

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9:00 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2011
Florence Town Hall
775 North Main Street
Florence, Arizona 85132

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Feldmeier.

Roll Call

Roll call by Chairman Feldmeier. All Board Members present.

Call to the Audience

Barbara Brown – Councilmember, Town of Florence
Bernadette Goode - Councilmember, Town of Florence
Charles Russell – Acting Director, Transportation, San Carlos Apache Tribe
Renee Bahl - Executive Director, Arizona State Parks
Joe Vernier – Citizen of Sedona, Arizona

ITEM 1: District Engineer's Report – Robert Samour, Deputy State Engineer, Valley

Rob Samour provided a report on the status of Regional Transportation items, including HOV completion, Loop 303 and I-10 projects.

ITEM 2: Director's Report – Floyd Roehrich

Floyd recognized the Arizona Division administrator for the Federal Highway Administration, Ms. Karla Petty. She has taken over after Bob Hollis had retired earlier this year and as the new administrator.

Individual topics discussed:

1. State Parks matching funds for Lake Havasu State Park project
2. Discussion on actions needed for State Parks to repay the Highway Fund
3. Sedona Referendum and Project update

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Kelly Anderson and a second by Felipe Zubia, in a voice note, motion carries.

ITEMS 4 and 5: Financial Report and Financing Program – Lisa Danka

Lisa Danka provided a report on revenue collections for HURF, Maricopa Transportation Excise Tax, and Aviation. She discussed other financial information relative to the Board and Department. An update of financing issues affecting the Board and Department, including HURF and RARF Bonding, GAN issuances and Board Funding Obligations was presented.

ITEM 6: Multimodal Planning Division Report – Scott Omer

Scott provided an update of the scoping activities of the intercity rail project. He gave information on the status of the FY2012-2017 Long Range Transportation Plan and requested a motion from the Board to adopt the plan.

Motion to approve the Long Range Plan by Hank Rogers and a second by Bobbie Lundstrom, in a voice note, motion carries.

ITEM 7: Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) – Scott Omer

Item 7a is an existing ongoing project at the Mariposa Port of Entry. Generally these would not be brought back since it is an ongoing project. Since this project is utilizing CBI funds and the Board approved a list of CBI projects last year this additional funding of \$129,000 was not part of that original list.

Motion to approve Item 7a made by Bobbie Lundstrom and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 7b is in the Flagstaff district, it is the Sedona TI at Stoneman Lake. They are asking to defer this pavement preservation project from FY 2012 to FY 2013 so that way they can avoid a two season project.

Motion to approve Item 7b made by Kelly Anderson and a second by Hank Rogers, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 7c is in Maricopa County on SR 51. It is a new sign replacement project for a total of \$1.1M. They needed to establish a new project to upgrade the existing signs to the current standards and retro-reflectivity standards.

Motion to approve Item 7c made by Victor Flores and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Item 7d is on SR 87 in the Prescott district. It is relocating an existing traffic signal pole. The project cost is about \$125,000. This location is prone to the signal pole getting hit by vehicles on a regular basis.

Motion to approve Item 7d made by Kelly Anderson and a second by Bobbie Lundstrom, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 7e – 7i, they are all inside Maricopa County in the MAG region. They are generally administrative in nature. They are increasing the amount of funding available to do studies, decreasing some design costs and all these funds are coming from the RTB funds.

Motion to approve Items 7e – 7i made by Hank Rogers and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

Items 7j, 7k, and 7l are all three pavement preservation projects in the Prescott, Flagstaff and Holbrook districts.

Motion to approve Items 7j, 7k, and 7l made by Hank Rogers and a second by Kelly Anderson, in a voice vote, motion carries.

He would like to take Items 7m – 7r together. 7m is a project that has FAA funding along with local and state matches. 7n and 7o are using just state and local matches and 7p – 7r are FAA funding again with local and state matches.

Motion to approve Item 7m – 7r made by Bobbie Lundstrom and a second by Felipe Zubia, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 8: State Engineer's Report – Jennifer Toth

Jennifer provided information about Mr. Christy's request to contact the University of Arizona to discuss meteorological modeling capabilities. They are in the process of reviewing that model and evaluating it to see how it might be applicable to predicting the dust storms or at least in terms of the wind advisory. In addition, there is a task force established which is being headed up by the Tucson Assistant District Engineer and an internal task force to look at the research that has been done as well as industry technology and also low tech solutions that may be able to be implemented. It is going to be a short term project and hope to have some recommendations from that task force by the end of this year and developing some strategies that might be able to be implemented.

In addition, just to report on the State Engineer's report on construction, 135 projects are under construction valued at about \$942M. Three projects were finalized in the October timeframe at \$11.2M and year-to-date 33 projects have been finalized.

ITEM 9: Construction Contracts – Jennifer Toth

There is one construction contract to move forward. This project is located throughout the state. It is a centennial sign project. It came in 26.3% under the state's estimate. After discussion with the contractor, there are a lot of efficiencies that they have worked out such as they own their own attenuator truck and the driver of that truck is actually part of the crew for installing the signs and some mobilization items.

Motion to approve Item 9a made by Victor Flores and a second by Bobbie Lundstrom, in a voice vote, motion carries.

ITEM 10: Comments and Suggestions

Hank Rogers – Regretfully states that he will not be attending the next Board meeting due to his youngest son's wedding.

Kelly Anderson – Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, in a voice vote, motion carries.



John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation



Bill Feldmeier, Chairman
State Transportation Board