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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: We'll now move to the call to
3 audience. I think we have two -- or one wanting to speak and
4 then a statement by a second. When your name's called, please
5 provide your comments. You have three minutes. You know, raise
6 your hand in the phone app or through the Webex application, and
7 if there's any issues, Webex host will guide you through the
8 unmuting/muting process.

9 So with that, we'll proceed to the call to the
10 call to the audience. Floyd?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Haley, has
12 Mr. Kee Allen Begay entered the meeting at this time?

13 MS. ESTELLE: Hi, Floyd. This is Haley. I don't
14 see his name in the attendee list. So Mr. Begay, if you've
15 joined over the phone, you'll need to press star 3 to raise your
16 hand so that I can unmute your line on your behalf. Again,
17 Mr. Begay, that's star 3 on your phone, or if you're using the
18 application, you can follow the instructions in the agenda that
19 was emailed to you using the Webex application.

20 There we are. Okay. Mr. Begay, I see you in
21 the participate list. I'm going to go ahead and unmute from
22 Begay. Mr. Begay, one moment.

23 All right. Mr. Begay, you've been unmuted.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Haley, sorry. I'm not
25 with Mr. Thompson due to some difficulty throughout the week.

1 So we're not together right now. So kind of still helping as
2 well.

3 MS. ESTELLE: Okay. So we're looking for Council
4 Representative Begay. I appreciate you input, though
5 (inaudible). Thank you.

6 Floyd, I don't see our public speaker, Mr. Begay,
7 has joined this morning. So we may want to go ahead and cover
8 that in another way.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, ma'am.

10 So to that regard, board chair and board members,
11 Mr. Begay had asked to speak on improvements to State Route 191,
12 a continued request for safety improvements as well as
13 improvements on that route and other routes up on the Navajo
14 Nation. He wants support through the Build grant. He is
15 interested in working with the Department on smart highway
16 initiatives, the broadband initiative that the governor had done
17 a press release on a few weeks ago, and he is looking for
18 streetlight improvements, and that he will be working through
19 the district and the Department on those projects and future
20 infrastructure improvements within their local area on the
21 Navajo Nation.

22 We will reach out to Mr. Begay after this meeting
23 and see if we can get (inaudible) coordinated for him to
24 participate if he wants to in the future maybe. That was just
25 his items that he wanted to speak to at call to the audience.

1 So with that, Mr. Chair, I'd like to go on to the
2 second request we got, and this was from Ms. Kara Harris. She
3 did not want to speak, but she asked me to read a statement that
4 she sent along, and I will read it so we have it into the
5 record. Short statement.

6 My name is Kara Harris, and I am from Whetstone,
7 Arizona. I live four properties north of State Route 87 and
8 one-and-three-quarters of a mile west of Highway 90. I have to
9 ride this one-and-three-quarters mile to get to 90 on my bike.
10 You have allowed SR-82 to become a commercial route for the
11 18-wheeler vehicles coming to and coming -- going to and coming
12 from the port of entry in Nogales to circumvent I-19.

13 The increased commercial traffic makes this road
14 extremely dangerous to bicyclists like myself. The people you
15 paid our tax dollars to fix this road did a poor job of changing
16 the bumps in the 18-inch bike lane on the eastbound lane. There
17 was no chip seal to follow, and the road is still hazardous to
18 ride in the small portion of the road on the right side of the
19 white stripe.

20 Send the man who runs our sector to ride it on a
21 bike. Is there no one who gives a crap about our future --
22 rural roads overrun by commercial 18-wheelers are trying to
23 shortcut their route? Added to this, all the cattle haulers use
24 this route, too. Please do something. What was done is not
25 even close to helpful.

1 And that is the end of Ms. Harris' statement.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: And that's the last of -- the
3 last of the --

4 MR. ROEHRICH: And that's the last of the
5 requests, call to the audience, Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We will now move to the
7 Item 1, the director's report. This is for information and
8 discussion only. Director Halikowski.

9 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I would just
10 ask that I'd be allowed to comment as we go through the agenda
11 items since anything I'm going to report out would just be
12 repeated through there. So I don't really have any report other
13 than comments on the agenda items, which will be as we discuss
14 them.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Does any board member have a
16 question of the Director?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, we have one comment.
18 We did want Katy to present an update on the state and federal
19 legislative report. Did you still want her to do that at this
20 time?

21 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Well, yes. I thought that
22 was actually a separate agenda item, but if it's not, I would
23 like her to report out to the Board what's happening from the
24 federal side.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. So Katy, if you would,

1 please go ahead and unmute and provide the legislative update.

2 MS. PROCTOR: Sure. I'm happy to. Can everybody
3 hear me?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes.

5 MS. PROCTOR: Okay. Excellent.

6 So there's a few different pieces of federal
7 legislation right now that I'd just like to just spend a moment
8 to chat about. The first is the Moving America Forward Act, and
9 this was passed by the U.S. House on July 1st. This was
10 originally known as the Invest in America Act, and it was
11 started as a major surface transportation reauthorization bill.
12 However, it morphed during the floor process into a broader
13 piece of legislation.

14 With regard to surface transportation, it
15 contains two different components that are really important.
16 The first is just a general plain (inaudible) one-year extension
17 of the current program, which are set to expire at the end of
18 September from the original FAST Act in 2015. This is called
19 Division A, and it would only cover one year, but it maintains
20 the existing program structure and the existing funding with
21 some additional funds for COVID-19-related efforts.

22 Division B of this bill would reauthorize
23 everything for -- through 2025, and it does make significant
24 programmatic changes.

25 Also, it's good to know moving us forward it

1 contains about \$100 million for high-speed broadband internet
2 across the country.

3 This bill, like I said, it passed out of the
4 House on the first, but it wasn't a bipartisan effort, and right
5 now there's little indication it's going to move forward in the
6 Senate in its current form. This was the authorization bill,
7 and the appropriations bills were taken up this week also by the
8 House. The House trans- -- Appropriations Committee passed the
9 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Bill. We call
10 it THUD, which was the appropriations bill to kind of go along
11 with some of the components from Moving America Forward.
12 \$233 billion, and very consistent with the principles of Moving
13 America Forward.

14 There are some disagreements right now in the
15 appropriations process about the -- some of the bills containing
16 emergency funding for COVID relief efforts. So again, this is
17 going to have to be negotiated out. We expect the THUD bill to
18 move forward towards the end of this month.

19 There's a separate bill that also has that
20 broadband money. It's the agricultural bill. That has the
21 broadband money as well. That may move forward next week.
22 However, even if they do pass the House, there's going to have
23 to be some significant conversations between the two chambers,
24 because there are a lot of disagreements right now about the
25 contents of these bills.

1 In addition, there's continuing conversations
2 about stimulus legislation. Remember in March Congress passed
3 the CARES Act, and then in May the House passed the HEROES Act,
4 which was additional stimulus related -- relief related to
5 COVID. There are talks right now of subsequent packages that
6 may come about quickly due to the fact that the unemployment
7 benefits are set to expire at the end of the month. We haven't
8 seen a good framework for this yet, but it is a constant
9 conversation.

10 And that would be my update, Mr. Director.

11 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you.

12 So to me, Mr. Chairman and board members, given
13 all the back and forth in Congress and disagreements between
14 House and Senate, I just want you to know I had a call with the
15 Federal Highway administrator this week, and really what we're
16 just basically hoping for is a continuation of the existing
17 program, because as we reported last month, if Congress doesn't
18 continuing the existing program, FHWA at some point, as the
19 Highway Fund -- Federal Highway Fund becomes closer to that
20 \$4 billion range, they're going to slow down reimbursements,
21 which would have an effect on our program.

22 So bottom line is we're watching this situation
23 very closely, conferring with federal officials and just urging
24 folks to at least give us a continuation of the existing
25 program. I would ask that as you come across Congressional

1 delegates or other folks related to that effort that we at least
2 urge continuation of the program, if nothing else.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Does any board member have a
5 question of Katy or John? Okay. I'll try to pause long enough
6 for you to get off of mute if you do.

7 Okay. We'll now move on to Item 2, the district
8 engineer's report, with Matt Moul. This is, again, for
9 information and discussion only.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And as
11 Rhett's pulling up Matt's district engineer presentation, Matt
12 is not able to see the video, but he does have the audio.

13 So Matt, if you could unmute at least your audio
14 and get started. I'll tell you when your presentation is up.

15 We are now at the face cover of your
16 presentation. Just tell us when to advance to the next slide.

17 MR. MOUL: Thank you, Floyd. Good morning,
18 Chairman Hammond and members of the Board. I'm Matt Moul, the
19 district engineer for the ADOT Northeast District.

20 Can you hear me okay?

21 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes, we can.

22 MR. MOUL: Okay. Thank you for having me.

23 Next slide.

24 So in the Northeast District, we have an
25 assistant district engineer that assists with operation of the

1 district, and then we have Carl Ericksen, Randy Routhier and
2 Karlis Yazzie that handle construction administration for the
3 district in the various areas.

4 Next slide.

5 One of our current preservation projects was a
6 rehabilitation of the Painted Cliffs and Meteor Crater rest
7 area. The work on the Painted Cliffs rest area is complete, and
8 it is open and operational. The Meteor Crater rest area work,
9 we recently completed an expansion of the overflow parking areas
10 and some additional planning to provide additional truck
11 capacity to support the movement of goods and services during
12 our current pandemic. The remaining work on the Meteor Crater
13 requires the rest area to be closed. So that project is
14 currently in a holding pattern until we can improve our
15 statewide situation.

16 Next slide, please.

17 We have a couple of pavement preservation
18 projects. SR-73 goes from Highway 60, through Cedar Creek and
19 Canyon Day into the community of White River, and we're repaving
20 the section that goes from Rim Tank to Canyon Day. The paving
21 is just about complete, and we should be finishing that project
22 and opening it up a little later in the summer.

23 We're also repaving US-60 from 40th Street, which
24 is almost right in Show Low, out to State Route 61, which is
25 commonly known as the Y. That's the split where you can go from

1 either Saint Johns to Springerville. That project, the paving
2 is roughly 30 percent done. We were paving at night, but this
3 week we made a decision to change paving to daytime operation
4 because we've had a few conflicts and close calls with our
5 trucks that were hauling asphalt and elk in the roadway.

6 Next slide, please.

7 The bridge projects I'm not going to have
8 pictures of because we're limiting travel. So I-40, this is a
9 deck replacement project for Black Creek and Houck TI. They are
10 currently working on street elevations. The deck forms are set,
11 and they're getting ready to pour the decks.

12 Next slide, please.

13 On US-180, that -- I apologize, Chairman Hammond
14 and members of the Board. That star is in completely the wrong
15 place. On US-180, from Jim Camp and Cottonwood Wash, those
16 projects are between Holbrook and Saint Johns on US-180, and
17 they are both bridge replacement projects. We expect to open
18 those and have them complete before winter.

19 Next slide, please.

20 Upcoming projects. Obviously we're hoping to see
21 these projects make it into the five-year plan in the next year
22 or two. US-191, north of Chinle, roughly the section from
23 Chinle to Many Farms, we're hoping to see that project funded
24 either through a BUILD grant or through HSIP funding. It's for
25 shoulder widening and other safety improvements.

1 We have two mill and replace projects for paving
2 from the Rim Road, which is basically the boundary of the White
3 Mountain Apache Reservation on US-60 and the Forest Service
4 boundary on the US-60, out to State Route 77. That goes right
5 through the middle of Show Low on the Deuce of Clubs. And then
6 SR-260, from US-60 up to Wagon Wheel. That goes from Show Low
7 up roughly to Lakeside. Those two segments of roadway have
8 generated quite a few public complaints, so we're really looking
9 forward to those.

10 And then for bridge rehabilitation work, we have
11 the Little Colorado River Bridge on State Route 260, the
12 Dinnebito Wash Bridge on State Route 264, and the Post Office
13 Canyon Bridge on State Route 73.

14 And, you know, as the district engineer, I
15 understand the current situation and the funding challenges, and
16 we're just obviously hoping to see a plan come out here soon.

17 Next slide.

18 Any questions?

19 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions of Mr. Moul?

20 Thank you. It's nice to see your projects
21 progressing in all of the budget crisis that we have. Thank you
22 very much.

23 Let's move on now to the consent agenda. Did any
24 member want an item removed from the consent? For the record,
25 there was an amendment in the Item 3A, as showing board District

1 6 as the correct district.

2 So if no member wants an item removed, I would
3 entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

4 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Move to approve.

5 MR. KNIGHT: Second. Board Member Knight.

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Motion from Board Member
8 Stratton and I believe second from Board Member Knight. We're
9 going to do a roll call vote, as I understand it.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes. Yes, sir. I would like to
11 do the roll call vote to make sure that we have it, and I will
12 start with Mr. Stratton.

13 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson? We'll come back at
15 the end.

16 Mr. Elters.

17 MR. ELTERS: Yes.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

19 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

21 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Mayor Daniels.

23 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: And Mr. Hammond.

25 MR. HAMMOND: Aye.

1 All right. Thank you, everyone. Mr. Hammond,
2 that passes with the quorum. The motion carries.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Thank you, Floyd.

4 Okay. Now we'll move on to the financial report,
5 with Melissa Manfrida filling in for Kristine Ward. This is for
6 information and discussion only.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: We're pulling up the -- Melinda
8 [sic], we're pulling up your presentation. Rhett will have it
9 posted here soon. You can unmute your line and get ready.
10 We'll tell you as soon as it's up.

11 MS. MANFRIDA: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: That's the last slide, I think,
13 Rhett. Yeah. I think that's the last slide. Go -- there's a
14 way to go right the way to the front.

15 MS. MANFRIDA: (Inaudible) by going right to the
16 beginning.

17 Good morning, everyone. This is Melissa
18 Manfrida. I'm the chief economist at ADOT, and I'm presenting
19 today on behalf of Kristine, who couldn't be here today.

20 Next slide, please.

21 So here we have the Highway User Revenue Fund
22 revenues. We ended the fiscal year at 5.6 below our original
23 forecast, which translates to approximately \$89 million under
24 forecast from the original forecast. Gas and diesel were both
25 down, as well as VLT.

1 Next slide, please.

2 And when compared to our April reforecast, it was
3 3.9 percent over what we expected when we were reforecasting all
4 that uncertainty.

5 Next slide, please.

6 And this is just some more details about the
7 month of June. Again, June -- for the month of June, we were
8 under the original forecast by 20 million, and over the
9 reforecast by 25 million.

10 Next slide.

11 And RARF lags one month behind, so what I have
12 here is the revenues through May. And through May, we're 1.1
13 percent under the original forecast. Retail sales saw some
14 declines, and contracting actually saw some moderate growth that
15 month, since May. And, of course, restaurant and bar with --
16 with the shutdowns saw a very strong decline of 43.2 percent
17 over the previous May.

18 Next slide.

19 And this is, again, compared to our April
20 reforecast. Year-to-date, we were 4.6 percent above our
21 reforecast.

22 The next slide.

23 And delving into the month of May, we were
24 7 million under the original forecast and 8 million over the
25 reforecast.

1 Next slide.

2 And Katy spoke to the federal aid program. We're
3 just waiting for some sort of action for reauthorization. And
4 on the cash management side -- slide in your hand there, you'll
5 see that interest rates are pretty low. So the interest that
6 we're experiencing is low currently.

7 Next slide.

8 Does anybody have any questions?

9 MR. SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, this is Richard
10 Searle. I've got a question.

11 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

12 MR. SEARLE: Yes. With the -- with the -- we
13 have the -- we redid the analysis in April, and the numbers are
14 coming in a little better from that estimate. Are you going to
15 be relooking at the '21 estimates anytime soon?

16 MS. MANFRIDA: The plan currently is to do our
17 reforecast of FY '21 and beyond in the -- I believe the
18 September board is where that will get reported.

19 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: (Inaudible.) Go ahead.

22 MR. ELTERS: Chairman, this is Board Member
23 Elters.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Go ahead, Mr. Elters.

25 MR. ELTERS: My question's related to -- is

1 connected with Mr. Searle's and related to the Highway User
2 Revenue Fund, the two slides that show the original forecast and
3 the reforecast. The language (inaudible) go with the bullet
4 points along --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

6 MR. ELTERS: The bullet points along the side are
7 the exact same for both slides, even though the information is
8 or the content is different. Was that an oversight or was that
9 intended to be?

10 MS. MANFRIDA: That was not an oversight. It is
11 reporting on how the actuals did regarding the year before. So
12 regardless of the forecast, the information is still correct.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Elters, this is Floyd.
14 What slide were you looking at? Was that that spreadsheet slide
15 or was it on the graph?

16 MR. ELTERS: Go back, if you would, to the
17 previous slide to this one. I'm looking at the screen. So I'm
18 looking at these two slides, Floyd. The one that says Variance
19 From Original Forecast and the following one that basically says
20 Variance From April Reforecast. And again, the bullet points on
21 the side same the same thing, strong decline and so on. So I --
22 it seemed to me the message would be different from one to the
23 other, and that's why I asked the question.

24 MS. MANFRIDA: That's a very fair question, but
25 what we were presenting in the written information was just how

1 the actuals performed against the actuals from the previous
2 year. So I apologize for the confusion, but the information
3 would be the same regardless of the forecast.

4 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member
6 Elters.

7 Are there any other questions for Ms. Manfrida?
8 Okay. Hearing none, thank you very much.

9 Let's move on now to Item Agenda 5 with Greg
10 Byres for information and discussion only. This is the
11 Multimodal Planning Division.

12 And by the way, Greg, you can roll into the other
13 items when you -- if you don't get questions, go on to the next
14 item.

15 MR. BYRES: I can do that. Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 Can everybody hear me?

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes.

19 MR. BYRES: Okay. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
20 board members. I just had a quick presentation on an update as
21 to what's occurring in Multimodal Planning.

22 So if we can go to the next slide. So next --
23 there you go.

24 So right now what we're working on is we have the
25 call for projects and evaluations of P2P. This is not for the

1 current cycle but for our next cycle coming up. We're
2 proceeding with that. Those calls are out. Some of them have
3 already come in, and we still have projects to come in.

4 Next slide.

5 We also have for procurement and continuation,
6 our planning studies are starting to kick off in the new fiscal
7 year. So I'm going to go through that as well.

8 And then next slide.

9 And I'm also going to go through our federal
10 funds transfer agreements. These are tribal agreements that
11 allow funding to go directly to the tribes, and so I'll go
12 through that.

13 Next slide. Next slide.

14 So the call for projects and evaluation are
15 currently ongoing.

16 Next slide.

17 As of July 31st, coming up, we will be looking at
18 trying to have all of our prioritized technical project lists
19 completed. Those will be coming from all of our different
20 technical groups. So as they put together their projects, they
21 will prioritize them and give them to us to include into P2P so
22 that we can go through the final prioritization.

23 Next slide.

24 By August 31st, we're looking at having all of
25 our safety and policy scores complete. This will be -- include

1 all projects that have come through P2P, and that's the start of
2 our scoring process through the entire P2P process.

3 By September 30th, we should be getting all the
4 district scores. Those district scores will be based on the
5 highest ranking projects that we have our safety and policy
6 scores on. Again, we'd normally get somewhere in the
7 neighborhood of anywhere from 15 to 1,800 projects that come
8 through for prioritization. So we try and start scaling those
9 projects down to a reasonable amount so that we can get those
10 out to the districts and allow them to start looking at
11 projects, because we would well over-inundate the districts if
12 they tried to do every single project that comes through.

13 Next slide.

14 By October 31st we would be starting our district
15 workshops. We will be getting in touch with each of the board
16 members, because we would love to have you guys participate in
17 the workshops. Last year's participation was very effective.
18 We received some really good input from board members, and so we
19 certainly want to repeat that process, because it was very
20 productive.

21 So next slide.

22 By November 15th we should have our final P2P
23 list which we'll start putting together the next year in the --
24 in the '22 to '25 -- '22 to '26 program that we'll be putting
25 together.

1 Next slide.

2 As far as planning studies go, we're beginning
3 the process of updating our Long Range Transportation Plan.
4 This plan will have an emphasis on FHWA performance measures.
5 Those performance measures include safety. They include
6 pavement and bridge condition analysis, and an emphasis will
7 also be put on funding as it's coming through. With COVID now
8 being a major item, that may become another issue that we'll
9 start trying to address. We also will begin updating our
10 freight study.

11 The current emphasis of that freight study that
12 we're looking at is going to be based on the freight business
13 models. Those business models have been changing over the last
14 couple of years, and we need to update the freight plan to make
15 sure that we're in line with the business models that are
16 currently being utilized in today's world.

17 We'll also be looking at autonomous vehicles, as
18 those vehicles are becoming more and more prominent. We now
19 have a business that is utilizing autonomous vehicles. They're
20 not running full autonomous, but they do run on a daily basis
21 back and forth from Tucson to Phoenix. So that's already
22 occurring, so we need to make sure that we're addressing those
23 in our freight study.

24 Next slide, please.

25 So as far as the federal funds and the transfer

1 agreements, these are, again, funds that go directly from the
2 feds to tribes instead of being routed through the State. It's
3 a really good program. It has a lot of benefits for both the
4 tribes and the State. Tribes can administer the federal program
5 directly.

6 The State is relieved of the oversight
7 responsibility for these funds as they are transferred out,
8 unless it is on a State facility, in which we will negotiate the
9 -- how that's going to work across for that project. The State
10 administrative fees are reduced, because obviously it's a
11 straight transfer of funds, and State personnel are freed up to
12 work on other projects because they're not having to take and
13 administer those projects.

14 Next slide.

15 The way this works is after identifying
16 opportunities, the tribes, the State, Federal Highway all get
17 together, come to an agreement for that transfer. The basic
18 process includes the project facility to be included has to be
19 the tribe's TIP. The tribe initiates a request for the
20 transfer. The agreement is negotiated between the State,
21 Federal Highway and/or the BIA, and the transfer is made from
22 the State in coordination with a COG or MPO if it's going
23 through (inaudible) on their TIP or (inaudible) as well. And
24 then any unexpended funds that are transferred are returned back
25 into -- for the State to utilize.

1 Next slide.

2 So we've already been doing some of these
3 projects. One of the projects that we had, so we had a total of
4 4.1 million that's been transferred. In 2018 we had a MAG
5 project where we had CMAQ funds transferred at 967,000. That
6 was used for paving some tribal road segments. That was for the
7 Salt River Indian Community.

8 In 2009 we did the same thing with CMAQ funds at
9 a rate of 221,000, and that was for a street sweeper, again to
10 Salt River.

11 Gila River Indian Community has also
12 participated. They used some STBG funds, 1.27 million, to
13 reconstruct Gilbert Road from Hunt Highway to SR-87, very badly
14 needed.

15 Colorado Indian -- Colorado River Indian Tribe
16 also has utilized this. They did it in two transfers totaling
17 1.74 million, and this was to install center line and shoulder
18 rumble strips paving, as well as some signage on Mohave Road.

19 Next slide.

20 So ADOT and MPD and ADOT FMS have initiated the
21 following tasks to include for standard practice. We've done
22 this so that we can keep track of what's -- what funds are being
23 transferred so that we can -- we can track this all the way
24 through the process. This isn't only for us. We take and add
25 that tracking system open to Federal Highway as well so that

1 everybody's making sure that we're keeping in current with all
2 of the funding and all of the reporting.

3 So there's a spreadsheet tracking system
4 consistent that we've put together, and we can conduct
5 coordination meetings on a continuous basis so that we can keep
6 that going and stay within compliance with the federal
7 requirements.

8 Next slide, please.

9 And that's all I have for my update. If anybody
10 has any questions.

11 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: (Inaudible.)

13 MR. ELTERS: I have one question. My question is
14 related to these transfers, are these done in any way in
15 connection with the HURF exchange or is this completely
16 independent of that?

17 MR. BYRES: This is strictly for federal dollars,
18 so that's the funding that's getting transferred. It's isn't
19 related directly to any HURF transfer funds. This program is
20 not.

21 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: If there are no other
23 questions, Mr. Byres, you can move on to Item 6, PPAC items.
24 This is for discussion and possible action.

25 MS. ESTELLE: Chairman Hammond, this is Haley.

1 If I can take a quick pause just to let you all know that
2 Mr. Thompson has successfully joined as an attendee. I'm going
3 to unmute his line briefly to check to make sure that he's got
4 that raise your hand function figured out.

5 Mr. Thompson, I've unmuted your line. Can you
6 hear us?

7 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, I can. Chairman --

8 MS. ESTELLE: Thank you. I'm going to ask -- go
9 ahead.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, regarding our -- I'd
11 like to ask a question on the federal funds transfer agreements
12 regarding tribes. I do feel that is a good program. And can
13 you tell me what -- in dollars what kind of savings means to
14 ADOT administration?

15 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, Board Member
16 Thompson, I don't have an exact number to that, but one of the
17 biggest savings is that because the tribes are administering
18 those projects directly, they're no longer charged an ICAP fee
19 that they'd normally do if it was an ADOT-administered project.
20 So that's a direct savings. So whatever that ACAP percentage is
21 is a direct savings to those tribes. So right now I believe our
22 ICAP is about 10 percent, so that gives you an idea.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. That is good, and I'd like
24 to have that further discussion with you, you know, sometime in
25 the future. So thank you very much, Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member
2 Thompson.

3 Are there any other questions before we move to
4 Item 6?

5 Okay. Greg, continue.

6 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
7 members.

8 We only have one PPAC item. This is Item 6.
9 This is funding for a portion of a project at the Grand Canyon
10 Airport. This is to fund a portion of the entrance road coming
11 in. It is part of an overall project that is FAA funded. This
12 project has a small portion that is not eligible for federal
13 funds. So, consequently, we're utilizing funds from the
14 Aviation Fund to cover this, and we bring this forward to the
15 Board with a recommendation for approval.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Are there any questions?

17 Hearing none, I would entertain a motion to
18 approve the PPAC item as presented.

19 MR. KNIGHT: So moved. This is Board Member
20 Knight.

21 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion by
23 Board Member Knight, a second by Board Member Stratton.

24 Floyd, take roll.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: If there are no questions, I will

1 take the roll right now. I will start with Vice Chair Stratton.

2 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Yes.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

6 MR. ELTERS: Yes. Yes.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

8 MR. KNIGHT: Yes.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle?

10 MR. SEARLE: Yes.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mayor Daniels.

12 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: And Mr. Hammond.

14 MR. HAMMOND: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, it passed. The motion
16 passed.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Let's move on to Item
18 7, state engineer's report, for information and discussion only.
19 Dallas.

20 MR. HAMMIT: Good morning, Mr. Chair.

21 Rhett, are you able to pull up my presentation?

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Dallas, we're working on it. It
23 will be up in just a second. We're just -- just two seconds.

24 MR. HAMMIT: And Rhett, you're at the end. You
25 need to go up.

1 Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of the Board.
2 On the state engineer's report, currently we have 87 projects
3 under construction, totaling \$946.6 million. We finalized eight
4 projects in June totaling 31.1 million, and year-to-date, we
5 finalized 108 projects.

6 A couple other things in the state engineer's
7 report. As you remember, at the last meeting, a constituent
8 came in and asked about some -- the McGuire traffic interchange,
9 asked for some safety improvements. We did go -- and the
10 request was to add flashing lights on a stop sign at the
11 intersection where the northbound off ramp connected with
12 Cornville Road. And that mitigation would be for people who
13 miss the stoplight, especially at night with those flashing
14 lights.

15 We did review the crash information. We found
16 that there were four crashes since 2015. We did not find any
17 vehicles that -- in those crashes that had ran the stop sign,
18 and all the crashes occurred during daytime hours. So with
19 those types of crashing, the flashing lights would not be
20 appropriate.

21 We did review it and do see that there's an
22 opportunity to modify the pavement marking and square up the
23 intersection better with the roadway, which would improve sight
24 lines of people looking to turn right or left coming off the
25 freeway as they look across the Corn- -- the bridge going over

1 to Cornville Road. So we will be making those -- that
2 modification, and we're scheduling that work in the future. I
3 don't have that date yet but can brief the Board once that work
4 is scheduled.

5 Is there any questions on that project?

6 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member
7 Knight.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member Knight.

9 MR. KNIGHT: Dallas, is that the call to the
10 audience where we -- I-17 and Milepost 293? Is that the
11 intersection?

12 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight, that is
13 correct.

14 MR. KNIGHT: All right. Thank you. Thank you
15 for looking into that.

16 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, one other briefing.
17 As most everyone knows, there was a -- quite a bit of damage to
18 the state highway system, specifically State Route 87 and State
19 Route 188 due to the Bush Fire. Our crews have been working to
20 get some guardrail contracts on the street. We had over 50,000
21 linear feet of guardrail damaged or destroyed and over 200,000
22 linear feet of fence destroyed.

23 We did mobilize a contractor on the southern end
24 of State Route 87. Actually, it was last week. They worked
25 this week. We will be mobilizing a second contractor on State

1 Route 87 to work on the northern section of State Route 87, and
2 a third contract will be issued for State Route 188.

3 We will be working to request emergency relief
4 funds from the Federal Highway Administration, and so as we
5 prepare these contracts, we're doing all the requirements to
6 make them federal aid eligible for those emergency response
7 funding -- or relief funding. And if there's any questions on
8 that, I will be happy to answer those.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Dallas, do we have any
10 (inaudible)?

11 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, (inaudible).

12 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Did we lose Dallas?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Dallas, did you hear us?

15 Mr. Hammond asked about what the total cost is of
16 those -- that damage.

17 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, I don't have that
18 information. We don't have the bids on 188 as of yet. The
19 early estimates that we saw were in the neighborhood of
20 \$4 million, but those were estimates. We're finishing the
21 negotiations on the northern contract on SR -- on 87, and we
22 have not got bids in on 188 at this time.

23 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Dallas.

24 I think there was another question.

25 Mr. Stratton, I'll let you go ahead.

1 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Mr. Chairman, thank you. A
2 comment more than a question and a statement.

3 I wanted to thank Floyd, Dallas and Steve Boschen
4 and the Director for the update on this. I've been getting many
5 calls and questions on it, and they've done an excellent job of
6 informing the entities that are involved and keeping me
7 informed, and I do appreciate that.

8 The statement being is a great portion of this
9 guardrail, especially on 188, was caused by the backburn of the
10 Forest Service. It disturbs me, the fact that they didn't
11 notify us. Having been with the county in the past, they (audio
12 interruption) an entity so that they can put a water tender in
13 the area and keep those from being destroyed, and the Forest
14 Service did nothing this time other than just burn them up. So
15 I think it needs to be noted for the record that not all of this
16 was fire related by the -- by the Bush Fire. A lot of it was
17 the backburn for the Bush Fire, and I did ask the staff that
18 they speak to the Forest Service about future fires, that we'd
19 be partners on them and work with them, and that they inform us
20 better, and I was assured that we would do that. So I just
21 wanted the Board to understand that, and I wanted to thank the
22 staff for all their efforts. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member
24 Stratton.

25 Any other comments or questions?

1 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes.

3 MR. ELTERS: This is Board Member Elters. I have
4 a follow-up question, which is will there be any opportunity for
5 reimbursement for some costs or all of it under an emergency
6 declaration or any emergency conditions?

7 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elters, yes. We
8 are -- we'll be applying for the ER funds from the Federal
9 Highway Administration. So that was one thing. We wanted to
10 make sure our contract put us in the opportunity to be eligible
11 for those funds. So we met all the federal requirements in our
12 contracting.

13 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah. Just to follow on to
14 that, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elters, we've been working with the
15 Governor's staff, you know, regarding the emergency declaration,
16 and also our local division administrator, Karla Petty, to
17 ensure that the emergency declaration, when we request the
18 funds, meets their requirements through flexibility, because
19 oftentimes we ask for these things between certain mileposts,
20 and as I'm sure Vice Chair Stratton knows, there can be damage
21 beyond the mileposts that we might want to address with the ER
22 funds. So we're on track right now with the Governor's office
23 and FHWA to get that accomplished in the appropriate way.

24 MR. ELTERS: Thank you, John. Thank you, Dallas.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Are there any other questions

1 under this item?

2 Thank you, Dallas.

3 We'll now move on to Item 8, which is
4 construction contracts, and this is for discussion and possible
5 action.

6 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you,
7 Board, for approving the two items on the consent agenda. We
8 have four projects that we'd -- that need justification.

9 If we could go to the next slide, Rhett, Item 8A,
10 this is a pavement -- can you go two more, Rhett, please? Those
11 were the -- that was the consent. There we go. A pavement
12 rehabilitation project. We -- the low bid on the project was
13 \$8,711,111. The State's estimate was \$11,292,165. It was under
14 the State's estimate by \$2,581,054, or 22.9 percent. We saw
15 better than expected pricing throughout the paving operation,
16 the milling, the binder, the placement of the asphaltic
17 concrete, mobilization and guardrail.

18 The Department has reviewed the bid and believes
19 it is a responsive and responsible bid and recommends award to
20 Fisher Sand & Gravel Company, doing business as Southwest
21 Asphalt Paving.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions under this or do
23 we have a motion?

24 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member
25 Knight. I move to approve Agenda Item 8A.

1 MR. ELTERS: I second.

2 MR. KNIGHT: And award the bid.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. That was Board Member
4 Elters on the second. Okay.

5 MR. ELTERS: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from
7 Board Member Knight and a second from Board Member Elters to
8 approve the award to Fisher Sand & Gravel Company, d/b/a
9 Southwest Asphalt Paving.

10 Floyd, could you do the roll call?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

12 I'll call out to the board members one by one, so
13 please unmute.

14 Mr. Stratton.

15 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

19 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

21 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle?

23 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mayor Daniels.

25 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: And Mr. Hammond?

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, the motion passes.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: All right. Thank you. We'll
5 now move to Item 8B.

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

7 Item 8B is a project on State Route 260. This is
8 a bridge rehab and scour project. On the project the low bid
9 was \$794,905. The State's estimate was \$710,168. It was over
10 the State's estimate by \$84,737, or 11.9 percent. We saw higher
11 than expected pricing on the diversion channel and our survey
12 items.

13 Before the recommendation, I do want to make the
14 Board aware that on this project the low bidder, there was some
15 errors in their DBE affidavit form. The Department reviewed the
16 documentation with our DBE staff, with our attorneys, and we've
17 made the decision that the variance was non-material and that
18 the DBE affidavit could be accepted.

19 With that, the Department has reviewed the bid
20 and believes it was a responsive and responsible bid and
21 recommends award to Arizona Western Contracting, Inc.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Are there any questions on
23 Item 8B?

24 MS. ESTELLE: Chairman Hammond, this is Haley.
25 I'm going to unmute Member Thompson so that he can ask his

1 question if that's okay with you.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Board Member Thompson,
3 you had a question?

4 MR. THOMPSON: I don't have a question, but if
5 you're ready for a motion, I'd like to make a motion to approve
6 the project as presented.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Do we have a second?

8 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from
10 Board Member Thompson and a second from Board Member Stratton to
11 approve the awarding of the bid to AZ Western Contracting, Inc.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: I'll now do the roll vote. I'll
13 start with Vice Chairman Stratton.

14 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

18 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight. Mr. Knight, you're
20 still muted.

21 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Knight.

23 Mr. Searle.

24 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mayor Daniels.

1 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Hammond.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. The motion carries.

4 All right. We now move to Item 8C.

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

6 Item 8C is a sign project. We're putting up some
7 safety signs to alert motorists of some curves that they may
8 need to slow down on. On this project, the low bid was
9 \$367,675. The State's estimate was \$641,627. It was under the
10 State's estimate by \$273,952, or 42.7 percent. We saw better
11 than expected pricing in our traffic control and -- most of it
12 was in our traffic control items, mobilization and our survey
13 layout.

14 The Department has reviewed the bid and believes
15 it is a responsive and responsible bid and recommends award to
16 APCO Sign Company, Inc.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Are there any questions
18 of Mr. Hammit on Item 8C? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

19 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, I move -- Knight -- I
20 move to award to APCO Sign Group, Inc. Item 8C.

21 MR. ELTERS: I second.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from
23 Board Member Knight, a second from, I believe, Board Member
24 Elters to award the contract to APCO Sign Group, Inc.

25 Mr. Roehrich, will you do the roll call?

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chair Stratton.

2 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

6 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

8 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

10 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mayor Daniels.

12 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: And Chairman Hammond? Aye.

14 Okay. Moving on to Item 8D, Mr. Hammit.

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

16 Item 8D is a local project in Lake Havasu City.

17 It is to install a pedestrian hybrid beacon. On the project the
18 low bid was \$304,000. The State's estimate was \$267,492. It
19 was over the State's estimate by \$36,509, or 13.6 percent. The
20 biggest difference on the project was we underestimated the cost
21 of the control cabinet.

22 The Department has reviewed the bid and believes
23 it is a responsive and responsible bid and recommends award to
24 KAZ Construction, Inc.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Are there any questions? If

1 not, I'll entertain a motion for Item 8D.

2 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member
3 Knight. I move to approve the award to KAZ Construction, Inc.,
4 item 8D.

5 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from
7 Board Member Knight, a second from Board Member Stratton -- or
8 (inaudible) from Board Member Knight to approve the contract of
9 KAZ Construction, Inc. regarding 8D.

10 Mr. Roehrich, will you to the roll?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

12 Vice Chair Stratton.

13 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

15 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

17 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

19 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

21 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Mayor Daniels.

23 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Hammond?

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

1 Okay. That concludes all the items on your item
2 8D.

3 Move to Item 9. Suggestions for board meetings
4 or (inaudible).

5 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes.

7 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: I don't have a request, but
8 I do have a statement and somewhat of a request.

9 I'd like to thank the staff for the reports
10 getting to the Board early and for them being forwarded to us in
11 a timely manner that we can review them prior to the board
12 meeting. It's extremely helpful, and I know several board
13 members had requested it, and I hope that it's a practice that
14 continues in the future. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: You know, Board Member
16 Stratton, it's a little ironic. I showed up here. I didn't get
17 copies here. So the reverse happened.

18 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member
19 Knight.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Board Member Knight. Go
21 ahead.

22 MR. KNIGHT: Yes. I, too, would like to thank --
23 since I was one of the board members that requested this, I
24 would really like to thank staff for coming -- stepping up to
25 the plate and getting all of these to us in a timely fashion.

1 It really is, as Board Member Stratton expressed, very, very
2 helpful to be able to look at these prior to the meeting, and I
3 strongly urge that it's a practice that they will continue with
4 because it is so helpful.

5 Also, on a second note, the agenda of the call to
6 the audience, Kara Harris, if staff could look into that, if
7 we've done repairs to that and it's worse for bicyclists now
8 than it was before, if staff could look into that and see what
9 the situation is and maybe report to us back at the next meeting
10 like they -- they did with the -- the one from the meeting in
11 June when Floyd reported to us or it was reported -- I guess
12 Dallas reported to us in this meeting. I would appreciate that.

13 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
14 Mr. Knight. We'll look into it and report back at the next
15 meeting.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member
17 Knight.

18 Now, the next meeting's remote, but this one was
19 remote. Is there any difference about the next meeting than
20 this one?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd. No.
22 The next meeting is Friday, the 21st of August. It will be,
23 again, a Webex event, just like this. We will obviously get the
24 information out for participation, both the agenda -- it will
25 (inaudible) meetings and we continue to work through this Webex

1 and remote process at least for another month.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. But I won't be invited
3 to attend here?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: You are invited to attend here.
5 Any board member can come here. We've got rules. We will
6 social distance if you choose to do it, but at this time, unless
7 something drastically changes, we're still using social
8 distancing. We're still using the masks. We're using as many
9 of the safety factors as we can that allow participation. We're
10 also limiting size to, like, ten people or less within a
11 meeting. The guidance has been provided not only by the CDC but
12 the Governor's office as well, and we're continuing follow those
13 for the near future.

14 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you.

15 Any other comments? If not I'll entertain a
16 motion to adjourn.

17 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member
18 Knight. I would like to -- I would like to express my thanks to
19 Haley in particular. I think staff, Haley and the Director's
20 staff has done a very good job of making this Webex remote
21 attendance work very well. It's been very organized. I have --
22 as most of you, we have to attend a lot of these throughout the
23 last -- past few months, and I will say that this one is one of
24 the best organized and one of the best run that I have to
25 attend. So my compliments, and keep up the good work.

1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Good comment, Board Member
3 Knight.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes.

6 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman. Chairman.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson, go ahead.

8 MR. THOMPSON: I apologize for getting on this a
9 little bit late, but our capacity technology wise isn't so good
10 up here and around Peabody in this area and the riverboat area.

11 But anyway, I just wanted to make a statement,
12 and again, I wanted to do this earlier again, but you know,
13 because of technical -- the difficulties getting on, as you
14 know, COVID-19 is affecting our lives in Arizona in so many
15 ways, including limiting our ability to experience the fresh
16 air, the friendly people and the scenic beauty of Canyon de
17 Chelly, Monument Valley and the other natural wonders northeast
18 Arizona has to offer.

19 And as you have heard me say many times, another
20 barrier to tourism in our area is to the (inaudible) of
21 opportunities for our children is a (inaudible) condition of the
22 roads on and off the reservation. The work we have done on
23 US-191 have been significant, and I want to thank this board and
24 ADOT for that. I remain dedicated to working as hard as I can
25 to look at ways to apply equal effort toward improving dirt and

1 paved roads shared by tribal agencies, the Bureau of Indian
2 Education and the Arizona public school districts.

3 Once again, I am asking to find ways that ADOT
4 can help and there's improvement of those roads, including
5 identifying funding opportunities and then writing grants to
6 fund the road improvements and new construction on roads in
7 northeastern Arizona.

8 And as always, thank you very much for the
9 opportunity to speak with you. These critical transportation
10 issues and needs for rural communities and (inaudible), and
11 again, thank you for all the collaboration that we've been able
12 to do. So thank you, Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: As everybody knows, we're
14 supposed to be in Chinle today, and we could have been shown
15 some of the issues that you deal with up there. So I'm really
16 very disappointed, as you know. Board Member Thompson, I
17 specifically put Chinle on the agenda this year to meet, and I'm
18 really very disappointed to not be up there to see your -- your
19 country.

20 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: (Inaudible) motion?

22 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

23 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion and a
25 second. Did you get the people on that, Floyd?

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. I did. Motion by
2 Mr. Elters. Second by Mr. Knight.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Do you need a roll call?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: You don't need a roll call. Just
5 close it out.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you for your time
7 and stay healthy.

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11 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related to any of the
12 parties hereto, nor am I in any way interested in the outcome
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14 DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 12th day of August 2020.

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