

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING  
TELEPHONIC/VIDEO MEETING  
BOARD MEETING  
9:00 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2020  
NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON**

**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Floyd Roehrich, Jr., Executive Officer.

**Roll Call by Interim Board Secretary Carolyn Harmon**

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance:** Chairman Hammond, Vice Chairman Stratton, Board Member Thompson, Board Member Elters, Board Member Knight, Board Member Searle, Board Member Thompson, and Board Member Daniels arrived at 9:05 a.m. by telephone conference. There were approximately 100 members of the public in the audience.

**Opening Remarks**

Chairman Hammond reminded members of the public, to keep their computer or phone muted during the meeting, unless called to speak during the Call to Audience.

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act**

Floyd Roehrich, Jr., read the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Floyd, also reminded individuals to fill out survey cards, with link shown on the agenda.

**Call to the Audience**

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

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PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members:

- Michael S. Hammond, Chairman
- Steven E. Stratton, Vice Chairman
- Jesse Thompson, Board Member
- Sam Elters, Board Member
- Gary Knight, Board Member
- Richard Searle, Board Member
- Jenn Daniels, Board Member

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3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Let's move to Item 1, the  
4 director's report, for information and discussion only.  
5 Mr. Halikowski.

6 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 I was trying to start my video, but it keeps  
8 going off. Anyway, I really don't really have anything to  
9 report today that we're not going to discuss as part of the  
10 regular agenda items. I would like Ms. Katy Proctor to give us  
11 a legislative report as part of the director's report and catch  
12 us up on any activity there, but as far as items for you today,  
13 they'll be discussed during the regular agenda items, Mr. Chair.  
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you.

16 Ms. Proctor.

17 MS. PROCTOR: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members.  
18 I have no state update at this time. As you're aware, we're in  
19 the middle of the election season right now. We should have  
20 some more information for you in November. On the federal side,  
21 at about 1:00 a.m. on October 1st, President Trump did sign a  
22 continuing resolution into law that maintains appropriation  
23 through December 11th of this year. That same legislation also  
24 had a one-year continuation of the FAST Act, which is our  
25 surface transportation authorization funding, and the same

1 policies will be in place for fiscal year '21 as well.

2 Congress is continuing to come -- converse about  
3 whether there's going to be another COVID relief package;  
4 however, no agreement has been reached at this time. The Senate  
5 is indicating that they will bring a \$500 billion package to the  
6 floor sometime in the next week. There's a \$1.8 trillion number  
7 that's being discussed between the White House and the House,  
8 however, there is no agreement at this point.

9 And that concludes my federal update. I'd be  
10 happy to answer any questions you might have.

11 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Does anyone have any questions  
12 of Ms. Proctor? Any board member?

13 Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Thanks for  
14 the good news.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Item 2, district  
16 engineer's report with Rod Lane.

17 MR. LANE: Good morning Mr. Chair, members of the  
18 Board. Thank you for the opportunity to present to you today  
19 and let you know what's going on in ADOT's Southcentral  
20 District.

21 So if we can move on to the next slide. Thank  
22 you.

23 So typically, I start off by telling you what's  
24 going on in the district and what's changed. So this year, in  
25 this time I can report that the boundaries have stayed.

1 Nothing's been shifted. Nothing's been moved. So we've got the  
2 same borders that we had since last year. That goes for the  
3 management, too. We've had no significant management changes in  
4 the Southcentral District. So all of the people that  
5 everybody's used to working with are still going to be in there  
6 doing the same roles that they had before.

7 So now I'm going to move into just the quick  
8 successes, and then on to what we've got going on in our  
9 construction program.

10 So next slide, please.

11 So one of the successes that we just finished in  
12 the city of Tucson was the I-19/Ajo traffic interchange, and  
13 this originally was a two-phase project that took quite a while.  
14 It was over a whole span of five years. The first phase was  
15 completed about two and a half years ago by Ames Construction,  
16 and we've recently completed phase one.

17 So phase one was the actual interchange project  
18 of SR-86, or Ajo Way, and I-19. And again, that was completed  
19 by Ames two years ago. And then phase two was the construction  
20 of SR-86 over the Santa Cruz River, which was just adjacent to  
21 the traffic interchange, just west of the traffic interchange.  
22 And also, the completion of the Irvington on ramp, the  
23 pedestrian bridge over I-19, and the noise wall. So we're very  
24 pleased that this project is completely completed now, and now  
25 in just the landscape establishing phase, and we hope it will be

1 a good solution for the community and good advancement.

2 Next slide, please.

3 So another project going on on I-19 is the  
4 modernization of the El Toro Bridge on I-19 south of town, south  
5 of Tucson. That's being done by FNF Construction, with a  
6 contract value of \$6 million. We delivered this job through our  
7 low bid build method. We're kind of wrapping this project up.  
8 You can see the scale there. We're about 80 percent done on  
9 that project, and we expect to have it done in early fiscal year  
10 2021.

11 Next slide, please.

12 SR-77 was a pavement project going on in the --  
13 from Willow Springs Road from old SR-77. This job is also  
14 wrapping up. It was done by Granite Construction for a value of  
15 \$2.2 million, and again, this was a low bid build project, and  
16 we're wrapping this up successfully, and another project is  
17 being done.

18 Next slide, please.

19 SR-189 down in the city of Nogales is moving  
20 along quite nicely. That project was delivered through our  
21 design build bid build method. The delivery team or the project  
22 team is an Ames/Horrocks team. We have a contract value of  
23 82 million. ADOT's general engineering consultant, or GEC, on  
24 the project is AECOM. We expect to have that project done at  
25 the end of fiscal year '21. As you can see by the photograph,



1 we've got the piers done for the flyovers. They've been  
2 completed. We've started moving down to the roundabout on Tiger  
3 Range Road down there -- excuse me -- Target Range Road down  
4 there, and we're about 30 percent done with this job. We're  
5 wrapping up the design right now, the final design. So it's  
6 moving along quite nicely.

7 Next slide.

8 Another traffic interchange project is the  
9 I-10/Ruthrauff traffic interchange. A large expansion project  
10 being done just north of town in Tucson. The contractor is  
11 Sundt Construction, with a contract value of \$80 million. This  
12 project was delivered, again, using our low bid build method  
13 with an A plus B component. In other words, they bid a time  
14 component of this project. So we expect to have this project  
15 done around the end of fiscal year '21. We're about 30 percent,  
16 35 percent through with that project.

17 What this is is a new diamond interchange. It's  
18 going to bring Ruthrauff Road over I-10, and also over the Union  
19 Pacific Railroad, and also over a local road called Highway  
20 Drive, and then touch back down on the east side of I-10. So  
21 it's going to be quite an improvement for the region when this  
22 is completed. It's very similar to the Ina Road project that  
23 was just done last year.

24 Next slide.

25 The SR-86 project, the Fresnal to Gap, is the

1 third project that we've done -- it occurred between Tucson and  
2 Sells, and this was the final one of those -- that group of  
3 projects, and it was done by Granite Construction for a value of  
4 \$13.8 million. This was delivered again using our low bid  
5 build. We're wrapping this one up. We just had our final walk-  
6 through the other day. So it's finishing up now. We're going  
7 to be entering our landscape establishment period in there. So,  
8 again, quite a successful one.

9 Next slide, please.

10 So another traffic interchange that's being  
11 upgraded in the area with an expansion project is I-10 and  
12 Houghton Road, and this is unique. This is going to be the  
13 region's first diverging diamond interchange. You can see the  
14 diverging diamond on that kind of graphic on the bottom right  
15 there, where traffic switches sides on the interchange, allowing  
16 for the less conflict and more efficiency of the operation of  
17 the interchange.

18 So we've had these in other parts of the state,  
19 but this will be the first one down in the Tucson PAG region.  
20 The contractor is Ames Construction. The value is \$23.4  
21 million. This was delivered also using our low bid build  
22 method, and we're expecting to have this one done late next  
23 year.

24 Next slide, please.

25 So now we'll get into the projects that have been

1 recently bid, recently awarded, haven't really started yet or  
2 are actually before you now or soon to come before you. And the  
3 first one is I-19, a pavement preservation, I-19 from Arivaca to  
4 Tubac -- or Tubac to Arivaca, and that was recently awarded to  
5 Fisher Sand & Gravel. We're just starting this up. We just had  
6 our partnering meeting the other day. So no work has really  
7 commenced yet. It will be starting in a few weeks or so. The  
8 contract value is 7.26 million. It was delivered by our low bid  
9 build method, and we're expecting to have that project done late  
10 next year.

11 Next slide, please.

12 Another project on I-19 that will be coming  
13 before you soon with an apparent low bidder of Fisher Sand &  
14 Gravel is really a combination of -- it actually is a  
15 combination of two projects. So both are preservation projects.  
16 Both on I-19. The Duvall Mine Road to Pima Mine Road section is  
17 just a standard mill and fill project in that area where we will  
18 mill the asphalt and replace it, and then there's a bridge  
19 rehabilitation project on Helmet Peak TI, which is also Sierrita  
20 Road. This is apparent -- the apparent low bidder of this  
21 project is Fisher Sand & Gravel. We have a contract value of  
22 \$13.12 million. It was also delivered per our low bid build  
23 method. We expect to have this one done 2022.

24 Next slide, please.

25 So another one that was recently opened was on

1 SR-82, Elgin Road, upper Elgin Road in Sonoita, with an apparent  
2 low bidder of Granite Construction, contract value of \$685,000  
3 or .685 million dollars. Delivery method of a low bid build.  
4 This is an improvement project more for the drainage in the  
5 area. We're going to be going out there and extending the  
6 drainage and removing the modifying slopes in the area out  
7 there. So we expect to have this job done around April of 2021.

8 Next slide, please.

9 A job that's currently advertised right now is on  
10 I-10 out in the Benson area. It's a pavement preservation  
11 project going -- it's in the Benson area. I can't see the  
12 milepost right there. We expect to have the bids opening on  
13 10/30 of this month. A program value of 9.8 million, with a low  
14 bid build delivery method, and our expected completion of March  
15 of 2021.

16 Next slide, please.

17 Another project that is very important to the PAG  
18 region is also currently advertised, and it's a combination of  
19 actually three projects here. The first one is I-10, going from  
20 River Road -- River Road to I-10, and this is on SR-77. So  
21 we've combined that project with the other one of River Road  
22 going to Calle Concordia. So the combination of those two takes  
23 this preservation project all the way from I-10 to Calle  
24 Concordia, and there's actually a third one that's a part of  
25 this, which is an intersection of improvement included at Magee

1 Road (phonetic).

2           So this project is currently advertised. We  
3 expect to open the bids in November 20th, a programmed amount of  
4 \$40 million. We're using the low bid build delivery method on  
5 this, and we expect to have this project done in early '22.

6           Next slide, please.

7           And we've already talked about -- we've heard a  
8 little discussion about this SR-77 -- excuse me -- SR-79 bridge  
9 on the Gila River, which is just north of Florence, and this  
10 project is currently being designed and is being delivered  
11 through our CM risk method. The design firm is AECOM, and the  
12 CMAR risk contractor is FNF Construction. This will be a very  
13 interesting project. It's a slide -- going to be a slide bridge  
14 project. So it's got quite a bit of attention. It's a  
15 modernization project.

16           Next slide, please.

17           This is an overall table of the projects that  
18 we've got going on currently. We've mentioned and spoken about  
19 most of them on here, so I just wanted to present it in case  
20 somebody had any other questions.

21           And the last side will be questions. Does  
22 anybody have any questions regarding anything?

23           CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: I don't at this point, Rod.  
24 Any other board members? You've got a lot of stuff going on.  
25 Okay.

1 MR. LANE: Thank you so much --

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

3 MR. LANE: Thank you so much for your time.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you.

5 Okay. We will now move on to Item 3, which is  
6 the consent agenda. Does any board member want an item removed  
7 from the consent agenda?

8 If not, I would entertain a motion to approve the  
9 consent agenda as presented.

10 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: So moved.

11 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

12 MS. DANIELS: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Board Member Stratton  
14 moved. Second, I think Knight got in ahead of somebody else.  
15 Ms. Daniels. So who are we going to take? You going to cede to  
16 Ms. Daniels, Board Member Knight?

17 MS. DANIELS: I can cede.

18 MR. KNIGHT: Yes. I didn't say anything, so yes.  
19 It goes to Ms. Daniels.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Board Member Daniels,  
21 you have the second.

22 All right. Floyd, proceed with the vote.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: So we'll start with Vice Chair  
24 Stratton.

25 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

4 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

6 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

8 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

10 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair Hammond.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Okay. We have a consent  
13 agenda.

14 Okay. Let's move on to the financial report with  
15 Kristine Ward for Agenda Item 4, for information and discussion  
16 only.

17 Kristine, welcome.

18 MS. WARD: Good morning, board members. I'll  
19 wait for Rhett. There we have the slides. And if you could go  
20 to the first slide, I'd appreciate it. The next one.

21 So year to date, we are running 8.3 percent above  
22 our HURF forecast. That equates to about \$30 million. The  
23 State Highway Fund portion of that \$30 million is about  
24 12 million.

25 If you could go to the next slide, I'd appreciate

1 it, to kind of depict and take you down in a little more detail  
2 here.

3           You'll see that this slide depicts the individual  
4 categories and our forecasts there. What we did is when we saw  
5 this 8.3 above forecast, we had -- diving in and analyzing, you  
6 know, what's driving that forecast. And our forecast for gas  
7 and use tax, or use -- otherwise known as diesel tax revenues,  
8 they're very close to our forecasts. They are within range.

9           Where we are significantly out of range, out of  
10 forecast range is with VLT. Now, keep in mind that gasoline  
11 tax, diesel text, the use fuel tax and vehicle license tax,  
12 those revenue sources, they comprise 80 percent of the revenues  
13 that support the Highway User Revenue Fund.

14           And right now what we see is the vehicle license  
15 tax for the month of September came in 17.6 percent above  
16 forecast, and for year to date, it is 14.9 percent above  
17 forecast.

18           So of that \$30 million that we are over forecast,  
19 that we are above forecast, 20 million of that is made up in VLT  
20 revenues. So to -- we, of course, dug into this to try and  
21 figure out what's going on, because as we look at the numbers,  
22 nobody -- nobody believes that -- that indeed we are  
23 experiencing a true 15 or, you know, 17, 18 percent plus on VLT,  
24 vehicle license tax. We dug into those numbers.

25           So in addition to the -- so to put this into



1 context, in addition to what we're dealing with with the COVID  
2 pandemic and all the uncertainty that has brought to the  
3 forecasting process, we've got another item that has impacted  
4 our forecasts, and that is that the department implemented a new  
5 computer system in April of 2020.

6 Now, any person that has suffered through  
7 implementing a computer system, a new, large-scale computer  
8 system, first of all, my condolences, and second of all, you  
9 will realize that when you put in a large, comprehensive, new  
10 application system in, you have -- it takes time to work out the  
11 kinks, and so what we have found is that we have had a series of  
12 corrections, and we know in August at this point there was an  
13 \$11 million corrections -- correction made to VLT revenues. The  
14 balance of the numbers, we are still analyzing and just looking  
15 into what the rest of the variances are. Our intention is to  
16 just continue to closely monitor the revenues and analyze  
17 variances, because that's what we do.

18 So with that, if I don't have any questions on  
19 that, I'm ready to move to the next slide. Covers the HURF  
20 portion of my report.

21 MR. SEARLE: Chairman Hammond.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

23 MR. SEARLE: This is Richard Searle. Kristine, a  
24 quick question on that previous slide. The 2021 forecast  
25 numbers, that's our COVID adjusted numbers, correct?

1 MS. WARD: That is correct. So that -- those are  
2 the numbers that I presented to you at the last board meeting  
3 that had gone through the risk analysis process where we gather  
4 all of the economists and they provide us their forecasts.

5 MR. SEARLE: All right. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any other questions from board  
7 members?

8 Okay. Kristine, go ahead and continue.

9 MS. WARD: So in terms of the Regional Area Road  
10 Fund, RARF, as it is so happily referred to, we are running  
11 right on forecast with our Regional Area Road Fund, right within  
12 target range. We've got -- year to date, you'll see that we're  
13 1.9 percent above forecast. Retail sales, year to date, just a  
14 titch above forecast. Contracting is running a little behind,  
15 2.7 behind. And, of course, restaurant and bar is not doing  
16 particularly well. We're a little above forecast, but just to  
17 give you kind of a year-over-year kind of comparison, we are  
18 14.3 percent behind what we were last year at this time, so --  
19 for year to date. So restaurant and bar is still struggling, as  
20 you might expect.

21 Moving on to the next slide.

22 This provides you the individual categories, and  
23 you might note that there is one very unusual number there down  
24 at the bottom of a 293 percent variance. We've contacted the  
25 Department of Revenue. They let us know that that's a -- just a

1 one-time correction that they made and not likely to be  
2 repeated.

3           Let's, if we could, talk -- move on to the next  
4 slide, and I just want to give you a little update on the  
5 federal program. So we are fortunate to have -- you know, we're  
6 seeing some coming in over forecast on HURF. Unfortunately,  
7 this last -- within this last month, the Department received a  
8 notice from FHWA that our federal funding would be reduced in FY  
9 '21 by about \$5 million, and it's likely that that will be  
10 ongoing, an ongoing reduction, and the reason for that -- so  
11 that means about a \$25 million reduction or impact to the  
12 program or funding -- you know, less funding available for the  
13 program.

14           This -- just to give you some context or -- this  
15 is impacting all states. All the states but Texas will be  
16 getting these proportional reductions. That reduction is the  
17 result of an annual recalculation process that takes place that  
18 considers how much each state pays into the Highway Trust Fund.  
19 Texas has actually been paying a greater portion of tax into the  
20 Highway Trust Fund, and due to some other FAST Act criteria is  
21 now eligible -- Texas is now eligible for greater funding.  
22 Their vote raises the other -- oh, it's come down a little.

23           In addition, I just want to tag on to something  
24 that Katy mentioned in terms of our extension, the continuation  
25 of funding for our federal funding. We have received funding

1 through the beginning of December. Now -- and if you were to  
2 look at our fed funds report, you would see that we have about  
3 \$139 million available to us, and that takes us through, like I  
4 said, the first of December when they will need to deal with the  
5 issue again.

6 We have at times dealt with continuation bills  
7 that are four days long, two weeks long, but least we got until  
8 December, funding through December. But keep in mind that does  
9 -- that makes things very, very difficult in managing our  
10 federal program when you've got, you know, large projects coming  
11 through and we are predominantly federal -- federally funded.  
12 So you'll be hearing -- I'll be giving you updates as we go  
13 along if we start feeling some constraints there, because what  
14 we really need is a fully-funded year.

15 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

17 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So a couple things.

18 Kristine, I just want to tie the strings together. The reason  
19 that the feds cut us by \$5 million is because we're paying less  
20 federal gas tax and because of COVID? Is that the link there?

21 MS. WARD: Close, but not precisely, sir. So  
22 it's primarily because Texas -- Texas' contributions of -- into  
23 the Highway Trust Fund. The amount that they're collecting has  
24 increased. It's not that ours has decreased. It's that theirs  
25 -- their portion of the total contributions into the Highway

1 Trust Fund, that proportion has grown. So -- and it -- it's not  
2 as much that the feds -- maybe I misspoke and used the wrong  
3 word. It's not that they cut us. It's more -- this is -- it's  
4 formula driven, and they just ran the formula, and the formula  
5 said Texas gets a little bit more, and everybody else gets a  
6 little less, and COVID is not in the equation, sir.

7 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Somehow calling it a  
8 formula doesn't ease the burn of losing money, but I understand.

9 MS. WARD: Okay.

10 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: The other thing I want to  
11 point out, Mr. Chairman, is the amount -- or the federal -- or  
12 congressional continuation, this is probably our 37th, 38th, I  
13 don't know, maybe 40th continuation we've been through, and  
14 where this gets very anxiety producing for us is it's a  
15 reimbursement program. So we now in the five-year program  
16 shrunk down the availability of what's in the highway fund,  
17 which means we have less flexibility to weather federal  
18 reimbursement changes.

19 So, you know, when Congress does this, it makes  
20 it very difficult for the states who are running on federal  
21 reimbursements when we're paying for projects, because we can't  
22 really calculate out what's going to happen when this  
23 continuation ends. So it's rather a nailbiter as we keep going  
24 through these over and over again.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes. Thank you, Director. We

1 all know the trajectory for infrastructure funding. Funding is  
2 going in the wrong direction, and at some, point, we'll have to  
3 -- we'll have to address it, and who knows how or when.

4 Go ahead, Kristine.

5 MS. WARD: With that, Mr. Chair, I have nothing  
6 further. If anyone has any questions, I would be happy to  
7 answer them?

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Board members? This is the  
9 meat of what we have to spend given our needs out there.

10 Thank you, Kristine.

11 MS. WARD: Thank you, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Let's move on now to  
13 Agenda Item 5. This is with Greg Byres. It's the Multimodal  
14 Planning Division Report. Discussion and information only.

15 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board  
16 members. We'll bring the PowerPoint up here. Get it going.

17 If you can go to the next slide once you get it  
18 up.

19 So I only have a few things to go through. I'm  
20 going to go through the -- our tier one EISs that we have going  
21 on our major projects. I was also going to go through our  
22 design concept report for the I-10, which runs from the 202 to  
23 SR-387, and give you an update on the progress of P2P for 2022  
24 to 2026 program.

25 Next slide.

1           So as far as the environmental impact statements  
2 on our major projects, I-11, our draft EIS comments are being  
3 addressed, and the final EIS is being prepared. It's planned  
4 for publication of the final EIS the spring. We should have all  
5 of that done. There are several items that we're addressing  
6 that we got comments from the draft EIS, the public hearings and  
7 throughout that comment period, but there was a substantial  
8 number of comments that were generated for I-11.

9           The next item is the North-South Corridor. The  
10 draft EIS comments are also being addressed, and the final EIS  
11 is being prepared. That's planned for publication for the final  
12 EIS also the spring of 2021.

13           And we have the Sonoran Corridor, which we are  
14 preparing the draft EIS. It's actually been completed and is  
15 being prepared for public comment. Public hearings are  
16 scheduled to begin in December for an open comment period.

17           Next slide.

18           Next item we have was the DCR for I-10. This was  
19 through coordination with ADOT, MAG and Gila River Indian  
20 Community. There's been an alternatives plan that has been  
21 created and is currently going through review. Final  
22 considerations of the alternative plan will include executive  
23 meeting with ADOT, MAG, the GRIC, as well as Federal Highway.  
24 It's also been with active stakeholders in the planning stages  
25 of the project. So it's actually going very well. There's a

1 lot to consider within the corridor itself. Public review and  
2 comments of the alternatives plan is scheduled for later this  
3 year.

4 Next slide.

5 And then the last item I had is our P2P progress  
6 for the 2022-2026 program. District workshops have kicked off  
7 this week. Thank you very much, Board Member Knight, for  
8 attending the Southeast -- or excuse me -- the Southwest  
9 District meeting that we had yesterday. We have additional  
10 workshops that will be kicking off for next week as well as the  
11 following week. We should have them all completed here within  
12 the next two weeks, I believe.

13 Upon completion of those district workshops,  
14 we'll have our final scoring, and the projects will be  
15 prioritized to be set, and from that we will go through  
16 additional scoping of the projects before we can actually get  
17 the budget numbers to take and put into the program.

18 With that, that's all I have for an update. If  
19 anybody has any questions.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions for Greg on the  
21 Multimodal Planning Division report?

22 Okay. Greg, you're still up for the PPAC, and  
23 that stands for Priority Planning Advisory Committee,  
24 recommendations to the Board, and this will require discussion  
25 and possible action.



1 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board  
2 members. First item we have is Item 6A. This is the Economic  
3 Strength projects. This comes through our -- the Arizona  
4 Commerce Authority. They actually make the selection for the  
5 projects. The three projects that have been selected are for  
6 Pinal County, town of Taylor, and the city of San Luis, for a  
7 total of \$1 million. Each of those -- Pinal County was for  
8 150,000, town of Taylor was for 350,000, and the city of San  
9 Luis was for 500,000, which is actually the maximum that you can  
10 receive from this. We bring this forward with a recommendation  
11 for approval.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions from the Board  
13 on these projects?

14 Okay. I'll take the motion to approve the  
15 Economic Strength Program, Item 6A.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chairman, so moved.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Second. Supervisor Thompson.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: All right. Would you repeat  
19 that first and second? I didn't quite get it.

20 MR. THOMPSON: Board Member Thompson.

21 MR. KNIGHT: Knight was the motion.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Knight was motion. I  
23 will give Jesse Thompson, Board Member Thompson, the second.

24 Okay. Floyd, roll call.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair.

1 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: Ms. Daniels.

12 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair Hammond.

14 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Thank you.

15 Okay. Let's move on to Items 6B to 6G.

16 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are  
17 project modifications. Again, it's Items 6B through 6G, and  
18 PPAC brings these forward with a recommendation for approval.

19 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions from the Board?

20 Okay. Hearing none, I'll take a motion for the  
21 approval of project modifications Items 6B through 6G.

22 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

23 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. A motion from Board  
25 Member Elters, I believe, and the second was?

1 MR. KNIGHT: Knight.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Board Member Knight. Thank  
3 you.

4 Floyd.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chair Stratton.

6 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

10 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

12 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

14 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels?

16 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chairman Hammond?

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Thank you, Board.

19 All right. Moving on to PPAC new project Items  
20 6H through 6N.

21 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are  
22 seven new projects that we are bringing forward, Items 6H  
23 through 6N. Priority Planning Advisory Committee brings these  
24 forward with a recommendation for approval.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Do we have any questions from

1 the Board on these PPAC items?

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

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from  
4 Board Member Knight. Do we have a second?

5 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Second from Board Member  
7 Stratton.

8 Okay. Floyd. Any -- by the way, it sounded like  
9 maybe a board member had a question. I'll give you another  
10 chance to pose it if you do.

11 Okay. Floyd, would you call the vote?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair.

13 Vice Chair Stratton.

14 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Aye. Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

18 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: Ms. Daniels.

25 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair Hammond.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Okay. PPAC Items 6H and  
3 through 6N are approved.

4 Okay. We have PPAC airport development project  
5 Item 6O.

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

7 This is the one and only airport project that we  
8 do have. This is for Cottonwood Airport, and it is being funded  
9 out of our state/local program, and Priority Planning Advisory  
10 Committee brings this forward with a recommendation for  
11 approval.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. If there's no  
13 questions, do I have a motion to approve item -- PPAC Item 6O.

14 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Motion by Board Member Knight.  
16 Second?

17 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Second by Board Member Elters.  
19 Any more discussion?

20 Okay. Floyd, take roll call.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chair Stratton.

22 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

1 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

3 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

5 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

7 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair Hammond.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Okay. Thank you very  
10 much, Board.

11 Moving on to Agenda Item 8, construction  
12 contracts, for discussion and possible action.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, we'll start with Item  
14 7, the state engineer's report, and then --

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: I'm sorry.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: -- we'll get into -- right into --  
17 we'll roll right into Item 8.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you for catching  
19 my slip-up there. State engineer's report.

20 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is  
21 Dallas Hammit. I'm the state engineer.

22 Currently we have 80 projects that are in  
23 construction totaling \$930.4 million. We did finalize only one  
24 project in September, totaling \$2 million. Year to date, we  
25 have finalized 15 projects.

1           The Board had asked me to answer a couple  
2 questions, so I want to follow up on those. Last month we did  
3 discuss the prices. We are seeing better prices. We are  
4 looking at our construction cost index. With the limited  
5 information, basically, this year we've had 16 projects totaling  
6 \$145 million. We are seeing that that index is decreasing.  
7 Basically, we're getting better prices. We're seeing about a 32  
8 percent overall decrease from where we ended last year, but  
9 we're very cautious. We're excited about it, but we're cautious  
10 because we -- the information (inaudible) project. We will  
11 continue to monitor this, and I will report to the Board  
12 probably on a quarterly basis. If we get some more information,  
13 I will bring it up sooner.

14           Any questions on the construction cost index?

15           CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: A comment, Dallas. It's got  
16 to be awful tough to do financial projections these days. Seems  
17 like we get whipsawed back and forth, you know. Who'd have  
18 thought they would be going down this year, in a (inaudible)  
19 year, but I know you guys do the best you can.

20           Any other questions of Dallas?

21           MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chair.

22           CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

23           MR. ELTERS: Dallas, did you say 30-some percent  
24 decrease?

25           MR. HAMMIT: Based on the small subset of those

1 14 projects, yes.

2 MR. ELTERS: Thank you.

3 MR. HAMMIT: And we -- Mr. Chair, Mr. Elters,  
4 we've had some big projects that those dollar amounts have  
5 offset, and one of them I will be justifying later today.

6 MR. ELTERS: Sure. I guess one follow-up which  
7 would be is that a decrease from the updated estimate that you  
8 and the department came up with and came to the Board with, or  
9 is it just a decrease purely based on the CPI?

10 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elters, it's a  
11 decrease from ADOT's construction cost index. So it's not  
12 necessarily a decrease from our estimate. It's a decrease we  
13 were tracking where construction prices have been going year to  
14 -- year by year, and this is a decrease from that index over the  
15 first quarter of this year.

16 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank  
17 you, Dallas.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any other questions of Dallas?  
19 Okay. Can we move on to --

20 MR. SEARLE: Chairman Hammond.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

22 MR. SEARLE: This is Richard Searle. Quick  
23 question on that construction cost, because that's probably  
24 related to the cost of oil; is that correct?

25 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, Mr. Searle, you broke up



1 just a little bit. Is it related to what?

2 MR. SEARLE: The cost of oil. I mean, the crude  
3 oil has gone down, and so does this go back to the cost for  
4 asphalt and oil for construction?

5 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Searle, that  
6 definitely would have a factor, not only our asphalt, where we  
7 were buying oil, but also the fuel that our contractors need. I  
8 think just also availability of workforce has helped us a little  
9 bit right now. So I think all of those are in there.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: (Inaudible.)

11 MR. HAMMIT: (Inaudible) couple of other things,  
12 if I could.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

14 MR. HAMMIT: There was a question last month on a  
15 local bridge project in Graham County, Fort Thomas River Bridge.  
16 Right now we are in negotiations with the -- the consultants,  
17 and I will report back as I -- I promise once we get through  
18 those negotiations. One thing I did want to point out as well  
19 is the Graham County engineer is participating.

20 We've had some questions and comments on ramps,  
21 and I wanted to -- I think we've -- we briefed the Board last  
22 month, but again, ADOT was not successful on either one of our  
23 BUILD grant submittals, so the 191 nor the US-95 projects  
24 were -- received those grants, but we are working right now with  
25 Gila County on possible assistance on a grant that they want for

1 the Tonto Basin Bridge.

2           There was another project in the city of Phoenix,  
3 and the City of Phoenix will administer that project.

4           There's also been questions on smart highway  
5 corridors are broadband. ADOT is working with the Governor's  
6 office and the Commerce Authority on how do we advance broadband  
7 throughout the state.

8           There was a -- Arizona did receive a grant  
9 education fund. It's called a GEAR grant. That will -- ADOT  
10 will be working to install fiber and conduit along I-17 and  
11 I-19. There are no transportation dollars, either federal or  
12 state, on this corridor. It is all education funding. Right  
13 now, ADOT is the mechanism that will contract and oversee the  
14 installation of these conduit and the fiber that will go in. We  
15 are working with the Governor's office on future management of  
16 that conduit. It may or may not be ADOT in the future.

17           One of the things that as staff we will be  
18 looking at, well, how do we leverage this opportunity if there's  
19 conduit in the ground and we can put our (inaudible) fiber in  
20 and advance our ITS, our message boards, variable speed limits  
21 or other, we will be looking at doing that, especially on I-17.  
22 So look for that in the future.

23           And then the last thing I had, Mr. Chair,  
24 ADOT's -- and our teams have been really working to keep our  
25 system maintained, and when I talk about our maintenance, these

1 are our folks, our staff that are out in the district. The  
2 activities that they work on include pavement and bridge  
3 maintenance, drainage repairs, mowing and vegetation, as well as  
4 many other items. These folks are also on call 24/7 to do  
5 emergency response and winter maintenance.

6 Like our five-year program, we have to prioritize  
7 what we can do. We do not have the resources to do everything  
8 we would like to do, and definitely we work to -- with our  
9 stakeholders, our locals to do what we can. Our district  
10 engineers are happy to meet with communities and leaders in  
11 their areas, but we just ask that people understand that the  
12 needs and the requests are much greater than the resources we  
13 have available.

14 Mr. Chair, that's the end of the state engineer's  
15 report.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Dallas.

17 For the newer board members, I just might give  
18 you a little history. For a couple of years we beat staff up  
19 pretty good on the fact that their estimates were coming in  
20 anywhere from 10 to 30 percent below the low bid. So they were  
21 underestimating, so they -- you know, they made some  
22 adjustments, took the input from the contracts received last  
23 year, and made their projects, and then we find ourselves in  
24 these times now where I guess there's plenty of people willing  
25 to work and oil's dropping. So it's a very difficult challenge

1 to project costs these days. So I think you guys do the best  
2 you can with the information that's available.

3 Okay. Can we move on now to item -- Agenda Item  
4 8? Am I on track here, Floyd?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, you are.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

8 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, thank you for approving  
9 3B and C on the consent agenda.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: You're welcome.

11 MR. HAMMIT: We ready for Item 8A. Next slide,  
12 please, Rhett.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yeah. Sunland Asphalt and  
14 Construction, Inc.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: One more.

16 MR. HAMMIT: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

17 This is a project in Maricopa County, Loop 303.  
18 On the project the low bid was \$20,326,911. The State's  
19 estimate was \$29,363,606. It was under the State's estimate by  
20 \$9,036,695, or 30.8 percent.

21 We saw better than expected prices in roadway  
22 excavation, our borrow, structural steel, structural concrete,  
23 our girders, mobilization and concrete barrier.

24 One thing on this, and I believe the Board did  
25 receive documentation, on this project, the low bidder -- each

1 bidder has to turn in an affidavit detailing what work their  
2 disadvantaged business enterprises will do. On this project the  
3 low bidder listed a -- on one of the items for their DBE  
4 affidavit that they were give -- wanting -- listing credit for  
5 \$140,000. On their bid they only bid \$74,364. (Inaudible)  
6 states that you cannot get any more credit on your affidavit  
7 than what your bid had. You can contract for higher, but you  
8 can't get more credit than that. Once we made a correction, the  
9 low bid no longer met the DBE goal, and we found them  
10 nonresponsive.

11 One note, this has come up a number of times, and  
12 when it happens, it's -- once the department makes the  
13 correction and the bidder still meets the DBE goal, the  
14 department does recommend award at that time.

15 So with that, the department has determined that  
16 the low bid is non-responsive and recommends rejection. The  
17 department has reviewed the second low bid and believes it is a  
18 responsive and responsible bid and recommends award to Sunland  
19 Asphalt and Construction, Inc.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: All right. Thank you, Dallas.

21 There was a speaker. Did they show up at all in  
22 the last hour to talk at this point?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chair, that speaker was  
24 Mr. Randy Jeffries, and Haley, do you know if Mr. Jeffries has  
25 participated in the meeting?

1                   CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. You know, I also  
2 understand, I don't know if the Board's aware of this, that the  
3 objecting contractor withdrew their objection. That may be why  
4 Sunland chose not to speak at this point. So the correspondence  
5 you received had another bit of information that arrived, I  
6 guess, either this morning or late yesterday.

7                   Are there any questions on this Item 8A or I  
8 would entertain a motion.

9                   VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
10 question.

11                  CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member  
12 Stratton.

13                  VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Dallas, does your  
14 recommendation reflect our past practices in dealing with this  
15 type of thing?

16                  MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, Member Stratton, yes, it  
17 did. Over the last year -- or two years prior to this one,  
18 there's been seven cases where there's been discrepancy between  
19 the affidavit and the bid. In four of those cases, once we made  
20 the correction, the contractor met the DBE goal. Three of them  
21 they did not meet the goal, and the recommendation, and the  
22 Board went with that, was for rejection. So we are consistent  
23 with past practices.

24                  VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Thank you.

25                  CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Are there any other questions

1 under Item 8A for Mr. Hammit?

2 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chair, I have a question.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member Elters.

4 MR. ELTERS: Dallas, understanding what you went  
5 through on this, and appreciating the thoroughness of your  
6 determination, my question is it -- this seems to happen perhaps  
7 more frequent than it needs to or maybe it should. Is there any  
8 reason to think or to believe that the instructions in the  
9 specifications or special provisions is contributing to some  
10 confusion, and therefore, the frequency of this specific item?  
11 It just seems like we've had more than a normal share of bids  
12 being rejected on the basis of DBE errors and missing  
13 information.

14 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, Mr. Elters, I believe our  
15 specifications speak fairly well to the issue. It's definitely  
16 something we can look at. It's -- the Board remembers a couple  
17 years ago that the staff -- we were challenged with making sure  
18 all of contractors submitted their DBE information, and what we  
19 were doing is we were reviewing the low bidder's DBE information  
20 if it was submitted before the five days, and if we found an  
21 error, we allowed them to correct it.

22 The challenge was we didn't have the resources to  
23 review every bidder, because every bidder is required to submit  
24 their DBE affidavit. And then so if we had to reject the first  
25 one, we gave the second bidder another five days. We were told

1 we -- working as the federal partners in reviewing the  
2 requirements, we could no longer do that. The five days was  
3 five days, and that included all of them.

4           So we've worked with the contracting community  
5 and let them know we'll take them all in, and we will answer  
6 questions, but we won't give it a cursory review that they can  
7 -- if they don't ask for assistance, they don't -- we don't  
8 review it and accepted it back anymore. That information did go  
9 out a couple of years ago.

10           One thing we do do through our (inaudible), as  
11 was done in this case, two emails are sent to all bidders  
12 informing them to submit their information. In that email it  
13 gives videos on what to do. It talks about commonly -- common  
14 mistakes, which this is one of the areas that it covers. So  
15 we've done quite a bit of work to let industry know what the  
16 errors are and how they could correct those.

17           MR. ELTERS: So, Mr. Chair, Dallas, I do really  
18 want to express, acknowledge and appreciate the effort that  
19 you've gone through in your written documentation and  
20 explanation, and perhaps just even add that I understand the  
21 difficulty of the department having a hard time understanding  
22 intent, and so you have to go with what's in the documentation  
23 and the hierarchy of those documents. So to that end,  
24 Mr. Chairman, unless there are other questions, and given that  
25 this is in District One, I make a motion to proceed and -- with



1 the department recommendations.

2 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from  
4 Board Member Elters, a second from Board Member Knight. I will  
5 comment that I thought your question was a good one, Board  
6 Member Elters. It is always incumbent upon us to make sure that  
7 our instructions are as clear as possible to prevent these  
8 things from happening. So good question.

9 Are there any more comments before we call for  
10 the vote?

11 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is the  
12 Director. I would like to make a comment after your vote about  
13 this item, but I don't want to interrupt your vote. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Floyd, would you call  
15 for the vote?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chair Stratton.

17 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

19 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

21 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

23 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

25 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

2 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair Hammond.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Motion passes.

5 Director Halikowski, go ahead.

6 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 I really appreciate Board Member Elters' comments  
8 and yours about these specs regarding the DBE issues, but it  
9 does raise a question that I want to make sure gets  
10 satisfactorily reanswered, not just for the Board, but also for  
11 the contracting community. And I would suggest perhaps at a  
12 future study session, if you're amenable to the idea, we could  
13 bring in and actually look at the spec, but also bring in the  
14 director of our Business Engagement Compliance Program, who has  
15 worked in this DBE area for quite a while, and we have, I  
16 believe, a very vibrant outreach program to our contracting  
17 community and partners to keep them informed of how to do this  
18 and who to call if they have questions.

19 So I don't want to leave this open, because at  
20 times this becomes a contentious issue when contractors are  
21 asking us, well, why do we have to do this, and we have to  
22 explain why we're following the rules. So if you would like, we  
23 could go through this more in depth at a future study session,  
24 but I'll leave that up to you. It's just an offer.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1                   CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you. We'll keep that in  
2 mind and -- because I think even at the end -- well, we've got a  
3 study session coming up, too, but that's going to be a board  
4 meeting. Anyway, we can put that on the agenda, you know,  
5 pending other issues that we need to discuss at a study session.

6                   Thank you, Director.

7                   DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Chair.

8                   MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

9                   CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes.

10                  MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
11 Knight.

12                  CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

13                  MR. KNIGHT: I would like -- when we do that, I  
14 would like to see -- I know it seems like we've been through  
15 this several times, but I would just like to see a percentage of  
16 all the bidders, how -- what percentage can't figure it out. I  
17 mean, it seems to me that with all the projects and all the  
18 contractors and all the bids that it's going to be a pretty low  
19 percentage that didn't quite get it right, and maybe we can  
20 improve that, the instructions, but I don't -- I think it's  
21 going to be a pretty low percentage as to the ones that got it  
22 wrong. So I would just like to see what percentage we're  
23 looking at. Thank you.

24                  CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: That should be able to be  
25 generated fairly quickly, and maybe the issue's so minute that

1 we don't need to take the time in a study session, but we can  
2 discuss that at another time.

3 Good point Board, Member Knight.

4 Item 8B, AJP Electric Company.

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

6 Item 8B is a safety improvement project, a local  
7 project in the city of Eloy. The low bid was \$288,239. The  
8 State's estimate was \$241,402. It was over the estimate by  
9 \$46,837, or 19.4 percent. On this project the city of Eloy is  
10 requesting additional time to make sure they can find the  
11 required funding. So the department is requesting postponement  
12 to a future board meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions on this Item 8B?

14 I'll take a motion and a second.

15 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Move to postpone.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Motion from Board Member  
18 Stratton to postpone, and second by -- I believe that was Board  
19 Member Knight.

20 MR. KNIGHT: Correct.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Would you call for the  
22 vote, Floyd, please?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chair Stratton.

24 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

1 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

3 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

5 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle. Ms. Daniels.

7 MS. DANIELS. Aye.

8 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Chairman Hammond.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Thank you very much.

10 Motion passes.

11 Moving on to Item 8C, contract to Combs

12 Construction Company, Inc.

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

14 This project is a dirt road paving project in the  
15 city of Maricopa. The low bid was \$1,761,717. The State's  
16 estimate was \$2,545,313. It was under the State's estimate by  
17 \$783,597, or 30.8 percent. We saw better than expected pricing  
18 in our lime treated subgrade, roadway excavation, aggregate  
19 base, some of the cover material that goes over the asphalt, and  
20 mobilization. The department has reviewed the bid and believes  
21 it is a responsive and responsible bid and recommends award to  
22 Combs Construction Company, Inc.

23 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Questions or comments from the  
24 Board?

25 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Move to approve.

1 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. A motion to approve  
3 from Board Member Stratton, second from board member -- or first  
4 from Board Member Stratton. First from Board Member Knight.  
5 Any more comments?

6 Okay. Floyd, would you call for the vote?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chair Stratton.

8 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

12 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

14 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

16 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

18 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

19 MR. SEARLE: Chair Hammond.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye. Okay. Thank you.

21 Moving on to agenda Item 9, which would be  
22 suggestions for future board meetings or such discussion?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, this is Floyd. Just  
24 a reminder. We've got -- the next -- again, it's a WebEx  
25 meeting on October 27th that Mr. Byres has identified with the

1 tentative program. It will be a limited agenda, because it's so  
2 close to this meeting, and it's before the November meeting. We  
3 will have the five-year program on there and some possibly --  
4 any wrap-up or catch-up items on any construction contracts  
5 limited items like that, maybe any last minute items the  
6 Director may have.

7           So I'd anticipate it's a limited agenda unless  
8 you or a board member give us an agenda, but we would need it  
9 pretty quickly, because we have to get it posted next week. And  
10 then a reminder, the November 20th meeting, which was scheduled  
11 for Wickenburg, I have been contacting the city manager to talk  
12 through if there's a good and safe way to conduct that meeting,  
13 and we're going to have a follow-up discussion later next week.  
14 So I will bring to you, Mr. Chair, options for the November 20th  
15 meeting. We are working on that, and I just wanted to give you  
16 that thought as you discuss any agenda items for the next couple  
17 meetings.

18           CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: You know, we can hold the  
19 meetings on a golf course. That's one entity still open.

20           Okay. Tough times. Got to find some humor in  
21 it, right?

22           MR. ROEHRICH: I know if I was playing, I'd be  
23 social distanced from everybody else.

24           CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Is there a motion to  
25 adjourn the board meeting?

1 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

2 MS. DANIELS: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We've got a motion and  
4 a second. Don't need to think we've got a call for a vote on  
5 that or -- we can just say thumbs up, huh?

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. You can. We're done.  
7 Thank you, everyone. Be safe.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, everyone.

9 (Board meeting concluded at 10:52 a.m.)

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**Adjournment**

***A motion to adjourn the October 16, 2020 State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Sam Elters and seconded by Board Member Jenn Daniels. In a voice vote, the motion carried.***

**Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. PST.**

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Michael Hammond, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

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John S. Halikowski, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation