

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
Friday, April 20, 2018
Immediately Following Public Hearing
City of Flagstaff
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Board Meeting started immediately after the adjournment of the public hearing at 10:20 a.m. MST

Opening Remarks: Board Member Stratton thanked ADOT staff for the work they did to alleviate the traffic congestion during the Renaissance Festival.

Call to the Audience for the Board Meeting:

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

1. Paul Ward, Executive Director, Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
2. Jerry Showalter, Vice Chair of Traffic Matters
3. Lance Diskan, one of the Founders of the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition
4. Jeff Sandquist, Fresh Produce Assoc. of the Americans
5. Eric Duthie, Tusayan Town Manager
6. Clayann Cook, Business Owner and Tusayan Resident
7. Bruce Northern, Tusayan Town Clerk
8. Anne Wittke, Resident of Flagstaff
9. Marilyn Schwind, Resident of Flagstaff

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3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: We'll move directly right
4 into our regular board meeting, and just to open it, Board
5 Member Sellers has asked us -- Board Member Stratton, I'm sorry,
6 has asked for -- to make a couple of opening remarks.

7 MR. STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 As most of you have heard in the past, I carry
9 messages from the Copper Corridor mayors of Gila County and
10 Pinal County and complaints about the Renaissance traffic. I'd
11 like to thank staff for their attention to that problem. I had
12 so many complaints after the Renaissance started. I called
13 Floyd, and he contacted Dallas and his department, I believe.

14 And my wife and I had the opportunity to go
15 through that traffic three separate days, separate times,
16 different times of the day, and our longest wait was four and a
17 half minutes. So I would really like to thank staff and commend
18 them for the job that they did and the work that they did on
19 this, and I appreciate it. Thank you.

20 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, the staff only has
21 one question of Mr. Stratton, and that's whether or not he got
22 one of the giant turkey legs.

23 MR. STRATTON: I had no control over that.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

25 So let's -- we'll move right into the call to the

1 audience for the regular board meeting. I'll call Paul Ward,
2 Executive Director for the Yuma Metropolitan Planning
3 Organization.

4 PAUL WARD: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members
5 of the State Transportation Board. Just wanted to address you
6 this morning. Arguably, this could have been done on the
7 program portion, but in this particular case, since we're not
8 part of the program for this particular request, I wanted to
9 come to you afterwards.

10 In particular, if I may refer to a handout that I
11 am -- gave to the board secretary titled "Identified U.S. State
12 Route 95 Corridor Phases." Just one single-page sheet. And
13 this basically is a follow-up to the presentation I gave to the
14 State Transportation Board when you came out to Yuma, and we
15 very much enjoyed that visit. I've been working with -- and
16 this isn't totally my work. I must come clean. Although I've
17 been discussing this on and off with the Southwest District
18 engineer, Paul Patane, who is also one of our executive board
19 members. We've been discussing with this -- on and off for the
20 past year. His staff have been working together to actually
21 give an updated cost. The updated cost is in the right-hand
22 column.

23 Most -- or should I say the first portion of this
24 particular project on State Route 95 -- and I think all of you
25 are aware that we're looking to widen State Route 95 -- in

1 particular the limits of that widening, the first segment of
2 that widening will be from Avenue 9E all the way through to
3 Aberdeen Road, which is just past the Yuma Proving Ground.

4 From that point of view, one portion of this
5 particular project has already been done, and that's the Fortuna
6 Wash Bridge. That has now been built, I'm glad to say, and a
7 good job it was. In particular, that portion of the design for
8 the portion leading up to it, the two miles leading up to it and
9 the bridge has already gone to 95 percent design plans.
10 Unfortunately, there wasn't enough money to build the whole
11 thing, so they decided to build the bridge. The whole point is,
12 is the first portion, essentially, has already gone to 95
13 percent design. So I guess the question is, is: Well, when is
14 that due to actually go to construction?

15 The other three portions are being submitted for
16 consideration. I will be working with the appropriate staff
17 members at ADOT, senior staff members at ADOT, to see if it's at
18 all possible under the current funding scenarios to get this
19 particular widening project funded.

20 And Mr. Chairman, just looking at the numbers in
21 the plan, it appears that the Yuma metropolitan region -- or
22 should I -- beg your pardon -- Yuma County in particular, which
23 happens to encompass the Yuma metropolitan region, does not have
24 any funds at all in years 2022 and years 2023, unlike some other
25 counties of almost identical size which have actually got more

1 money than we've got in the whole five-year program.

2 So Mr. Chairman, that concludes my remarks.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

5 Jerry Showalter, Vice President -- Vice Chair of
6 Traffic Matters, Oak Creek Canyon Traffic Management Committee.

7 JERRY SHOWALTER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
8 board members. My name is Jerry Showalter, and I am the
9 co-chair of both the Traffic Matters Committee and the Oak Creek
10 Traffic Management Committee.

11 We have been working for the past year and a half
12 on improving the traffic flow from 89A, moving south through Oak
13 Creek Canyon and into Sedona. The City of Sedona has completed
14 their traffic study and is now in the design phase. The
15 improvements will include a raised median on 89A through uptown,
16 with a decorative divide to direct traffic to -- I'm sorry -- to
17 direct pedestrians to control crossings. An additional
18 southbound travel lane on 89A through uptown, a turnaround, a
19 roundabout at the north end of town and at Jordan Road to allow
20 cars to come back on the other side of the median; a one-way
21 access from 89A to free parking via Schnebly Hill -- or Schnebly
22 Road. Construction is due to start in 2019 and be completed
23 sometime in 2020. This is only part of the road improvement set
24 or scheduled to take place in Sedona over the next several
25 years.

1 The Oak Creek Canyon Traffic Management Committee
2 is a collaborative effort among the major stakeholders in Oak
3 Creek Canyon. The committee consists of representatives from
4 ADOT, U.S. Forest Service, Arizona State Parks, City of Sedona,
5 Sedona city chamber -- or Sedona Chamber of Commerce, Coconino
6 County, DPS, volunteer citizens of the Traffic Matters
7 Committee.

8 Our notable attendees, too. Our committee
9 meetings include: John Halikowski, Jesse Thompson, Floyd
10 Roehrich, Jill Dusenberry, Representative Bob Thorpe, Supervisor
11 Randy Garrison, Supervisor Matt Ryan, State Senator Karen Fann,
12 State Senator Tom O'Halleran, and representatives from Senator
13 McCain's and Senator Flake's offices.

14 The committee has been a very successful and
15 productive collaborative effort on the part of all its members
16 and participants. Some of the area improvements and proposed
17 improvements include the award of the grant to ADOT for the new
18 slip lane at the Y roundabout. That will be a 50/50 project
19 with the City of Sedona.

20 Arizona State Parks is conducting a new ingress
21 and egress study to try and eliminate the backups at the
22 entrance to the park on 89A. They are also anticipating putting
23 up a fencing along the edge of the highway north of the park to
24 create a safe walkway for pedestrians and keeping them off of
25 the highway.

1 ADOT has created the parking memo looking at
2 restricting or limiting roadside parking in Oak Creek Canyon.
3 This memo has gone to the U.S. Forest Service for their NEPA
4 study.

5 The big project is the Oak Creek Canyon Transit
6 Study being funded by Coconino County, the City of Sedona and
7 160,000 from the Federal Transit Authority Fund. Once this
8 study is -- and design is done and brought to the Board for its
9 consideration of inclusion in the five-year plan, it will have
10 been a true collaborative effort on the part of all the
11 stakeholders.

12 So thank you very much. We will keep you
13 informed as to our progress. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

15 Lance Diskan, a Flagstaff resident speaking for
16 the Flagstaff darkness coalition.

17 LANCE DISKAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
18 members of the Board. That's the Flagstaff Dark Skies
19 Coalition.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Yeah. Thank you
21 for that clarification. I'm sorry.

22 LANCE DISKAN: My name is Lance Diskan. I'm one
23 of the founders of the coalition. I appreciate the opportunity
24 to speak with ADOT regarding impacts of ADOT policies and
25 projects, specifically potentially detrimental environmental

1 impacts in northern Arizona.

2 Northern Arizona is a special environment. I
3 don't need to tell any of you this is -- we are obviously not
4 the same as Maricopa County. One of the three best places on
5 earth to see an unspoiled night sky, and the only site that's on
6 an interstate. It's a matter -- dark skies are a matter of deep
7 and wide local concern in this community for more than half a
8 century.

9 Since 2000 we have been awarded the status as the
10 world's first international dark sky community. We are a global
11 leader in lighting science and technology. Flagstaff's lighting
12 code was developed with input from local and regional
13 astronomers. Unpolluted night skies are a major economic asset
14 for northern Arizona that ADOT affects directly.

15 Dark sky ecotourism from around the planet is
16 already coming. Last year I was interviewed by the BBC for a
17 story that reached 20 million pairs of eyeballs in 17 countries.
18 People are coming.

19 I have participated in ADOT public hearings in
20 the past to bring this matter to your attention. Our question
21 is, are you hearing us regarding a fast growing public
22 constituency and an endangered ecosystem? The tentative five-
23 year document mentions noise, litter, landscape, but I see no
24 mention at all of night skies in 100 pages. What do you need
25 from us to fully address this critical policy issue? I

1 understand, we understand that ADOT has a draft policy regarding
2 the use of LED lighting. Local experts here in Flagstaff can
3 provide critical input. This is not always a simple task dealt
4 with exclusively by internal ADOT engineering.

5 Previously ADOT personnel have indicated that
6 ADOT will follow, quote, "community standards," regarding
7 lighting. Within the ADOT mission, how can that promise be
8 clarified and actually executed? We hope to work with ADOT to
9 better integrate assessment of lighting impacts on the night sky
10 in the current and future multi-year planning and operational
11 construction in roadway build-out.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

14 Jeff Sandquist, speaking for the Fresh Produce
15 Association of the Americas.

16 JEFF SANDQUIST: Good morning. Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. Jeff Sandquist here on
18 behalf of the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas, housed
19 in Nogales, Arizona, which is -- just so you know, it's the --
20 it's an international trade association of growers, harvesters,
21 marketers, importers and distributors of produce out of Mexico
22 that are doing business around the largest port of entry, the
23 Mariposa port of entry, in terms of (inaudible) port of entry
24 for produce grown in Mexico.

25 The -- of 39, Mr. Chairman, there's about 39

1 percent of all produce that comes into the United States that's
2 feeding the U.S. comes from Mexico every year, and of that, a
3 significant portion, over 60 percent, comes through the Mariposa
4 port of entry, and so it's important.

5 I'm here today to talk about Item No. 4,
6 basically, the legislative update, and just in particular Senate
7 Bill 1065, which the Fresh Produce Association was one of the
8 main advocates for its passage. And it relates to also your
9 previous public hearing meeting in item -- not item, but the
10 five-year plan with respect to State Route 189, which is the
11 major route serving that port of entry.

12 The -- Mr. Chairman, we are grateful and thankful
13 for you and congratulate you for the award of the TIGER grant of
14 \$25 million for the port of entry, and it's our understanding
15 that that is an essential component for the state route -- the
16 acceleration of State Route 189, both phases, Phase I and II.
17 Earlier you saw phase costs up there, but it's actually two
18 phases, and this will be with additional assistance to help
19 complete that project.

20 In -- what it does for that -- for our community
21 is it will allow us to improve the efficiency of the northbound
22 and south -- north and southbound, but northbound in particular,
23 of State Route 89, allowing for those produce trucks and those
24 maquila trucks to get to distribution centers quicker to keep
25 that, in the case of produce, fresh and ready to go to the

1 markets to serve the U.S.

2 The -- it also improves safety. As you heard
3 Mr. Bracker say in the public hearing, it improves safety with
4 regard to Nogales in particular. It will also improve the road
5 safety for the drivers on the truck.

6 The -- in terms of what Mr. Bracker mentioned
7 earlier, there's more to do, obviously. This was one -- the
8 TIGER grant was one component to the funding. ADOT has been
9 working with us and is committed to trying to find the
10 additional revenue necessary to complete Phase I and II together
11 in the project, and we're grateful for that.

12 Senate Bill 1065, how it helped, Bruce mentioned
13 earlier, is it will allow you to take the -- or the Department
14 to take into the State Highway Fund that portion of the
15 overweight fees that come to Nogales and Santa Cruz County, and
16 to let the Department put it in the Highway Fund, which then
17 allows it to leverage it for bonding purposes, and we're
18 grateful for that. We're grateful for your efforts.

19 Mr. Chairman, there's more to do. We left on the
20 table, as you heard from Mr. Bracker, the axle fee. I'm not
21 sure that we'll be back with that effort, but we'll be looking
22 at how we can help ADOT with the depletion of this project as
23 well as the improvements necessary to take that traffic off 189
24 to the distribution centers, the Ruby Road and Rio Rico
25 improvements that are necessary.

1 With that, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

3 Eric Duthie, Tusayan Town Manager.

4 ERIC DUTHIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of
5 the Board. Particular appreciation to Member Thompson for the
6 invitation to try to get on your radar a little bit.

7 We're addressing today -- you'll hear from a few
8 of us. You've heard from one business owner and a lifelong
9 resident of the -- of Tusayan, the Grand Canyon, in the five-
10 year plan discussion.

11 We're going to be addressing you about Highway
12 64. Highway 64 runs from Williams, into the canyon, through
13 Tusayan, through the canyon, and then out to Cameron. The
14 particular issues that we are going to be talking about is the
15 concern that we have on Highway 64 being a two-lane highway
16 that's 86 years old as a two-lane highway, and during that time
17 has just had a few -- I think it's a total of four, two in each
18 direction, brief passing lanes.

19 When we have those brief passing lanes in 60
20 miles, we run into a significant amount of problems. We have
21 international drivers that don't read the signage, don't
22 understand the signage, and don't necessarily drive in their own
23 country, but they get here with a passport, get a rental car,
24 and here they go.

25 You heard from Mrs. Vail this morning that she

1 was -- she looked up to see a bus in her lane on this two-lane
2 highway. That's every day. That's every hour. It occurs.
3 You're going to hear from my town clerk shortly about some
4 statistics on fatalities. It occurs.

5 Here is our concern, is that we have aggressive
6 drivers. We have impatient drivers. We have people who are
7 excited to get to the canyon, and they'll do crazy things on a
8 two-lane highway. The record-setting numbers of attendees to
9 the canyon is continuing. The last three years, it's gone from
10 5-plus million to 6.25 million last year, and it's on its way to
11 7 million this year. The vast majority of those being on a
12 two-lane highway.

13 It is very unsafe, very dangerous. We all who
14 live there recognize that. We all have the worries about coming
15 to this meeting because we have to pay very close attention to
16 make sure we're not driven off the road, or we come across a
17 curve and we have a vehicle coming in our lane. It happens
18 every day. We've been fortunate. We have people with great
19 survival skills, apparently, but we have had fatalities. So we
20 are looking to get Highway 64 on your radar.

21 There are no alternative routes. I mentioned
22 Highway 180 comes from Flagstaff and then joins into Highway 64
23 at Valle. The main thoroughfare is Williams to the Grand
24 Canyon. It continues on to Cameron. However, the vast majority
25 of that traffic that is going into the canyon turns around and

1 comes back on that same highway, the vast majority. They're
2 going back to Phoenix. They're going to Las Vegas. They're
3 going to Sedona. They're making the route. We have those
4 concerns about not having any alternative highway.

5 Tusayan itself is a community that has
6 incorporated only eight years ago. We're a good partner. We
7 want to work with ADOT. We appreciate the staff here, and
8 they're working with us on these issues. You'll be hearing from
9 us more, but we wanted to introduce that problem to you, and
10 thank you for your time.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

12 Clayann Cook, Grand Canyon resident and here just
13 about Highway 164.

14 CLAYANN COOK: Yikes. Clayann Cook. I -- I've
15 lived at the Grand Canyon in -- for the last 16 years, but even
16 long before that, I've known about the canyon, obviously. I'm a
17 multi-generational Arizonan. My grandfather actually built
18 Highway 64 in 1932. He also built the Kingman cutoff and
19 several other of the small roads in Arizona.

20 I can tell you that in the last 16 years -- and
21 I'm going to try not to cry -- in the last 16 years that I've
22 lived there, I've lost five employees, and along with those five
23 employees, I've also lost members of their family.

24 Most recently, on March 10th, I lost an employee
25 that's worked for me for the last six years. He's been a

1 lifelong resident of Tusayan, has also worked for Clarinda's
2 family, and Salvador was like a rock. He was very important to
3 our entire -- to our business, but to our community and to our
4 family. And he was killed because of a damn head-on accident,
5 which is repetitively happening more and more and more.

6 And Eric mentioned the 7 million people that are
7 going to be coming to the canyon this year. These people --
8 this morning coming in, I came up 180, which I hate 180, but I
9 came up 180, and almost like Clarinda, I got pushed over to the
10 side of the road, because coming around one of those blind
11 curves, people were passing. They don't understand a double
12 yellow. They don't understand a passing lane. They don't --
13 they don't get it.

14 This morning I did notice coming down that there
15 are some new signs, the reader boards that are up that say slow
16 down, et cetera. I'm appreciative of that. Thank you. If we
17 can do whatever we can do in order to slow the traffic down,
18 create a positive -- when I say that we've got a double lane --
19 I -- my grandparents actually had the original homestead at
20 Christopher Creek, so I'm very familiar with 260 from Payson to
21 the Rim. And now that it's a divided four-lane highway, and
22 that's for people to get to their summer cabins, and we've got
23 7 million people coming to the Grand Canyon, which is the heart
24 of Arizona tourism from all over the world. I talk to people
25 every single day, and we've not done anything but add some

1 passing lanes in the early 2000s to fix and to take care of this
2 road. The asphalt's bad.

3 It's just -- wake up, guys. We're losing more
4 and more people, and I think we've lost nine people since
5 Christmas, and those are tourists. You know, we've lost some
6 residents, but we've also lost some tourists that have saved for
7 years and years and years to come see the Grand Canyon, and they
8 go home with a memory of losing their family. So we got -- you
9 got to face up. You got to help us. So anyway, thank you so
10 much.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

12 Bruce Northern, Town Clerk for Coconino County.
13 I guess this is Tusayan.

14 BRUCE NORTHERN: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Town Clerk for Tusayan.

16 BRUCE NORTHERN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
17 members of the Board. As we mentioned, I'm the town clerk in
18 Tusayan, and I'm kind of one of the new guys in town. So my
19 history is transportation planning, this kind of work. So I
20 know a little bit about it.

21 I think that Manager Duthie and Clayann kind of
22 told you about the human impact of the problem pretty well.
23 What we seek to do -- and I understand the funding. I really
24 do, and I understand that there are many projects that rank
25 above these. I do understand all that.

1 So the long-term solution is still four-laning
2 this road, and I realize those funds aren't available anytime
3 soon. But what we'd like to discuss with this group eventually
4 is some unique traffic calming measures, and to address it in a
5 way, I think, that's unique to the rest of the state, because
6 with all the international visitors -- and I think Clayann
7 addressed it real well, and so did Manager Duthie -- that a lot
8 of these folks come over here. They don't have a lot of driving
9 experience. They don't speak the language, and in many cases,
10 even if they -- you know, maybe even different characters. We
11 have a lot of Asian visitors. So it has to be a combination of,
12 you know, the standard traffic calming stuff. Some rumble
13 strips where the speed limit drops down. But in particular, we
14 need to get very creative with the signage to make sure we let
15 these drivers know what they're coming into.

16 We mentioned, you know, a few of the statistics.
17 We have lost nine people since Thanksgiving last year, and
18 almost every time we drive that road, literally, when you live
19 in Tusayan, you have to plan around when you know the traffic's
20 going to be bad. I mean, you want to get your shopping done in
21 Flag before it gets dark because that road's dangerous.

22 So I just wanted to get up here and start talking
23 a little bit about the statistics and some of the unique
24 problems. And while we're at it, though, I did want to point
25 out this is not a reflection on the district offices. We have a

1 great relationship with the engineers here. They're very
2 responsive. So I did want to say that. But we will be back
3 with some suggestions, and thank you very much for letting me
4 speak. God bless you all.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

6 We've got Anne Wittke, a citizen from Flagstaff
7 to talk about 64.

8 ANNE WITTKE: Hi. I'm Anne Wittke, and I've been
9 a resident in Flagstaff for 28 years, and I want to speak about
10 safety on Route 64. We have an observatory south of the Grand
11 Canyon, so it's in the dirt roads way back there, and so
12 lighting is also important for us. We do not want a lot of
13 lighting. I don't want any lights on that road. I see
14 headlights coming up 64 from eight miles away from our
15 observatory.

16 But we need more passing lanes. I totally agree
17 with the people who spoke earlier. I know people who have died
18 on that road. I -- I heard of people even before I moved here
19 28 years ago who had died on that stretch of road. I also heard
20 of a friend who saw a car hit a mountain lion on that road. So
21 it's not just people. It's the animals, too. We need some kind
22 of wildlife overpass, underpass, at least allowance for that.
23 Having that would reduce casualties related to wildlife.

24 Passing lanes would increase safety, especially
25 at night when people can't gauge distances and can't even tell

1 when their view is obstructed due to hills and dips because the
2 skies are dark out there, and that's something I value. But the
3 roads need to be redesigned with people and animals in mind.
4 And, you know, pictorial displays for the international people
5 who can't read, things, you know, saying there's a passing lane,
6 you know, ahead.

7 It was a great improvement when they added the
8 passing lane short of Barber Road. That was a great
9 improvement, but there's nothing after that. And I have driven
10 that road at night, and it's very scary when you see a headlight
11 coming toward you or two headlights coming toward you. It could
12 be one car behind another, but you don't know. It could be
13 somebody trying to pass and you really can't tell.

14 So thank you very much, and I hope you consider
15 that.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

17 So I've got a final form here. This is from a
18 Marilyn Schwind from -- a citizen from Flagstaff. She would
19 like to submit this comment for the record. Doesn't want to
20 come up and present it, but asked that I read the comment. So I
21 will do that.

22 Marilyn says there's desperate need for a
23 stoplight at Woody Mountain Road and some round -- and the same
24 roundabouts on Thompson and RR Springs. So I trust that
25 (inaudible).

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, yeah, we'll just take
2 that and it will be in our -- the Board minutes.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

4 So Board Member Thompson.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, members, in addition to
6 what the Chairman indicated on your last public hearing
7 individual, there are -- I did -- like was mentioned earlier, I
8 did various contacts, and they also contact me about a local --
9 when the Board will be coming locally up here, and some of them
10 wanted to be here, but they can't be here because of other
11 commitments and... They do want to introduce projects similar
12 to those that are talked about today. So how else can we --
13 because I think our next meeting's way down south. It's going
14 to be quite a distance to drive for them. So how else can they
15 communicate their projects to us?

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: So Floyd, can you help
17 with that?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes. Mr. Chair, Mr. Thompson,
19 there are a number of ways. If they wanted to present comments
20 on either the five-year program or the projects that add in the
21 five-year program, there's obviously -- you can do it on our
22 website. You can send a letter in if they want. You can
23 contact the local district office and provide that information
24 to them, online, or a letter. It will go to Mr. Byres team,
25 Greg's team, and they will bring it in as part of the public

1 comment process.

2 Any time that they have issues that they can go
3 through their district engineer's office and provide comments to
4 them and -- and again, those get brought into the discussion,
5 either during this period of time or even after the five-year
6 program's been adopted, because we start planning for the next
7 year's five-year program. If local citizens have issues, they
8 can submit those requests in.

9 There's the Board info website. They can submit
10 comments in that way, and they can -- we can gather them, make
11 sure they get brought forward. So there are a number of ways
12 that they can get in, providing, obviously, they have the
13 ability to get on to the website, get on to the -- ADOT's
14 website and the Board's website and connect to those links, or
15 they go to reach out to their -- to their local district
16 engineer or the district office within the department.

17 And then, otherwise, they can just send letters
18 in to the -- you know, care of myself or the director or the
19 state engineer's office, and when we get those letters, we pass
20 them along to the people necessary to -- the planning groups and
21 the -- and the predominant groups in order for them to give
22 consideration to those requests.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Floyd. Thank you,
24 Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

1 Interstate 40 this season, and we'll have 28 miles under
2 construction on Interstate 17 this season, including the 17/40
3 interchange. The combined total of the five projects is \$118
4 million.

5 Again, we have two rollover projects, the pink
6 line and the green line. The pink line is the Devil Dog to
7 Williams project, and the green line is the Parks to Riordan
8 project.

9 So going back to the pink, the Devil Dog to
10 Williams project. On the picture you see on the right side of
11 the screen is a before condition of that project. And this is
12 somewhat an after picture. It's under construction. This was
13 eastbound I-40 under construction last season. And so the Devil
14 Dog project is a five-mile reconstruction project, and it's five
15 miles on eastbound and five miles on westbound.

16 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I just have a
17 quick question.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes.

19 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Audra, we're not familiar with
20 the term "rollover."

21 MR. ROEHRICH: I want to make sure that we're not
22 designing the freeway, the roads to roll over. That's not
23 (inaudible).

24 MS. MERRICK: No.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: That's what I was just telling the

1 director. That's not --

2 MS. MERRICK: I thought I'd try to explain that.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: -- that type of project.

4 MS. MERRICK: No. Rollover to us means a project
5 that is a two construction season project, so it starts last
6 season, and then the construction rolls over to this season, and
7 it's the second season. So (inaudible) rollover --

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: I think we're going to use --
9 it's a construction continuation (inaudible).

10 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

11 MS. MERRICK: Thanks for the clarification. That
12 would have been bad.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: I didn't want (inaudible) not
14 considering safe.

15 MS. MERRICK: Yeah.

16 So this is the Devil Dog to Williams project, or
17 rollover project, I guess. The first season was last season,
18 and we constructed five miles of eastbound I-40, and the
19 westbound side will be done this season. It's starting now.
20 We're starting to put some median crossovers in to facilitate
21 that activity. The contract's a \$34 million contract. It is 60
22 percent done, because we did eastbound last year. We're working
23 on westbound this year. The contractor's Fann, and we expect to
24 have that westbound side done in October of this year.

25 Our second rollover project is the Parks traffic

1 interchange to the Riordan bridge. This is a 12-mile pavement
2 preservation project. It is 12 miles in each direction. So
3 it's 12 miles on eastbound and 12 miles on westbound.

4 And this is a before picture of that project, and
5 this is kind of an ongoing after, slash, picture. This was
6 taken last construction season.

7 This project, we have most of the base course
8 down. We'll have that final lift of AC we'll place this season,
9 which is a friction course. Probably start in May, and we
10 expect this to have to be done in the fall. This started last
11 April. It's a \$14 million contract. It's 85 percent complete,
12 and the contractor is FNF.

13 Our first new project for this season is the
14 yellow line up on interstate 40. It's the Cataract Lake to
15 Parks pavement preservation project, and it's a 17-mile, I
16 think, pavement preservation project. It includes some
17 reconstruction work. It is on eastbound and westbound. It's 17
18 miles in each direction. It was just awarded in February, and
19 so we're just kicking off this project now. They are starting
20 to construct some of the median detours to facilitate some of
21 that reconstruction area. The contractor's Fann. It's a \$35
22 million contract, and this will be a two-season project. So
23 it's a -- we'll start this season, and we'll roll that project
24 over for the second season next year.

25 Our second new project is the orange line, which

1 is down on Interstate 17, and that's our Coconino County line to
2 the system interchange project. It's a 28-mile northbound
3 pavement preservation project. It does have some bridgework
4 associated with it. We'll be working on the Willard Springs
5 bridge northbound, replacing the superstructure and widening
6 that bridge. It also has some other more minor components of
7 some of the bridges on that corridor, like some approach slab
8 work and some joint work. There will be some minimal work on
9 southbound 17 for the bridges, like the joints and stuff, but
10 the majority of it is really northbound.

11 This was just awarded last month. We just kicked
12 off -- kicked it off with a partnering meeting, and so you'll
13 see the contractor starting out there shortly. It's a \$24
14 million contract. The contractor is Fisher or d/b/a Southwest
15 Asphalt.

16 And then lastly, for our new projects, we have
17 the blue line, which is the 17/40. We call this interchange
18 bridges, but it's really the I-40 bridges over I-17, and then
19 also the I-40 bridges over Beulah, and Beulah parallels I-17
20 just slightly to the west of that interchange. This was awarded
21 in November of last year. We put it into winter shutdown, and
22 as soon as that weather broke, we released that project, and so
23 they're starting now. The contractor's FNF. But right now
24 they're putting up false work underneath the I-40 bridges that
25 go over Beulah Boulevard, and when they get done with that,

1 they'll start moving. They'll have that false work activity
2 under the I-40 bridges over I-17. It's a \$10 million contract.
3 This project actually is a one-season project, and we expect it
4 to be done fall of this year, late fall.

5 This is just an interesting picture. This is a
6 before picture of the I-40 bridges over Interstate 17. If you
7 look at the photo on the left, you can see some of the icicles
8 forming on the bridge joints of those structures. Our
9 maintenance crews in the winter months do go out and knock off
10 those icicles so that they're not a hazard to the travelers,
11 whether it's the vehicles, the pedestrians, or the bicyclists.

12 So you can see we have a bunch of -- we have a
13 lot of volume of construction activity on Interstate 40 and
14 Interstate 17 this year. This area hasn't seen this volume of
15 construction in many, many years. I did recognize this early,
16 and our district team is working tremendously with
17 communications, and specifically to this season, we are having
18 monthly stakeholder meetings. We call them traffic system --
19 traffic system management meetings.

20 And we're bringing all five projects together
21 with the stakeholders and having those conversations as what
22 we're doing now and what we're going to be doing next. So all
23 our stakeholders hopefully are on the same page as us.

24 We do have various individual stakeholder
25 meetings. Sometimes our stakeholders, because they're not used

1 to the construction, the terminology, how we operate, they need
2 a little bit more one-on-one time, and so we've been doing some
3 individual stakeholder meetings as well.

4 What we have started doing is giving kind of
5 email notification blasts, and so two weeks prior to traffic
6 shifting on those projects, we'll email blast those
7 stakeholders, and then we actually give them a one-week reminder
8 that things are shifting. And this is so if they make -- need
9 to make adjustments in their operations, they can, or if there's
10 going to be slight delays in traffic, they're aware of that.

11 And then, additionally, we have monthly public
12 meetings with these five projects, and so what we -- what we're
13 doing monthly is we're having our stakeholder meeting with our
14 contractors and our stakeholders, all five projects together.
15 And then after that meeting, the next few hours, we make it a
16 public meeting so the public can come in and talk to us about
17 the projects, and we can answer any questions that they might
18 have.

19 MR. HALIKOWSKI: So Mr. Chairman, Audra.

20 MS. MERRICK: Uh-huh.

21 MR. HALIKOWSKI: And this may be a communications
22 question. If I'm a member of the public, how do I know about
23 those monthly meetings? We've heard --

24 MS. MERRICK: Magically, they're disseminating
25 that information. How's that?

1 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Okay.

2 MS. MERRICK: I know they're sending it out.
3 They have put them, I believe, in the paper and doing their
4 traditional means, whatever that is.

5 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Okay. Because we've heard from
6 a number of people today about what's a stakeholder and how do I
7 know about your meeting and are you listening and can we come
8 and talk to you, so...

9 MS. MERRICK: Uh-huh.

10 MR. HALIKOWSKI: I think it's something we need
11 to focus on the communications, how we make sure people are
12 aware of these meetings.

13 MS. MERRICK: Yeah. We just started it this
14 month. We had our first one. The public meeting portion of it
15 wasn't as well attended as I think we'll get once they see us
16 out there impacting the roadways.

17 MR. HALIKOWSKI: All right. Thank you.

18 MS. MERRICK: Uh-huh.

19 And then we're just kind of doing some of the
20 standard outreach that we typically do, whether that's media,
21 social media, email blasts, so on and so forth.

22 So the Northcentral District does take great
23 pride in partnering, whether it's with our contractors or our
24 local governments, and last year I showed you some of the
25 partnering awards that we've received in construction. And this

1 year is no different. We've received the Arizona Transportation
2 Partnering Excellence Award on our 260 project with Sunland
3 Asphalt, and we received that at Roads and Streets just a few
4 weeks ago, and so that team was -- was excited and honored to
5 receive that award.

6 And then lastly, I have -- we're working on a few
7 local partnering projects. We have -- with the City of
8 Flagstaff, we have the Fourth Street bridge. With City of Page,
9 we have the US-89 Horse Shoe Bend, and with City of Sedona, we
10 have a State Route 89A, State Route 179 project.

11 Fourth Street's on the left. That's probably the
12 one you're most familiar with. That consists of replacing those
13 bridges and widening with some cost sharing with the City of
14 Flagstaff. The two you're probably more unfamiliar with is the
15 one in the center and the one in the right, and the reason why
16 is because those were minor applications where we competed
17 statewide for that funding and just received that notice about a
18 week ago of '20-'21 construction funds.

19 And so what the middle one is is that's a
20 partnering project with the City of Page up there on the Horse
21 Shoe Bend turn off. We have some challenges up there. We have
22 a southbound right turn lane there today, and we need a
23 northbound left. And then we have parking on the side of the
24 road. And so the City of Page and Park are working together to
25 increase the parking capacity at Horse Shoe Bend so we can get

1 the cars off the road, and then in partnership with what they're
2 doing, we've applied for that minor project to get that
3 northbound left in there.

4 On the right, we're partnering with the City of
5 Sedona on State Route 89A, State Route 179 intersection. And
6 what we're calling that is a right slip lane project, for lack
7 of better words. And that one I'll explain, Director.

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: It's not a rolling slip lane.

9 MS. MERRICK: It's not a rolling slip lane.

10 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Okay.

11 MS. MERRICK: But that project is -- City of
12 Sedona did a transportation study, and they had an interest in
13 putting these slip lane concepts at that roundabout. We used to
14 call it the Y before it was a roundabout. And so what that
15 would look like is when you're coming off 17, driving 179 into
16 Sedona, before hitting that roundabout, you would actually have
17 a slip lane that would take you to 89A to uptown. So you don't
18 actually have to go through the roundabout circle, but you just
19 kind of veer off, and you go up to uptown.

20 And then the second one would be as you're coming
21 towards Sedona from Cottonwood on 89A, it's the same concept.
22 When you hit that Y intersection of 89A and 179, you'd have that
23 slip lane that would take you from 89A to 179, and then you
24 could go back to I-17 from there. And that's a partnership with
25 the City of Sedona, and that is a cost share partnership, and

1 we're working on an IGA with them now trying to set up a meeting
2 to have those discussions so that we can assist with putting
3 that in the program.

4 MR. HALIKOWSKI: So Mr. Chairman, just to let you
5 know, we met -- I met with the mayors this past month, and we're
6 going through a lot of their issues right now. But going back
7 to the middle one, Audra, I've gotten some letters on the Horse
8 Shoe Bend and that it's not moving fast enough. Can you talk a
9 little bit about where you are with the process there?

10 MS. MERRICK: Yeah. We actually applied for
11 minor money for the second time this spring, and we just
12 received that.

13 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Minor money as, like, dollars or
14 change or what's minor money?

15 MS. MERRICK: Minor money is a program.

16 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Okay.

17 MS. MERRICK: It's -- once a year there's a minor
18 program -- I'm not sure how much it's actually funded for, but
19 there's a minor program, and all the districts in the Traffic
20 System Management Operation Division submit projects. You can
21 submit four projects per district -- or per discipline, and it's
22 a statewide competitive process.

23 And essentially, all the -- the -- all the
24 applications are scored. There's so much money, and then they
25 just work in to see which projects they can fund. And so we

1 actually submitted the project last year as well, and it was
2 unsuccessful. We did not get it. And so we resubmitted it
3 again this year and made some tweaks with the application and
4 worked with the City on that and were successful.

5 MR. HALIKOWSKI: So Mr. Chairman, I've met with
6 the State Parks director. Just to let you know, the two
7 agencies are working on this issue of the turn lanes, but more
8 importantly, the parking.

9 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. MERRICK: So that's all I have for you today.
11 I just wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to
12 speak, and thanks for your support of the Northcentral District.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Questions for
14 Audra?

15 Thank you, Audra.

16 MS. MERRICK: Thanks.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Item 2 on the agenda,,
18 ADOT director John Halikowski will provide the director's report
19 for information and discussion only.

20 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I don't really
21 have any additional items this month. I just met with Board
22 Member Knight and the mayor of Yuma, Summerton and San Luis to
23 talk about border issues. And so, you know, just suffice to say
24 that there's a lot of activity going on around the state that
25 we're trying to work with.

1 As Mr. Elters and I were talking about earlier,
2 1993 revenues, and obviously, as you've heard, we're growing a
3 great deal, burgeoning at the seams in some cases, and we're
4 trying to balance the system out with the revenues that we have
5 to work with. So I really don't have anything else to talk
6 about.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thanks.

8 MR. HAMMOND: Director. Can I ask the director a
9 question?

10 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Yes. Board Member
11 Hammond.

12 MR. HAMMOND: You did mention the border, so I
13 just had to ask. There seems to be a lot of -- it sounds like
14 optimism on the side of the Nogales folks and get the full
15 build-out put together. Do you share that optimism, and do you
16 want to make any comments on that?

17 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Well, I haven't talked to each
18 and every board member. My hope is that the Board would look
19 favorably upon that full build-out, because as you're seeing,
20 our transportation needs are continuing to grow across the
21 border. We've got, I think, roughly 20 projects we're working
22 on with our border master plan. We're doing \$18 billion a year
23 with Mexico right now. I think that the Nogales improvements
24 are critical to the economy of the state. We have the study
25 going on with MX15.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair and Mr. Director, since
2 this was not an agendaed topic, I think we're getting very deep
3 into a board policy and agency discussion on this.

4 MR. HALIKOWSKI: This is my last minute report.
5 Well, maybe we could talk outside, Mr. Hamilton. But suffice to
6 say that --

7 MR. ROEHRICH: You meant Mr. Hammond.

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Hammond. We did
9 (inaudible).

10 MR. HAMMOND: I didn't mean to mess him up.

11 MR. HALIKOWSKI: He didn't mess me up, so... But
12 anyway, we'll talk soon.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Okay. Next we'll
14 move on to the consent agenda. The Board will consider items on
15 the consent agenda for information and possible action. Are
16 there any items board members would like pulled from the consent
17 agenda for individual discussion?

18 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Mr. Elters.

20 MR. ELTERS: I'd like to pull Items 7J and 7K for
21 further discussion later.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Items 7 -- 7 --

23 MR. ELTERS: 7J and 7K.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Elters, those items are
25 not in the consent agenda. So those are under the PPAC item

1 under Item 7. Right now you're asking for anything to be pulled
2 out of Item 3 in the consent agenda. So the items that are
3 within the consent agenda, Item 3.

4 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Forgive me. I did see an
5 asterisk next to both of them, and so I assumed they were on the
6 consent agenda.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: They're not.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

9 MR. ROEHRICH: They're separate. That means
10 (inaudible).

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Star means for action.

12 MR. ELTERS: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Well, we'll
14 address those when we get to them.

15 MR. ELTERS: I take my request back.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. SELLERS: Okay. Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes.

19 MR. SELLERS: I move for approval of the consent
20 agenda as submitted.

21 MR. STRATTON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: We have a motion by Vice
23 Chair Sellers and second by Board Member Stratton to approve the
24 consent agenda as presented. All in favor say aye.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: All opposed, nay?

2 The motion passes.

3 So we'll move on to Item 4 on the agenda.

4 Kristine Ward will provide the -- no. I'm sorry. Item 4 is the
5 legislative report. Floyd Roehrich will provide the legislative
6 report. For information and discussion only.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and members
8 of the Board.

9 So there are -- obviously the state Legislature's
10 still in session. There's a few items of particular note I'd
11 like to -- that Mr. Biesty had asked that I talk about. One of
12 them is Senate Bill 1200, which really helps with the
13 elimination of some of our rule making authority, but it helps
14 streamline the process within ADOT. So this is a bill that
15 we've been working with to try to get that better defined. That
16 is moving its way forward.

17 In addition, during this bill, there was the
18 repeal, if you remember, of the PHSRAC. That's the Parkways
19 Historic and Scenic Highways Advisory Committee, with the
20 authority of designating scenic and historic roadways. Going
21 from the PHSRAC, this committee that was created years ago back
22 to the State Board on Geographical and Historic Naming. And
23 that is set to take place when approved by July of 2019, and I
24 know that later on we're going to talk about the US-80 historic
25 designation, but this is kind of related. That all came out

1 during that process. So those -- those issues are moving
2 forward (inaudible).

3 Another bill, Senate Bill 1287, is -- was signed
4 by the governor, which helped prepare the Motor Vehicle Division
5 for modernizing and expanding its database system.

6 In addition, Senate Bill 1065, which was put out
7 by Mr. Bracker and Mr. Sandquist, I think it mentioned as well,
8 dedicate a portion of the overweight fees that are collected
9 both by the City of Nogales and Santa Cruz County, and those
10 will be rolled through into a memorandum of understanding --
11 excuse me -- an IGA, intergovernmental agreement, to bring those
12 funds in to help with the expansion of the State Route 89, help
13 fund the full build-out of the State Route 189, and we'll be
14 talking about that as we get to the study session in June on how
15 we feel that would fit within the new five-year program.

16 There are still ongoing discussions on a number
17 of bills that we've not finalized yet. Some of them deal with
18 the funding mechanisms for the Department of Public Safety's
19 Highway Patrol Program, how those could be funded in a way to
20 not impact directly to the HURF funds. Those discussions are
21 going on. There's also discussions looking to provide a greater
22 parity for vehicle license tax between traditional vehicles,
23 fuel vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles. That's still
24 moving forward.

25 And then there's still bills moving that will

1 look at giving the counties the ability to collect excise taxes
2 for transportation purposes. That could be expanded up to one
3 cent and allow them to go to their voters for that purpose.
4 We'll continue to monitor those bills and that legislation as
5 they move forward, and as the Legislature and the governor move
6 forward with completing this session, we'll make sure to keep
7 the Board abreast of where they're going.

8 On the federal level, there's still a couple of
9 things out there recently. We talked previously about the
10 infrastructure spending that was included, the potential
11 infrastructure spending that was included in the omnibus bill.
12 That was an appropriations bill that was -- act that was signed
13 by the President. We're still working with our federal partners
14 and trying to glean out of that bill what that's going to truly
15 mean for Arizona, what's that going to truly mean for funding
16 programs, and what other opportunities will there be for us to
17 look for additional transportation funding as that law gets
18 enacted and we are able to take advantage of the opportunities
19 within there.

20 Let's see. The bill did create a couple of new
21 programs that Kevin wanted to talk about. There's 600 million
22 directed to the Department of Agriculture to assist in providing
23 broadband infrastructure to rural parts of the county. The
24 State and ADOT have been working on ways -- how we can get
25 ourself prepared to look -- to work for that and see what -- as

1 that program matures, how we can get additional funding that
2 would help our expansion of broadband infrastructure, especially
3 in the rural areas.

4 They created a new rural bridge program and a new
5 autonomous vehicle demonstration grant program. Again, we'll be
6 working with our federal partners as more information comes out
7 -- comes available within that.

8 Let's see. Other than that, there's still
9 additional discussion going on as Congress and the White House
10 deal with all of the actions that are taking place. And at this
11 time, Mr. Chair and board members, that's his report. Any
12 questions?

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Hearing none.
14 Thank you, Floyd.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: You're welcome.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Item 5 on the
17 agenda. Now Kristine Ward, ADOT Chief Financial Officer, will
18 provide an update on the financial report. For information and
19 discussion.

20 MS. WARD: If I could just kind of tag on to what
21 Floyd was saying. We expect to see some notices coming out of
22 FHWA in the next two weeks. So my hope is that I'll be able to
23 provide you some additional information at the next board
24 meeting with regards to the changes that came with the omnibus
25 bill.

1 So with that, go right into the regular monthly
2 report. I'm happy to report we are right within our targeted
3 forecast. We had a -- we're a little below forecast. March
4 came in low. 4.1 percent below forecast, at \$118 million worth
5 of revenues. But year to date, we are only .6 percent below
6 forecast, and we just topped over the 1 billion mark. We're at
7 1.1 billion in revenues collected.

8 While March was actually above last year, we
9 are, in all of our categories but gas, running a little below
10 forecast. Gas is what -- sales is what have sustained those
11 others being below. But overall, we're right in the target
12 zone, and it's no concerns with regard to the program funding.

13 Moving on to RARF, also we are right within our
14 forecast zone. Year to date actuals, about \$287 million. So 5
15 percent growth year to date. We have a forecast of about 4.3
16 percent growth in Regional Area Road Funds for this year, so we
17 are a bit above forecast. 1.1 percent above forecast. Retail
18 sales, also 1.3 above. Contracting, above. Unfortunately,
19 restaurant and bar is just a little below forecast. I don't
20 know if any of you had New Year's resolutions that could be
21 impacting that. Please consider turning back those resolutions.

22 Moving on to the federal program, don't have much
23 to say. Like I mentioned, I don't have much to say on that
24 program at this board meeting, but I'll be able to give you more
25 information hopefully at the next board meeting about impacts,

1 potential impacts to the program. Nothing further to report on
2 debt financing. I have nothing to come to you with at this
3 point in terms of seeking additional bonding capacity.

4 So with that, I'd be happy to take any questions.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

6 MS. WARD: It was a pleasure talking.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you. Thank you,
8 Kristine.

9 We'll continue on to Item 6 on the agenda. Greg
10 Byres will present an update on the current planning activities
11 pursuant to ARS 28-506. For information and discussion only.

12 MR. BYRES: For the Multi-Modal Planning report,
13 I really don't have a whole lot. We are working on trying to
14 get our five-year program through. That's our heavy lift right
15 now.

16 So -- but we are also looking forward to next
17 year's program. As such, we're doing some modifications, some
18 upgrades to our P2P program, trying to make it a little bit -- a
19 little bit cleaner, a little bit easier to run through and come
20 up with hopefully the projects with the biggest needs, the way
21 that the program should be. So we're making those adjustments.

22 We're also working with the districts. Over the
23 next couple months we'll be meeting with the districts in their
24 monthly meetings going through the P2P process as well as how
25 we're going to approach next year's program. So I'll try and

1 get that -- get a foot in the door and try and get that program
2 going. So other than that, that's pretty much what we've going
3 on. I appreciate it.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: All right. Thanks.
5 Questions?

6 Okay. We'll continue on to Item 7 on the agenda.
7 Greg will present the recommended PPAC actions, including
8 consideration of changes to the 2018-2022 Statewide
9 Transportation Program for discussion and possible action.

10 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, board members, the
11 Priority Planning Advisory Committee has met and is providing
12 the following projects: 7A through 7H for approval. These are
13 project modifications. The only item that I have on here is
14 several of these projects are contingent upon approval of the
15 MAG Regional Council.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I just want to make
17 sure. Greg, you will address the two items that Mr. Elters had
18 brought up previously, right?

19 MR. BYRES: Yes.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Was that 7J and 7K?

21 MR. ELTERS: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So have I got a
23 motion to accept and approve the modifications, Items 7 through
24 7H as presented?

25 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved by Board Member
2 Stratton.

3 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Seconded by Board Member
5 Thompson.

6 All in favor say aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: All ooposed, nay.

9 The motion passes.

10 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, board members, we also
11 have new projects, which are Items 7I through 7R, and I just --
12 I realize there's a couple of questions on 7J and K. So we can
13 go ahead and go into those if you'd like.

14 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Byres, could you
15 just take a minute or two and help me understand the
16 relationship between -- between those two projects, and in
17 particular why 7K, which is in La Paz County, is conditional on
18 the approval of the MAG Regional Council.

19 MR. BYRES: So let me start off with 7J. 7J is
20 -- these are both pavement preservation -- or 7J is a pavement
21 rehabilitation project. There's a two-inch mill and inlay
22 project that expands for about 3.33 miles. And that starts at
23 Milepost 82, which is fully in Maricopa County. So that's --
24 that's that project.

25 And then the 7K project is a pavement rehab

1 project, and that's going to be a chip seal project. Part of
2 that project is in Maricopa County. Part of that project is in
3 La Paz County. So as such, for the Maricopa planning portion of
4 that, that is why this project is going in front of the MAG
5 Regional Council.

6 MR. ELTERS: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

8 MR. ELTERS: That takes care of it, Mr. Chairman.
9 Thank you, Mr. Byres.

10 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Any other items in
11 7 -- under -- between 7I and 7R, projects that board members
12 have questions on or want to pull?

13 Then do I have a motion to accept and approve the
14 new project items 7I through 7R as presented?

15 MR. ELTERS: I so move.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved by Board Member
17 Elters.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Seconded by Board Member
20 Thompson.

21 All in favor say aye.

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay?

24 The motion passes.

25 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you,
2 Mr. Byres.

3 We'll move on to Item 8 on the agenda. Dallas
4 Hammit, Deputy Director of Transportation/State Engineer will
5 report to the -- on the status of highway projects under
6 construction. For information and discussion only.

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

8 Currently we have 97 projects under construction
9 totaling approximately \$1.5 billion. In March we finalized four
10 projects totaling 6.1 million, and year to date, we have
11 finalized 82 projects.

12 And the director did step out, but I wanted to
13 clarify one thing on the minor program that was talked about.
14 Each district engineer will submit projects for the minor
15 program. In years past, each district was given \$2 million as a
16 district minor program. It was state funds. As those state
17 funds disappeared a few years ago, it wasn't -- we couldn't put
18 together projects in the districts for that low amount that we
19 wanted to do.

20 The minor program allows the district to submit a
21 \$4 million project, but it competes against all districts. So
22 you don't have your own pot of money, but you can request and
23 get a bigger project that works. So each district submits on
24 that each year, and the state engineer's team reviews that and
25 makes a recommendation.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

2 MR. SELLERS: Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Board Member
4 Sellers.

5 MR. SELLERS: So who decides which projects have
6 the highest priority?

7 MR. HAMMIT: There's members from the state
8 engineer's team and the planning division, as well as the TSMO
9 division make those recommendations, and they come through the
10 PPAC when we add the project --

11 MR. SELLERS: Okay.

12 MR. HAMMIT: -- into that area.

13 MR. SELLERS: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Next.

15 MR. HAMMIT: Ready for the next item?

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Are we moving on to
17 construction contracts?

18 MR. HAMMIT: Yes, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Okay. Dallas will
20 present the recommended construction project awards that are not
21 on the consent agenda for discussion and possible action.

22 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you
23 Board for approving the two projects on the consent agenda, and
24 we have two projects to discuss a little more. When I saw this
25 and only saw four projects, I asked what was going on. We -- I

1 was assured next month we will have 17 projects. So I may be up
2 here a little longer next month. But January was when these
3 projects went out, and that's typically a low month to advertise
4 projects. So that's why it's a little smaller amount.

5 The first project, this project is in the -- in
6 Page. It is a local project to do sidewalk and curb and gutter.
7 The low bid was \$589,259. The State's estimate was \$482,415.10.
8 It was over the State's estimate by \$106,843.90, or 22.1
9 percent. The local agency is looking for additional funds.
10 They want to make this project happen, but the staff does
11 recommend postponement while the local agency looks for those
12 funds.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions?

14 Do I have a motion to accept and approve staff's
15 recommendation to postpone the contract for item 8A as
16 presented?

17 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, so -- sorry. The group
18 that you're working with, the transportation people, they are
19 aware that this is on the agenda today?

20 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, Mr. Thompson, yes. Our
21 staff has worked with them, and they were looking for the
22 additional funds --

23 MR. THOMPSON: Right.

24 MR. HAMMIT: -- since this is a local project,
25 that they come up with those funds.

1 MR. THOMPSON: I'll go ahead and move for
2 approval.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. The motion as
4 presented was moved by Board Member Thompson.

5 MR. SELLERS: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Seconded by Vice Chair
7 Sellers.

8 All in favor say aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, say nay.

11 The motion passes.

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

13 Item 9B is a bridge deck replacement project on
14 I-40 near Seligman. The low bid was \$4,250,251.25. The State's
15 estimate was 300 -- \$3,436,678.24. It was over the State's
16 estimate by \$813,573.01, or 23.7 percent. In talking to the
17 contractor, we did because of the -- this location, it's very
18 critical we get in and get out quickly. We did put a short time
19 frame for them to work, and in talking to them, they did put
20 higher pricing because they're going to have to increase their
21 crew size. We have reviewed those bids and believe it is a
22 responsive and responsible bid, and we recommend award to Pulice
23 Construction, Inc.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: All right. Any questions?
25 Do I have a motion to accept and approve staff's

1 recommendation to award the contract for Item 9B to Pulice
2 Construction, Inc. as presented?

3 MR. ELTERS: I so move.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved by Board Member
5 Elters.

6 MR. STRATTON: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Seconded by Board Member
8 Stratton.

9 All in favor say aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed, nay?

12 Okay. The motion passes.

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

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Thank you.

15 Item 10 on the agenda is a -- staff will present
16 an update on -- regarding the historic designation of the status
17 of the highway system of former US Route 80. For information
18 and discussion.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a
20 short update here.

21 Since last month, we have continued to work on
22 the State's portion of the former US Route 80, evaluating it to
23 determine its historic significance. If you remember, the --
24 parts of the former US Route 80 that are in local jurisdictions
25 have all been designated -- those are completed, and we have

1 been starting to coordinate with local governments on the
2 memorandum of understanding that would be required for them to
3 go ahead and start signing it and advertising it as historic.
4 That is also ongoing.

5 So we're in the process of wrapping up our report
6 probably by the end of the month. We still need to submit it to
7 the state historic -- what's -- the state historical archive and
8 library for their review. Now, we hope to have that done in
9 May, and then we're hoping that by June or July, we'll be able
10 to come back to the Board with the final recommendation from
11 staff on when segments of former US Route 80 would be deemed
12 historic that are on the state route. Then that would complete
13 the request that has been asked by Mr. Clinco and his team. And
14 then from there we would move forward with any signings,
15 markings and advertisements necessary to identify it as a
16 historic route.

17 So we are moving forward. We still have one more
18 committee to go through at the state level, but we feel that
19 we're on track. When we said that we'd come back this summer,
20 we feel that we're on track in the June/July time frame to be
21 able to wrap up our portion. And with that, I'll answer any
22 questions.

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions? Doesn't look
24 like we have any questions. Thank you for the update, Floyd.

25 Item 11, suggestions. Are there suggestions by

1 board members for items to be placed on future meeting agendas?

2 Board Member Hammond.

3 MR. HAMMOND: Floyd, did I hear SR-189 will be on
4 the June study session? Is that --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Hammond, yes.
6 Because of the TIGER grant came after we had started the
7 tentative five-year program, and as the law passed and the MOU
8 passed, we're evaluating those as conditions that would go
9 through the public hearing process, and then we'd bring them to
10 the study phase on June 5th to talk about how now we can
11 effectively evaluate and use those within the final modification
12 of the five-year program. So it's going through staff analysis
13 now; will be brought to the Board for your consideration.

14 MR. HAMMOND: Okay. So it won't need to be in
15 our board meeting. Can I ask our attorney not be invited to
16 future meetings?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Hammond, I would
18 recommend not to do that, because if anybody fouls on a play,
19 you want her defending you, because she is -- she's a hard ass,
20 man. You don't want to -- you want her on your side.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's a what?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We already knew that one,
23 Floyd.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: I apologize.

25 MR. HALIKOWSKI: I'm glad I came back in to calm

1 him down. Language, Floyd.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Other
3 recommendations for future meeting agendas? Okay.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Just a reminder, Mr. Chair. I
5 just want to let everybody know, May 18th is the next board
6 meeting. We'll do it in Phoenix. They get the combination of
7 public hearing, normal board business, and then from there,
8 we'll roll into the study session on June 5th to talk about the
9 final adjustments and recommendations of -- from the staff as
10 well as the Board for the tentative program.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Great.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: I hope everybody drives safe. Be
13 careful.

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the April 20, 2018 State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Thompson and seconded by Board Member Hammond. In a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. MST.



William F. Cuthbertson, Chairman
State Transportation Board



John Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation