

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING  
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9:00 a.m., March 19, 2021  
NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Stratton called the State Transportation Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Floyd Roehrich, Jr., Executive Officer.

**Roll Call by Board Secretary Sherry Garcia**

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance:** Chairman Stratton, Vice Chairman Thompson, Board Member Hammond, Board Member Knight, Board Member Meck, and Board Member Daniels by telephone conference. Chairman Searle was not present. There were approximately 71 members of the public in the audience.

**Opening Remarks**

Chairman Stratton reminded members of the public, to keep their computer or phone muted during the meeting, unless called to speak during the Call to Audience.

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act**

Floyd Roehrich, Jr., read the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Floyd, also reminded individuals to fill out survey cards, with link shown on the agenda.

**Call to the Audience**

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the State Transportation Board. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

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PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members:

- Steven E. Stratton, Chairman
- Jesse Thompson, Vice Chairman
- Michael Hammond, Board Member
- Gary Knight, Board Member
- Jenn Daniels, Board Member
- Jackie Meck, Board Member

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: And we will call to order the  
3 board meeting. We will now move on to Item No. 1, the  
4 director's report, for information and discussion only.

5 Floyd Roehrich, please.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. -- thank you,  
7 Mr. Chairman. I do want to extend along the director's regret.  
8 Something came up and he has to -- he was conflicted and had to  
9 attend that issue. He does not have any last minute items, but  
10 he does want Katy Proctor to go ahead and provide a legislative  
11 update.

12 So, Katy, would you please provide the  
13 legislative update?

14 MS. PROCTOR: Yes. Good morning, members.

15 For the State legislative update today, I'd like  
16 to let you know that it is actually the 68th day of session, and  
17 so far we have 1,824 pieces of legislation that have been  
18 introduced. As of this morning, 70 bills have been signed by  
19 the Governor. Next week is the last week for traditional  
20 committees to hear bills in committee. Only the appropriations  
21 will meet the week after that. So most of next week will  
22 determine which bills continue in the process and which are  
23 essentially dead. We will update our list to reflect that and  
24 get that out to you late next week, and you should see a  
25 significant decrease in the numbers of bills at that point.

1 Project bills do continue to move through the  
2 process. However, they will likely be held up for inclusion in  
3 the budget when we get to that point in the process. We are  
4 still hearing that \$200 million box number being thrown around  
5 for highway project bills, and it's important to note that of  
6 those independent bills moving through the process right now,  
7 not all of them are on the state system. So it's probably very  
8 likely that much of that box will be a mixture of state system  
9 and other local projects.

10 On the federal side, there's a lot happening  
11 right now, as I'm sure you're aware. Congress has passed the  
12 American Rescue Plan Act earlier this month, effectively sending  
13 about 12.2 billion to the State of Arizona out of an Arizona  
14 total impact of over 24 billion. Transportation-related funds  
15 are limited to mass transit grants for -- at airports. However,  
16 the overall impact of the larger group of funds coming into the  
17 state remains to be seen.

18 As soon as Congress moved the ARP Act, we also  
19 saw a shift in transportation. This means a new focus on  
20 passing the surface transportation and reauthorization package.  
21 Senate EPW met late last month to hear high-level priorities for  
22 a plan, and the House appears to be preparing for the same.  
23 Secretary Buttigieg is on deck next week for House  
24 transportation for to discuss his priorities going forward as  
25 well for infrastructure.

1           In the House, an agreement has been reached to  
2 return to an earmark process, and process reforms are being  
3 developed right now for transparency and limitations around  
4 that. The Senate is separately working on an agreement in that  
5 area, and they expect to hear something soon on that as well.

6           We continue to remain in contact with our  
7 Congressional members and are happy to provide information as  
8 requested.

9           And that concludes my report this morning. I'd  
10 be happy to take any questions you might have.

11           CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Are there any questions for  
12 Katy?

13           MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
14 Knight.

15           CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay, Gary. Go ahead.

16           MR. KNIGHT: Of the -- of the bills that the  
17 Governor's signed, I'm not familiar with all of them, but are  
18 there any that are transportation related?

19           MS. PROCTOR: Mr. Chair and Board Member Knight,  
20 of the 70 bills that have been signed, none of them are project  
21 fund-related bills. There are six bills that we are tracking  
22 specifically for ADOT purposes for implementation on the process  
23 side, but nothing that is related to funding.

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

25           CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Gary.

1 Any other questions?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chairman --

3 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Floyd, I have a question, but  
4 I think it would -- should be directed to you rather than Katy.

5 On these projects that are being considered in  
6 the Legislature that are not on state highways, does that have  
7 any effect on ADOT? Are we involved in any way? And if so, do  
8 we recover our money that we expend on that for man hours?

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, it depends on what  
10 the local county wants. Usually the money is given directly to  
11 them, but in the past sometimes the local governments have asked  
12 the department to step in and assist them with the project,  
13 whether that's contracting or inspection or such as things like  
14 that, and what we do, we will enter into an intergovernmental  
15 agreement to capture the costs that we feel are appropriate. So  
16 a lot depends on bonds, what the project is, who's getting the  
17 funding and if they request our assistance or not.

18 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Thank you.

19 Do we have any other questions for Floyd or Katy?

20 Okay. Hearing none, we'll move on to Item 2,  
21 district engineer's report, for information and discussion only.  
22 Rod Lane, Southcentral District Engineer.

23 Rod.

24 MR. LANE: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of  
25 the Board. I'm going to give you a brief presentation this



1 morning regarding what's going on in the ADOT Southcentral  
2 District.

3 So if we can move on to the next slide, please.

4 One of the projects, larger projects we've got  
5 moving forward in the Southcentral District is State Route 189  
6 from the international border up to Grand Avenue. That project  
7 was delivered using our design/bid -- using the design/bid/build  
8 method. The design/build team is Ames and Horrocks. It has a  
9 contract value of \$82 million. ADOT's general engineering  
10 consultant on this project is AECOM. The project is moving  
11 along very nicely. We're about 60 percent through with this  
12 job. We expect it to be ending in the end of 2021.

13 Next slide, please.

14 The I-10 Ina to Ruthrauff traffic interchange is  
15 also an important project down in the Southcentral District.  
16 This one was delivered using the low bid method, along with an A  
17 plus B component, which is the bidding of time for the project,  
18 along with the items. The successful contractor was Sundt  
19 Construction, for a value of \$80 million. This is a new diamond  
20 interchange with a bridge going over I-10, over the Union  
21 Pacific Railroad, and over a local street called Highway Drive.  
22 We expect this project to end also in -- or excuse me -- in --  
23 by the end of this year. We're probably again 60 percent done  
24 with this job, and it's going along very nicely, coming together  
25 well.

1 Next slide.

2 The Houghton Road traffic interchange at I-10 is  
3 going to be the Southcentral District's and the PAG region's  
4 first diverging diamond interchange. You can see on the bottom  
5 right side of the screen how that diverging diamond works, where  
6 the traffic actually switches from one side to the other side,  
7 thereby making the left movement onto the on ramp conflict free.  
8 So it's a much more efficient traffic interchange. This  
9 contract was awarded -- this \$23.4 million contract was awarded  
10 to Ames Construction through our low bid method, and we're also  
11 expecting to have this job done towards the end of this year.  
12 We're about 40 percent through with this project, and it's  
13 moving along very nicely.

14 Next one. Next slide, please.

15 A preservation project is just getting kicked off  
16 down in the northern part of Santa Cruz County and also in the  
17 southern part of Pima County. It's occurring on I-19. It's  
18 going from Tubac to West Arivaca Road. That was also delivered  
19 using our low bid method, with a contract value of  
20 \$17.26 million. Fisher Sand and Gravel was the contractor --  
21 successful contractor on that project. It's just kind of  
22 getting -- starting off, they're doing some crushing in the  
23 plants and doing the bridgework. Paving will probably be  
24 starting in a -- about a month or so. So we expect that project  
25 also to be done in late '21, later this year.

1 Next slide, please.

2 Another project being done on I-19, which is also  
3 a preservation project. It's also delivered using our low bid  
4 method for contract value of 13.12 million. This project is a  
5 little farther north on I-19, just above Green Valley, from  
6 Milepost 42.5 to 50.3. It also includes a bridge deck  
7 rehabilitation for Sahuarita Road. It goes over I-19. This  
8 contract, \$13.12 million contract, was also delivered using our  
9 low bid method, with Fisher Sand and Gravel being the successful  
10 contractor. This one's just now getting started, and we'll  
11 expect to see that one done in early next year, early  
12 January-ish.

13 Next slide, please.

14 Another preservation project, also on I-10, in  
15 the Benson area. It's called the Benson bypass, but it's  
16 actually right on I-10. This was a low bid project for  
17 \$7.33 million awarded to FNF Construction. We expect to have  
18 this project done kind of the end of this summer. We're about  
19 40 percent through with this one, and it's going very nicely.

20 Next slide, please.

21 Another very important project for the PAG region  
22 is SR-77 from I-10 to Calle Concordia. So this is a  
23 preservation project that actually includes three sections of  
24 work. The first section goes from I-10 to River, and that's  
25 more of a traditional pavement preservation project. The next

1 section goes from River to Calle Concordia. That's also a  
2 traditional pavement preservation project, but we're also adding  
3 additional features to that project such as lights, sidewalk.  
4 We're enclosing the drainage system. We're also doing  
5 improvements at the Ina -- or excuse me -- the Oracle and Magee  
6 intersection. This project was delivered using our low bid  
7 process for a value of 34.37 million. The successful winner --  
8 successful contractor was Granite Construction. And this is  
9 just getting underway now, and we expect to have this one  
10 done -- I know it says '22, but it's actually '23. That's a  
11 typo on there. So it will be early '23. So January '23.

12 Next slide.

13 And with that, I'll be happy to take any  
14 questions.

15 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Rod. Does  
16 anyone --

17 MR. HAMMOND: Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: -- have any questions for  
19 Rod?

20 MR. HAMMOND: Chairman, can you hear me? This is  
21 Mike Hammond.

22 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Yeah, Mike. Go ahead.

23 MR. HAMMOND: I'd like to take this opportunity  
24 to thank Rod, especially specifically on this project at SR-189.  
25 I have heard nothing but kudos from A to Z, from the contractor,

1 to the communication, to the ADOT staff. I think they're  
2 absolutely stunned down there on how well this project is going.

3 And just on a broader statement, I -- this is my  
4 last board meeting, I think. My replacement has been named, but  
5 it's been such a pleasure to work with such quality people, and  
6 Rod, you certainly are one of those. I know you may take more  
7 complaints than kudos over the years, but from my perspective,  
8 you've done a remarkable job.

9 Thank you, Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Mike.

11 MR. LANE: Thank you for those kind words,  
12 Mr. Hammond.

13 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Are there any other questions  
14 for Rod? Okay. Hearing none, thank you, Rod.

15 We'll move on now to Item 3, consent agenda.

16 Does any member want an item removed from the consent?

17 Do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda  
18 as presented?

19 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

20 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Chairman, this is --  
21 second.

22 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion from Board  
23 Member Knight, a second by Vice Chairman Thompson. Is there any  
24 discussion?

25 Board secretary, would you call the roll call

1 vote, please?

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I'll go ahead and start  
3 that now. We'll start with Vice Chairman Thompson.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Here.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

6 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels? Member Daniels?

8 MS. ESTELLE: Floyd, this is Haley. Member  
9 Daniels had to step off.

10 Mr. Hammond, if you could please turn your system  
11 volume down. We're getting feedback on your line.

12 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah. It's a long story, but I'll  
13 do my best.

14 MS. ESTELLE: Thank you.

15 MR. HAMMOND: Anyway, aye for my vote.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Member Hammond.

17 And Member Meck.

18 MR. MECK: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: And Member Searle? I don't  
20 believe he's present.

21 And then Chairman Stratton?

22 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: That's enough votes, Mr. Chairman.  
24 It does pass.

25 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: The motion is approved.

1 We'll now move on to the financial report with  
2 Kristine Ward, Agenda Item 4, for information and discussion  
3 only.

4 Kristine.

5 MS. WARD: Good morning, board members.

6 Rhett, thank you very much. If you could go to  
7 my first slide, I'd appreciate it. Or my next one. There we  
8 go.

9 So for the year, we're, as you can see, running  
10 about 4.6 above forecast, with about \$1 billion -- we've just  
11 crossed the 1 billion mark in revenues collected. In terms of  
12 what that means for the State Highway Fund, that means about  
13 \$17 million additional flowing into the State Highway Fund, and  
14 with your actions last month, you'll recall that we released  
15 \$80 million into the program. So we have released these extra  
16 dollars into the program, and they -- and you programmed them  
17 last month.

18 With regards to -- you -- you will note that we  
19 had a significant change from that 5.8 percent above forecast  
20 last month and 4.6 above forecast this month, and in my next  
21 slide -- Rhett, if you'd go into that -- I'll give you a little  
22 insight as to how that happened.

23 So you'll be able to see here where the  
24 variations were for this last month. The month of February data  
25 is what we're looking at. And you'll see that gas tax continues

1 to lag behind significantly, but one of the primary reasons that  
2 we came back into -- and closer into our forecast target zone is  
3 due to VLT, and this is one of those difficult to predict kinds  
4 of things that are the result of the pandemic, because what  
5 you're seeing in that decline, that 7.5 percent decline over the  
6 prior year, and 9.3 percent change in forecast for VLT, what  
7 you're seeing there is the result of rental vehicles not --  
8 people not renting cars. We charge a rental surcharge in the  
9 state, and if cars are rented -- if cars are not rented, if  
10 people do not rent them, we do not get the surcharge, and so  
11 that's what you're seeing. That money is remitted to the -- to  
12 the department once a year in the month of February. Just  
13 thought it was a curiosity that I would give you some insight  
14 on.

15                   If we can go to the next slide, Rhett. Thanks so  
16 much.

17                   So we are about 3.5 percent above forecast with  
18 about 350 million -- -15 million dollars collected year to date.  
19 We had a strong retail sales -- retail sales have been  
20 shockingly strong throughout the year. This is a -- what we  
21 believe is the result of the stimulus that have been coming, and  
22 keep in mind now we have this next round of stimulus with the  
23 ARP Act, and that -- this, of course, doesn't even capture those  
24 stimulus checks that are going out to folks now.

25                   So we're about 6.5 percent above our forecast



1 year to date on retail sales. Unfortunately, restaurant and bar  
2 still lags significantly behind last year at this time.

3 If we could go on to the next slide, I'd  
4 appreciate it, Rhett.

5 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Kristine.

6 MS. WARD: Yes, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a question for you.  
8 Where would the tax on the recreational marijuana show up in  
9 these charts? If I do my math right, I believe January showed  
10 that we should get a little over \$100,000 for that month in our  
11 share for transportation.

12 MS. WARD: I am not entirely sure, sir. I will  
13 check on that for you.

14 I will tell you the projections -- as you just  
15 mentioned, the projections and how much we get showing up in  
16 RARF at this point is really de minimis. So it's not even a  
17 rounding error at this point in our world, but I will check  
18 which category that is showing up in for you, sir, and have it  
19 for you -- well, actually, I will just email it or have it for  
20 you at the next board meeting, if that would be okay.

21 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Next board meeting's fine. I  
22 was just wondering if it was having any effect on any of these  
23 lines. That's all.

24 MS. WARD: Mr. Chair, we do not expect to see any  
25 impact from those moneys -- I think it was Prop 207 or 208. I'm

1 sorry. I get them mixed up here -- but we don't expect any  
2 funds to really impact RARF until FY '22, and at that point, I  
3 believe our calculations were around \$3 million. So it's not  
4 something we're going to see in, you know, large amounts, and  
5 that's because the way that those -- that funding flow is  
6 structured is there are a number of distributions that come off  
7 of that flow of revenue --

8 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Yes.

9 MS. WARD: -- before it gets to us.

10 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. WARD: Thank you, sir. And I'll get that  
12 information for you as to where it will show up.

13 Rhett, if you could transition to the next slide.

14 I don't have any further information on the  
15 American Rescue Plan that Katy reported on earlier. I'll tell  
16 you we are -- we are watching, particularly -- we just don't  
17 know at this point how much is going to flow into  
18 transportation. As you can see and as I reported on the  
19 Regional Area Road Fund, the slides before, people are -- we are  
20 seeing retail sales that are exceeding what we would have  
21 expected. It's just very difficult to predict at this time as  
22 to what folks are going to do with their stimulus checks.

23 We were looking at data -- actually, I was  
24 looking at a chart this morning that shows personal savings,  
25 people's savings at record all-time highs, as well as we are

1 seeing -- we are -- you know, people buying cars and lots of  
2 sales and so forth going on out there. So it's hard to  
3 distinguish what we will -- and predict just exactly what we  
4 will see flowing into transportation.

5 With that, I would be happy to take any  
6 questions.

7 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Kristine.

8 Does any member have a question for Kristine?

9 Okay. Looks like you're off the hook, Kristine.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. WARD: Thank you, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: We will move on to Agenda  
13 Item 5, with Greg Byres, for information and discussion only.

14 Greg.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Greg, if you're talking, you're  
16 muted.

17 MR. BYRES: Can everybody hear me now?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes.

19 MR. BYRES: Okay. Thank you.

20 So we'll go ahead and get going on this. I have  
21 two items that I wanted to present today in our -- in a  
22 Multimodal Planning Division update.

23 The first one is our tribal transportation  
24 update, and this will be standard for my updates from now on.  
25 We have so many tribal items that are occurring across the

1 state, I figured the Board needs to be aware of some of what we  
2 have going on. So I'll have this as a standard item on my  
3 updates coming up.

4 The second item we have is continued work on our  
5 '22-'26 tentative program as we approach June with the final, as  
6 well as we've already started on the 2023 to 2027 five-year  
7 program as well.

8 Next slide.

9 So the tribal transportation update, we've been  
10 doing tribal consultations for several years. We currently have  
11 two people that are working on it. We have two tribal liaisons  
12 that work within MPD. One of the thing -- one of the reasons  
13 that we do this is we do have so many tribal activities that we  
14 try and assist on or have consultations on, as well as there's a  
15 state statute that follows through and actually kind of lines  
16 out the requirements of what the liaisons do.

17 So next slide.

18 So the two people that we have that assist us  
19 that are our tribal liaisons, we have Ermalinda Gene, who has  
20 been with ADOT for several years. She's been doing the tribal  
21 liaison work for the last three years, and she took the place of  
22 Don Sneed, who actually came back to work with us, and so he  
23 retired and has come back to work and has picked right up where  
24 he took off.

25 We have had so much work. Don used to work by

1 himself, and we've had so much workload in working with the  
2 different tribes across the state that it now takes two to keep  
3 up with everything. So we've had -- Ermalinda has taken the  
4 northern region of the state, and Don has now taken the southern  
5 region of the state, so that they can keep up with all of the  
6 requirements through the different tribal needs and wants that  
7 we can assist with throughout the year.

8 Next slide.

9 So we broke up the two regions. This is kind of  
10 a map that kind of shows if anybody has any questions or  
11 anything as to who you contact. Obviously, any time you contact  
12 one or the other, they'll assist on any questions. Again, the  
13 northern region is handled through Ermalinda, and the Southern  
14 portions through Don Sneed.

15 So next slide.

16 So as far as the work goes on the five-year  
17 programs, we are currently still working on the tentative  
18 program, and we will continue to do that all the way through  
19 June. We have the projects that are in the current program.  
20 We're taking and looking and evaluating the cost for those  
21 projects to make sure that the budgeted items, the budgeted  
22 amounts that we have in the program are true and up to date. So  
23 we're working on making sure that we have all that information  
24 and data. That's currently ongoing.

25 We are also tracking potential projects through

1 the State Legislature. As Katy had just stated earlier, there's  
2 a massive amount of work that's going on in the Legislature with  
3 several potential projects that could come through. We're also  
4 tracking the COVID relief, any of the federal funding that is --  
5 may potentially show up in making sure that we're accounting for  
6 everything. Kristine's been a tremendous help on that, as she  
7 just stated earlier.

8 For the 2023 to 2027 program, we've already  
9 started looking at our P2P process. We're actually getting  
10 ready to do a deep dive on that process next week, just making  
11 sure that we are -- have everything -- all of our ducks in a  
12 row, as well as trying to implement any improvements we possibly  
13 can into that process, keeping it up to date, doing some lessons  
14 learned and so forth. So we're currently working on that.

15 We also have -- we're -- some continued  
16 improvements in the preparation of the five-year program.  
17 Trying to make sure that, one, we're staying as transparent as  
18 we possibly can in putting together the program itself, as well  
19 as making sure that we're getting input from all of the areas  
20 necessary, including all of our government relations people so  
21 that we're getting information either from the Governor's office  
22 or the Legislature or getting information back out to them, as  
23 well as to the communities with our -- through our  
24 communications department as well.

25 And so that's pretty much what we have going, if

1 anybody has any questions. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Greg.

3 Are there any questions for Greg?

4 Okay. Hearing none, we'll move on to Item 6,  
5 PPAC items, with Greg, for discussion and possible action.

6 Greg.

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

8 We have a total of 19 projects that we will be  
9 presenting today. These are coming through PPAC. The first  
10 items we have is Items 6A through 6K. These are 11 projects  
11 modifications. We bring these forward with a recommendation for  
12 approval.

13 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Are there any  
14 questions on any of these projects for Greg?

15 Okay. Do I have a motion to approve Items 6A  
16 through 6K as presented?

17 MR. MECK: Jackie Meck. I make a motion.

18 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Do I have a second?

19 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion from Jackie  
21 Meck, a second by Board Member Knight. Any discussion?

22 Floyd, would you --

23 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Chair.

24 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: -- conduct the roll call  
25 vote, please?

1 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Chairman.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Yes.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Thompson.

5 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: I do have a question on  
6 191. What is the reason for moving that, getting on that  
7 project, moving it back?

8 MR. BYRES: So, Mr. Chairman, Board Member  
9 Thompson, I'm trying to see which item that one was.

10 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Would be Item 6D.

11 MR. BYRES: 6D?

12 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: D, as in dog.

13 MR. BYRES: So on that project, Board Member  
14 Thompson, there's -- let's see here. There's been some  
15 increased funding on that. We are -- we are not pushing that  
16 project back. It will be deferred to the fourth quarter, but  
17 that -- but that is it. And only the only reason for sliding  
18 that back a little bit is if there is some geotechnical  
19 investigation that has to be done, which is taking and pushing  
20 that project back just slightly.

21 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you very much,  
22 Chairman and board members. Greg, thank you.

23 MR. BYRES: No problem.

24 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do we have any other  
25 questions?



1                   Okay. Floyd, would you conduct the roll call  
2                   vote, please?

3                   MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

4                   Vice Chairman Thompson.

5                   VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

6                   MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

7                   MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

8                   MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle. Just checking if  
9                   he's back in. No.

10                  Member Daniels, did she make it back in?

11                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, sir.

12                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Mr. Hammond.

13                  MR. HAMMOND: Aye.

14                  MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

15                  MR. MECK: Aye.

16                  MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

17                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. The motion passes.

18                  Greg.

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

20                  The next items we have are Items 6L through 6S.

21                  These are eight new projects that we're bringing forward, and  
22                  again, we bring them forward with a recommendation for approval.

23                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Does anyone have any

24                  questions for Greg on Items 6L through 6S?

25                  Hearing none, do I have a motion to approve items

1 6L through 6S as presented?

2 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
3 Knight. I move that we approve Items 6L through 6S as  
4 presented.

5 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Board Member  
6 Knight. Do I have a second?

7 MR. MECK: Second. Mayor Meck.

8 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Board Member Meck.  
9 Any discussion?

10 Floyd, would you conduct the roll call vote,  
11 please?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

13 Vice Chairman Thompson.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle. He is not present.

18 Member Daniels. I think she has left.

19 Member Hammond.

20 MR. HAMMOND: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

22 MR. MECK: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

24 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. And for the record, if  
25 I didn't say it, that was a motion by Board Member Knight and a

1 second by Board Member Meck.

2 Thank you. The motion passes.

3 Moving on to Agenda Item 7, state engineer's  
4 report with Dallas Hammit, for information and discussion only.

5 Dallas.

6 MR. HAMMIT: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of  
7 the Board. Currently, we have 70 projects under construction,  
8 totaling \$1.56 billion. Last month, in February, we finalized  
9 eight projects totaling 21.2 million, and year to date, we have  
10 finalized 40 projects.

11 That is all I had under the state engineer's  
12 report. I am open for any questions.

13 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Dallas.

14 Dallas, I actually have a question. Can you tell  
15 me where we're at with the Lion Springs design?

16 MR. HAMMIT: Yes, Mr. Chair. Right now,  
17 currently, the Lion Springs design is at the 60 percent stage,  
18 basically our stage three. We are -- we'll be looking to come  
19 to the Board. The project right now needs approximately  
20 \$900,000 to continue. There's a section that is being  
21 redesigned which will save us over 6 million -- 6 to 7 million  
22 in right-of-way costs. So it's good money spent to redesign  
23 that section as they looked at it. So we are that, but to  
24 continue the project, we will be coming back to the Board  
25 requesting additional funds to allow that project to continue.

1                   CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Great. Thank you very  
2 much. I appreciate that.

3                   Are there any questions for Dallas from the board  
4 members?

5                   You're getting off easy today, Dallas. No  
6 questions.

7                   We'll move on to Item 8, construction contracts,  
8 for discussion and possible action.

9                   Dallas.

10                  MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you,  
11 Board, for approving the three items on the consent agenda.

12                  We have two items to be justified. And just a  
13 note on this page. You can see the year to date, we are -- we  
14 have advertised bids as the States's estimate of three --  
15 basically, \$381 million or -- yes. \$381 million. The low bid  
16 is 355. It looks pretty good that we're 25 million under, which  
17 is good, but most of that came on two projects in the MAG  
18 region: SR-24 and the Loop 303. Other than that, we're over  
19 some, under some. We're holding our own as we go forward.

20                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Dallas.

21                  MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, would you like me to go  
22 on to 8A?

23                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a question for you  
24 real quick, if we may, before we do that.

25                  Do you anticipate the movement in oil in the past

1 two months to cause us any inflation on our projects going on  
2 and the new ones to bid?

3 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, yeah, I think that's  
4 definitely something that we're watching. One of the things on  
5 current problems -- excuse me -- current projects, we have a --  
6 both a oil -- for asphalt oil, escalator. So at the time of  
7 bid, we know what the market price is, and then each month we  
8 look -- if it's gone up or down, we make that adjustment. That  
9 helps us and our contractors be -- take away some of the  
10 speculation at bid time. We do the same thing with fuel oil for  
11 equipment. So if it -- if it goes up, we will see some increase  
12 in price, especially on our paving jobs, which we buy a lot of  
13 oil on.

14 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. HAMMIT: And thank you, Mr. Chair.

16 Item 8A is a rest area rehabilitation. This is  
17 on Interstate 10, the Bouse Wash Rest Area. The low bid was  
18 \$4,847,234. The State's estimate was \$4,188,878. It was over  
19 the State's estimate by \$658,356, or 15.7 percent. We saw  
20 higher than expected pricing in our concrete pavement, some of  
21 the mechanical work at the rest area and the metal partitions in  
22 the restrooms. The department has reviewed the bid and believes  
23 it is a responsive and responsible bid and recommends award to  
24 Fann Construction, Inc.

25 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Dallas.

1                   Is there a motion to award Item 8A to Fann  
2 Contracting, Inc. as presented?

3                   MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
4 Knight. I move to approve Item 8A and award the contract to  
5 Fann Contracting, Inc.

6                   CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Very good. Do I have a  
7 second?

8                   VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Second. Vice Chairman  
9 Thompson.

10                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. We have a motion by  
11 Board Member Knight, a second by Vice Chairman Thompson.  
12 Floyd -- any discussion?

13                  Floyd, would you do -- make the roll call vote,  
14 please. Floyd? Floyd, if you're speaking, you're on mute.  
15 There you go.

16                  MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. I realize that. Rhett just  
17 pointed it out, too.

18                  So Vice Chairman Thompson.

19                  VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

20                  MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

21                  MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

22                  MR. ROEHRICH: Let's see. Member Hammond.

23                  MR. HAMMOND: Aye.

24                  MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

25                  MR. MECK: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle. Has he come back  
2 in? I don't believe so.

3 Member Daniels, are you back? I don't believe  
4 so.

5 Chairman Stratton.

6 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. The motion carries.  
7 Thank you, Floyd.

8 Dallas, Item 8B.

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

10 Item 8B is a bridge deck replacement on  
11 Interstate 19 at the Ruby Road traffic interchange. On this  
12 project the low bid was \$2,478,812. The State's estimate was  
13 \$2,063,384. It was over the State's estimate by \$415,428, or  
14 20.1 percent.

15 The area where we saw the greatest difference was  
16 in our structural concrete. The department has reviewed the bid  
17 and believes it is a responsive and responsible bid and  
18 recommends award to Fisher Sand and Gravel, doing business as  
19 Southwest Asphalt Paving.

20 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Dallas.

21 Is there -- are there any questions for Dallas on  
22 that?

23 Okay. Is there a motion to award Item 8B to  
24 Fisher Sand and Gravel Company, d/b/a Southwest Asphalt Paving,  
25 as presented.

1 MR. HAMMOND: I'll move approval. Board Member  
2 Hammond.

3 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Hammond. Is  
4 there a second?

5 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Knight. We  
7 have a motion by Board Member Hammond, a second by Board Member  
8 Knight. Is there any discussion?

9 Floyd, would you conduct the roll call vote,  
10 please?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

12 Vice Chairman Thompson.

13 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

15 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Hammond.

17 MR. HAMMOND: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

19 MR. MECK: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle is not present.

21 Member Daniels, I don't believe she's still back.

22 So Chairman Stratton.

23 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. The motion passes.

24 Thank you, Dallas.

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



1                   CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Item 9, suggestions. Do the  
2 board members have any suggestions for items to be placed on up  
3 coming agendas?

4                   Okay. Hearing none, I think this is the fastest  
5 board meeting we've had with -- I've ever seen -- or I've been  
6 involved which included a public hearing.

7                   MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman.

8                   VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Chairman.

9                   MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd. I'm  
10 sorry.

11                  VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Chairman.

12                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Go ahead.

13                  VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Chairman.

14                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Vice Chairman Thompson.

15                  VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: I do have an item that I'd  
16 like to move forward and doing a presentation during the study  
17 session having to do with reservation roads that the State of  
18 Arizona might have an interest in, but I'm not quite ready to  
19 put that together, but as we move along, I'll make sure that we  
20 go through Floyd and staff before we move it, put it on the  
21 agenda.

22                  That's all I have. Thank you very much,  
23 Chairman.

24                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Vice Chairman.

25                  Any other board members have any -- anything?

1 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member --

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair.

3 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Board Member Knight.

4 MR. KNIGHT: Just a comment. I'm looking at the  
5 district construction report for March 2021 that was -- that was  
6 emailed to all of us. Apparently my district, even though it's  
7 got four counties, has gotten a lot larger, because I got a lot  
8 of Maricopa projects in Board District 6. If I get their money,  
9 I could spend it in District 6, but it won't be in Maricopa  
10 County. Anyway, I just thought I'd point that out.

11 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Congratulations for your  
12 expansion of your district, Gary.

13 MR. KNIGHT: Yeah.

14 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Are there any other comments?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd. I do  
16 have just a couple things to wrap up, if you've got a minute.

17 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: So first thing. Mr. Knight, I  
19 will talk with the state construction office. They put that  
20 together, and we'll see what -- if there's any clarification  
21 that needs to be there. I did not notice anything about  
22 expanding your territory, but statutorily, we can't do that. So  
23 we'll figure something out.

24 The second thing I wanted to talk to you about,  
25 Mr. Chairman and board members, the next meeting we have is 16th

1 of April, which is set for the Town of Gilbert, and at this  
2 time, we have been coordinating with their staff. We're putting  
3 the final details together, but Mr. Chairman, I'm going to bring  
4 a proposal to you probably in the next week where I think we can  
5 conduct a hybrid meeting, where if the Board meets to meet in  
6 the Town of Gilbert, we can support board members and maybe a  
7 few staff members and still hold the virtual meeting to make  
8 sure that we are getting as much public participation as  
9 possible, but allow for safe meeting parameters.

10 The City does hold virtual meetings, and we're in  
11 the process of kind of coordinating to make sure that works. So  
12 I'll have a proposal to you probably next week where I think if  
13 the board members wanted to meet, we could have a meeting  
14 virtually held with the board members and some staff present,  
15 and then the public participating virtually at the next meeting.  
16 So I will be coordinating that with you, and if that works out,  
17 we'll make sure that that gets posted properly and work with all  
18 the board members to make them aware of it. So at this point, I  
19 just want to let you know that's where we're at with our  
20 discussion.

21 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Floyd, I really look forward  
22 to that discussion with you. That pleases me, and hopefully we  
23 can make this thing work. Thank you.

24 Hearing nothing else come before the Board, is  
25 there a motion to adjourn?

1 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Is there a second?

3 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Second. Second. Vice  
4 Chairman Thompson.

5 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Got a motion by Board Member  
6 Knight, second by Vice Chairman Thompson. All in favor say aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Motion approved. Thank you,  
9 and I look forward to seeing you guys. Take care.

10 (Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.)

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**Adjournment**

***A motion to adjourn the March 19, 2021, State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Gary Knight and seconded by Vice Chairman Jesse Thompson. In a voice vote, the motion carried.***

**Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. PST.**

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State Transportation Board

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