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STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, November 14, 2014
Lake Havasu City
Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Boulevard N.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Roll call by Board Secretary Mary Beckley

In attendance: Steve Christy, Joe La Rue, Deanna Beaver, William Cuthbertson and Jack Sellers.

Absent: Kelly Anderson

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Deanna Beaver.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Christy thanked the Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization, Jean Knight and local officials for hosting the Board members for dinner on Thursday night. Vice Mayor Don Callahan, Councilmembers Cal Sheehy and Dean Barlow, State Senator Kelli Ward and State Representative Sonny Borrelli also attended the dinner event.

Call to the Audience

The following member of the public addressed the Board:

1. Don Callahan, Vice Mayor of Lake Havasu City, re: formal welcome to Board, ADOT staff and visitors; offered city's cooperation with funding for future projects to include improving highway quality, efficiency, safety and landscaping.

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: We'll move on with the agenda
3 to Item 1, the district engineer's report. We'll now hear from
4 the Kingman district engineer, Mr. Mike Kondelis.

5 Mr. Kondelis.

6 MR. KONDELIS: Thank you and good morning.

7 Mr. Chairman, board members, Mr. Roehrich.

8 Before we get started, I'd like to introduce a
9 couple people. We have some of our key district staff here
10 today. These are the folks that make our district successful,
11 and I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce them.

12 First of all, Michelle. Michelle's over taking
13 pictures. She's our community relations officer.

14 We have Kara Lavertue, who takes care of all our
15 project development work.

16 We have Kevin Duby. He is our maintenance
17 superintendent. Him and his crew take care of the roads and
18 keep them in good shape.

19 Todd Steinberger is our district maintenance
20 engineer.

21 And Chris Olson is our assistant district
22 engineer.

23 So I just wanted to introduce them. We couldn't
24 do what we do without these good folks, so...

25 Lynn, what's the trick here?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

2 MR. KONDELIS: It's nice and warm in Havasu, but
3 we're froze up.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible)

5 MR. KONDELIS: There we go.

6 I'd like to just talk about the Kingman district
7 a little bit. We have a fairly broad area, as most rural
8 districts do. Our main highways are I-40 from the Colorado
9 River over to Ash Fork. We have US-93 from the Colorado River
10 up at Hoover Dam all the way to State Route 71, about 15 miles
11 north of Wickenburg. So most of US-93 is in the Kingman
12 district.

13 We also have SR-95, which runs through Havasu and
14 up through Mohave Valley and into Bullhead. State Route 68,
15 through Golden Valley and into Kingman. And then State Route
16 66, Historic 66, from Kingman up through Peach Springs and on
17 close to Seligman.

18 No?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry. (Inaudible.)

20 (Inaudible cross talk.)

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why don't you just have
22 Lynn tell him?

23 MR. KONDELIS: Yeah. Kind of doing it anyway,
24 right?

25 We have five active projects in the district. In

1 keeping with the preservation theme, as we've been talking about
2 for several days up here, four of these five projects are
3 preservation. We have one, one project which is an expansion.
4 That's the US-93 project.

5 First of all, the Antelope Wash project on US-93,
6 this is our expansion and capacity project. Part of our
7 continuing effort to widen US-93 to four lanes. Ames
8 Construction is the contractor. It's about a \$19 million
9 contract. We've been working on this through the summer. We're
10 getting close to finishing the new southbound lanes. We'll
11 switch traffic over to those before Christmas and then
12 reconstruct the northbound lanes. So this is a pretty big
13 project. It's a full four-lane reconstruction. And this will
14 connect some four-lane sections to the north and south of this
15 project.

16 One of the most requested and long awaited
17 projects in the Kingman district was repaving I-40 between
18 Kingman and the US-93 junction. It's been in bad shape for
19 several years, and we were able to get a project to do the
20 entire section, about 15 miles, all lanes and all the ramps.
21 And we just finished paving two weeks ago, and it's a much nicer
22 ride. We've gotten a lot of good feedback from the public on
23 this project. Meadow Valley was the contractor. A little over
24 an \$11 million contract.

25 We have several bridge projects under way. The

1 biggest one was up in Ash Fork, a little over \$5 million
2 project. F & F was the contractor. There were 10 bridges
3 included in this project, five eastbound and five westbound.
4 About a year ago, the east -- one of the eastbound bridges at
5 Ash Fork developed a hole in it, and we had to actually close
6 one lane of that bridge through the winter and into the spring
7 until we could get this project advanced. And the development
8 group did a great job of getting this advanced, and we were able
9 to get the funding for it. So we finished the eastbound lanes,
10 the eastbound bridges this summer. We're in winter shutdown
11 now. We'll finish the westbound bridges next year.

12 Up on State Route 66 up by Truxton, we have
13 another bridge rehabilitation project. There's actually two
14 bridges. F & F is the contractor. They actually went into
15 winter shutdown on the Ash Fork bridge project and went right
16 over to this job. And I think they -- we got a really good bid
17 on this project, because they were in the area, probably took
18 advantage of that. So this one's under construction. It will
19 be finished after the first of the year.

20 And then we have one more bridge project on I-40.
21 This is full deck replacement for two westbound bridges.
22 Skanska is the contractor. Almost a \$3 million job there. This
23 project will be finished up close to probably the end of January
24 or so. Then there will be westbound -- or the two eastbound
25 bridges on the opposite side of the road will be reconstructed

1 in fiscal year '17.

2 We have several upcoming projects. Two of these
3 are local government projects. The Mohave County sign
4 replacement project. We're administering that because it is
5 federally funded through the COG. So that becomes our project
6 to administer, and also the intersection project in Bullhead
7 City. Bids were opened on that job last Friday, and that should
8 be presented to you next month at your December board meeting.

9 We have two rock fall projects. One on I-40 and
10 then one on I-40 -- it's actually old Route 66, just south of
11 Kingman.

12 Then we have two projects here in the Havasu
13 area. One of them is the climbing lane on SR-95. It's just
14 northbound coming out of Havasu past the airport. You can see
15 this picture here. A fairly good representation of the traffic
16 we see, especially in the winter. It's a long climb out of town
17 here, about three miles of one lane northbound, and when we get
18 a lot of slow moving RVs and trailers and commercial vehicles,
19 it takes quite a while to get up to that hill, and people like
20 to -- want to pull out and pass when they shouldn't sometimes.

21 So we were able to get this project funded and
22 been working on this for a number of years. This project is
23 actually on the agenda for you to hopefully approve today. So
24 it's going to include building a northbound climbing lane,
25 widening the shoulders and then putting a two-inch overlay over

1 the entire roadway.

2 One other project in Havasu will be the third
3 enhancement project. The upper left, you can see what this
4 section looks like right now. And on the lower right is a
5 picture of the project we completed a couple years ago. These
6 were funded through the old Enhancement Grant program. So this
7 will be the third and possibly the last for awhile, since that
8 funding doesn't exist in its old form anymore. Again, this
9 project opened last Friday. The bids opened last Friday, and
10 you should see it before the board next month.

11 Probably our biggest project that we have coming
12 up is over on State Route 89. It's the Hell Canyon Bridge.
13 That's about halfway between Ash Fork and Chino Valley. Again,
14 about a year-and-a-half ago, this bridge developed a hole in it,
15 and it's pretty narrow up through there. So we ended up having
16 to do an emergency project to repair that hole.

17 The scale -- the picture you see is Hell Canyon
18 Bridge. It's hard to see that scale, but it's almost 100 feet
19 above the drainage there. It's a bridge that was built in 1954.
20 So it's old, it's narrow, and we determined that we couldn't do
21 a deck rehabilitation on that because there's no good detour
22 route. Any traffic would have to go all the way over to I-17 to
23 get north and south. That wasn't feasible. So we are going to
24 build a brand-new bridge right next to this one, and then we'll
25 demolish this old bridge. It's going to be about a \$20 million

1 project, and it should advertise in December, January at the
2 latest. And then we're going to continue our efforts with
3 bridge rehabilitation on I-40 and two more pavement preservation
4 projects coming up in the next two years.

5 And then finally, US-93, we have two more
6 projects that will allow us to complete a 72-mile stretch that
7 goes from I-40 down to Santa Maria River, which is about
8 two-thirds of the way between I-40 and Wickenburg. So we've
9 been working on these projects for the past 15 or 16 years, and
10 we have -- once we finish the Antelope project that we're on
11 today, we'll have these two left that we'll complete that full
12 72-mile section.

13 The first one is Carol Stevens. That's
14 represented in the picture on the left. It's narrow, very, very
15 few shoulders, a lot of dropoffs, and we have a fairly high
16 accident rate the -- through this area because it's narrow, and
17 there's just no place to go if somebody runs off the road. That
18 is in design, and we want to get that finished up, and hopefully
19 we can find a way to fund this in the future and we'll be ready
20 to go when that happens.

21 Then the other section Cane Springs. It's about
22 midway between Wickieup and I-40. That will be another big
23 four-lane widening job, as will Carol Stevens. That's funded
24 for design in 16, but no construction funding identified at this
25 point. We'll have both of those ready to go in a couple years

1 as far as being designed.

2 And that's all I have today. I'll be happy to
3 answer any questions you may have.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Are any questions of the
5 Kingman district engineer? Speaker?

6 Thank you very much, Mr. Kondelis, and we'll move
7 on to Item 2, the director's report.

8 Mr. Roehrich.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good
10 morning to you and to the rest of the board members. The
11 director does send his apologies that events overtook him. He
12 could not be here this month. He has no final issues or items
13 to talk about at this time, but he will be looking to bring
14 forward some discussion of some points in December's board
15 meeting, but no final reports.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Very good. Thank you.

17 We'll move on to the consent agenda. Are there
18 any items on the consent agenda that any board member wishes to
19 pull for discussion or evaluation?

20 Hearing no requests, the Chair would entertain a
21 motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

22 MR. LA RUE: So moved.

23 MS. BEAVER: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Board
25 Member La Rue and seconded by Board Member Beaver. Any

1 discussion?

2 Hearing none, all those in favor of the -- of
3 approval of the consent agenda as presented signify by saying
4 aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
7 opposition, the motion carries.

8 We'll move on to Item 4, the legislative report.
9 We'll hear from the assistant director of governmental relations
10 and communications, Mr. Kevin Biesty.

11 Mr. Biesty.

12 MR. BIESTY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman members
13 of the board.

14 Hello? Well, see if that works.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) red light on.
16 So push it once more. There you go. Now it's on.

17 MR. BIESTY: Okay. Good.

18 Good morning. As you're all aware, the elections
19 are over, and I can tell by everybody's smiling face that
20 everybody's as relieved as I am. Governor-Elect Ducey will be
21 sworn into office in January, and we're currently working with
22 -- through the transition of the different transition groups
23 that are facilitating that.

24 We're currently working on our legislative
25 proposals, which would be mainly technical in nature at this

1 point with some efficiency measures we're looking at. We have
2 opened up some folders, and we're waiting for the new
3 administration to review and will be able to move forward with
4 those.

5 The legislature basically remained in intact.
6 The Republicans control both chambers. Leadership for the
7 majorities, and I'll be sending you information, some follow-up
8 information on some of the members and other leadership posts,
9 but for the majority, in the Senate, President Andy Biggs was
10 elected again as Senate president. The new majority leader will
11 be Steve Yarbrough, and the majority whip will be Gail Griffin,
12 Senator Gail Griffin.

13 In the House, they elected David Gowan as the
14 speaker, Steve Montenegro as the majority leader and David
15 Livingston as the majority whip.

16 The committee chairs have only been named in the
17 Senate so far, and Senator Bob Worsely has been named the Senate
18 Transportation Chairman. We have a great relationship with
19 Senator Worsely, and I think it's going to -- it's going to
20 continue as his role of chairman.

21 The House hasn't released their chairmanships
22 yet, so once we have that, we'll let you know.

23 On the federal, the federal side, again, the
24 election's over. The Republicans regained control of the
25 Congress, both houses. There are still Senate races that are

1 undecided, Louisiana and Alaska.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Alaska, they called
3 Alaska.

4 MR. BIESTY: Oh, they called Alaska? Okay.

5 So Louisiana is going to a runoff. So we'll wait
6 for some information on that.

7 Map 21 is set to expire in May of 2015. There is
8 indications, at least from what we're hearing, is that the new
9 Congress and the President will work hand in hand in -- on a
10 transportation bill. That's the good news. But the bad news is
11 there's already been some rumblings about the 2016 presidential
12 election and some of the effects that will have on that
13 discussion. So again, we'll be monitoring that closely. I'll
14 be back in D.C. in early December, so I hope to find out some
15 more and report to you at least some of the things that I've
16 learned being back in D.C. in December for the December board
17 meeting.

18 That's all I have right now, and if you have any
19 questions, I'd be happy to answer.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any questions of Mr. Biesty?
21 No questions. Thank you very much for your report --

22 MR. BIESTY: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: -- Mr. Biesty.

24 Moving on to Item 5, the financial report.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Kristine Ward contacted

1 me late yesterday and said that she was not able to make it
2 today. So I've got a few items I just want to discuss as the
3 part of the financial report.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Very good. Thank you.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: In front of you, as we always do,
6 and I think there's been some post for the public, is her
7 updated financial summary with the bid information regarding the
8 different funding distribution system -- the funding
9 distribution sources we have. She identified that there's been
10 no additional or really significant changes in those. So she
11 felt that if you have any questions after looking at that,
12 either contact her separately and she'll try to answer them, but
13 she'll give a comprehensive overview in December as she catches
14 forward with some issues.

15 Right now she's in the process of two big issues.
16 At the previous board meetings, the board gave her the authority
17 to go in by resolution to deal with the HURF and the RARF
18 bonding strategies. She's been in the process of reviewing
19 those, broadening that capacity and those bonding programs. She
20 thinks that with the interest rates now, on the RARF bond, she's
21 going to be able to go in there, refinance those bonds and
22 create some additional capacity. Not significant money but, you
23 know, she said \$25-plus million possibly, could generate
24 additional funding that could be brought into the program in
25 future years. That's what she's kind of working on now, and

1 then she'll have an update on that in the December's meeting.

2 So as she gets -- as she's working on the --
3 heard in the RARF bond updates and running the revenue sources
4 for the new tentative program that Mr. Oversteam (phonetic) was
5 working on in planning, in December she'll be able to pull that
6 together, give a comprehensive overview and set a good estimate
7 that we'll have as we start working on the development of the
8 tentative five-year program in the next cycle.

9 So those are the items she asked me to present,
10 and with -- and to confirm that in December she'll have a more
11 comprehensive financial overview and be able to update on those
12 specific issues.

13 So with that, I can take your questions, but I'll
14 probably have to run them down and get back with Kristine when I
15 get back.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any questions of Mr. -- if you
17 have any, see Mr. Roehrich after the meeting, and he'll relay
18 them on to Ms. Ward.

19 Thank you, Mr. Roehrich, for filling in for
20 Ms. Ward.

21 We'll move on to Item 6, the Multimodal Planning
22 Division report. We'll hear from assistant director of the
23 Multimodal Planning Division, Mr. Scott Omer.

24 Mr. Omer.

25 MR. OMER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 Is it on? Is it on?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When the red light's --

3 MR. OMER: It's on. Okay.

4 So the first thing -- I'll keep this pretty
5 brief. As far as the NPD report goes, I would say that we've
6 been working, continuing to work on the Interstate 11 project.
7 You know, we brought it back to the board last month, I believe,
8 and the board accepted the study. We appreciate that. But
9 we've been continuing to work with our stakeholders, other
10 interested parties, the NPOs and COGs about what would be next
11 with the Interstate 11 study.

12 What I would tell you now is you'll probably see
13 us back next month to talk to the board about potentially
14 bringing tier a one environmental document in to the board for
15 your approval next month. So we're still working on the
16 details, so I can't really get into it, but I think that will be
17 something very positive we can talk about next month in Tucson.

18 That's all I have for the NPD report.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any questions of Mr. Omer for
20 the NPD report?

21 Very good. Mr. Omer, if you will continue with
22 Item 7, the PPAC Committee report.

23 MR. OMER: Yes, sir.

24 So the PPAC items, Items 7A, as in alpha, through
25 7G, as in golf, are project modifications, and Item 7R, you

1 should have in front of you, was an addendum to the project
2 modifications as well. Item 7R specifically was a project along
3 Oak Creek Canyon in the Flagstaff district.

4 So at the board's pleasure, if you'd like to talk
5 about these individually, or if you'd like to take Items 7A
6 through 7G and 7R as project modifications, it's your pleasure.

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Unless there's a specific
8 request to take them individually, the Chair would then like to
9 proceed with the board taking up Items 7A through 7G, and at the
10 same time the Chair would accept a motion -- or excuse me,
11 entertain a motion to accept and approve project modifications
12 Items 7A through 7G as presented.

13 MR. SELLERS: So moved.

14 MR. LA RUE: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: A motion by Mr. Sellers and a
16 second by Mr. La Rue. Discussion?

17 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of
18 accepting and approving project modifications Items 7A through
19 7G as presented signify by say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
22 opposition, the motion carries.

23 Mr. Omer.

24 MR. OMER: So -- thank you, Mr. Chair.

25 And I guess I would be remiss and I guess it's

1 appropriate here to say that one of those items that you
2 increased was the Hell's Canyon Bridge project. So that's what
3 Mike had -- Mr. Kondelis had just talked about. So we added
4 some additional funding right there for that specific project.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: I have to say after dinner
6 last night I was informed that there's a new satellite campus of
7 ASU here. I had my doubts about whether (inaudible) would
8 approve (inaudible).

9 MR. OMER: See, Mr. Chairman, that's kind of --

10 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: (Inaudible.)

11 MR. OMER: Mr. Chair, that's why I waited until
12 after you approved it to bring up, so...

13 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: (Inaudible.)

14 MR. OMER: So the next, the new projects,
15 Mr. Chair, are Items 7H through Item 7J. Again, we could talk
16 about those individually or I -- the staff would recommend you
17 could take those together.

18 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Unless there is any request to
19 take any items individually, the Chair will then move to deal
20 with Item Items 7H through 7J collectively and entertain a
21 motion to accept and approve the new projects Item 7H through 7J
22 as presented.

23 MS. BEAVER: So moved.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Board
25 Member Beaver.

1 MR. SELLERS: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: And a second by Board Member
3 Sellers to approve and accept Item Items 7H through 7J. All
4 those -- any discussion?

5 All those in favor of the motion signify by
6 saying aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
9 objections, we'll move on.

10 Mr. Omer.

11 MR. OMER: The last thing, Mr. Chair, the airport
12 projects this month are Items 7K through Item 7Q. Again, we
13 could do those individually unless the board would like to, we
14 could take them all together.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Unless there's a specific
16 request by a board member to pull an individual item, the Chair
17 will accept a motion to accept and approve airport projects
18 Items 7K through 7Q as presented.

19 MR. SELLERS: So moved.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Motion by Mr. Sellers.

21 MR. LA RUE: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by Mr. La Rue.

23 Discussion?

24 Hearing none, all those in favor of accepting and
25 approving airport projects Items 7K through 7Q as presented

1 signify by saying aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
4 opposition, the motion carries.

5 And we have an amendment to the agenda that's
6 before the board.

7 Mr. Omer.

8 MR. OMER: Mr. Chair, I asked you to -- you
9 approved that already. It was Item 7R. Included that in the
10 new projects.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Real quick --

12 MR. OMER: Or project modification. Sorry.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Real quick, Mr. Chair and Mr. Omer.
14 That was the intent. That's what you stated, but as Mary just
15 reminded me, when the Chair had restated it, he did not include
16 7R.

17 MR. OMER: Okay.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: We apologize for that. We did not
19 get that in the summary before you. So you stated it that way,
20 but when the chair restated it, he stayed about the information
21 we gave him, which did not include R. So what I would ask is
22 the board do R just to make sure that we have that on the
23 record.

24 MR. LA RUE: So moved.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's correct.

2 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There is a motion by Mr. La
3 Rue to accept Item 7R as an additional project modification. Is
4 there a second?

5 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by board member
7 Cuthbertson. All -- discussion?

8 Hearing none, all those in favor of the approving
9 the amendment to the agenda, which is the additional project
10 modification Item 7R as presented signify by saying aye.

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing none, the
13 motion carries.

14 I'd like to stop for just a second in our agenda
15 to recognize our dinner guest last night or dinner host that was
16 here. He happens to be here today. Representative Borrelli.
17 Thank you very much for your graciousness and for attending last
18 night and for being here this morning.

19 MR. BORRELLI: Welcome to Lake Havasu, home of
20 the London Bridge, and we play it like we mean it.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Thank you very much.

22 We'll proceed with the agenda, Item 8, the state
23 engineer's report. Making his inaugural address to the board,
24 here acting deputy director of transportation, state engineer,
25 Mr. Dallas Hammit.

1 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, members of the board,
2 on the state engineer's report, currently we have 123 projects
3 totaling \$795.8 million. In October, we finalized 12 projects,
4 totaling \$181 million, and year-to-date we've finalized 41
5 projects.

6 Any questions for the state engineer's report?

7 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Are there any questions of the
8 acting state engineer? Hearing no questions, thank you.

9 Will you proceed with the contracts on Item 9.

10 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank
11 you for approval of the four projects to the consent agenda.
12 There's six more that we need to have a little more conversation
13 about.

14 The first project, Item 9A, it's -- this is a
15 local project in the City of Peoria. It's an ITS project. The
16 state's estimate was \$525,301. The low bid was 644,795. This
17 was over the state's estimate 119,494.

18 In looking at the bids and talking to the
19 contractors, we saw that the -- they bid a little higher on the
20 directional drilling. They think there was a little more rock
21 than we had estimated. They also -- in the fiber optics, it's a
22 small quantity. You can't buy it in small quantities, so they
23 had to buy a bigger roll. So that increased the cost. And we
24 also saw some additional costs in some of the things such as a
25 CT -- CCTV equipment and the internet bridge. We do think this

1 is a reasonable bid and would recommend award to Roadway
2 Electric.

3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Board Members La Rue and
4 Sellers, this is in your district. Do you have any questions or
5 comments?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. LA RUE: Yeah, I have no questions but I
8 would move for approval.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a motion by Board
10 Member La Rue to approve the motion. Is there a second?

11 MR. SELLERS: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by Board Member
13 Sellers. The motion to accept and approve staff's
14 recommendation to award the contract for Item 9A to Roadway
15 Electric, Incorporated has been made a motion and seconded.
16 Discussion?

17 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of the
18 motion as presented signify by saying aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
21 opposition, the motion carries. Mr. Hammit.

22 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 The next project is Item 9B. It's on Interstate
24 17. This is a sign project that we have. The state's estimate
25 was 759,967. The low bid was 518,103. Lower than the state's

1 estimate by 241,864 or 31.8 percent.

2 When we talked to the contractor, they think they
3 can beat our schedule, which increased a lot of their unit
4 prices, especially in the removal of signs and foundations.
5 They also got a little better pricing on some of the sign
6 materials. We would recommend -- we have reviewed this, think
7 it's a good bid and would recommend award to APCO Sign Group.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Board Members La Rue and
9 Sellers, this is in your district. Any comments or questions?

10 MR. LA RUE: I have no questions. I move for
11 approval.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's been a motion by Board
13 Member La Rue to accept the motion. Is there a second?

14 MR. SELLERS: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by Board Member Sellers
16 to accept and approve staff's recommendation to award contract
17 for Item 9B to APCO Sign Group, Incorporated. Discussion?

18 Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion
19 signify by saying aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
22 opposition, the motion carries.

23 Mr. Hammit.

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

25 The next project, Item 9C, is a rock fall

1 mitigation project on Interstate 40. This is one of the
2 projects Mr. Kondelis mentioned in his report. This project,
3 the state's estimate was \$1,500,266. The low bid was
4 \$2,065,256, over the state's estimate by 564,989 or 37 percent.

5 As we reviewed the bids, one of the things we saw
6 that we underestimated was the removal of the existing rock
7 fences. These rock fences are more than just a regular fence.
8 They have a very deep foundation, and that's one of the areas
9 where we underestimated.

10 The other area was in the material for the new
11 rock fence. It was higher than we had put in our estimates, and
12 then the specialty contractor doing the work came in a little
13 bit higher. After reviewing all the bids, we do think we
14 received responsible bids and would recommend approval to F & F
15 Construction.

16 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Board Member Beaver, this is
17 in your district. Do you have any comments or question?

18 MS. BEAVER: No. I would however move for
19 approval.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's been a motion to
21 approve the recommendation to award the contract for Item 9C to
22 F & F Construction by Board Member Beaver. Is there a second?

23 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's a second by Board
25 Member Cuthbertson. Discussion?

1 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of the
2 motion as presented signify by saying aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
5 opposition, the motion carries.

6 Mr. Hammit.

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

8 The next item, Item 9D, is on State Route 87.
9 This is a signal project. The state's estimate was 296,926.
10 The low bid came in at \$242,020, under the state's estimate by
11 54,906 or 18.5 percent.

12 In reviewing the bids with the contractor, unlike
13 the first item, they thought they could do the drilling cheaper
14 than we had estimated. They got better pricing for their
15 aggregate base and their asphalt and concrete. They did get
16 good prices for the signal control cabinet as well as the video
17 detection. We do think this is a good and responsible bid and
18 would recommend approval to CS Construction.

19 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Board Members Sellers and La
20 Rue, any commence or questions?

21 MR. SELLERS: No questions. I move for approval.

22 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's been a motion to
23 approve staff's recommendation to award the contract for Item 9D
24 to CS Construction, Incorporated. Is there a second?

25 MR. LA RUE: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by Board Member La Rue?
2 Discussion?

3 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of the
4 motion signify by saying aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
7 opposition, the motion carries.

8 Mr. Hammit.

9 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 Item 9E, another project that Mr. Kondelis had
11 brought up in his report is on State Route 95. This is a
12 climbing lane project. The state's estimate was 4,400,324. The
13 low bid came in at 5,174,047, over the state's estimate by
14 773,705 or 17.6 percent.

15 As we reviewed the bids and talked to the
16 contractors, we underestimated the excavation. There was more
17 rock than we had estimated. The aggregate base and the asphalt,
18 we saw higher prices than expected, and in the structural
19 concrete.

20 As we -- as Mr. Kondelis mentioned, there is a
21 widening of the shoulders, and that will extend some of the
22 concrete boxes. These are small quantities, and when you do the
23 small work, you generally see higher prices. After reviewing
24 these bids, we think that it is a good bid and reasonable and
25 would recommend approval to Fann Construction.

1 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Board Member Beaver, do you
2 have any comments or questions?

3 MS. BEAVER: No. I move for approval.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's been a motion by Board
5 Member Beaver to move for approval the recommendation to award
6 the contract for Item 9E to Fann Contracting, Incorporated.
7 Discussion? Is there a second?

8 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by Board Member
10 Cuthbertson. Discussion?

11 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of the
12 motion as presented signify by saying aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
15 opposition.

16 Mr. Hammit.

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

18 The last item, Item 9F, is a sign rehab project
19 in the CYMPO area. This project, the state's estimate was
20 854,058. The low bidder came in at 497,793, a difference of
21 356,305 or 41.7 percent.

22 Shortly after receiving the bids, we received a
23 protest from the second low bidder, who as you can see from the
24 screen was much closer, within 4.2 percent of the state's
25 estimate. And about that same time, the low bidder contacted

1 the department, said we made a mistake and would like to be
2 released of their bid. We are investigating that, and we would
3 request the board to postpone this so we can finish that
4 investigation, and we'd act upon it next month.

5 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Board Member Beaver, this is
6 in your district. Any comments or questions?

7 MS. BEAVER: No. I move for postponement.

8 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: There's been a motion by Board
9 Member Beaver to postpone the award of contract for Item 9F
10 until the December 12th, 2014 board meeting. Is there a second?

11 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Second by Board Member
13 Cuthbertson. Discussion?

14 Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of the
15 motion as presented signify by saying aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Opposed? Hearing no
18 opposition, the motion carries.

19 Thank you, Mr. Hammit.

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

21 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Nice job for your first
22 address. Thank you.

23 We are now to our last item for suggestions for
24 future board member -- or excuse me -- board meetings, topics.
25 It's hard to believe it's going to be my last board meeting as

1 chairman next month in Tucson, and I'm looking forward to
2 everybody being there for my (inaudible). Does anybody have
3 any --

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I do have a couple real
5 quick comments related to that as well. From the department's
6 perspective, there are two items that we know that we will add
7 to the agenda as part of that. One of the items will be an
8 update by Gail Lewis and the director on their couple recent
9 trips to Mexico as they have talked to some of the
10 transportation issues, not only at the border crossing region,
11 but some of the other transportation issues that they've been
12 reporting with on the Mexican government related to their
13 Highway 15 and some other things that have been going on. So
14 there will be an update provided by that.

15 And previously or earlier this year, the board
16 chair had us reach out to the Mexican Consulate in Tucson
17 regarding if he would like the opportunity to come to this board
18 and talk about some of the ongoing relationship and discussions,
19 trade issues and some of the other discussions between Arizona
20 and the Mexican government, and he has accepted that, and he has
21 asked that he's available in December to come to the board. So
22 we will agenda him to come in, and he'll be able to talk about
23 some of the relationship issues and some of the other issues
24 that they may see.

25 So those two items are items that we have been

1 tracking and will add to the agenda along with the current items
2 and then anything else that the board members ask us to add.

3 MR. SELLERS: Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. Sellers.

5 MR. SELLERS: Yes. I'd just like to comment that
6 I will really look forward to those reports after spending
7 Monday and Tuesday on a MAG bus trip to Hermosillo and back, had
8 a lot of discussion around the importance of Highway 15 and work
9 that has now already started from the Mexican government's
10 committee to making those improvements and things we saw that
11 still need to be addressed. I will be anxious to hear that
12 update. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any other comments?

14 MS. BEAVER: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Board Member Beaver.

16 MS. BEAVER: I would like to -- I don't know if
17 it would be at the next meeting, but we had scheduled for our
18 study session in October that was canceled that we would address
19 the issue of when there are accidents on freeways, specifically
20 I-17, the responsibility as it leaves ADOT's responsibility and
21 transfers over to DPS. So we were going to have the director
22 from DPS, I believe. I don't know where that stands, but I
23 would like to see that on an agenda, whether it's a study
24 session or a regular meeting.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Ms. Beaver, that is

1 correct, and I don't necessarily know if it will be the DPS
2 director, because he has a -- I want to say captain or a major,
3 somebody that is responsible for that, but we will have those
4 people. We've reached out with them. We can coordinate that.
5 Let's look to see if we can get their commitment to be there in
6 December. We can put it on the board's agenda if that's the
7 request, or we can hold it to the next study session. We're
8 interested in any -- we'll pursue either one.

9 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: I think that was the idea is
10 it would be put on the study session next year, beginning next
11 year. And there was another one or two items for that same
12 purpose.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. The January -- I think
14 we've got a January study session where we would roll out the
15 tentative five-year program, talk through that with the board so
16 we can get ready to present it and start the public hearing
17 process, and then we could add this (inaudible) into that. So
18 that would be the two items that we would roll into the study
19 session.

20 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: I would just as soon as they
21 stay with the study sessions so we can focus on them.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Then that's how we'll plan
23 to move forward.

24 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Very good. Anything else,
25 Mr. Roehrich?

1 MR. ROEHRICH: That's all we have from the staff.
2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Mr. -- Ms. Beckley, do you
4 have anything?

5 MS. BECKLEY: No, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Any other comments or
7 questions?

8 Under 45 minutes. Is this a record? I don't
9 know.

10 The Chair would --

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I think it is. I don't
12 ever remember us getting under an hour, so this has got to be --

13 CHAIRMAN CHRISTY: Efficiency of government.

14 (End of excerpt.)

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Deanna Beaver and seconded by Jack Sellers. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 a.m. MST.



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