

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2019
State Transportation Board Meeting
City of Maricopa Council Chambers
39700 West Civic Center Plaza
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

Call to Order

Chairman Sellers called the State Transportation Board Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Stratton.

Roll Call by Board Secretary

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance:** Chairman Sellers, Vice Chairman Hammond, Board Member Stratton, Board Member Thompson, Board Member Elters and Board Member Knight. There were approximately 50 members of the public in the audience.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

ADOT Executive Officer, Floyd Roehrich, Jr. reminded all attendees to please 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. Twelve members of the public addressed the Board.

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2 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: All right. We'll move on to
3 call to the audience, and Mayor Price, would you like to welcome
4 the group this morning?

5 MAYOR PRICE: Thank you all very much. We
6 appreciate it. Again --

7 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: And by the way, you used up
8 your three minutes last time.

9 MAYOR PRICE: I know, right? You just keep
10 giving me more time. That's your first mistake, obviously.

11 Well, I appreciate this. I wish you would come
12 and do this in Maricopa more often. It makes my drive a lot
13 easier, you know, instead of following you all over the state,
14 but no, it's a wonderful opportunity. We're so thankful you
15 were able to come last night, and as -- you've heard me say this
16 three times, but for the audience that haven't, you know, you
17 were there this morning as we broke ground on the La Quinta,
18 which is a -- the first hotel in the city of Maricopa, and while
19 this is a really historical and monumental time for us, it's
20 really just the snowballing effect. And, you know, again,
21 preaching to the choir for most people in this audience, but you
22 know, great transportation infrastructure projects lead to
23 phenomenal economic development, and that's exactly what we're
24 seeing.

25 We want to thank you immensely for your

1 investment in the 347 overpass. That was a 15-year project in
2 the works, and if it hadn't been for partnerships with Ak-Chin
3 and Pinal County and UPRR and ADOT and everyone else involved,
4 then we simply wouldn't see that today.

5 And so as we're trying to work towards the next
6 step, which is, you know, fixing all the challenges that come
7 with the scoping study on the 347 and everything else, we know
8 that it's going to take more relationships. It's going to take,
9 you know, even harder things to overcome when dealing with Gila
10 River and, you know, federal government and other things,
11 especially with the lack of resources that are out there. So
12 it's something that we're working very diligently on.

13 We thank you again for being here, and we
14 certainly hope that you felt very welcomed and that the red
15 carpet's been rolled out for you. So you're welcome here in the
16 city anytime. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you, Mayor.

18 And I will remind everyone that there is a three
19 minute time limit. So please respect the time.

20 Next up we have County Supervisor Anthony Smith,
21 who, by the way, was our tour guide yesterday.

22 MR. SMITH: That's (inaudible). Have many
23 talents, I guess.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chairman and board members, and we
25 really appreciate the opportunity to speak with you this

1 morning. I also appreciate that you're here in the city of
2 Maricopa in western Pinal. This is also my home district for
3 District Four of the County Supervisor Association.

4 So I'm -- have a dual role. I'm also chair of
5 the I -- Pinal County I-11 Coalition, which is a combination of
6 a number of member communities in Pinal County, including Native
7 American communities.

8 This morning I want to bring to your attention
9 the -- my support for the green alternative, which is your ADOT
10 recommended alternative for the I-11 path as it goes from
11 Nogales, up to Wickenburg, and on into Nevada. The board on --
12 in front of you this morning is actually an older study that
13 this has been studied for some sometime. This is in Hidden
14 Valley Hassayampa Framework Study, and the area in the circle is
15 basically the same route that those who were able to make the
16 tour yesterday traveled on that path, but that has a little bit
17 of history. The same path that was decided by the Maricopa
18 Association of Governments back in 2006 until 2009, which was
19 studied during that period, they came up with the same
20 conclusion that you have in the ADOT recommended alternative
21 that there -- you have decided upon. So after years and years
22 of study, you've come to the same conclusion that this path that
23 goes from the Hidden Valley area, down south of the Ak-Chin, and
24 south of the city of Maricopa, is the best for improving
25 transportation and also bringing a high quality of economic

1 development and jobs to this area.

2 In addition to this particular area, there's also
3 a number of mega projects that Pinal County has been fortunate
4 to land and we're in the process of developing. The Lucid
5 electric car manufacturing, Nikola project. All of these are
6 depending on about 25 percent of their workforce from the local
7 city of Maricopa work -- workers.

8 In order to ease the travel, get traffic off of
9 347, there's a much easier route that eventually will be able to
10 be taken if this recommended alternative is adopted as the
11 alternative going toward. In addition to that, like I said, it
12 promotes local development and economic development, creating
13 additional jobs, which also, again, takes pressure off of 347
14 and adds to the local economy.

15 The trucking industry currently has a sign --
16 there's a sign out at I-8 and I-10 that says the -- this is a
17 trucking -- truck route that goes along I-8 and up 85.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman (inaudible).

19 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you very much. I'll let
20 it be in my conclusion. Thank you. You got to be fair.

21 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

22 And Tony, I started yesterday morning at a county
23 supervisor board meeting in Phoenix before we came here, so...

24 MR. SMITH: Yes. Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: All right. Next up we have

1 Randy Heiss, Executive Director of SEAGO. He's going to talk
2 about the Rural Transportation Summit, where our next board
3 meeting will be held.

4 MR. HEISS: Good morning, Chairman Sellers,
5 members of the board, ADOT staff.

6 Certainly was impressed. I don't get north of
7 Tucson very often, but I was impressed by two things on the
8 drive north of Tucson up to Casa Grande. The first thing that
9 impressed me was that I didn't see a single DPS officer. I
10 usually count 15 to 20 of them between Tucson, and I thought
11 that is wonderful. And then -- and the next thing that I was
12 impressed with was, of course, the improvements that have been
13 -- that extra lane just makes all the difference in the world.
14 So I was pretty amazed. Something that a lot of people will get
15 to enjoy that are coming from the northern part of the state,
16 down to Tucson for the Rural Transportation Summit, which as you
17 know, will be October 16th through 18th at the Casino Del Sol.

18 We have a great program together for you. We're
19 kind of focusing on trade. The theme of our summit this year is
20 "Rural Transportation Driven By Trade." We have a number of
21 great speakers, including Director Halikowski, who's going to
22 present the Bi-National Corridor Study, along with Juan
23 Ciscomani. That will be our opening general session.

24 Our lunchtime general session will feature
25 transportation chairs from the Senate and the House, Noel

1 Campbell, and the other one escapes my mind. Livingston, David
2 Livingston, will be out there talking about what's next in the
3 next legislative session.

4 And then our closing general session will be
5 Glenn Hamer, who is -- who is going to talk about trade tariffs
6 and the USMCA and why that's so important to Arizona.

7 So I think we've got a really exciting program.
8 There are a number of trade breakout sessions, a lot of
9 technical sessions. I think it's well going to be worth your
10 time.

11 Record-setting number of legislators attending
12 this year. At last count was somewhere around 15. The
13 sponsorships are also record setting this year. Close to
14 45,000. Amazing work. Thanks to Chris Bridges from Central
15 Yavapai MPO, who has really picked up and helped us, and Vinnie
16 Gallegos, who really picked up and helped us get the legislators
17 there. Certainly appreciate it.

18 And then registrations are about 290. I should
19 get a report -- we know we're going to hit more than 300 this
20 year. So it's just been a really great experience in that
21 regard.

22 And let's see here. The last thing is I have two
23 rooms left at Casino Del Sol for VIPs only. So first come,
24 first serve.

25 Thank you for your time. Look forward to seeing

1 you next month.

2 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

3 Next up we have Paul David, Graham County
4 Supervisor, and on deck we'll have Peggy Judd, Cochise County
5 Supervisor.

6 Is Paul David here?

7 MR. DAVID: Yes. (Inaudible.)

8 I'll share the podium.

9 Chairman Sellers and members of the ADOT State
10 Transportation Board, my name is Paul David. I'm a Graham
11 County supervisor in District One. I retired from ADOT in order
12 to run for supervisor and am enjoying my first term.

13 I'm here primarily to thank you very much for two
14 projects which are on the consent agenda. One is a local
15 project. It's a roundabout in the -- it's just north of Safford
16 by about a mile, and as our Safford -- (inaudible) Safford mine
17 opens and as our area grows, this is critical infrastructure,
18 and it's a \$2 million project. We thank you very, very much.

19 And the other is that there's an ADOT project,
20 drainage project that's just south of town by about seven miles.
21 This is an area that is -- during the monsoons and heavy rains
22 in the mountains, the highways actually close because of --
23 we've had problems with the hydroplaning, and we've had to close
24 the highway during some of those seasonal flows because of
25 overtopping. So thank you for that project, and everything from

1 evacuation routes to just regional transport. Thank you.

2 And then finally, just an advisory. The comment
3 period ends October 4th, and I'm sure that ADOT as staff are
4 well aware, but the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
5 is proposing to take over the Army Corps of Engineer permitting
6 for 404s. The fee schedules. I know historically the -- ADOT
7 has had a liaison in the office of the Army Corps they have
8 actually paid to help expedite the work, but the businesses
9 throughout the state have advocated, and now I'm afraid they're
10 going to get more than they -- than they wanted. They wanted
11 expedited service. ADEQ is now going to charge per permit
12 anywhere from 7 to \$50,000 per permit for the jurisdictional
13 delineation, and then site inspections will be additional. And
14 so this has the potential to really impact our local
15 governments, local businesses, and of course, the highway and
16 State Transportation schedule.

17 So anyway, thank you very very much. I wish you
18 well, and appreciate the time I had with ADOT. Very enjoyable,
19 and bless you and your work.

20 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

21 Peggy Judd, Cochise County Supervisor. On deck
22 is Paul Ward.

23 MS. JUDD: Chairman Sellers, members of the
24 Board, it's my pleasure to be here with you today.

25 I want to start out thanking you for a smaller

1 project that -- and it is one that's completed along the highway
2 in the Pearce, Sun Sites, Arizona, and there's a lot of thank
3 yous, heart felt appreciation coming from them. It was a
4 particularly rough stretch of highway. It is kind of their
5 access to their main street and their community businesses.

6 The second part of that thank you is that you did
7 it very quickly and without any disruption to their business or
8 their way of life there, and I'm hearing that over and over.
9 Small community, and when you hear so many people appreciate it,
10 that's a big bunch of appreciation. So thank -- thank you.

11 I also wanted to remind you of the progress we're
12 making with the commercial port of entry that will be located to
13 the west of Douglas, Arizona. The County and the City of
14 working together, and it's going to be a big -- we're going to
15 do transportation out of there.

16 I think I've mentioned before and had calls to
17 ADOT to remind them that they will need a double lane highway to
18 access I-10 somewhere, and we're kind of hoping in our district
19 that it would be 191. So just 191, Double A Highway,
20 (inaudible). We'd really appreciate that. This -- and this is
21 something I've heard predictions could happen as close as five
22 years. So I like to be optimistic, and my thoughts are five
23 years is long enough to wait, but it depends on how the federal
24 government and other funding sources come together.

25 And the last thing is I newly acquired the

1 chairmanmanship to our Healthy Communities Committee in Willcox,
2 and I'm working closely with the director. It is run through
3 the University of Arizona, and it seems at least in our
4 committee that the needs in our community stem mostly from
5 multi-use paths, sidewalks, things like that. And we know in
6 your project years ago, crossing I-10 on Exit 340, there's a
7 really nice path that goes across and extends out in the
8 community both directions, and I'd like to reach out and say in
9 our changing times where people, for number one, need to
10 exercise and be out more, number two, many of them don't have
11 transportation besides bicycles and walking, even in some of our
12 smaller communities, to always consider that multi-use type
13 structure along with your highway improvements, including, as my
14 constituent and friend, Cara Harris, has brought to your
15 attention many times. Shoulder -- consider when you're
16 revamping your highways, the shoulders, that they need to be
17 wide enough and clear.

18 So thank you very much.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

20 Okay. Paul Ward, Executive Director of Yuma MPO,
21 and on deck we have Steve Sanders.

22 And I -- you know, I don't want people to
23 think -- start thinking that I'm biased towards county
24 supervisors, allowing them more time than others.

25 MR. WARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of

1 the State Transportation Board.

2 Something very brief today, which will probably
3 set you back a bit, but from that point of view, I'd like to
4 pass on my thanks to Director Halikowski and Floyd, Mona
5 Glanswick and Larry Tally, and the Highway Safety Improvement
6 Program staff at ADOT.

7 We're wrapping up -- or I say "we're wrapping
8 up" -- they are wrapping up the applications for Highway Safety
9 Improvement Program Funds for 2023 and '24, and I'd like to
10 thank them for their attention to detail for considering the
11 projects that we've submitted from the Yuma metropolitan region.

12 By the looks of it, we've been successful in
13 getting eight out of the nine projects that we've submitted,
14 which arguably is a compliment to the staff that put all that
15 stuff together. But nevertheless, without with ADOT staff
16 already put this particular program set on, would not have
17 occurred.

18 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

20 Steve Sanders, Public Works Director for Gila
21 County, and on deck we have Kee Allen Begay, Junior.

22 MR. SANDERS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members
23 of the Board. I'm just here to thank you for your commitment to
24 the Lion Springs section of 260, and ADOT staff. That's very
25 much appreciated by Gila County. It's -- we really look forward

1 it. Thank you for your commitment to it.

2 Looking forward to the upcoming projects on
3 Highway 60 between Superior and Miami. Will be a big
4 improvement. In the Pinto Creek Bridge project, I just want to
5 let ADOT know that the POI department has been excellent on
6 that. There's no reason that anyone in the area should not know
7 what's going on. I mean, the community outreach has just -- has
8 been great.

9 Again, thanks for your commitment to Lion
10 Springs/260. It's very much appreciated. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

12 Kee Allen Begay, Junior, and on deck is Mike
13 Humphrey.

14 MR. BEGAY: Good morning to board members. My
15 name is Kee Allen Begay, Junior, with the Navajo Nation. I am
16 the tribal council member for the Chinle -- the central agency
17 of the Navajo Nation.

18 I just wanted to say thank you for the Arizona
19 Department of Transportation in helping and continuing to have
20 improvement on the right-of-ways on the Navajo Nation. And I
21 know they have been submitting some application for the bridges,
22 which we were -- they were awarded. I appreciate that. And I
23 know there's another application that's submitted for the 191,
24 and we're helping and continue to ask for your support.

25 But further, I just want to continue to ask the

1 Board to -- the policy on the right-of-way issue. You have the
2 main road. You have each of the fencing. Within that, I
3 believe that the ADOT has overall right-of-way, but to my
4 understanding, some of these exit roads on -- specifically on
5 the Navajo Nation, that it is the responsibility of the
6 committees. So we're talking about thousands of dollars for
7 individuals to maintain those particular exit roads.

8 So I guess my question -- I also sit on the
9 Navajo Nation Resource Development Committee. We're the
10 oversight for the Navajo Department of Transportation. So in
11 working with all the other states, meaning Utah and New Mexico,
12 we continue to ask how we can improve and cooperate and
13 collaborate in working together in improving a lot of these
14 state right-of-ways, not just for us as a nation, just to look
15 and ask for help, but how is it that the Board could be able to
16 help us in asking the Arizona Department of Transportation to
17 modify some of these policies where all the right-of-ways should
18 be with -- should be -- the ADOT should be able to maintain and
19 improve a lot of these exit roads, especially some of these bus
20 pullouts.

21 So again, that's my main area for today's report,
22 and I appreciate the opportunity for us to -- as a nation to
23 continue to work with the Arizona Department of Transportation,
24 and I know the director and some of the staff have been back --
25 have been out onto the Navajo Nation and knew the situation out

1 there. So again, I'd just continue to ask for your support and
2 how we continue to ask for getting the right-of-ways improved,
3 not just for the local community, but all those that travel
4 through our Navajo Nation, because we would have several
5 monuments that people that continues to work on -- I mean, to
6 attend with that. I think my time is up, but last I just want
7 to say thank you very much and have a wonderful day.

8 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

9 Okay. Mike Humphrey, and on deck is Rich
10 Vitello.

11 MR. HUMPHREY: Thank you.

12 My name is Mike Humphrey. I returned this
13 morning to request that you place the median barrier cable issue
14 on your October 8th study session for discussion and action.

15 In March of this year, Board Member Gary Knight
16 requested that this item be placed on the board agenda for
17 discussion and action. I fully support Mr. Knight's request.
18 It is crucial that the Board be allowed to receive both public
19 input and expert testimony in order to establish a policy on the
20 use of median cable barriers on crash-prone sections of I-10 and
21 other interstates throughout the state.

22 The establishment of such a median cable barrier
23 policy is consistent with the stated role of the Arizona
24 Transportation Board, in which it is granted policy powers by
25 the governor and serves an advisory capacity to the director of

1 the Arizona Department of Transportation.

2 For the past 18 months, I and other supporters of
3 median cable barriers have appeared on numerous occasions before
4 this board describing the dangerous conditions currently
5 existing on I-10 and providing information on the efficacy of
6 the median cable barriers to significantly reduce the incident
7 of fatalities and serious injuries associated with cross-median
8 crashes.

9 Our ability to fully explore this issue with you
10 has been hampered by the public meeting rules governing call to
11 the audience presentations.

12 In addition to public input provided at your
13 meetings, you have also been made aware of numerous media
14 reports on this issue, which have identified crash prone
15 sections of I-10 and the numbers of crashes, fatalities and
16 injuries which have occurred.

17 You are also aware that ADOT recommended the
18 placement of median cable barriers in crash prone sections of
19 I-10 in their 2013 Roadway Departure Safety Implementation Plan
20 Annual Report.

21 You are also aware that local elected officials
22 up and down I-10, including the mayor of this city, have
23 expressed their concerns about the safety of this roadway and
24 the need for median cable barriers and other safety improvements
25 to be implemented.

1 In my conversations with both ADOT staff and some
2 of you regarding placing this item on your agenda, I have been
3 told repeatedly that this issue cannot be discussed as long as
4 there is ongoing litigation. The currently legal challenges are
5 occurring in part due to the lack of median cable barriers in
6 crash prone areas of Arizona highways. Continuing to ignore the
7 median cable barrier issue will not make these legal challenges
8 disappear, nor prevent future cross median crashes.

9 You do not work for ADOT. As noted above, the
10 Board has been tasked by the governor with providing advice and
11 policy direction to ADOT, and the examination of and policy
12 recommendation on the use of median cable barriers on Arizona
13 highways falls within your purview.

14 The human cost is just too high to continue to
15 ignore the serious public health and safety issue. Too many
16 families, like my own, have suffered the loss of serious injury
17 or death of loved ones. Too many families will suffer the same
18 fate if nothing is done.

19 To paraphrase a famous quote from the 60s, you're
20 either part of the solution or part of the problem. You have
21 both the power and responsibility to be part of the solution.
22 You can begin by placing the median cable barrier issue on your
23 October 8th agenda.

24 Thank you.

25 I'd like to make one comment about the poster I

1 brought in today. That is my wife's car. That -- she went
2 through an 80-foot median without a cable. It just shows how
3 ineffective -- cross-median crashes, you're going to have them
4 as long as you don't have a cable. I don't care how wide the
5 median is.

6 Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

8 Okay. Rich Vitello. I'm not sure I'm
9 pronouncing that right. And on deck is Linda Sullivan.

10 MR. VITELLO: Good morning, board members. I
11 appreciate everything that you've done for our great state,
12 especially for our city, the city of Maricopa. I'm also a
13 council member and a resident here. And thank you for the
14 overpass. It's absolutely beautiful. You did a great job, and
15 we really do appreciate it. The whole city appreciates it.

16 I'm here to talk today about the 347. It's
17 personal to me. Over the course of the last three years, I've
18 unfortunately had to wear these benefit jerseys for my good
19 friend, Izzy Calderon, who was in a very serious accident on the
20 347. These are my memories of the three accidents -- of the
21 accident, and this third year, he's in a coma. He's still in a
22 coma today, and we don't know when or if he'll ever come out of
23 it. He is completely brain dead, and we have the tough task of
24 helping to raise money for his family, because insurance is
25 going to run out. He's a father. He's a great husband, and

1 he's also a public servant to the jail. He's a -- I'm sorry.
2 But he's a great man.

3 But not only do I speak for Izzy and all the
4 accidents that happened on the 347. I speak for the city of
5 Maricopa and people who travel through this city and want to go
6 in and out of it, but you hear the accidents day in and day out,
7 and when there's a fatality, they have to close it down. And
8 the great people of Maricopa who have to come back from work
9 every day sometimes may never have to that don't know what's
10 going on.

11 So I really do wish, and I know it's a very tough
12 job, because you get this day and day out, and I really do
13 appreciate everything that you guys do, because it's a very
14 tough job. I just hope that we can get this on a quicker plan
15 than five years or ten years or whatever the case may be, but we
16 really do need to have this fixed. And I know a lot of people
17 here in the city do know that, and they all support that. And I
18 know that it's a tough job for you guys, and please understand
19 that it's personal to a lot of us here. And I don't know when
20 this family's going to make that tough decision to let him rest
21 in peace.

22 So all I ask is from my heart to please
23 understand that this is very, very personal, not only to me, to
24 the families, and everybody in the softball community living
25 here in the city of Maricopa. God bless you, and I hope that

1 this is something that you guys can really push up on the
2 program.

3 Thank you very much and have a great day and a
4 blessed day.

5 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

6 Okay. Next up we have Linda Sullivan. On deck
7 we have Jerry Williams.

8 MS. SULLIVAN: Good morning. I thank you for
9 taking the time to listen to me. I'm a nobody. I'm a single
10 mom who worked really hard, and I bought a house out in
11 Thunderbird Farms. Do you know that is? Anybody here know
12 where Thunderbird Farms is? No? It's right out past the
13 casino, a little section there where everybody has three and a
14 half acres or more.

15 I'd like to pass these out to you. Is that okay
16 with you?

17 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: You can give those to the
18 board secretary, and she'll get them to us. Thank you.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I was just going
20 say, if you please give me those, we'll distribute them to the
21 board members, and we will have a record.

22 MS. SULLIVAN: It helps if you see it while I'm
23 talking. Thank you.

24 I worked really hard to buy this house on three
25 and a half acres and raise my son out in the country rather than

1 the city. Now they're telling me they want to -- you want to
2 built a freeway over my house.

3 I was told that ADOT already owns the property on
4 the orange route. I'm here, please, influencing you to choose
5 the orange route. The orange route is already owned by you.
6 The orange route has already been graded, and the orange route
7 has already had the impact environmental study completed. It's
8 about 12 miles southwest of where the green route is that
9 Mr. Smith was talking about.

10 Why would you want to spend billions of dollars
11 that you don't have to when we already have that property? You
12 already own it. We could do that. There are families, their
13 homes, their families for generation that have lived out there.
14 Do you care about that? I don't know. I'm here to see if you
15 care.

16 We have Hispanics who aren't speaking English and
17 aren't even aware of what's going on. We're trying to make them
18 know what's going on. We have disabled people, blind people.
19 Moving them would be huge, an almost impossible endeavor
20 financially.

21 What I'm asking today is look at what's going on
22 in Phoenix. There's a big movement right now. All of the young
23 people are fighting. They want to fight for climate change and
24 the destruction of the wildlife and the deserts right now in
25 Arizona. Do you care about that? They do. And our deserts out

1 where I live are full of -- teaming of wildlife.

2 Please consider the orange route. I ask you with
3 all my heart. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

5 We will now move on to Item No. 1, the director's
6 report, and this is for information only.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members
8 of the Board. The director sends his apologies. Something came
9 up. He was not able to make it. I have no report. He had no
10 items to present. He did want to remember -- remind board
11 members if you have issues for him to present in the future,
12 please let me know and we'll make sure to get them on the
13 agenda. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

15 Okay. Moving on to Item No. 2, the district
16 engineer's report with Randy Everett. This is for information
17 and discussion only.

18 MR. EVERETT: Good morning, Chairman Sellers,
19 members of the Board. My name is Randy Everett. I am the
20 senior administrator for the Central District.

21 A couple months ago, Judy Gadsby was here.
22 Better version of myself. She gave you an overall of the
23 district, an overall look of the district. So today I'm going
24 to just give you a brief overview of some of the things that are
25 around the city of Maricopa, some of the things I think people

1 would be interested in.

2 Central District, on the construction side is
3 made up of myself as the -- essentially the DE, and then James
4 Hartman and Dylan Cardie are my assistant district engineers.

5 So today we're going to talk about three
6 different types of projects that are going on in and around
7 Maricopa. We actually have one -- or some of each of these,
8 which is fantastic: Perseveration, modernization and expansion.
9 So let's start with preservation.

10 Back in April, we did an eastbound Wildhorse Pass
11 -- this is Wildhorse Pass down to Riggs Road, where we do what
12 we call a flush, a fog seal. It seals cracks. What it does is
13 restore the flexibility in the pavement. It's really proven to
14 keep our roads -- the rubber on our roads, the rubber asphalt,
15 going for quite a bit longer. So we're trying to do this around
16 the entire valley, but this is an area that's on I-10. It's in
17 this general area. Interestingly enough, westbound will be next
18 weekend. So anybody that's out there might want to stay home.
19 This does get a little bit busy when we're out here. But this
20 will finish up the area on I-10 in this area about where
21 Wildhorse Pass and Riggs Road is. So those are our two
22 preservation.

23 We have a modernization project, and typically I
24 don't talk about things that aren't in construction yet, but I
25 wanted to bring this up in case you did have any questions. We

1 have a signal, it's probably in the later stages of design right
2 now at Maricopa Road and 347. And so what we are doing, we've
3 had a -- we, the collective "we" is ADOT -- have heard our
4 constituents, and there -- just a signal at this location has
5 not been super popular with a lot of people. So what we're
6 looking into right now is maybe an enhancement, a compromise
7 that makes this a little bit more palatable for everyone. What
8 we're looking into is what we call a "high T." It would be a
9 situation where you would have free-flowing movement to the
10 north or east, if you will. You would have two lanes that would
11 continue to be free flowing in that direction. But it would
12 allow for a left turn movement into Maricopa Road traveling in
13 that north or east direction. In the other direction, of
14 course, there would be a stop point at the signal itself.

15 What this allows for is the Maricopa traffic on
16 Maricopa Drive -- Road to be able to pull out into the left lane
17 without oncoming traffic, and then merge into that eastbound or
18 northbound traffic. So this is a good compromise that we're
19 hoping will make everybody happy about the situation, that
20 signal.

21 What we have right now is we are reaching out to
22 our partners at MAG for the additional funding that that might
23 need. So it is a little bit delayed, but we do plan on moving
24 forward with that project.

25 Finally, we've got some great expansion projects,

1 which I know you're all familiar with. We see them every day,
2 but these are exciting to us because they are now coming to a
3 completion. The one on Picacho on Interstate 10, you're all
4 very familiar with that. That is a beautiful project. That was
5 a realignment project. I'll give you a little bit more
6 information. But that's a picture of what it looks right now.
7 We're almost done. That -- from Sunshine to East Picacho
8 Highway is where that is. It's actually realigning the highway
9 down there. New bridges over 87, and the Union Pacific
10 Railroad. Right now it's about 94 percent complete. We've
11 expended about the same, 97 percent funds. That one should be
12 done in November. So we're super excited about that. Also has
13 the dust monitoring system on that, which we feel is very
14 important for the general area.

15 next one we have, also almost complete, I-8 to
16 Earley. You see a picture of it here. It really is essentially
17 running -- up and running, and it is complete. So it's a great
18 project for us. This is -- if you haven't seen it, it's from
19 Earley Road to Interstate 8 down there. It replaces the bridges
20 over Jimmy Kerr Boulevard, Union Pacific Railroad. This project
21 is about 100 percent complete right now. It did go over in
22 funding just a little bit. That's -- has to do with some of the
23 utility funding that we have out there.

24 Finally, the expansion project I want to bring to
25 your attention, obviously, is the 347. That is also coming a

1 finish. That's where we have the new bridge on the new
2 alignment you see every day if you're around here. It's a
3 500-foot-long bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad in
4 Maricopa. So very exciting project. It's about 90 percent
5 complete now. About 91 percent of the funding has been
6 expended. So that's also a very positive project. It is
7 actually, as Mayor Price knows, over -- it has opened to traffic
8 right now, so that's exciting. People can use that.

9 That's all I've got. Any questions? And I'm
10 happy to answer any questions around the entire valley, also.
11 But this was just kind of the little smattering of things around
12 here.

13 Okay. With no questions, thank you very much.

14 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Thank you.

15 I think I mentioned during the call to the
16 audience that Jerry Williams was on deck, and then I didn't call
17 him up. So Jerry, are you still here? Sorry. My mistake.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning. Thank you, Board
19 Chair and the board members. Thank you for you allowing me to
20 speak on my behalf for my community of Le Chee. And I -- my
21 name is Jerry Williams, and I'm the Le Chee Chapter president,
22 and I've been before the Board a few times and talked about my
23 community of Le Chee.

24 One of things that I want this board here to take
25 a look is Highway 98 and -- in 222, which goes to Antelope Point

1 Marina, and I had -- I went and got some data from Navajo Parks
2 and Rec, which operates the Upper and Lower Antelope Canyons,
3 and back in 19-- 2017, they had about 156,000 people come
4 through there. And then in 2018, they had about 172,000 people
5 that came through the upper and lower canyons.

6 So the intersection there is kind of dangerous,
7 and I'm in the process of getting some data from DPS, Navajo PD
8 and the Coconino County, and also the National Park Service. So
9 when I come back next time, I'll give you guys some data about
10 all the accidents and things that are happening in that area.

11 And you guys are probably aware that the City of
12 Page made some improvements over at the Horseshoe Bend, and
13 that's now being really monitored, but it's really getting
14 compact out there, too. That's on Highway 89, going into Page
15 from the south side. So I just want to let you guys know that,
16 you know, I'm here advocating, and I will be back again.

17 Thank you for letting me speak. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

19 Okay. We'll now move on to the consent agent.

20 Does any member want any item removed from consent?

21 Board Member Stratton.

22 MR. STRATTON: Item 6D.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Item 6D. Okay. Any --

24 MR. ELTERS: Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yes.

1 MR. ELTERS: I'd like to pull 6F, 6J and 6K.

2 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Say those again, Board Member
3 Elters.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Item 6 is for the
5 regular construction contract. We're on the Item 3, the consent
6 agenda. Are there items for Item 3?

7 MR. ELTERS: I stand corrected. I'll wait.

8 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay.

9 MR. STRATTON: So do I. Thank you, Floyd.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: But I do have one comment to make
11 on the consent agenda, Mr. Chairman and board members. Item 3J
12 is a MAG project that has RARF funding in it. The Board is
13 actioning it today, which is appropriate, but then a reminder
14 that MAG Regional Council doesn't meet until next week, and they
15 have to action it as well. So because of the timing and the
16 process, we're actioning it first, but that project still has to
17 go to MAG Regional Council because of the RARF fund.

18 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Thank you.

19 Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda?

20 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, I'd like to move to
21 approve the consent agenda.

22 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion by
24 Board Member Thompson, and a second by Board Member Knight. Any
25 discussion?

1 All in favor say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
4 carries.

5 We'll now move on to the financial report, with
6 Floyd Roehrich. You're wearing a lot of hats today, Floyd.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's the
8 end of a busy time, obviously, the end of the federal fiscal
9 year this month and lot of other issues. So Kristine was just
10 inundated at work.

11 There's not a lot financially as we are in the
12 middle of kind of closing out the federal year, as well as this
13 is kind of the beginning of the fiscal year for us as well. So
14 I just wanted to point out a couple of things. She will have a
15 more comprehensive discussion, obviously, next month, as well as
16 talk about some of the recent grants that the State has been
17 contacted about. She'll be able to talk more specifically about
18 some of these financial things, will be available next month.

19 She just wanted to point out even though it's the
20 beginning of the month, it's a summer month, we are seeing HURF
21 revenues down a little bit from what forecast was, but again,
22 it's the beginning of the year, it's the month. These are the
23 slow period. She doesn't see that as an issue that would affect
24 later on funding, but just something that we're monitoring, and
25 she'll be able to talk more specifically about that.

1 It's the same situation with the Regional Area
2 Road Fund. It's a little bit smaller amount below forecast, but
3 it's the beginning of the year. It's the summer months. People
4 just need to, you know, stop buying beer and going to the lakes.
5 They need to go to the bars and eat. Don't drink, but eat,
6 because we're kind of falling short on some of those. So -- and
7 remember to tip your waitresses and waiters.

8 On the federal program, like I said, the issue
9 she was wanting to make sure to follow the Board on with was
10 some of the grant information. We've been successful on a
11 couple of grants with early notice. They're still going through
12 their -- kind of their waiting period, but by next month, in
13 October, she will be able to talk more specifically about that
14 as well as any other federal actions that are going on,
15 especially as we close out the fiscal year, start the new
16 federal fiscal year.

17 With that, Mr. Chair and board members, that's
18 all I have.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: So they -- we did get a
20 significant grant, a BUILD grant, I think, that will be applied
21 to I-17, and she'll explain to us how that will impact the
22 overall financials?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, board members, that is
24 correct.

25 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

1 Any other questions for Floyd?

2 All right. Moving on to Agenda Item 5 with Greg
3 Byres. This is for information and discussion only.

4 MR. BYRES: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, board
5 members. I had just had a couple of items I wanted to go
6 through today. One of the first ones is we are currently in the
7 process of trying to get our -- all of the projects in our P2P
8 analyzed. So at this point, we've got our all of our
9 preservation and our modernization projects pulled together that
10 we are now starting to analyze. We're also taking and putting
11 together the last of our expansion projects and trying to get
12 all the data pulled together for those.

13 One of the big things that we're doing is trying
14 to schedule all of our district workshops. So over the next
15 couple weeks, each of you will be receiving an invitation to
16 attend those workshops as we go forward. One of the big things,
17 I had mentioned this a couple months ago, was trying to take and
18 involve you all in our processes, and this is a great
19 opportunity for you to see what projects there are and also to
20 help with any input in coming into those. So each of your
21 representative districts, there will be an invite going out so
22 that you can attend if you want to, but it's -- it would be a
23 huge input for us to see if you -- if you do have any input and
24 so forth. So you will be seeing those invites coming pretty
25 soon.

1 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Board Member Stratton.

3 MR. STRATTON: I'd just like to thank Greg for
4 that. That's something that I had discussed with staff
5 previously about Board input on projects, and thank you for the
6 response and the effort.

7 MR. BYRES: Uh-huh.

8 The other thing that we have is we do have some
9 tier one projects that are going out for, currently, public
10 comment. Our north/south corridor project is -- has been
11 advertised in the Federal Register. We're now getting ready to
12 have public hearings on that. So that's coming up here fairly
13 quickly.

14 We also have on our Sonoran corridor, that's
15 getting ready to go out for a public comment as well. That's
16 still about three months away, but it's getting fairly close to
17 that point. We've taken and actually sized down the number of
18 alternatives. So we're going through the last of that on that
19 particular project. I-11, those -- that comment period has
20 already closed. We're now taking -- consolidating all of those
21 comments, addressing those comments that will go forth and be
22 represented in the final -- as that goes forth for a final
23 determination.

24 So those are all items that we have going. I
25 just wanted to kind of keep you in the loop on what we've got

1 for that. Thank you very much.

2 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

3 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yes. Board Member Thompson.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Maybe in the future, if it has not
6 been part of the training that you're talking about, I'd like to
7 know information on how the State can obtain right-of-ways on
8 tribal Native American land for transportation purposes.

9 Thank you, Chair.

10 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

11 Okay. Next we're going to move on to Item No. 6
12 with Greg Byres, for discussion and possible action.

13 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
14 members.

15 I'll start off with Items 6B through 6I. These
16 are eight project modifications. And so with that, the PPAC
17 brings forth these items for approval with a recommendation for
18 approval.

19 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chair, I'd like to discuss
20 item 6D, please.

21 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Board Member Stratton.

22 MR. STRATTON: I'd like to discuss Item 6D.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay.

24 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yes. Board Member Elters.

1 MR. ELTERS: I'd like a little more discussion on
2 Item 6F, please.

3 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Do we want to have a
4 motion to approve all the items except for D and F in that?

5 MR. HAMMOND: So moved.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, if there are just some
7 questions about it, we could approve the motion, open for
8 questions, they give the answers, and if that's satisfactory,
9 then you can move the motion, or if you're not satisfied, then
10 you can request that those get pulled.

11 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay.

12 MR. STRATTON: Just a question.

13 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Do I have a motion on
14 Item 6B through 6I?

15 MR. HAMMOND: So moved.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Who made the motion?

18 MR. HAMMOND: I did.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Motion by Board Member
20 Hammond, second by Board Member Thompson. Any discussion?

21 MR. STRATTON: On Item 6D, Mr. Chairman, so on
22 I-15, you wanted to increase the budget by approximately
23 \$500,000, more or less?

24 MR. BYRES: Correct.

25 MR. STRATTON: Where's the money coming from?

1 MR. BYRES: That money is coming out of our
2 bridge fund. So we have -- in the bridge fund itself, there's
3 money been set aside for multiple bridges, as well as
4 contingencies for those. That's where that money's coming from.

5 In this particular case, what we're looking at
6 doing is taking and decreasing the numbers of spans for that
7 bridge. That was done -- or the rationale for that came forth
8 in a value engineering study that was done. One of the big
9 things is, yes, we're putting money towards the design for this,
10 but it will take and come back in excess in the cost of
11 construction. So it's just a tradeoff at this point in time.
12 We're looking at reduced construction costs considerably with
13 the reduction in the number of spans.

14 MR. STRATTON: So you will redo the estimate on
15 the cost once this is done?

16 MR. BYRES: Correct. Once we revise the design,
17 we'll have new cost estimates.

18 MR. STRATTON: I would ask when you come back
19 with that, that you give us the original estimate and the new
20 estimate.

21 MR. BYRES: You bet.

22 MR. STRATTON: And what the difference is. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. BYRES: We can certainly do that.

25 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Board Member Elters.

1 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, also a question on 6F,
2 and indirectly, it's related to 6K (inaudible). This project
3 now requires right-of-way acquisition and/or easements, 100
4 parcels, and (inaudible) at the cost of (inaudible), as well as
5 the cost of acquisition. It's about \$3 and a half million easy.
6 I did ask Greg earlier about an explanation. He provided one.
7 I think it's important and valuable for the rest of the board
8 members to hear it, and that's the reason I wanted to ask the
9 question.

10 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Elters,
11 this particular section of 77 is -- when it was originally
12 constructed, it was constructed as a rural section. Since it
13 was constructed, development has occurred along both sides.
14 It's pretty much fully developed now. There are no sidewalks.
15 The drainage for that section of roadway is basically done with
16 swales along both sides of the road.

17 What we're looking at doing now is improving that
18 to a rural section. As such, in order to get that put together,
19 there's additional right-of-way needed on both sides, as well as
20 changes in access to the existing businesses, as well as some of
21 the residents that occur along both of those. There's
22 approximately 100 different parcels that are being affected with
23 this section, which is the reason for this change that we're
24 going for.

25 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Thank you.

1 All right. We have a motion and a second. All
2 in favor say aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
5 carries.

6 Okay. On PPAC new project Items 6J and 6K.

7 MR. BYRES: Well, Mr. Chairman, we're bringing
8 forth both of these projects. These are new projects, and PPAC
9 brings them forward with a recommendation for approval.

10 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, I do have a question
11 on 6J.

12 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay.

13 MR. ELTERS: If I may. And it's really just to
14 point out that the supporting sheet that was provided with each
15 project does not match the information on the project itself.
16 So Item 6J is listed as I-10, Milepost 274.8, Houghton Road TI,
17 and yet the supporting sheet (inaudible) relates to SR-77. I
18 think it's just inadvertent, but nonetheless, the numbers and
19 the corridors do not match.

20 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, those -- that can
21 certainly be corrected so that we can take care of that.

22 MR. ELTERS: That's it.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Do we have a motion?

24 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

25 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Moved by Board Member
2 Stratton, second by Board Member Thompson. Any further
3 discussion?

4 All in favor say aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
7 carries.

8 Okay. Moving on to PPAC airport projects Item 6L
9 through M.

10 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, these are projects that
11 are being brought forth to the Board for approval. These
12 airports are all with changes due to additional costs on the
13 federal side. These are -- basically, we're proposing putting
14 forth a portion of the match through an FAA grant for each of
15 the different airports. FAA has already accepted the higher
16 costs that were associated with the projects. So all we're
17 doing is bumping our match to match that of FAA. So with that,
18 we bring this forward with a recommendation for approval.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Do we have a motion?

20 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, move to approve.

21 MR. STRATTON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: We have a motion to approve by
23 Board Member Knight, second by Board Member Stratton. Any
24 discussion?

25 All in favor say aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
3 carries.

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

5 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Are we going back now
6 to 6A?

7 MR. BYRES: So yes. So going to 6A, this is what
8 we're looking at is the State Aviation System Plan. So kind of
9 go through. All I'm just going to do is just kind of go through
10 a summary of what the plan is.

11 So the original State Aviation System Plan, we
12 call it SASP, was written in 1978. It's been updated several
13 times. The last update was done in 2008. This current 2018
14 version, I believe you all had either a link to it or I believe
15 there was hard copies. I'm not sure if you got the hard copies
16 or not. It's a very large document. There is --

17 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yes. We have it.

18 MR. BYRES: -- an executive summary. So if you
19 went through the executive summary, you got the highlights of
20 everything in it.

21 The SASP provides basically an assessment of the
22 inventory of the existing airports, as well as current
23 management practices and policies for the aeronautics group
24 itself, as well as some of those for this board, which we go
25 through, and this board has certain policies that regulate our

1 aeronautics group.

2 The SASP also provides projections of future
3 growth, as well as changes in state aviation, as well as
4 recommendations for changes in policies and practices.

5 The development of the SASP had two different
6 sections. We had a vision and a set of goals. The vision and
7 the goals were based on aviation needs and state economic
8 growth, as well as impact, safety and responsible stewardship of
9 the Aviation Fund itself.

10 So with the airports, the inventory of the
11 airports, there are 67 airports across the state that are
12 recognized for funding through the State itself. Not all of
13 those 67 airports qualify for FAA funds, but they all qualify
14 for State funds.

15 There's a classification difference that's set up
16 for each of the different airports. We have commercial service
17 airports. We have reliever airports, and we have general
18 aviation airports that are all spread across the state. So if
19 you look at that map of the state, you can kind of see how
20 sporadically set up each of the different airports are. But we
21 do have very good coverage of our airspace across the state,
22 which was -- which is huge for the ruralness of our state.

23 Economic impact of aviation in Arizona, that was
24 presented in this report. The growth rate in Arizona is at 37
25 percent, compared to the national average of 20 percent. The

1 median age in Arizona was 37.3 in 2016. We projected everything
2 through -- this is a 20-year plan. So in 2036, we're looking at
3 the average age being 38.6. So we're looking at the age of the
4 state starting to get up a little bit higher as we see more
5 retirees moving in. The employment in Arizona is 3.6 million.
6 That was in 2016. We're projecting it to be 5.1 million in
7 2036. Gross regional product is at 280 billion, recorded in
8 2016, and it's being projected to be 480 billion in 2036.
9 Household income 45K was 53 percent, or above 45K was 53 percent
10 in 2016, and it was projected to be at 69 percent in 2036. So
11 we're seeing good quality jobs coming through into the state in
12 the future.

13 Expansion and growth in aviation, this kind of
14 gives you an idea of what we're looking at. Got some numbers
15 that are off on one of those. But in 2016, you can see the
16 biggest item that we have, and it's one that FAA looks at most
17 heavily in trying to get funding out, is based aircraft and
18 total operations. If you look at that and you see we have an
19 extreme growth between 2016 and 2036. In fact, there's growth
20 in every single category that goes through, and it ranges, but
21 you'll see it's fairly consistent across the next 20 years.

22 The plan recommendations, continuously monitor
23 data points obtained during the SASP, access progress over time.
24 There's several different metrics that were set up in the SASP.
25 Conduct special studies addressing airports in Cochise County

1 and airport demand capacity to assess existing or potential
2 airport airspace congestion issues and specific residence. We
3 already have that set up in our five-year program. So you'll
4 see each one of these different studies coming through in future
5 years as we take and program each one of those in future
6 five-year programs.

7 Complete UAS safety integration, obstruction
8 mitigation program, and runway incursion mitigation studies to
9 optimize airport safety and ensure compliance with current FAA
10 design standards. Again, that's one of the standards that will
11 be coming forth in future five-year programs. Align State
12 Transportation Board policies with the findings and
13 recommendations of the 2018 SASP update concluding those
14 regarding funding processes, planning, resource allocation, and
15 project prioritization.

16 A lot of those aren't necessarily State
17 Transportation Board policies, but they are processes in which
18 aviation or the aeronautics group works for planning. A lot of
19 those have already been implemented or are going to be
20 implemented within the next couple years, such as we're
21 replicating our P2P process that we use on our highway side.
22 We're replicating that into the aeronautics side. It works very
23 well so it's -- so we're trying to take and expand and keep
24 everything as consistent as possible across the different modes
25 of transportation.

1 The next one is modify the five-year capital
2 improvement program processes to support proactive grant
3 planning associated with state aviation funds. One of the big
4 things that we've done is we've taken and made -- each year that
5 we've present the five-year program to this board, a fiscally
6 constrained program that takes and pretty much zeros out that
7 State Aviation Fund on an annual basis so that there's no
8 overrun and no -- no way that that money can be taken -- pulled
9 from the fund for other purposes.

10 So with that, we have provided a recommended
11 motion for adoption of the State Aviation Plan.

12 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Any questions?

13 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, any comments coming from
14 the community, either to the government or individually, about
15 (inaudible)?

16 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Thompson,
17 during the process of putting this together, yes, we received
18 multiple comments from all of the different airports. This was
19 put out for them to review, as well as their communities before
20 we finalized this -- the entire document.

21 MR. THOMPSON: So all the comments have been very
22 positive?

23 MR. BYRES: Yes, they have.

24 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Board Member Stratton.

25 MR. STRATTON: You mentioned a study in Cochise

1 County. Will that be of all the airports or only the ones
2 eligible for FAA funding?

3 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Stratton, that
4 particular one, what we were looking at is we had some
5 efficiencies that we were trying to take care of within Cochise
6 County, but those studies are either ongoing or will be put
7 together probably in our next five-year program update.

8 MR. STRATTON: Again, are those airports eligible
9 for just state funding or FAA funding or both?

10 MR. BYRES: I can't tell you whether they're NEPA
11 certified or not. I'm not sure which ones they are.

12 MR. STRATTON: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Board Member Elters.

15 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Byres, can you go back to the
16 slide where you had discussed the economic impact of this. So
17 that the gross regional product was \$280 billion in 2016?
18 That's an annual number?

19 MR. BYRES: That's -- that is -- that \$260
20 billion that we have in there, I wish I could tell you exactly
21 where that number came from. I know when the study was put
22 together, there was a large emphasis put on the economics,
23 particularly on the economics that surround aeronautics. So
24 they had to pull that number to start with in order to pull the
25 aeronautics information out. I do not have the original source

1 for that data.

2 MR. ELTERS: I realize this is statewide. It's
3 the economic impact of aviation in Arizona. I mean (inaudible).
4 It just caught my eye of (inaudible) --

5 MR. BYRES: Yes.

6 MR. ELTERS: -- (inaudible) a little bit more
7 about where that number came from and (inaudible).

8 MR. BYRES: We can certainly provide that.

9 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Do we have a motion to
10 approve and adopt the Arizona State Aviation System Plan as
11 presented?

12 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Moved by Board Member Elters.

14 MR. STRATTON: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Second by Board Member
16 Stratton. Any further discussion?

17 All in favor say aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
20 carries. Thank you.

21 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: All right. Next up we have
23 Agenda Item 7, the state engineer's report. This is for
24 information and discussion only.

25 Dallas.

1 MR. HAMMIT: Good morning, Mr. Chair. On the
2 state engineer's report, currently we have 102 projects under
3 construction totaling \$1.996 billion, just \$2 under billion.

4 In August we finalized four projects totaling
5 44.2 million, and year to date we have finalized 16 projects.

6 The other thing I wanted to mention during the
7 state engineer's report, we were asked at the last meeting to
8 have a update on the 260 project. Currently, after that -- that
9 meeting, the Board approved funding for the design. We've taken
10 that. We had to prepare an authorization. We have received
11 authorization from Federal Highways to begin work. Since that
12 point, we've assigned a project manager. He is preparing -- or
13 they are. I'm not sure who it is. The project manager is
14 preparing the scope of work so we can advertise it for a
15 consultant to begin design. That same consultant will update
16 the environmental process, and then our project manager will be
17 developing a schedule for the project, the development of the
18 project, and from that point, we will make that available to
19 those interested. Instead of doing a regular update, we'll just
20 give you that schedule and our progress on the schedule as we
21 move forward.

22 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yeah. Board Member Stratton.

24 MR. STRATTON: Dallas, thank you. I really
25 appreciate the update and the continued support.

1 MR. HAMMIT: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

3 Okay. Moving on to Agenda Item 8, construction
4 contracts for discussion and possible action.

5 Dallas.

6 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you,
7 Board, for approving the four items on the consent agenda.

8 There are six items needed to be talked about in the -- for
9 justification.

10 As you can see from the slide, year to date we
11 are fairly close on the projects that we have advertised. We
12 are actually right around .4 percent over the engineer's
13 estimate, and as you remember last year, that number had gotten
14 up to around 15 percent.

15 Now, I don't want to give false hope that prices
16 are coming down. We're just getting closer in our estimate. So
17 we're not seeing a big change in prices. So don't let that lead
18 you in a different way, but we are getting better as estimating
19 the projects.

20 Mr. Chair, the first item that needs to be
21 addressed is Item 8A. This is a bridge rehabilitation project
22 on Interstate 40. The low bid was \$1,181,299. The State's
23 estimate was \$1,417,031. It was over the State's estimate by
24 235,781, or 16.6 percent. We saw different prices in the
25 structural concrete -- or we saw better pricing in the

1 structural concrete, the carbon fiber and the -- the deck
2 sealer. The Department has reviewed the bid and believes it is
3 a responsive and responsible bid and would recommend award to
4 DBA Construction, Inc.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Board Member Thompson.

7 MR. THOMPSON: With your permission, I'd like to
8 thank him, Dallas, for (inaudible). With that, I'd like to make
9 a motion to approve awarding the project.

10 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion by
11 Board Member Thompson.

12 MR. STRATTON: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Second by Board Member
14 Stratton. Any further discussion?

15 All in favor say aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
18 carries.

19 MR. HAMMIT: And I want to make sure the Board --
20 this one was -- the bid did come in better -- under the State's
21 estimate. I wish I could say that for the rest of them, but I
22 can't.

23 The next project, Item 8B, is a pavement
24 rehabilitation project on US-60. This project, the low bid was
25 \$8,146,153. The State's estimate was \$6,741,831. It was over

1 the State's estimate by \$1,404,322, or 20.8 percent. On this
2 project, we saw higher than expected pricing for the asphaltic
3 concrete.

4 The guardrail, we're entering into a new standard
5 which is required. It's called MASH. And then mobilization.
6 On this project, the -- it is a corridor Mr. Stratton -- Member
7 Stratton knows it very well, but it is one lane in each
8 direction through a mountain pass. There will be traffic
9 control. Mobilization will have to set up a control daily.
10 It's not something we set up and leave for long periods of time.
11 So that was part of the extra cost.

12 One thing else I want to mention on this project.
13 It is in the same proximity as the bridge work that we have out
14 there. The two projects will work together, and we will work
15 the best we can to reduce as much as possible the delay to the
16 traveling public, but there will be some delay, you know, being
17 one lane. We'll work on one lane, and we'll have flaggers
18 operating the other, but we'll do our best to keep those delays
19 as short as possible. With that, the Department has reviewed
20 the bid and believes it is a responsive and responsible bid and
21 recommends award to FNF Construction, Inc.

22 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Board Member Stratton.

23 MR. STRATTON: I'd like to support Dallas'
24 comments there. Highway 60 is a very difficult highway to work
25 on, having been in the business before. It's -- the backups are

1 quick. There's a lot of traffic on that, and it's -- the delays
2 are tough. Having said that, I'd like to make a motion to
3 approve, with some discussion after the vote, please.

4 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: We have a second from Board
7 Member Thompson. Any discussion?

8 MR. STRATTON: I'll wait until after the vote.

9 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. All in favor say aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
12 carries.

13 Board Member Stratton.

14 MR. STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

15 Dallas, as Mr. Sanders commented earlier, the PIO
16 for the bridge work has done an exceptional job in our community
17 in letting people know. We do have some several mines that are
18 affected by this, as approximately 50 percent of the workforce
19 comes out of the East Valley to Globe mining area. I'd just ask
20 that you continue to have those efforts to the citizens that
21 work with FMI and the other mines there (inaudible).

22 Will this be all in the daytime or would it be
23 nighttime work, also?

24 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Member Stratton, right
25 now it is scheduled -- there were no time restrictions in the

1 contract, so we're anticipating daytime work.

2 MR. STRATTON: Will this begin approximately
3 November, December and April, May time frame --

4 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, Mr. Stratton, this is
5 correct.

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

7 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

8 Item 8C.

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

10 8C is a project in the Prescott Valley area.
11 It's an access control project where we'll be putting in a
12 raised median to help -- a safety improvement and control
13 access. On the project, the low bid was \$1,849,612. The
14 State's estimate was \$1,666,049. It was over the State's
15 estimate by \$183,563, or 11 percent.

16 The -- we underestimated the work for the curb
17 and gutter, which would be the median. It is actually pinned to
18 the existing pavement. We have reviewed the bid. I was
19 surprised that there was only one bidder on this project. But
20 we have reviewed that bid and believe it is a responsive and
21 responsible bid and would recommend award to Fann Contracting,
22 Inc.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Do I have a motion?
24 Board Member Stratton.

25 MR. KNIGHT: So moved. I move to approve Item

1 8C.

2 MR. ELTERS: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Second by Board Member Elters.

4 Any discussion?

5 All in favor please say aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
8 carries.

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

10 Item 8D is a bridge rehabilitation project on
11 State Route 389. The low bid on this project -- I guess I
12 better get caught up on here -- the low bid was \$2,172,256. The
13 State's estimate was \$1,410,430. It was over the State's
14 estimate by \$761,826, or 54 percent.

15 As we looked at the bids and reviewed them, we
16 had higher than expected pricing in our structural backfill,
17 riprap, mobilization, and our steel. Really, as we dug into
18 those prices even further, it is in a remote area, and we talked
19 to the contractor. They're going to actually have to move their
20 crews up there, put them in housing, and we just didn't account
21 for those costs properly in our estimate. After reviewing the
22 estimate, the Department believes it is a responsive and
23 responsible bid and recommends award to Vastco, Inc.

24 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Board Member Knight,
25 you have a big district.

1 MR. KNIGHT: Just slightly. Move to approve Item
2 8D.

3 MR. STRATTON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: We have a motion by Board
5 Member Knight, a second by Board Member Stratton. Any
6 discussion?

7 All in favor say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
10 carries.

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

12 Item 8E is a local project in the City of Apache
13 Junction. On the project, the low bid was \$2,426,862. The
14 State's estimate was \$2,332,187. It was over the State's
15 estimate by 94,675, or 4.1 percent. The Department is
16 requesting the Board to defer this project. We need to review
17 the DBE goals. The low bid did not submit the proper amount.
18 We're going to give them a chance to explain, and then we will
19 bring this back up at a later board meeting. Recommendation is
20 to postpone.

21 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay.

22 MR. STRATTON: Move to postpone.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion to
25 postpone by Board Member Stratton, a second by Board Member

1 Thompson. Any discussion?

2 All in favor say aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
5 carries.

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

7 And then our last item is 8F. This is a fiber
8 optics project locally. It's a local project here in the city
9 of Maricopa. The low bid on the project was \$610,464. The
10 State's estimate was 499,000, for 50 -- it was over the State's
11 estimates by \$111,014, or 22.2 percent. In talking to the City
12 of Maricopa, they would request that we reject all bids. They
13 would like to repackage the project and advertise at a later
14 time.

15 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Board Member Stratton.

16 MR. STRATTON: For Mayor Price, we -- I will move
17 to reject all the bids.

18 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion by
20 Board Member Stratton, a second by Board Member Knight. Any
21 discussion?

22 All in favor say aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion
25 carries.

1 Thank you, Dallas.

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

3 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Moving on to Agenda
4 Item 9. Any suggestions for the Board?

5 Seeing none, is there a motion to adjourn the
6 meeting.

7 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

8 MR. THOMPSON: So moved. Second, third,
9 whatever.

10 MR. STRATTON: Question.

11 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Motion by Board Member Elters,
12 second by Board Member Thompson. All in favor say aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? The meeting's
15 adjourned.

16 (Meeting adjourned.)

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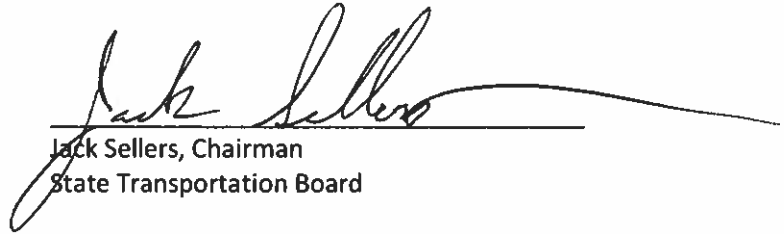
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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the September 20, 2019 State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Elters and seconded by Board Member Thompson. In a voice vote, the motion carried.

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



Jack Sellers, Chairman
State Transportation Board



Floyd Roehrich, Jr., ADOT Executive Officer
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