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2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you. Okay. Let's call
3 the May board meeting to order. Let's go to Item 1. Director,
4 I think we may have your report. You're welcome to have the
5 floor.

6 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
7 You're correct. You do have it.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

9 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So I will go ahead --

10 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman Hammond.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson, is that you?

12 MR. THOMPSON: It's me. I've been trying to get
13 ahold of you guys.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Hey, well, you've got us.

15 MR. THOMPSON: This is me.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. We have
17 finished the public hearing. I did send you the presentations
18 that I could. We will follow up with you later on any
19 questions. We have now moved on to the regular board meeting,
20 and we're conducting the Director's report.

21 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chair, I don't have
22 anything additional to report. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Item 2, district
24 engineer with Randy Everett.

25 MR. EVERETT: Good morning.

1 (Indiscernible conversation.)

2 MR. ROEHRICH: It's all the way to the left,
3 district engineer.

4 MR. EVERETT: Sit here?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Sure.

6 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Do you just go by one name,
7 Randy?

8 MR. EVERETT: Yeah. I'm going to start using
9 just my first (inaudible). What, just hit this one?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

11 MR. EVERETT: Good morning, everyone. I will
12 keep this pretty short. I know we've gone pretty long today.
13 So this is our presentation for the Central District.

14 This is our key construction staff. It's me.
15 It's James Hartman and Dylan Cardie on the construction side.

16 So I'm going to talk about preservation projects,
17 modernization projects and expansion projects very quickly today
18 for the Central District. We've got a lot of flush projects
19 going on, which is our preservation projects right now in the
20 valley. So we've got an SR-87, US-60, I-17, both of the San Tan
21 and Red Mountain portions of the 202, and then we are also
22 flushing the 101 over on the Agua Fria side soon. So we've got
23 a lot of these projects going on in the valley right now. We've
24 got almost 800 miles treated at this point in time for this
25 fiscal year.

1 Modernization projects, I'm just going to focus
2 on a big one that we've got coming up, and it's advertising in
3 June, next month, and that's the SR-347 Maricopa High T
4 interchange that we've got in Maricopa Road and 347. That is
5 our one big modernization project that we're really focusing on
6 at this time.

7 All right. Now we're going to go into the
8 expansion projects. I'm going to go over them quickly, but I
9 just wanted to give everybody a heads up on what we've got going
10 on and what we think at least we've got coming up in the near
11 future.

12 This is our Loop 101 Pima Freeway project. We're
13 about 55 percent done with the project itself. Time is about 61
14 percent. So this is going pretty well. We're pretty on target
15 on this project.

16 You've got the I-17 drainage upgrade project, and
17 that's just started. So we're just out of the gate on that one.
18 If you've driven around 17 up around Greenway, you'll see this
19 project. It's just starting out of the gate.

20 We've got the I-17/Central Avenue bridge project
21 happening right now, and that's really just out of the gate.
22 You can see that's just starting. We just took the asphalt off,
23 and they're doing some of the bridge demolition at this point in
24 time.

25 I-10 and Fairway, that project's going very well.

1 As you can see, we're closing in on being done with that
2 project, and we are pretty much on time and on budget on that
3 project.

4 Loop 101/Price Freeway is our other big design
5 build project besides the Pima project and 101. That is a big
6 project that is now starting to reach its completion. About 80
7 percent complete at this time.

8 And then we have the I-17/Pinnacle Peak and Happy
9 Valley TI. That's a little bit behind schedule at this time,
10 but if you drive up there, you know that they are full bore in
11 construction at this point in time.

12 Now, projects coming up in the near future, we
13 have the SR-24 Gateway Freeway project from Ellsworth over to
14 Ironwood. That is coming up, and that's about a cost of
15 131 million. That is advertised -- due to advertise next month.

16 We also have the Lindsay Road TI, due to
17 advertise in two months. It's about a \$27 million project.

18 And then one project that we're hoping still
19 happens is the I-10/Gila River Bridge replacement. It's right
20 now due next year, March 2021, at about \$78 million, and we hope
21 that stays in the program, obviously, if it's possible.

22 One thing I did want to bring before the Board
23 really quickly this morning is we are looking at future
24 considerations in the Central District. You can see this photo
25 right here is what we have a lot of on our streets, and really

1 what it is is it's the asphalt -- it's the one-inch asphalt
2 overlay that is starting to ravel off our concrete underneath,
3 and if you've driven the valley, you've seen this a lot of
4 places.

5 So to use an old phrase, we are trying to put one
6 more tool in our toolbox, and that is starting to look at taking
7 this asphalt off -- sorry. Take this asphalt off, and we're
8 doing it carefully as we can, and then diamond grinding that
9 concrete instead of putting that one-inch asphalt back on. What
10 it does is allows us to have a section of road that is diamond
11 ground. Right now this is a section of 202 down on the San Tan
12 where we just did a section from I-10 to 101, and this section
13 at least in the number two, three and four lanes, is completely
14 diamond ground, and we've put the striping on. That area is
15 finished.

16 I encourage anyone who is in the area to drive
17 it. We're looking at it, and we want to make sure that we take
18 a look at what it costs us in the future for a diamond ground
19 surface versus a -- an asphalt covered surface. So we're still
20 looking at, again, this being a tool in our toolbox that we
21 could use. We don't know if it's going to cost less or more in
22 time, but we're hoping that it does save on preservation dollars
23 in our future. That's something that the Central District is
24 doing.

25 We are working in unison with our partners at

1 MAG, and we are doing this diamond grinding on both the Price
2 project on 101 and the Pima project on 101. So this is a new
3 concept for us, and we're going to have several places that you
4 can drive and look at it and weigh in for yourself in the
5 valley.

6 That's all I have. Any questions?

7 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions of Randy?

8 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Gary. Just a
9 quick question. The -- how thick is the concrete that's left
10 that you're talking about?

11 MR. EVERETT: Yeah. Usually that concrete ranges
12 anywhere from about 8 to 12 inches thick maybe. Depends on
13 grade.

14 MR. KNIGHT: Wow. Okay. Thank you.

15 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So Mr. Chairman, to that
16 point, that's a good question that Mr. Knight brought up,
17 because I think in order for the diamond grinding to be
18 effective, you need a good concrete sub-base, and that's not
19 true of our system around the state. As you know, I-40 has a
20 deteriorated sub-base, and also I think on the I-17, Dunlap to
21 101, we really can't diamond grind that because the concrete's
22 not in great shape underneath; is that correct?

23 MR. EVERETT: That's a good point, Director.
24 Yes. Our concrete is different ages around the valley. So
25 there are places where our concrete is very old, and it's less

1 likely that we can do a diamond grind in those sections.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you.

3 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

5 MR. ELTERS: One quick question for Randy.

6 Randy, understanding that the Loop 202 South Mountain is
7 contractor operated and maintained, have the asphalt issues --
8 the asphalt pavement issues been completely resolved, and is the
9 work done related to that?

10 MR. EVERETT: If you're talking about the -- the
11 one-inch asphalt and the half-inch rubber asphalt over the top,
12 that is complete or nearly complete at this time. I don't know
13 a whole lot about the South Mountain technically, because that's
14 not technically in the district, but that's what I -- I do know
15 at this time that they did or they are finishing up their
16 asphalt half-inch overlay in the near future.

17 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Elters, where
18 we had some trouble and what made the news on the friction
19 course overlay at the bridge approaches, where you brought it
20 from the bridge approach and they had to feather it in, they had
21 some of that come up. They are fixing that as they're putting
22 their final friction course down.

23 And one note on that that we've seen, one of the
24 very few benefits I've seen with the fewer traffic is we've been
25 able to do construction during the week and closing lanes. So

1 they've been able to gain some time putting that friction course
2 down, the asphalt rubber on the Loop 202 during regular working
3 hours.

4 MR. ELTERS: Thank you. Dallas, thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any other questions of Randy?

6 Okay. Let's move on to Item 3, which is the
7 consent agenda. Does any board member want any item pulled from
8 the consent agenda?

9 If not, I'd entertain a motion and a second to
10 approve the consent agenda.

11 MR. SEARLE: Move, Richard Searle.

12 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Second, Steve.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: (Inaudible) Floyd, you have
14 the motion and the second. So if we can go to the vote.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Mr. Chair, I have the
16 motion by Mr. Searle and the second by Vice Chair Stratton. I
17 will call for our vote.

18 Vice Chair Stratton.

19 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

21 Mr. Elters.

22 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

24 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

1 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

3 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chair Hammond.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Just one more time for

7 Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson, are you able to hear?

8 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. I got
10 that as an aye, or else somebody else just grunted.

11 The motion passes, Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Let's move on to the
13 financial report. Kristine, do you have anything more you'd
14 like to say at this point?

15 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, no. I actually covered
16 all of those items in the previous -- my previous report.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any follow-up questions to
18 Kristine (inaudible)?

19 All right. Let's move to Item 5, which is the
20 Multi Planning Division report.

21 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
22 members.

23 The only thing I add, we've been working on the
24 five-year program, obviously, for the last couple, three weeks,
25 and that's been consuming most of what we're been doing.

1 However, we do have one item, and that is the additional
2 \$40 million that came through transit through the CARES Act. We
3 did get the application in and received positive feedback on
4 that. So we do have the -- it actually came out about
5 38 million ultimately that we will be disbursing across the
6 state. So we're in the process of getting all that under
7 contract and all the agreements signed. So that's a big plus
8 for the State for that extra funding that has come through. So
9 other than that, that's all I have.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. For information and
11 discussion only.

12 Okay. PPAC items, Item 6.

13 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, board members, we
14 have -- we'll do this in two votes. We have our project
15 modifications. These are going to be Items 6A through 6G.
16 There's a total of seven projects. And the Priority Planning
17 Advisory Committee brings these forward with a recommendation
18 for approval.

19 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Any questions or do we have a
20 motion?

21 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Second?

23 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: I think we have a motion and a
25 second. Floyd, you want to repeat that and we'll make a vote?

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. I have the motion by
2 Mr. Elters and the second by Mr. Stratton. I did not know if
3 anybody had any other comments.

4 If not, we will go for the vote, and I will start
5 with Vice Chair Stratton.

6 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Aye. Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Thompson.

12 Mr. Elters.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Mr. Elters.

15 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight. Mr. Knight.

17 Ms. Daniels.

18 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

20 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair Hammond.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight, were you able to get
24 back in? Mute that. Unmute.

25 MR. KNIGHT: That was aye from me.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir.

2 That motion passes.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you.

4 PPAC new projects Items 6H to 6Y.

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

6 Again, these are new projects that are coming
7 forward, and the Priority Planning Advisory Committee does bring
8 these forward with a recommendation for approval.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Does any board member have a
10 question on them?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where's the money coming
12 from?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

14 MR. BYRES: So most of these projects are all
15 being funded either through sub-programs -- we do have some that
16 are being -- actually being paid for through -- some of them are
17 rail crossings, and the rail is actually paying for some of
18 these projects. So it's a multitude of sources, but generally,
19 these are all coming out of sub-programs.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: And we have the money for them.

21 MR. BYRES: Yes.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: We have the money for them.

23 MR. ELTERS: So Mr. Chairman, one quick question
24 just out of curiosity on 6V, as in Victor. It says the
25 project -- this is a bridge project, and it says it's

1 co-maintained by the City of Needles. I didn't see any
2 reference to funding from the City. So is this -- how is this
3 working out? Clearly you're not maintaining half the bridge and
4 not the other. So is there an agreement that was not mentioned
5 that (inaudible) costs?

6 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Elters,
7 actually, yes, there is. There is 175,000 coming from the City
8 of Needles, and there is a JPA that has been signed with them
9 for that money. The other 175 is coming out of the sub-program
10 for bridge replacement and rehabilitation.

11 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 Thank you, Greg.

13 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Gary. I move to
14 approve.

15 MR. ELTERS: I second.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion and a
17 second. Floyd, you want to take a vote?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Thank you.

19 So the motion, just for the record, was by
20 Mr. Knight, and the second by was by Elters. We will go ahead
21 and do the roll vote.

22 Vice Chair Stratton.

23 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson.

25 Mr. Elters.

1 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

3 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

5 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

7 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chair Hammond.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion passes.

11 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you, Floyd.

12 Move to Item 7, state engineer's report, for
13 information and discussion only.

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

15 This is Dallas Hammit. Currently we have 90
16 projects under construction totaling 1 billion 31.1 million
17 dollars. In April we finalized six projects totaling
18 9.2 million, and year to date we have finalized 91 projects.

19 Nothing else under the state engineer's report.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Any discussion,
21 comments on (inaudible)?

22 Okay. Good. Moving on to contracts. We only
23 have one contract; is that correct?

24 MR. HAMMIT: Yes, Mr. Chair.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Item 8A?

1 MR. HAMMIT: Yes, Mr. Chair, Item 8A.

2 And back on why there's one contract. We did
3 work with industry, as we had started in March, and I believe I
4 briefed the Board last month. We saw that there was a lot of
5 uncertainty. We felt that we should delay some openings. So we
6 did delay opening of a number of projects until May and -- just
7 so that there was more certainty in the industry. So next month
8 and the following months, you will see a number -- back to
9 normal schedule of projects.

10 But the one project that is here, it was critical
11 to get it out, to get it done this season. It is to put a turn
12 lane in on US-80 in Flagstaff. The low bid was \$1,135,740. The
13 State's estimate was \$900,623. The bid did come in over the
14 State's estimate by \$235,117, or 26.1 percent.

15 We saw higher than expected pricing in some of
16 the light poles, the retaining wall, and the mobilization on the
17 project. The Department has reviewed the bid and believes it is
18 a responsive and responsible bid and recommends award to CS
19 Construction, Inc.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Are there any questions?
21 Otherwise, I'll entertain a motion for Item 8A (inaudible).

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

23 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Second?

24 MR. ELTERS: Aye. Second.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion and a

1 second to approve Item 8A. Floyd.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And for the
3 record, the motion was by Mr. Knight, and the second was by
4 Mr. Elters.

5 The roll call vote will be Vice Chair Stratton.

6 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

8 Mr. Elters.

9 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

11 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

15 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chair Hammond.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, the motion passes.

19 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Moving on to Item 9,
20 suggestions for the (inaudible) study session (inaudible).

21 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Did I hear somebody?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters. Mr. Chairman,
24 Mr. Elters is asking to speak.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

1 MR. ELTERS: It's not so much of a point for the
2 agenda other than I would like for the record to echo
3 (inaudible) said related to the study session, which is to make
4 every effort possible while adhering CDC and the state
5 guidelines to have that in person, if possible.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Board Member.

7 Any other (inaudible)? Okay. If not, I will
8 (inaudible) entertain (inaudible). (Inaudible) wants to keep it
9 open.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: So you want to start the
11 presentations over, Mr. Chair?

12 MR. ELTERS: So moved, Mr. Chair.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Kristine wants to go
14 again.

15 MR. ELTERS: So moved, Mr. Chair.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Motion from Board
18 Member Elters, a second from Board Member Knight. Do we need to
19 do a roll on that one?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: No, sir. I think you can just say
21 you concur and we'll adjourn.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you all for being
23 patient during these difficult Webexes, and hopefully we
24 (inaudible). Thank you all.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: And be safe and healthy everyone.

1 Thank you, Mr. Chair, and all the board members and the public
2 who participated.

3 (End of recording.)

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