

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
TELEPHONIC/VIDEO MEETING
BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 27, 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 9:02 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 9:10 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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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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4 Reporter and a Certified Reporter in and for the State of
5 Arizona.

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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Board Members:

9 Michael S. Hammond, Chairman
10 Steven E. Stratton, Vice Chairman
11 Jesse Thompson, Board Member
12 Sam Elters, Board Member
13 Gary Knight, Board Member
14 Richard Searle, Board Member
15 Jenn Daniels, Board Member

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

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3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Floyd. We're going
4 to move to the call to the audience. We do have some requests.
5 Just keep in mind that you're going to be muted when you call in
6 to the meeting. When your name's called, provide -- to provide
7 your comments, indicate your presence by virtually raising your
8 hand using your phone keypad or through the Webex application.
9 Our Webex host will guide you through the unmuting and muting
10 process following the instructions. A three minute time limit
11 will be imposed.

12 I'll let you take it from here. I think we had
13 two at last look.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, this is Floyd. Yes,
15 but they both asked to speak at the same time, because they're
16 representing the town of Wickenburg. They will stay within the
17 time limit. It is major -- excuse me -- it was Mayor Pereira
18 and town manager Vince Lorefice. So Mayor Pereira, please raise
19 your hand and Christy will unmute you, and then right as soon as
20 you make your comments, Mr. Lorefice, you can do your comments.

21 MR. LOREFICE: All right. Thank you. Are you
22 guys able to hear us?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes, we can.

25 MR. LOREFICE: Okay. All right. Perfect. So

1 I'll go ahead and get started. This is Vince Lorefice. I'm the
2 town manager for the Town of Wickenburg. Obviously we
3 understand and we appreciate all of what the ADOT Board does for
4 the state and for our region, and we appreciate that you as --
5 you all are having to make some tough decisions.

6 We would respectfully request you consider adding
7 the US-93 Gap project, known as Project B. Project A is funded
8 fully by the developer of Wickenburg Ranch, as at the
9 intersection of 89 and 93. We are looking for the portion from
10 Tegner roundabout up to Wickenburg Ranch to be put into the
11 five-year plan for your consideration.

12 The Town of Wickenburg has the current IGA with
13 ADOT for this project. The Town has also contributed some
14 financial funds to the project in the way of some engineering,
15 some utility relocates, and also some commitments into future
16 maintenance and repair of the frontage road systems and some via
17 landscaping of that project.

18 This project is very important to the town of
19 Wickenburg and to this region. As you all know, 93 is a high
20 concern from a safety aspect on transportation, but also as the
21 town of Wickenburg continues to grow -- we are one of the
22 fastest populations percentage wise growth in the state right
23 now -- we need to see those additional roundabouts and that
24 traffic expansion to help the town with economic development
25 into the future.

1 So again, we'd just respectfully request that you
2 consider adding this project in, and we understand, you know,
3 that ADOT has put some substantial funds into the project today.
4 The plans are near 100 percent completion for the project, and a
5 lot of the different right-of-way acquisition's already been
6 spent as well and acquired. With that I'll turn it over to
7 Mayor Rui Pereira.

8 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you, Vince. You know, I
9 would echo Vince's comments. He touched on all the comments
10 that I was about to mention.

11 I would also add that as you know, this section
12 of highway is the most traveled highway to Las Vegas. It's the
13 only one -- the easiest, the quickest way to get to Las Vegas
14 from Phoenix. So we see a lot of drivers come through here, and
15 it's highly traveled.

16 And as well as now we have a master-planned
17 community out there called Wickenburg Ranch, and with that, you
18 know, we're now nearly -- 700 homes have been built out there.
19 The project is going to potentially -- eventually have nearly
20 over 3,000 homes out there. So widening this road is a very
21 important step in the growth of that community and the safety of
22 that community. And also, as Vince mentioned, an economic
23 development opportunity for Wickenburg.

24 So we would truly appreciate that you -- would
25 ask that you add it back on to the plan and consider moving the

1 project forward. It's -- as Vince mentioned as well, it's
2 nearly completed and nearly ready to go. It just needs the
3 final funding.

4 So we appreciate your time. We appreciate all
5 the efforts that you have put into this project and the
6 attention you have given to Wickenburg. So thank you very much.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you both for your
8 respectful comments in these difficult times. They're certainly
9 appreciated.

10 Floyd, I think that ends the call to the
11 audience; am I correct?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, that is correct.
13 That's all the requests we have, but also, real quickly, I want
14 to acknowledge for the meeting minutes that Board Member Jenn
15 Daniels has joined the meeting. It was a few minutes ago while
16 call to the audience was starting. So you have a full plate of
17 board members, Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you. Welcome, Board
19 Member Daniels.

20 Okay. We're closing call to the audience, and
21 let's move to Item 1, which is the director's report. This is
22 for information and discussion only.

23 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I don't have
24 a report for you today or any last minute items to add that
25 haven't already been covered.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Director.

2 We will now move on to Item 2, which is the final
3 approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Five-Year Transportation
4 Facilities Construction Program with Greg Byres, and this is for
5 information and possible action.

6 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can
7 everybody hear me?

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes, we can.

9 MR. BYRES: Thank you. I'll go ahead and -- I've
10 got a short presentation to go through, and then we'll go ahead
11 and final this up.

12 If you can go on to the next slide, please.

13 So we're going to go through an overview of the
14 asset conditions as well as the Tentative Five-Year Highway
15 Delivery Program Itself, as MAG's and PAG's programs are also
16 included, as well as the airport program.

17 Next slide, please.

18 Next slide, please.

19 So the system as it stands today is valued at
20 \$22.9 billion. However, if it was to be replaced, in today's
21 dollars, we're talking about a \$300 billion investment. So it's
22 a huge investment in our system.

23 Next slide.

24 As we go through the different slides, as we go
25 through this program, everything's broken up into three

1 different categories. These are investment categories. So we
2 have preservation, which is investment to keep pavement smooth
3 and maintain bridges; modernization, which is a non-capacity
4 investment that improves the safety and operations of the
5 roadways and bridges; and expansion, which is the investment
6 that adds capacity to the highway system itself, such as new
7 roads, added lanes or new interchanges.

8 Next slide, please.

9 So this is the five-year program that we're
10 looking at, well, and try and get approved today by the Board.
11 If you'll look at it, we've got five vertical lines or columns.
12 If you look at the bottom, it ranges from 2021 through 2025.
13 The very bottom numbers are the budgets for each of the years.
14 So we start off in 2021 at 595 million. 2022, at 500 million.
15 2023 at 521. 2024 is 506. And 2025 is at 537.

16 We've got different categories in here. So the
17 green is our statewide preservation. The red is our statewide
18 modernization. The purple is our project development to get
19 projects going, then keep them fully developed. The orange is
20 our statewide planning, and the blue is expansion.

21 So if you look at 2021, we actually have the
22 expansion broken into three different parts. So we have 20
23 million -- 25 million, which is intended for US-95. That is a
24 legislative appropriation. We also have 90 million, which is
25 intended for I-17. That's our INFRA grant, and then we have

1 46.25 million, which is intended for the rest of expansion
2 for -- within the statewide area.

3 If we go on to 2022, you'll see that we've got
4 115 million for expansion. We're down to 267 million for
5 preservation. One thing I wanted to note was we have a black
6 horizontal line that goes across all of those columns. What
7 that is is that's our estimated preservation target that we have
8 for preserving our system. You'll notice that our preservation
9 doesn't match up to that in a couple of the years. So in 2021,
10 we exceed it slightly. In 2022, we miss the target by 52
11 million. In 2023, we're slightly above, and 2024, we miss the
12 target by 45 million. And in 2025 we're slightly above.

13 In order for us to preserve the system in its
14 current state, we have to be consistently above that
15 \$320 million. So even though we're above it in three of the
16 five years, we still are not meeting the requirements that it's
17 going to take to just keep the system at its current state. Not
18 trying to improve it, but actually keep it in its current state.
19 So we're going to be in a state of decline as we have been in
20 the past just because the revenues just aren't there to be able
21 to satisfy all the needs that we have.

22 In 2025, one of the things that you'll notice is
23 that there is no blue. So there's no expansion that is planned
24 in 2025. That goes in line with our long range transportation
25 plan, which has us meet -- reaching out to get as much

1 preservation as we possibly can. So there's -- expansion
2 projects have been in the works for several years, and that's --
3 we're running through that queue all the way through 2024, and
4 in 2025, we're actually through that queue and looking at zero
5 expansion in statewide. There's still expansion in MAG and PAG,
6 but statewide is what we're talking about here.

7 Next slide.

8 So this gives us an idea of where we're at with
9 the different investment categories. So we have 46 percent
10 expansion. This is for the entire state, including MAG and PAG.
11 We have 10 percent for modernization, and we have 44 percent in
12 preservation. That runs right in line with the past program.
13 We're off by just a couple of percent, but we're staying
14 consistent with what we've done in the past.

15 Next slide, please.

16 So this is a look at just the Greater Arizona
17 tentative five-year program, and what you'll see here is we have
18 14 percent in expansion, 16 percent modernization and 70 percent
19 preservation. From the map you can see the different projects
20 that we have that are within the program.

21 Next slide.

22 So in 2021, we have two expansion projects that
23 we're looking at or major expansion projects that we're looking
24 at. One of them is I-17. This is from Anthem Way to Cordes
25 Junction, with \$135 million planned for 2021. We also have the

1 US-95 project, which is from Avenue 9E to Fortuna Wash, and it's
2 set at 25 million.

3 Next slide.

4 In 2022, we still have expansion projects going,
5 so we've got a State Route 69 project, which is Prescott Lakes
6 Parkway from -- to Frontier Village. It's set at \$10 million.
7 We also have I-17 continuing. It's set at 97.3 million for
8 2022.

9 Next slide.

10 In 2023, we only have one expansion project that
11 we're looking at at this point in time. This will be the first
12 segment of I-10 running from the Loop 202 to State Route 387.
13 Again, this is just the first segment of that entire 26-mile
14 route.

15 Next slide.

16 In 2024, we're looking at one expansion project.
17 This is the I-40/US-93 West Kingman TI, and it is set at
18 \$70 million.

19 Next slide.

20 In 2025, again, as I had mentioned earlier, we do
21 not have any expansion projects scheduled. We do have several
22 preservation projects. Two of those projects, these are just
23 typical projects that we have, is the Santa Maria River Bridge
24 set at \$7 million, as well as the San Pedro River Bridge at
25 \$7 million. There are several more preservation projects.

1 These are just typical projects.

2 Next slide.

3 As we get out into the delivery years, our
4 project development years, what you'll see is we have no
5 expansion planned. We have our planning as well as our project
6 development. Those are pretty much fixed costs, as well as our
7 modernization, which is -- includes our HSIP, as well as several
8 of our TSMO projects and other projects that we have to get done
9 within our program.

10 What's left over is what we've got set for
11 preservation. So you'll see that we're sitting at about
12 \$290 million in each of those years. That \$320 million target
13 value that I mentioned before, we just do not have the funds
14 available to be able to hit that target at this point in time
15 with the projections that we have.

16 Next slide.

17 So we have the MAG program as well. What you see
18 here is the latest from the rebalancing that was approved by MAG
19 Regional Council in July. We have several projects within the
20 freeway system within Phoenix as well as the major arterials.
21 Pretty much all of the loop system as well as the interstates
22 are represented with projects as well as the -- almost all of
23 the major arterials.

24 Next slide.

25 For the PAG region, again, we have interstates

1 within the PAG region itself that are represented for projects.
2 So I-10 is represented, as well as SR-77 and I-19.

3 Next slide.

4 We have our airport improvement program as well.

5 Next slide.

6 And what you see here is we have three major
7 programs that we run through the aeronautics programs. We have
8 our federal/state/local program, our state/local program, and
9 our airport pavement preservation program.

10 One of the things that has occurred is due to the
11 CARES Act, Federal Aviation Administration has eliminated all
12 matches for the 2021 grants. So consequently, what we normally
13 do is with our federal/state/local match is we provide half the
14 match for airports for any Federal Aviation Administration
15 grants.

16 Since that is now covered under the CARES Act, we
17 took that normal \$5 million that we have in that program, and
18 we've moved it into our state/local program. So instead of the
19 state/local program being 10 million, it's now 15 million, which
20 will allow us to take and service more projects through that
21 program at -- and it's a big deal, because we can go further
22 down the line on our prioritization for projects on the
23 different airports.

24 Our pavement preservation, our APMS system, is
25 still set at \$7 million. We also have \$15 million for the Grand

1 Canyon Airport, as well as 1.1 million for state planning
2 services, for a total budget of 38.15 million.

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4 So next steps. At this point in time, we've
5 already gone through our public hearings. We are now at a point
6 of the final approval of the State Transportation Board program
7 or the -- from the State Transportation Board. So at this point
8 in time, we are now requesting of the Board to approve the
9 five-year program for 2021 to 2025.

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11 And if there's any questions, I stand for those
12 questions.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Greg, no question from me.
14 Just a comment. I think everybody can see we're in a financial
15 death spiral that at some point we're going to have to address.
16 It's sad to see the state of our infrastructure funding in
17 Arizona, but I guess it is what it is. There may be some
18 questions or comments that other board members would like to
19 make, and I'll open that up right now.

20 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Elters
21 here has a question.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member Elters.

23 MR. ELTERS: Greg, during the call to the
24 audience, the gentlemen that spoke from Wickenburg, I thought I
25 heard -- inquired about the US-93, I believe, gap project, and I

1 thought I heard him say that that was fully privately funded.
2 Did I hear that correctly or am I mistaken?

3 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Elters,
4 there's actually two pieces to that project. There is a private
5 sector section, and then there is the remainder which is the
6 bulk of the project itself. So the portion that the developer
7 was putting forth has already -- they have actually taken and
8 put that funding together. It's the other section which is a
9 majority of the project that is the public project that we're
10 looking at, and that's the portion that was being spoken about.

11 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Just a quick follow-up,
12 Mr. Chair, if I can.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

14 MR. ELTERS: What is the total cost of that -- of
15 the remainder of that project as you just explained, Greg?

16 MR. BYRES: I don't have that -- the latest
17 estimates, but I can certainly get that for you. I don't know
18 if Dallas has those maybe right off the top of his head.

19 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elters, it's
20 approximately \$41 million is what we had in the program last
21 year that we removed. The developer's project was a \$10 million
22 project. The developer was building from the junction of 89
23 south to Wickenburg Ranch, the roundabout at Wickenburg Ranch,
24 and then the project that ADOT was working to fund is from that
25 roundabout at Wickenburg Ranch down to the roundabout at Tegner.

1 So...

2 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 Thank you both, Dallas and Greg.

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

6 Other comments or questions?

7 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chairman, this is Board Member
8 Knight.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member Knight.

10 MR. KNIGHT: Yes. I, too, had questions and on
11 the same project. Sam got most of them answered. I know we're
12 -- have been -- all of us have been sitting in on the P2P plans
13 for the upcoming '22 to '26 five-year program, and I would hope
14 that we could take maybe another look at that to see if there
15 was any way in the future in that plan we could get it into the
16 -- to the next five-year plan, hoping that we have more funds
17 available, but even if we don't, if there's any way it could be
18 included somewhere in the next five-year plan that we're looking
19 at right now.

20 And also, I am very concerned that we don't have
21 in the extended six -- year six through year ten, in that
22 extended period that we're going to come up short, I believe,
23 according to your bar graph, about 30 million every year for
24 five years. So that's, of course, 150 million, hopefully in
25 pavement preservation. So that's really going to -- that's

1 really going to hurt the system.

2 So I'm really hoping that we'll be able to see a
3 little more -- a little closer to the 320 -- 320 million that's
4 required as we -- as we move -- as we move forward, because it's
5 very -- it's very concerning to me that we're going to come up
6 that short five years in a row.

7 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member
9 Knight.

10 Other comments of the Board?

11 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman. Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Was that Jesse? Board Member
13 Thompson?

14 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member
16 Thompson. Board Member Searle (inaudible).

17 MR. THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: But go ahead, Jesse.

19 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you very much, Chairman,
20 members of the Board. I don't know if I should make a statement
21 now or maybe in the suggestions. This is on the concerns that
22 I've been bringing up over the years regarding transportation,
23 road systems on the reservations. I don't know. Chairman, if
24 you can allow me, I can continue to go ahead and make comment on
25 it. Otherwise, I can wait until Item 3.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: You know, Board Member
2 Thompson, that's your choice. You're more than welcome to make
3 your comments.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Let me -- I do appreciate
5 that, and I do appreciate all the projects that are on the five
6 year list, and I'm happy for all the projects.

7 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board
8 and Director Halikowski. Thank you for the opportunity to once
9 again share a few thoughts and ideas with you about the state's
10 role in supporting investment in rural community transportation
11 infrastructure.

12 Number one, (inaudible) thinking about those
13 (inaudible) individuals and communities and help develop
14 (inaudible) and share the educational and economic (inaudible)
15 of tribal and non-tribal communities.

16 Second, the state of Arizona's Native Americans
17 deserve safe and dependable road conditions. (Inaudible) and
18 committed to (inaudible) continue working with you to find ways
19 to improve (inaudible) roads.

20 Third, I hope we'll continue working with this
21 Board and the Governor's office, on the Governmental Accounting
22 Office (inaudible) study of the impact of failing tribal roads
23 and how that negatively impact (inaudible) and advancement of
24 Native American students.

25 And last, as I've mentioned before, I'd like to

1 state (inaudible) potential for gifting or donating road
2 maintenance equipment to (inaudible) our moderate (inaudible)
3 communities, that they perform basic maintenance on the roads
4 and seeing if there is a way to authorize (inaudible) to obtain
5 maintenance equipment and resources (inaudible) transportation
6 vehicles operating (inaudible) children can get to school every
7 day.

8 As always, thank you very much for allowing me to
9 express my thoughts and ideas, and I'm very proud to be a member
10 of the Board and statewide transportation team. So thank you,
11 Chairman, and members of the Board, administration.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member
13 Thompson.

14 Board Member Searle, I think you were attempting
15 to speak. Did you want to make some comments?

16 MR. SEARLE: Yeah, actually. Thank you, Chair.
17 I have a question.

18 In the previous presentations on the five-year
19 plan, I thought I saw that there was a project for the Cochise
20 overpass on Highway 191, either in 2023 or 2024. Is that no
21 longer in the plan or was -- what's the story on the Cochise
22 overpass?

23 MR. BYRES: So let me take a look here real quick
24 on 191.

25 I don't see it off the top of the list that I

1 currently have in our project listing, but I can certainly --
2 oh, Cochise railroad overpass, 191, it is scheduled -- we have
3 design at 1.3 million for 2021, and construction in 2024 at
4 16.5 million.

5 MR. SEARLE: Okay. That was my question. Thank
6 you. I just didn't (inaudible). Thank you.

7 MR. BYRES: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member
9 Searle.

10 Are there other comments from other board
11 members? If not, hearing none, I would entertain a motion then
12 to approve the Fiscal Year '21 to 2025 Five-Year Construction
13 Program.

14 MR. SEARLE: Chairman Hammond, this (inaudible).

15 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Board Member Searle
17 made the motion. I believe it was Board Member Knight that
18 seconded?

19 MR. KNIGHT: That's correct.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Is there more
21 discussion?

22 Okay. Floyd, would you conduct the roll call
23 vote, please?

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chair.

25 We'll start with Vice Chair Stratton.

1 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

3 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

5 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

7 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: He made the motion.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

11 MR. KNIGHT: He's muted.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: MS. Daniels?

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Searle's muted.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: I'm sorry. Was that me?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: And Mr. Hammond.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair, it passes a quorum. It
20 passes a vote, but Mr. Searle, we may not have gotten his vote.
21 He might have some audio difficulties.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Well, the motion
23 carries, and I guess Board Member Searle, if you wish, if you
24 can hear, maybe you send your vote in by email or some other
25 form if that functions legally for a board member.

1 All right. Thank you. We have --

2 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, he can also vote by
5 chat. If he puts it in chat, it will be recorded that way as
6 well.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. All right. Thank you.
8 In any case, the motion passes. We have a five-year plan, as
9 tough as it is.

10 Moving on to Agenda Item 3, suggestions for
11 future board meetings or study sessions. I think Board Member
12 Thompson may have had a few in his comments, which I assume
13 you'll send to staff. Any other suggestions?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, this is Floyd. I do
15 want to just cover one quick thing. Next month's meeting is
16 scheduled for Friday, November 20th. Originally scheduled to be
17 at Wickenburg. We are coordinating with the City, the city
18 manager's office, Mr. Lorefice. We are going to do a test run
19 tomorrow to see if we can remotely hold the board meeting out of
20 that site, as well as here in ADOT, where if the board members
21 wanted to come to the Wickenburg Town Council, they have it set
22 up with safety measures in place, recommended by the Governor's
23 office and the CDC, or we could run the board members out of
24 that, with maybe limited staff or limited public -- they've got
25 room for about 15 people other than the board members in their

1 chamber -- where the board members could meet in Wickenburg if
2 they wanted to do that, and then we could remote in with staff
3 and public and still allow safe measures for (inaudible)
4 participation.

5 We're going to do a test run tomorrow. If all
6 that works out and we can work all the divisions out, Mr. Chair,
7 I intend to call you and go over that, and if you would like us
8 to continue to pursue that, we will go ahead and start working
9 on that and make the coordination. I wanted to have the test
10 run first to make sure that we could support it technology wise,
11 and then there's a possibility then the board members could meet
12 with limited other involvement to make sure that we're meeting
13 our safe measures in place for a meeting of that size, and then
14 we can start the coordination effort of that for the November
15 meeting.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Floyd, I would support that,
17 but if I'm the only board member that wanted to show up, the
18 other board members either now or in the next -- you know,
19 before the end of the day should weigh in with Floyd on whether
20 they would under any circumstances want to meet in Wickenburg.

21 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is the
22 Director. On a call with Dr. Christ last night she informed the
23 cabinet that our COVID cases are going up, and they're strongly
24 still discouraging, as we're heading into the winter season,
25 gatherings that are not absolutely necessary.

1 She went on to remind us that, you know,
2 especially in the 18- to 35-year-old range, they're starting to
3 see some spikes in cases. We've recently had a few more cases
4 in ADOT after a lull. So in good conscience, I just want to say
5 that I'm very reluctant to put staff into a setting where we can
6 accomplish it virtually and keep everybody safe. So thank you,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Understand completely,
9 Director.

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

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member Knight.

13 MR. KNIGHT: I agree with the Director. I think
14 with the cases spiking, it would be -- we should -- my
15 preference is we should act out of an overabundance of caution,
16 and hopefully in December we can have our last meeting perhaps
17 together, but at this point I agree with the Director. I think
18 we should -- I think we should side on the side of caution.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Do other board members have a
21 thought here?

22 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes, Jesse.

24 MR. THOMPSON: I do feel the same way as well.
25 So thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Any other comments?

2 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member
4 Stratton.

5 MR. STRATTON: I have to agree with them. I
6 think that at this point we should be cautious, and I, too, hope
7 that we can have the December meeting in person for a wrap-up
8 and the Chairman's dinner and such. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. What I'm hearing,
10 Floyd, is you can probably save yourself some effort to try to
11 make this work and let Wicken- -- City of Wickenburg know that
12 the Board will pass on the offer.

13 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. --

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

15 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Floyd is
16 like a panda, and he will conserve that energy while he chews
17 quietly on his eucalyptus leaves.

18 Mr. Chairman, as a closing remark, I just want to
19 thank the Board. This has been the most challenging year I have
20 faced as director, and I just want to thank the Board for their
21 patience and for standing by us and working with us to get to
22 this point of approval for a five-year plan. Obviously we've
23 got more work to do and more challenges ahead, but I really just
24 appreciate the camaraderie and teamwork and the support of the
25 Board. So thank you for everything that you've worked with us

1 on this year.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Director. Are
3 there any other comments?

4 MR. SEARLE: Chairman Hammond.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yeah. Go ahead, Board Member
6 Searle.

7 MR. SEARLE: Yeah. I had some technical
8 difficulties. I had to re- -- I had to get back on the system
9 here, and so I think I missed the vote for the five-year plan,
10 and just for the record, I want to say, yes, I vote for it.

11 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Good.

12 More comments, or I'll entertain a motion for
13 adjournment.

14 MR. ELTERS: So moved (inaudible).

15 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. I think Board Member
17 Elters made the motion. Board Member Knight seconded it, and I
18 don't think we need a roll call vote for this one, but all in
19 favor lift your thumb up or say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: All right. All right. Thank
22 you all. Have a safe day.

23 (Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.)

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the October 27, 2020 State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Sam Elters and seconded by Board Member Gary Knight. In a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. PST.

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