody will second that --

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: -- then you could continue
24 (inaudible) --

25 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: If they don't second it, then
2 we'll try --

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Yeah.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think the motion needs
5 to clarify that the letter --

6 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah, the letter to be
7 signed by all board members. So I have that motion. Do I have
8 a second?

9 MR. STRATTON: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Second. I have a second
11 by Board -- that motion was made by Board Member Hammond and
12 seconded by Board Member Stratton.

13 Okay. So now we'll have some discussion. I'll
14 let these board members take a look at the letter. I guess I
15 could read it, but -- you want me to read it? (Inaudible.)
16 Okay.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Or you could ask staff to read it.
18 I'll read it.

19 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Would you mind reading it?
20 (Unintelligible crosstalk.)

21 MR. ROEHRICH: That's okay.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Perfect. No problem.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, members of the
24 Board, here's the letter as drafted by the City of Chandler.
25 And I did want to point out this is the draft that they gave us.

1 All we did was modify the form as far as whether it's signed on
2 behalf or each board member signed. This was their recommended
3 letter.

4 And this is addressed to the Honorable Elaine
5 L. Chao, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

6 Dear Secretary Chao:

7 The Arizona State Transportation Board is pleased
8 to support the City of Chandler's 2018 BUILD Grant funding
9 application for their project on Chandler Heights Road. Since
10 the project is located in a part of the state that has
11 experienced tremendous growth over the past 30 years, it will
12 provide much needed relief to our transportation system.

13 Keeping up with the transportation infrastructure
14 demands of an ever-increasing population is certainly a
15 challenge. We appreciate the partnership we've had with our
16 cities in providing a variety of options to the traveling
17 public. Our board and the Arizona Department of Transportation
18 staff has developed a close relationship with the City of
19 Chandler as we have worked together on major freeway projects,
20 and we expect them to demonstrate the same commitment to
21 excellence when improving this four-mile long segment of
22 Chandler Heights Road.

23 We are happy to join the area residents
24 businesses and other interested stakeholders in supporting this
25 project and fully support the US Department of Transportation

1 funding of this project with a 2018 BUILD grant.

2 And then you see it's signed by the chair of the
3 Transportation Board or each individual board member.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Questions by board
5 members? Are you all comfortable with the content of that
6 letter?

7 Okay. I have -- I have -- the motion has been
8 properly made and seconded. It's on the table. So I will ask
9 all in favor signify by saying aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay?

12 Okay. It was a unanimous aye, so the motion
13 passes, and we will go ahead and figure out how to get that
14 signed.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: If we could get everybody to sign
16 it --

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: -- before we leave today. It's
19 the one that's -- hopefully it's still in your packet.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. All
21 right.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: (Inaudible.)

24 Okay. And so -- so I think that takes care of
25 that item, and we'll move on to the -- to new Item 12, which are

1 suggestions by board members to be placed on future board
2 meeting agendas. So we've already -- we've talked about a
3 couple things, one, having staff draft a policy for handling
4 these grant requests and then coming back to a study -- we have
5 a study session scheduled for --

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, in early November is
7 our next study -- study session. But I do want to also remind
8 the Board the next board meeting is July 20th, and it is up in
9 the City of Show Low, and make sure that you have made any room
10 reservations, because that place does tend to fill up now that
11 we're in the hot months, and that's a nice, cool place to go to.
12 So July 20th is the next board meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So -- so
14 (inaudible) so if we had the study session in November, we would
15 come back in December's board meeting to -- with an opportunity
16 to review it and approve the policy. Is that the way it would
17 work or not?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, that is correct. And
19 whether you approved it immediately or you want more time to
20 debate, I think the thing to remember about these grant
21 processes, one, the federal government's constantly going
22 through trying -- trying to react to either Congress or the
23 administration and develop rules. It will continue to be an
24 ongoing issue, and I think until they get a longer
25 transportation or infrastructure package, if you will, the grant

1 process is as well going to be a dynamic issue.

2 I think we just wanted to make sure that we set
3 some principle, some policy, kind of principles, if you will, to
4 start addressing some of these, but they'll have to be adapted
5 to the grant program as it continues to evolve and as the
6 federal government continues to look at how they're going to
7 address funding in future.

8 But I do anticipate we could come back as a study
9 session in November. We could probably having something drafted
10 up or the action in December or sometime shortly after that, but
11 we're also -- give us a chance to kind of review that as we go
12 into the next programming cycle and you start having the
13 requests from a lot of the local entities and others (inaudible)
14 talking about projects. We now have somewhat of a little bit
15 more of a structured process to start approaching some of those.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Yeah. No. Okay.
17 Very good. Any other suggestions for future board meetings?
18 Okay.

19 (End of recording.)

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