

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
TELEPHONIC/VIDEO MEETING**

9:00am, July 16, 2021

City Of Sedona

102 Roadrunner Drive

Sedona, Arizona 86336

NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Thompson called the State Transportation Board meeting to order at 9:00 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 (In Person):** Vice Chairman Thompson, Board Member Knight, Board Maxwell. **In attendance (Via WebEx):** Board Member Daniels, and Board Member Meck. Chairman Stratton and Board Member Searle were not present. There were approximately 56 members of the public in the audience.

Opening Remarks

Vice Chairman Thompson 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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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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5 Arizona.

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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Board Members:

9 Steve Stratton (Absent)
10 Jesse Thompson, Vice Chairman
11 Gary Knight, Board Member
12 Richard Searle, Board Member (Absent)
13 Jenn Daniels, Board Member
14 Jackie Meck, Board Member
15 Ted Maxwell, Board Member

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: So with that I'd like to
3 go to the call to the audience. This is a telephonic Webex
4 conference meeting. Everyone will be muted when they call in to
5 the meeting. When your name is called to provide your comments,
6 you will indicate your presence by virtually raising your hand
7 using your phone keypad or through the Webex application. The
8 Webex host will guide you through the unmuting and muting
9 process following the instructions included within the meeting
10 agenda. The comments is limited, three minute time, and what
11 I'd like to begin with is the mayor.

12 Mayor Sandy, you probably -- don't know how to
13 pronounce your last name -- and that way we will --

14 MAYOR MORIARTY: That's why I go by Mayor Sandy.

15 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Mayor Sandy, and then I
16 will move to Floyd to call out the people that will be making
17 comments.

18 So with that, Mayor, you do have the floor at
19 this time, please.

20 MAYOR MORIARTY: Thank you, Vice Chairman, and
21 members of the Board. Sorry we didn't get to meet absolutely
22 all of you last night, but I certainly enjoyed meeting those of
23 you who were able to make it, and I want to -- on behalf of the
24 City of Sedona, it's an honor and a privilege to host you today,
25 and last night too. So we really do appreciate you taking the

1 time to come out and visit with us and appreciate all that you
2 do for our community.

3 So I thank you very much. And this is a special
4 hello to Jenn Daniels online. I haven't seen Jenn for a while,
5 but she's a fellow mayor, so it's a pleasure to see her
6 virtually, if not -- if not have you here in person. I hope you
7 can make it next time you're up here. And please enjoy
8 yourselves while you're in Sedona, and if there's anything that
9 I can do for you during the meeting that you need, just let me
10 know. I will -- I'll be here for the whole time. So thank you
11 very much and welcome.

12 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you, Mayor,
13 and also to Jenn and Jackie, we appreciate you calling in, and
14 of course, there's myself, Gary and then Ted here, and Steve is
15 unable to make it today, and we'll go through -- we'll go
16 through the agenda like he would do. So if I make any mistakes,
17 we'll blame Floyd.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

19 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: So at this time, Floyd, can
20 you introduce those people that will be making comments?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 The first speaker we have is Jenny Sabato.
23 Ms. Sabato, will you please raise your hand and the host will
24 unmute you.

25 WEBEX HOST: You are unmuted.

1 MS. SABATO: Good morning to the Board and all
2 others in attendance. My granddad, Guy Reid, served on this
3 board in 1987 and '88. So I have a tremendous amount of respect
4 for what you do for our great state, and I want to thank you for
5 your contribution.

6 My name is Jenny Sabato, and I'm the secretary of
7 the Beaver Creek Community Association, representing our
8 community. I'm also the resident that lives the closest to this
9 interchange we're discussing. So I first-hand witness all of
10 the problems daily.

11 I sent in a document that references the traffic
12 interchange at Exit 293 on I-17 and Cornville Road. It includes
13 Bridge Number 652. This particular traffic interchange has been
14 on and off the five-year plan for at least 35 years, though it
15 is definitely a traffic interchange that we want to highlight
16 that does need a complete overhaul.

17 However, what I want to really address today is
18 the immediate safety concern that we have for the northbound
19 exit at 293. It is dangerous. It is confusing, and it's really
20 frustrating. It's an exit that a lot of people are using
21 because it is the last exit for services for the next 29 miles
22 heading northbound on I-17. It's also used by our entire
23 community, as we have no other in and out, and it's also used as
24 a point of entry to Cornville and Sedona. So it's just a
25 heavily trafficked area.

1 This particular exit, even by the studies from
2 ADOT in 2016, they note it as confusing, several rear-end
3 crashes. There's limited sight. The geometric configuration is
4 just really confusing.

5 So what we're asking for is better striping would
6 really help to eliminate the ability to navigate this
7 interchange in a lot safer fashion. The way that it's striped
8 now, there is this faux third lane that is being created on the
9 right, which is having locals just sort of blaze by the people
10 that are trying to figure out which way they can go, because all
11 of the lines bend left, but the arrow goes right. It's just --
12 it's just really confusing.

13 Another thing that would really help is better
14 signage. Now, while there is signage there, it has not been
15 intuitively placed. So it's -- before you really look for a
16 sign, so the moment you need signs to sort of govern the way
17 you're going to go, there isn't a sign there. So it causes this
18 immediate panic. It causes accidents.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Excuse me. Excuse me, Ms. Sabato.
20 Your --

21 MS. SABATO: Yes.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: -- three minutes are up. Could
23 you please -- would you please complete your comments? Quickly
24 complete your comments. Thank you.

25 MS. SABATO: Yes. I was -- that was right at the

1 end. And just asking for a flashing light to be there, and we
2 just thank you for your consideration in this area.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, ma'am.

4 The next speaker is Marla McNeill. Ms. McNeill,
5 will you please raise your hand and the host will unmute you?

6 WEBEX HOST: Floyd, I am not seeing a hand raised
7 at this time. Just a reminder, Marla, if you are calling in
8 only, please stress star three on your phone. That will give us
9 the raised hand. You can also find the hand icon under the
10 participant panel if you're joining us through the Webex
11 platform.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Why don't we go to the next
13 speaker and then we can come back to Ms. McNeill?

14 Thomas Bonk. Mr. Bonk, will you please raise
15 your hand?

16 WEBEX HOST: You are unmuted.

17 MR. BONK: Yes. Good morning, Board. Thank you
18 for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Thomas Bonk, and
19 I live in Rim Rock, Arizona.

20 I am also going to speak today about Exit 293 on
21 I-17, Cornville Road and Bridge Number 652. I am the vice
22 president of Beaver Creek Community Association, and we have a
23 population here of about 5,000 souls.

24 This exit has been a problem for over 35 years.
25 It's been on again. Repeating Jenny's comments early, it's been

1 on and off the five-year plan for over 35 years. Our population
2 is about 39 percent Title IV or Title VI -- I'm sorry -- older
3 population, disabled community.

4 This interchange is a danger. It does not meet
5 national highway standards. The bridge going over I-17,
6 although your inventory shows it at, I think, 5.5 feet -- or
7 15.5 feet, it's actually much less. It's marked as 14.8 feet,
8 but due to the overpavements -- pavements and such, it's much
9 lower. This is just -- is an area prone to fire. It is prone
10 to accidents, and it -- it is confusing.

11 The exit and entrance ramps are too short. The
12 entrance to northbound I-17 is about 74 foot long. The merge
13 lane. It should be over 100 feet long, according to all the
14 documentation I've read on your website. The bridge itself
15 built in 1962 is only 30 foot wide. This is one of the
16 narrowest bridges on I-17. It is predicted to be at, above or
17 over capacity in only three years. At this point in time, it
18 needs to be addressed.

19 I do thank you for your time, and I really hope
20 you take a close look at this interchange. Thank you.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Amy Nauman.
22 Mrs. Nauman, will you please raise your voice -- or excuse me --
23 raise your hand. Then you'll be able to express your voice.
24 Ms. Nauman? Ms. Nauman, are you --

25 WEBEX HOST: Floyd, I'm not seeing a hand raised

1 at this time.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. We'll come back and see if
3 we can give them a minute. Our next speaker is Mr. Sergio
4 Lopez. Mr. Lopez, could you raise your hand.

5 MR. LOPEZ: I'm here. Present.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Lopez. We can hear you.
7 Please make your comments.

8 MR. LOPEZ: Yes. I will use my computer to read
9 my statement. That will be faster and easy for me. Okay?

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

11 MR. LOPEZ: Okay.

12 COMPUTER VOICE FOR MR. LOPEZ: Good morning. My
13 name is Sergio Lopez. I am president of the Arizona Independent
14 Drivers Association. I am here to denounce ADOT, the border
15 liaison unit for discrimination monopolistic practices for using
16 state public funds to benefit a few Mexican trucking company
17 owners.

18 FMCSA safety regulations clearinghouse. All
19 carriers must (audio interruption). It is the responsibility of
20 the owner of the transportation companies to pay for the
21 training of their drivers and keep the trucks in safe condition.
22 The ADOT only sporadically trains Mexican drivers, leaving the
23 vast majority of drivers without training. ADOT does not have
24 the power to grant immunity to some drivers and to punish other
25 drivers. We are the only training center in Nogales, Arizona

1 and Nogales, Sonora.

2 One: The Arizona Sonora Master Plan Treaty says
3 that ADOT must collaborate with public and private associations
4 for international transportation security. ADOT border liaison
5 unit not granted.

6 Two: ADOT violates Free Trade Agreement Chapter
7 25 that talks about the participation of small companies. No to
8 discrimination. No to monopoly. No to corruption. No dumping
9 law among other benefits to comply with international trade.

10 Three: On February 23rd, 2020, I attended a
11 meeting at the Fresh Produce Association office where they
12 discussed the importance of inspecting trucks before crossing
13 the border, and Mr. Jamie Chamberlain said that ADOT and another
14 association called SBTA were already developing a plan for this
15 job, and I said that I already had an office in (indiscernible),
16 in Nogales, Sonora, and that I would like to participate. Since
17 then, our association has been discriminated against, and every
18 time we make an agreement with an association of maquiladoras
19 index, the ADOT cause them not to help us.

20 Four: I sent a letter of complaint against
21 Mr. Mark Sanders for discrimination, but the director of ADOT,
22 Tim Lane, refuses to speak with our association and they simply
23 ignore us. I have sought help in Arizona-Mexico Commission or
24 Nogales Fresh Produce Association. These associations that
25 receive public funds from the State of Arizona have not been

1 interested since Mr. Jamie Chamberlain participates in some of
2 these associations. As president, director or co-chair member,
3 he was recently appointed to court appeals. They discriminate
4 unfortunately. It does not help at all.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Lopez. Mr. Lopez, your three
6 minutes are up. Could you please complete your statement.

7 COMPUTER VOICE FOR MR. LOPEZ: That is why I ask
8 for your help so that our association has the opportunity to
9 participate and allow us to work permanently training drivers
10 throughout the year and the annual safety truck inspection
11 required by the --

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Lopez, will you mute your
13 line, please, or finish your statement?

14 MR. LOPEZ: It is done.

15 COMPUTER VOICE FOR MR. LOPEZ: I thank everyone
16 for their opportunity.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

18 Our next speaker is Janet Aniol. Ms. Aniol, if
19 you could raise your hand.

20 WEBEX HOST: You are unmuted.

21 MS. ANIOL: Good morning, Board, ADOT staff and
22 audience. I'm the president of Beaver Creek Community
23 Association, and I am Janet Aniol. I'm back again to implore
24 you to fix the unsafe Exit 293 at McGuireville off of I-17,
25 which is north of Camp Verde and south of the Sedona exit.

1 For the Beaver Creek residents, 5,000-plus,
2 living in McGuireville, Rim Rock and Lake Montezuma, for the --
3 for our exit to Montezuma Well for the tourists, and as a common
4 and popular exit for the Cornville 3,000-plus residents, this
5 interchange is confusing and dangerous. Every year there is
6 more use of this crowded, short, narrow and too low interchange.
7 Our Yavapai County district supervisor has requested your
8 attention to our safety concerns, as has the Yavapai County
9 Director of Public Works, Dan Cherry. The Beaver Creek
10 Community Association continues to seek your assistance for this
11 project. Please don't forget our needs, and thank you for
12 listening.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

14 Our next speaker is Jessica Williamson, and she
15 is here in the audience. Did I say that wrong?

16 MS. WILLIAMSON: No, you said it absolutely
17 right. Thank you.

18 Good morning. I am on the Sedona City Council,
19 but I'm speaking as an individual today. Sorry I missed the
20 gathering last night. I would have liked to have had a chance
21 to talk to you folks.

22 I just want to thank you for the work you're
23 doing with our city staff on what -- really the traffic issues
24 we have here in Sedona. For a little town of 10,000, less than
25 10,000, with our 3 million visitors, we manage to create,

1 because of our geography, three ways in, three ways out, none of
2 which -- well, the way (inaudible) is actually perfectly
3 adequate, but the other two are -- geographically and
4 topographically, really, they're going to -- they're here.
5 They're a problem, and I -- I just appreciate your working with
6 our staff to -- to remedy those -- those problems that we have.
7 All the roadways except the Uptown Roadway are your roadways,
8 the main roadways in and out, 179, 89A from the canyon, and the
9 one to Cottonwood. I guess that's 89A too.

10 So we look forward to working with you and
11 appreciate your ongoing assistance in our problem. Thank you
12 very much.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to go
14 back to check the two speakers have been able to access the
15 meeting. I'll go back to Marla McNeill. Is Ms. McNeill -- are
16 you available?

17 WEBEX HOST: As I reminder, Marla, if you are
18 calling in, feel free to press star three on your phone. That
19 will give us a raised hand signal.

20 I do not see her hand raised at this time, Floyd.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

22 Amy Nauman. Ms. Nauman, are you able to raise
23 your hand? Are you on the meeting?

24 WEBEX HOST: I am not seeing her hand raised
25 (indiscernible).

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that's -- I'm sorry.
2 Christie, you said you don't see her hand?

3 WEBEX HOST: Correct.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chair, that -- those are
5 all the requests to speak.

6 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you, Floyd, and thank
7 you to staff as well, and thank you to the board members.

8 For all those that participated in the comments,
9 I know that those are projects you are directly working with the
10 staff. I certainly do appreciate it. With that, that will end
11 the comments that were allowed at this time. Rather, the call
12 to the audience will cease at this time, and moving now -- we'll
13 move over into the board meeting.

14 The first item on the agenda is the director's
15 report. John, are you available or Floyd?

16 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am
17 here. Good morning, board members. Pleased to see you, even
18 though it is virtual.

19 So, Mr. Chairman, this morning, I think the news
20 that we'd like to share is really what came out of our state
21 Legislature regarding appropriations for transportation. So
22 Katy is ready to go and give you an update on those particular
23 issues. Katy?

24 MS. PROCTOR: Good morning, Mr. Chair, and thank
25 you, Director.

1 For the state and federal update today, focusing
2 on the state side, after 171 days of legislative session, we did
3 finally finish and adjourn sine die right before the new fiscal
4 year started.

5 The Governor at this point has completed signing
6 all of the legislation that is pending, and that leaves us with
7 a record of 446 bills signed in this legislative session. For
8 reference, usually we're about 100 below that. So there is
9 quite a lot of work to do now in the interim to get ready to
10 implement all of this legislation.

11 Our general effective date for most of the bills
12 this year is September 29th. So that's our goal date for many
13 of the individual pieces of legislation; however, the General
14 Appropriations Bill and the Capital Outlay Bill are effective
15 right now. And speaking on that, you know, overall, this was a
16 fantastic legislative session for ADOT and for transportation
17 funding in general. Lots of projects were included in the
18 Capital Outlay Bill. The Governor and Legislature prioritized
19 many projects, including 163 million for 22 specific projects,
20 90 million for specified pavement maintenance, and 50 million
21 towards the widening of the I-10. Greg Byres will go through
22 these projects in more detail in his presentation.

23 And I want to just say that as we are working to
24 implement this, we're still working through the process. Some
25 of those projects are on our system. Some of them are not on

1 our system. So we'll be working with our local partners to make
2 sure that that money goes out where it needs to go, and also
3 working on completing the projects that are on our system right
4 now. There's a lot of work that that will go into that over the
5 next few months as we prepare to move forward.

6 On the federal side, there's been a lot of work
7 as well. The House passed the INVEST Act last month, and the
8 Senate (audio interruption) Democrats are working towards their
9 bipartisan infrastructure deal right now. There is word of a
10 hearing next week on Wednesday. That's going to require them to
11 have actual draft language as opposed to the framework concepts
12 right now that they have. That is a very big deadline and a lot
13 of work that still has to be done. We're hearing that they will
14 have to work all weekend in order to put together language, and,
15 you know, as you can imagine, a framework is a framework.
16 Actual draft language is a very different deal.

17 So we do have a deadline at the end of September.
18 There may be another continuing resolution if we don't see a
19 package deal come forward. We'll continue to work and work with
20 our Congressional delegation and monitor the situation.

21 And members, I'd be happy to answer any questions
22 you might have.

23 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Board members, do you have
24 any questions for John regarding the presentation made by Katy?

25 I think one thing I'd like to mention is that I

1 guess a lot of discussion started happening at that state level
2 and the federal level, and I always thought that the best way
3 (indiscernible) this body is to look at the needs of the public,
4 communities out there. Many times as well, you know, I need
5 your support here and (indiscernible). That, to me, it's kind
6 of hard for -- particularly for a lot of rural or remote area
7 (indiscernible). They have a small voice, but they have big
8 hopes of many of these projects that will go through. So that's
9 the only comment I have. Gary or Ted?

10 MR. MAXWELL: I guess I've got one follow-up
11 question, Mr. Chair. Thank you. Thank you for giving us that
12 (indiscernible) briefing, and as you've had time to look at
13 this, what came out of the state legislature, we kind of
14 mentioned before is that any of the funding issues that they
15 gave that are (indiscernible) that require some changes
16 (indiscernible).

17 MS. PROCTOR: Mr. Chair, I would defer to my
18 colleagues in terms of what that will look like. There are
19 projects that will need to get worked into the program cycle.

20 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So, Mr. Chair, I'm sorry.
21 I didn't get quite get Mr. Maxwell's question. Was it related
22 to bonding issues?

23 MR. MAXWELL: Director, it was more we mentioned
24 it kind of the last meeting where we know that the Legislature
25 obviously was going to put forward funding for projects, and

1 it's not always necessarily put forward enough funding to cover
2 the entire project.

3 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah.

4 MR. MAXWELL: And then obviously, they have the
5 expectations of it being done since it's in legislation.

6 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Right.

7 MR. MAXWELL: And so I just was wondering if we
8 saw any particular projects that may make significant impact or
9 require some significant reworking of some of the earlier
10 projects in the five-year plan.

11 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So the answer to that,
12 Mr. Chairman and Mr. Maxwell, is we're still going over the
13 amounts and the projects themselves. As Katy said, some of
14 these, we're really a pass-through on. They're going directly
15 to locals. You know, there's some issues within the legislation
16 that we have to take care of as far as, you know, making sure
17 that the language is correct for the facility they want us to
18 work on.

19 For example, I believe part of that is to pave
20 State Route 69, but the language isn't more specific than that,
21 and so we'll need to meet with local governments and figure out
22 exactly what the sponsor or proposer of that amendment intended
23 for us to do.

24 And, of course, we -- right now, without looking
25 further into it, don't know if we're doing a two-inch overlay or

1 a mill and fill. So we need to do some more work with our
2 partners to determine how far the money will go and exactly in
3 some cases what they're looking for. But we'll be happy to
4 report our progress to the Board on a monthly basis as we move
5 forward with these.

6 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Director.

7 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary.

9 MR. KNIGHT: Yes. Thank you.

10 I guess listening to your report, which was very
11 good, by the way, but is there any -- most of the money in the
12 budget bill was earmarked for specific projects. So that's all
13 that money can be spent for. However, was there any ADOT
14 discretionary funding other than just pavement pres- -- I
15 know -- basically, the -- there's allotment in there for
16 pavement preservation. So that probably is the only
17 discretionary funds for ADOT. Doesn't specifically say where
18 the pavement preservation needs to be done, but that will then
19 be up to ADOT; is that correct?

20 MS. PROCTOR: So Mr. Chair, Board Member Knight,
21 originally, you might recall, I think, when I gave a report,
22 maybe back in May, that there was about 109 million for pavement
23 preservation, and it was specific projects.

24 MR. KNIGHT: Okay.

25 MS. PROCTOR: And, you know, what happens during

1 session is that sometimes the legislative folks will come to us
2 and say, Here's the goal. What would we need to do to get to
3 the goal? Sometimes they'll come to us and say, Here's the
4 goal. This is what we're willing to put forward to get to the
5 goal. And so it is a give and go kind of situation sometimes.

6 With the 90 million, when they entered into the
7 final negotiation phase, they brought that number down from 109
8 to 90, and they sliced out all the specific projects. The
9 criteria remained the same. So I do believe that there's some
10 intent in there for us based on the original list. Obviously
11 the amount is different, but, you know, as they went through
12 that process, they needed to narrow down a little bit on the
13 funding side. Really, I think that's the only pavement money.

14 MR. KNIGHT: Okay. So, basically, the only thing
15 that we will be looking at or the main thing that we'll be
16 looking at as a board is the new projects that were funded by
17 the Legislature that are currently not in the five-year plan, we
18 will at some point, probably before the end of the year, put
19 those into the five-year plan.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chair, Mr. Knight, that is
21 exactly what we'll do. The project listing that Katy had
22 referenced that we gave to the Legislature, when they set a new
23 funding level, we basically went to that list before -- we just
24 went down when the funding ended, those projects will end.
25 Those projects will come to the Board through PPAC and through

1 what Mr. Byres presents when he asks for modifications to the
2 program. Those will come forward. We're ready to put those
3 money in the program to start the development and get those
4 projects out, on to construction.

5 And, Mr. Maxwell, if there are any impacts on the
6 program, those will all come to the Board as well through PPAC,
7 because we will have to action -- analyze the actions, as the
8 Director said, of staff, and then bring them to the Board for
9 final disposition on the program impact. So everything that is
10 done related to this funding will come to the Board once, as the
11 Director said, staff is able to synthesize it and get to a
12 decision that we can bring to the Board.

13 MR. KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd. Thank you,
14 Mr. Chair.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you for those
16 questions. I'll give the opportunity to Jenn or Jackie. Do you
17 have any questions for John and Kate and staff?

18 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So, Mr. Chairman, I would
19 note that Secretary Buttigieg was in Arizona yesterday, and he
20 met both with the governor of the Gila River Indian Community
21 and the president of Ak-Chin Community. They were discussing
22 State Route 347, which I know has been of interest to this board
23 as we discuss some of our Congressional requests to our
24 delegation. So I just wanted to put folks on alert that he was
25 here and met with two of our very important partners.

1 I think Dallas will probably cover the fire
2 issues that we're facing, both in, you know, ADOT's role and
3 helping with the fire effort, but now what we're facing if -- I
4 don't know we've been able to upload the video, but we can
5 certainly send it to each of you, what we're facing now with the
6 runoff as monsoon storms hit and impact our system. Since the
7 ground doesn't absorb the water, we have a lot of issues to make
8 sure our culverts stay clear of debris from the runoff. So
9 other than that, Mr. Chairman, I don't have anything further for
10 the Board today.

11 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: If the Board can allow me,
12 I'd like to also make another comment. The comment is that
13 following the process, Floyd, you just mentioned traditional
14 dollars might be coming in, and I believe that this would also
15 be true with (audio interruption) if the infrastructure projects
16 are (indiscernible) well beyond the same process you had
17 mentioned and implementing it or making that part of the
18 five-year plan.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chair, yes. Depending
20 upon how the language is from any federal legislation and how
21 the funds are distributed, if they're direct funded to some
22 recipient or something like that, this Board will not see that
23 that's done. Anything that will come into ADOT that will have
24 to go through the programming process will follow the steps. As
25 we said, it will come to this board for -- with staff

1 recommendation (indiscernible) this position.

2 I also expect that because the funds will come
3 and will have -- need time to analyze it, you will be briefed on
4 it as well and will be able to gather information from the Board
5 as we do staff work in order to get it ready for final
6 recommendation to the Transportation Board. So there will be
7 time. The funds that come in don't have to be spent within a
8 day, although Katy did tell me her PayPal's up. She wanted me
9 to send funds since Kristine's not here to cover all the other
10 projects, and then Dallas got in line. He wanted his funds too.
11 So believe me, there will be a lot of looking at any federal
12 funds that we get, and this Board will have the ultimate, at the
13 end, recommendation from staff on how to proceed.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you again,
15 John.

16 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We are moving on -- move
18 forward to the next item on the agenda is the district engineer,
19 Northeast region. So give you that time to make your
20 presentation, Ed.

21 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members
22 of the Board. And I really do appreciate the opportunity to be
23 able to meet with you today.

24 So they're getting the presentation going. Let's
25 go on ahead to the next slide, please.

1 All right. To start with, we'll just kind of
2 discuss the management of the district. Again, I'm Ed Wilson,
3 the District Engineer. I've been with ADOT since 1997 and the
4 district engineer for less than a year. Carl Ericksen is our
5 assistant district engineer since last October. Karlis Yazzie
6 is our senior resident engineer. He's been with ADOT since
7 2010, and in his current position since January. We have a
8 couple vacancies for a senior resident engineer, but we
9 (indiscernible) frequently, but we'll see what happens there.

10 And in the maintenance aspect, we've got Chris
11 Massey, whose over the five units in the southern area of the
12 district, and he's been with ADOT since 2007; in his current
13 position since '19. And Robert Guevara, whose the maintenance
14 superintendent for the northern area, and he's been with ADOT
15 since 2001; in his current position since December.

16 Next slide, please.

17 So yeah. Going ahead and move -- yeah. painted
18 Cliffs Rest Area. Yeah, this is -- the Painted Cliffs and
19 Meteor Crater rest area on I-40, the project is being
20 constructed by Fann Contracting. So this project is renovating
21 the building, the (indiscernible), the water and wastewater
22 systems, as well as making some ADA compliance upgrades and
23 parking lot renovations. So this project has some significant
24 delays caused by COVID which has prevented the closures that
25 were necessary for completing the planned work inside the

1 building, and that -- and it did have some -- a lot of
2 additional work for creating additional truck parking at the
3 Meteor Crater up there that was completed.

4 So go to the next slide, please.

5 Okay. The Black Creek Bridges and Houck TI, this
6 is a \$5.6 million project. It's being performed by Vastco
7 Construction. This project is -- is for replacing all three
8 bridge decks, the two bridge decks on the I-40 Black Creek
9 Bridges, and the deck there at the Houck TI overpass. So -- and
10 the status of this project, really, all the decks are poured and
11 it's just some final cleanup work until it's going to be
12 cleared.

13 Next slide, please.

14 Dinnebito Wash Bridge. This is a \$2.6 million
15 project being performed by FNF Construction. The project is for
16 the replacement of the deck and barrier, and it's being
17 performed half of the time utilizing a traffic signal to control
18 traffic. So the first half of the deck is actually being poured
19 today and on Monday. So we're nearing the halfway point on this
20 project.

21 So the next slide, please.

22 The State Route 73 Post Office Canyon Bridge,
23 this is a \$2.5 million project being performed by Banicki
24 Construction. This is another bridge deck replacement project
25 that's being performed half of the time utilizing the traffic

1 signal for controlling traffic, and these just recently
2 completed the first half of the -- of the bridge, and we're
3 working on the demolition of the second half of the deck.

4 Next slide, please.

5 The US-60 to Knottingham Lane and the
6 (indiscernible) 300 to 40th Street. So this is two projects
7 that were combined for efficiency and to eliminate conflicts
8 between contractors that we had two contractors working at the
9 same place. So they're located in downtown Show Low, and that
10 makes it necessary for all of the lane restrictions to be at
11 night.

12 So this is a \$16.8 million project being
13 constructed by Sunland Asphalt. The project is primarily a
14 pavement preservation project, which is just a mill and fill
15 project, but there's a significant amount of ADA improvement
16 required to bring the curb access to the driveway, to the
17 traffic control signals up to ADA standards.

18 So right now we're just currently -- started this
19 project about a month ago, and they're just doing the ADA
20 replacements.

21 Next slide, please.

22 The -- for this upcoming project, this project
23 was recently opened. It's the US-160 Longhouse Valley to
24 Kayenta project, just west of Kayenta on US-160. About a
25 12-and-a-half million dollar project to perform preserv- --

1 pavement preservation, the mill and fill for 17 miles of US-160.

2 And the next slide, please.

3 So the Chinle to Lukachukai Wash. So this
4 project is for four bridges that are at the -- on US-191 near
5 the -- Round Rock, Arizona. So this is about a \$17.4 million
6 project. The Agua Sal North and the Lukachukai Wash bridges
7 will be full bridge replacements. The Agua Sal South Bridge
8 will be a deck and barrier replacement, and the Chinle Wash
9 bridge will be a deck and barrier as well as a new scour slab.

10 So the next slide, please.

11 That really kind of rounds it up. I just had to
12 put the elk in here for fun. So just a couple of bums that are
13 just outside the Show Low yard here. One of our construction
14 techs snapped that picture for me. So anyhow, I wish these guys
15 would obey all the traffic laws, because -- but that kind of
16 sums it up. Is there -- are there any questions?

17 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Well, Ed, I want to know
18 why the unit asked for a grill shortly after that picture was
19 taken.

20 MR. WILSON: Yeah. They can be pretty tasty.
21 Yeah. All right. Well --

22 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you, Ed.

23 MR. WILSON: -- thank you very much, and I want
24 to thank you, Mr. Chair, and the Board. Thank you for your
25 service to the citizens of the state of Arizona. Have a great

1 day.

2 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Yeah. Ed, I do have a
3 question regarding the port of entry project that was being
4 proposed by Sanders. Have you had anything on who's taking on
5 that project at this time? Who's taking the lead and
6 communicating to the appropriate agencies and continuing that
7 project?

8 MR. WILSON: I don't have that information at
9 this time on that.

10 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, are --

11 MR. WILSON: I can look into that.

12 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Are you talking about a
13 proposal to move the port in that area?

14 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah. I think we've looked
16 at that in the past, and I don't believe there's been any
17 movement it, and I'm not quite sure if it's, you know, exactly
18 cost prohibitive or if there's some land issues, but we can look
19 back into it, but right now we don't have any plans to move the
20 port that I'm aware of. So we'll report back to the Board next
21 month as an item on that for you.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you, John
23 and Ed.

24 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Are there any other

1 comments or further questions?

2 There being none, let's move on to Item 3. Does
3 any board member want an item removed from the consent agenda?
4 We're now on the consent agenda.

5 If none, do I have a motion to approve the
6 consent agenda as presented?

7 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary.

9 MR. KNIGHT: Since -- thank you. Since many of
10 these projects and this agenda item are in my district, I will
11 happily move to approve the motioned consent agenda as
12 presented.

13 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

14 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Board Member Gary Knight
15 motion, and then Ted seconded that. Is there anybody -- well --

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Is there any discussion?

17 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Any question on this or any
18 discussion on it?

19 There being none, all those in favor say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct roll call
22 vote for members attending remotely.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. To make
24 sure that we have it on the record, I am going to ask that the
25 remote members do state it once I ask them so we can get it

1 noted.

2 So Board Member Daniels?

3 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Meck.

5 MR. MECK: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: That's five votes, Chairman, and
7 the motion carries.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

9 We'll go -- the consent agenda has been approved,
10 and we will go to the next Item 4, for information and
11 discussion only. Kristine will go through the financial report
12 at this time.

13 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So, Mr. Chairman, this is
14 Floyd Roehrich. Kristine apologizes. She had a last minute
15 conflict and could not be here, and she asked me to cover just
16 some highlights of her financial report, and that next month she
17 will be able to attend and -- unless she has a conflict, a last
18 minute conflict, and then she will go into a more comprehensive
19 discussion.

20 Yeah. Zack, do you have Item 4?

21 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, Floyd.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: So we'll just -- we got a minute
23 here as we get (indiscernible).

24 Okay. Could we go to the next slide?

25 So just a couple of quick notes that she

1 identified here, and that is that for the HURF, the Highway User
2 Revenue Fund, we're continuing to see growth, strong growth over
3 the original estimate, and again, she's tracking those funds to
4 determine what impact that may have and may allow those funds to
5 be brought back in later on as she continues to see if the
6 strong performance continues.

7 Real quickly, she identified that gas tax has
8 been strong. We've obviously seen more traffic out on the road,
9 so people are moving a little bit more and maybe taking some
10 more in work trips as well as other trips.

11 Diesel tax has been strong, and it's basically
12 looking strong across the board. VLT and registration as well.
13 So that's contributed to good showing on how we use revenue
14 funds, and she is tracking that, as I said, to make sure if she
15 can bring additional revenues later on if they are sustained.

16 Next slide, please.

17 So here are some actual amounts. So far the
18 actual is about 26 percent over. \$147 million collected off of
19 the \$130 million forecast. So 17 million or so. So she is
20 obviously going to be tracking very closely, as I said, to
21 determine what funds could be brought back into the program and
22 brought back to the Board for programming.

23 Next slide.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Again, these funds are monitored
25 and managed by the MAG region itself, and we'll -- we are

1 coordinating strongly with their staff and then regional council
2 on managing their funds and seeing what impacts that may have on
3 projects, but we're obviously seeing some good growth in the
4 economic and maybe strong recovery, and again, we hope it's
5 sustainable as we continue to come out of our pandemic and see
6 society start to normalize.

7 Next slide.

8 Here's the actuals for the RARF funds. This was
9 for the month of May, \$50 million, \$50.2 million collected off
10 of a \$40 million forecast. So about \$10 million over. So
11 we're -- obviously, all those funds will be welcomed.

12 Next slide.

13 And then, finally, we still have a few months
14 left in the federal program as we look to finish obligating
15 funds. We are trafficking a federal obligation of funds, and we
16 are working closely with our partners at the FHWA as well as
17 ADOT, and she identified no problems at this point in moving
18 forward. And then the discussion, obviously, of any
19 infrastructure bill that Congress may pass, as we've already
20 identified, once we know the language, once we know the
21 specifics and staff has an opportunity to review, that will be
22 coming forward to the Transportation Board as we reconcile how
23 to implement whatever -- if and when we get any additional
24 funds.

25 I'm going (indiscernible) end to her report. If

1 you have any questions, please ask me. I'm just going to tell
2 you I don't know, and then we'll ask them to Kristine next
3 month. Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Does any board member have
5 any questions for Kristine? Sorry. Floyd.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: That's okay.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do members who's on the
8 call? Jenn? There's nobody else that wishes to make a comment
9 or question?

10 (Indiscernible) with any questions, I would like
11 to move on to Multimodal Planning Division report.

12 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
13 members. Good morning.

14 If we can get our presentation up. Thank you.

15 If we can go to the next slide.

16 So I've got a couple of things that we're going
17 to go through. One is I'm going to try and detail out a little
18 bit more what we're talking about as far as the capital outlay
19 appropriation for the different projects as well as we've got
20 some tribal transportation updates that we'll go through as
21 well.

22 So next slide.

23 So what I've got here is a list of all the
24 projects that actually came through the capital outlay
25 appropriation bill that was approved. We'll start off with

1 in -- if you'll notice on these, they're very short
2 descriptions, as Katy was saying. So as we go through time, a
3 scope will be developed and so forth.

4 One of the other things, as mentioned before, as
5 these come through, they are going to be part of the program.
6 It goes through an entire process. It starts off with
7 PRB, where the projects are actually scoped, comes through PPAC,
8 where it's -- the funding is actually put together, and then, of
9 course, it comes through the Board to be approved and put into
10 the program.

11 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Greg.

12 MR. BYRES: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: For the purposes of the
14 audience, they might not know what PRB and PPAC is. So you
15 might want to just outline the acronyms.

16 MR. BYRES: So PRB is the Project Review Board,
17 and it is made up of ADOT staff that takes and goes through the
18 projects to make sure the scope of the project, the budget for
19 the project is correct. It's basically they're going through
20 and just vetting each of the different projects.

21 PPAC is the Priority Planning Advisory Committee,
22 which is made up of all of the directors for ADOT, and we go
23 through it, and it's a secondary vetting process that we go
24 through to make sure that the projects are correct, properly
25 funded and so forth. So at that point in time, there's been a

1 project manager assigned. So the process is going through, but,
2 of course, it has to come through the Board to actually get put
3 into the program. So without the approval of the Board, we
4 can't do anything. So that's -- hope that clarifies that a
5 little bit.

6 As we go through these, we've got -- I'll start
7 off -- I'm just going to go through the list of projects here.
8 So we got repave SR-69 in Prescott Valley, and that's at -- set
9 at 4.7 million.

10 Improve US-95, 10 million. That's actually in
11 Yuma County.

12 Repave SR-95 in Mohave County. That's at 46.7
13 million.

14 Study the North-South Corridor in Pinal County.
15 That's intended for a Tier 2, and that's at 4 million.

16 Study and DCR for repair of SR-88 at 700,000.

17 Repair SR-186 and SR-210 in Willcox at
18 3.5 million.

19 Rehabilitate pavement on SR-77 near Oro Valley at
20 13.6 million.

21 Improve SR-90 near Fort Huachuca. That's at 10.6
22 million.

23 Study guardrail and shoulder of SR-377 between
24 Holbrook and Heber. That's 140,000.

25 Pavement rehabilitation projects. Those are --

1 have to be in fair or poor condition, and the whole intent here
2 is to move them to good. These projects cannot be in Maricopa
3 County or in Pinal Counties and cannot be in the current
4 2022-2026 program. And there's \$90 million that's been assigned
5 to that.

6 The I-10 widening between Phoenix and Casa
7 Grande. There's \$50 million that's been assigned to that.

8 And then the Aviation Fund has an additional
9 appropriation of \$18 million for aeronautics.

10 Next slide.

11 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes.

13 MR. MAXWELL: Greg, just kind of a follow-up to
14 that slide and what we -- with the question I asked earlier.
15 Issues like 11, I-10 widening between Phoenix and Casa Grande,
16 \$50 million. That's a pretty broad statement. So is that
17 something that's going to have to be worked more obviously with
18 the ADOT staff to determine where that's going to lay down, or
19 did they give guidance (indiscernible) milepost or anything?

20 MR. BYRES: That is the language that's
21 currently --

22 MR. MAXWELL: That's it?

23 MR. BYRES: Yeah. So what it's intended for,
24 it's intended for the project that we currently have a design
25 concept report and environmental that's going on. That runs

1 from the 202 to SR-387. And so that's the intention of it.

2 MR. MAXWELL: I see.

3 MR. BYRES: So 50 million towards a project that
4 may occur within that scope.

5 MR. MAXWELL: And are any of the other funding
6 outlays (indiscernible) appropriations on projects that are
7 currently in our five-year plan maybe later in the program?

8 MR. BYRES: So Mr. --

9 MR. MAXWELL: Or are these all additional?

10 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Maxwell,
11 there's a couple of them that are in our program, but they are
12 different -- I'm going to call them phases. So such as the
13 money that's going towards 95 in Yuma. There's already one
14 phase that's under construction. There's another phase that is
15 in design, and this 10 million would actually go towards the
16 construction of the phase that's going into design now as well.
17 So there is extension of those dollars.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you. Appreciate the
19 clarification.

20 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, to that
21 point, Katy, are you still in the audience?

22 MS. PROCTOR: Yes, sir.

23 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: The reason I ask is that I
24 think there's some confusion that I want to clear up that these
25 are ADOT-requested projects, and Katy, can you kind of fill the

1 board members in on how these came about and what our
2 participation was, if any, in these?

3 MS. PROCTOR: Yes, sir. I'd be happy to,
4 Mr. Chair and members.

5 Throughout the legislative process, we will be
6 asked by legislators about specific projects, usually in their
7 district. These were not specifically requested by ADOT. All
8 of our budget requests go through OSPB, through the Governor's
9 office process.

10 These projects were all delivered to the -- to
11 the legislative leadership by their members and represent the
12 issues that the Legislature was focused on. So they do not
13 necessarily intersect with the program. They intersect with, as
14 you can imagine, the desires and wishes of the constituents in
15 all legislative districts and the members themselves.

16 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Katy.

17 I just wanted to clear up that confusion,
18 Mr. Chairman, because there are a number of folks who are asking
19 why ADOT requested these particular projects. I wanted to be
20 clear that that we did not. They represent the interests of
21 legislators from these particular communities. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Board Member,
23 for the clarification.

24 Greg.

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

1 Next slide, please.

2 So these projects are within the MAG region. So
3 we've got the study interchange ramps at Grand Avenue and
4 SR-303. That's at 150,000.

5 Construct overpass at Riggs Road and 347. That's
6 25 million.

7 Another one for Riggs Road is a study overpass at
8 Riggs Road and 347. That's actually preliminary to the
9 construction. That's at 2.5 million.

10 And then we also have final design, right-of-way
11 and easements for overpass at Riggs Road and 347. That's at 7.5
12 million.

13 Improve drainage on 67th Avenue in Peoria.
14 That's at 8.5 million.

15 Widen Camelback Road, SR-303 and Litchfield Road
16 in Goodyear. That's at 8 million.

17 And then construct bridge and extend Ocotillo
18 Road in Gilbert. That's at 7 million.

19 Next slide.

20 Projects that we have in Greater Arizona that are
21 not on the state system with the exception of one. We have
22 repair and maintain 20th Avenue in Safford. That's \$1,032,100.
23 Don't ask me why it's specific, but it is.

24 Improve Tangerine Road near I-10. That's in
25 Marana. That's at \$5 million. Replace Butte Avenue Bridge in

1 Florence for a million dollars, and improve Main Street in
2 Jerome. That's \$56 million (sic), and that is actually on one
3 of our state routes.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: \$506,000, just so we're on the
5 record.

6 MR. BYRES: (Indiscernible.)

7 MR. ROEHRICH: \$560,000, not 56 million.

8 MR. BYRES: Correct. Thank you.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: I don't want to get a bill on
10 Monday.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They're going to get one
12 heck of a (indiscernible).

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. Yeah. Going to get one
14 heck of a (indiscernible).

15 MR. BYRES: So next up we have a tribal
16 transportation update. So this is just to let you know in --
17 for the 2021-2022 Intertribal Council of Arizona the
18 Transportation Working Group is currently having meetings. The
19 whole intent here is to develop a contract for fiscal year 2022,
20 and that is currently underway.

21 We also have the Arizona Tribal Traffic Safety
22 and Injury Prevention Summit. We're looking at having that
23 coming up in February of '22 and putting that together is --
24 also occurring as we -- as we speak.

25 Next slide.

1 We also have the ADOT transfers. We've got a
2 couple of projects or three projects here that I just wanted to
3 make you aware of. We do have a \$2.2 million project. This is
4 for the Colorado River Indian Tribe. This is occurring --
5 there's a 39-mile section of roadway, and I don't see the
6 roadway on here. I'm not sure which route this is on, but this
7 is on Mohave Road, and design is currently underway.

8 We also have one for the Hualapai Indian Tribe,
9 \$566,000. This is for 10 miles of centerline and shoulder
10 rumble strips. This is on Diamond Bar Road.

11 Next slide.

12 And then the last one we had, this is for the San
13 Carlos Apache Tribe. \$978,611. This one's for a 2.2 mile
14 streetlight project, along with pavement striping, and this is
15 on White Mountain Road and Airport Road. For this one, the IGA
16 could be executed by May.

17 So that's the updates that I had, and I stand for
18 any questions that you may have.

19 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Last month you indicated
20 that there will be continuation of the partnering meetings?

21 MR. BYRES: That is correct.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is that pretty much all
23 scheduled out or?

24 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, board members, yes,
25 that is. In fact, both Ermalinda and Don have been working

1 trying to get that all put together. It has not been finalized.
2 I don't think they have a date yet set for the first round. So
3 they're still working on that.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.
5 Anybody else have a question? If not, we'll move forward.

6 State engineer's report.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, we have the PPAC items.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: There's -- Mr. Byres still has a
10 couple items to present.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Sorry about that.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: And, Zack, he would have -- there
13 is the graphic items for Item 6, if you have those. If not,
14 Greg, if you could just go ahead and proceed with presenting.

15 MR. BYRES: So, Mr. Chairman, board members, we
16 actually only have two items today to present coming out of
17 PPAC. The first one is the economic strength projects. This is
18 an item that occurs on an annual basis. It's usually a million
19 dollars that comes out of the Arizona Commerce Authority. They
20 take and actually do the selection of the projects themselves
21 and then present it to ADOT through PPAC.

22 This year we actually have \$1.15 million to
23 award. That's because we had 150,000 that was not utilized from
24 last year. So the three recipients would be the Town of Chino
25 Valley, Mohave County and the City of Nogales. Chino Valley

1 will be receiving \$400,000. Mohave County will be receiving
2 \$250,000, and the City of Nogales will be receiving \$500,000,
3 for a total of \$1.15 million. And PPAC brings this forward with
4 a recommendation for approval.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any discussions or
6 question? If not, what is the wish of the board members?

7 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I've got one question
8 for Greg on this one, and it's just more of a curiosity about
9 the process. Obviously, like you said, ACA doesn't bring
10 recommendations to the PPAC, and you go from there on these
11 grants, but when you -- when we get the list of the grants,
12 there was obviously five that were submitted. One was submitted
13 late and incomplete. So it was not eliminated. Then you gave
14 -- we got a copy of the other three application -- applicants
15 and kind of the description of the one. Basically, the ones
16 that are recommended. Is there a reason that we didn't also get
17 a copy of the fourth applicant that was not recommended to go
18 forward? Or some of that obviously could be based on funding
19 too. I was just kind of -- it was more kind of a curiosity
20 question of how the process works.

21 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Maxwell,
22 that one, the application I believe was not complete. So it was
23 not considered.

24 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Anybody -- any board

1 members like to make a comment or ask a question?

2 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the
3 recommendations (indiscernible).

4 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There is a motion by Ted
6 and a second by Gary. Any further discussion?

7 If not, all in favor say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed? Any
10 opposed?

11 Floyd, conduct roll call vote for board members
12 attending remotely.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: So Board Member Daniels.

14 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Meck.

16 MR. MECK: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. The motion carries.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much.

19 Motion carries.

20 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, we have the next item,
21 which is Item 6B. It's an airport project over Cottonwood
22 Airport, and again, the Priority Planning Advisory Committee
23 brings this forward with a recommendation for approval.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any questions regarding
25 the recommendation for the airport?

1 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary.

3 MR. KNIGHT: I move to approve Item 6B as
4 presented.

5 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary and
7 second by Ted to approve Items 6B regarding the airport. Any
8 further discussion?

9 If not, all those in favor say aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

15 MR. MECK: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries.

18 Thank you. Thank you, Floyd.

19 Now we go to the engineer's report. Dallas.

20 MR. HAMMIT: Good morning Mr. Chair, members of
21 the Board. Currently we have 73 projects under construction,
22 totaling about \$1.5 billion. In June we finalized 12 projects
23 for 79.5 million, and year to date, we've finalized 79 projects.

24 One of the things I did want to note is today the
25 I-11 Tier 1 final EIS was posted on the National Register. It

1 will be out for 30 days until August 16th for comments. Once
2 those comments come in, we will review those, and then it will
3 go back to the National Register for a record of decision, and
4 then that will be posted as well. So we are reaching a
5 conclusion after a number of years.

6 The Director did mention -- before we go there,
7 we've had a number of fires this year, and the fires create lots
8 of challenges for us, but the aftermath of the fires do as well.
9 And did we get that video? Can we show that video real quick?
10 This happened this week in Flagstaff. As it starts, it is not
11 from a sci-fi movie where the sludge is coming into town. I do
12 not want to alarm Floyd or anybody else.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: This isn't like *Lord of the Rings*
14 where, you know, the elf princess summoned the water gods and
15 they wipe out the (audio interruption). I guess not.

16 MR. HAMMIT: So this is in Flagstaff, and this is
17 debris from one of the fires now coming right through town.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: What you're seeing there, I think,
19 Dallas, is that's the railing on a bridge. So they're standing
20 on a bridge right over this little wash, and all of a sudden
21 this (audio interruption).

22 MR. HAMMIT: And that's probably good. As we go
23 through there, as Floyd said, this is a box, and it is clogging
24 the box, and as it keeps going, you will see now it's rising up,
25 and then eventually over top that bridge as water came down.

1 That was on Tuesday.

2 On Wednesday, they have a lot more rain, and I
3 don't have the video, but they had one video where a white Prius
4 is just floating down the road in Flagstaff. They had lots of
5 rain.

6 One of the things that I was not aware of, I did
7 tour parts of Flagstaff yesterday, and they have a number of
8 communities that have very large areas for sandbags, and I
9 thought, wow, they were ready for this. You know, it happened
10 just a day or two. Those sandbags had been in front of those
11 houses for the last two years, and they knew from past
12 experience once these fires come, monsoon rains will eventually
13 happen, and they protect themselves. Unfortunately, one a
14 gentleman had taken some of them out of his driveway like a week
15 before. He said, I have not been able to get in my driveway for
16 a week. He took them down, and he took them down too early.

17 So this is what we're concerned of throughout the
18 state, as these fires left a lot of scar, and we will be
19 monitoring these. I can tell you, your staff, we did meet
20 before this storm. We had every district together looking at
21 our challenges, pooling resources where we need to, and we will
22 continue to do that.

23 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Hey, Dallas, maybe we
24 could, if the board members are interested, email them the
25 video, because without the proper speed, you don't realize how

1 quickly this is rolling down the hill since the computer
2 obviously can't run the video at the proper speed, but it is
3 amazing how quickly the debris will move in and completely clog
4 up culverts and overtop the bridges. Thank you.

5 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary.

7 MR. KNIGHT: Dallas, does that end up in the --
8 in a lake somewhere or just end up in the middle of town?

9 MR. HAMMIT: In that case, and most of the areas
10 don't make it to a water (indiscernible), because we don't have
11 that, but it goes downstream until it dissipates or until it
12 clogs up a box and then builds up and water seeps through. You
13 know, the City of Flagstaff, as was ADOT yesterday, we were
14 cleaning our boxes, getting that debris picked up and hauled
15 off, and -- but in a worst case, yes, it could get to a
16 watershed if there was nothing that stopped it.

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

18 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chair, that's all I had for the
19 state engineer's report. Any questions?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any member have any
21 questions for Dallas?

22 And I saw a lot of cleanup happening in the city
23 of Flagstaff yesterday. So they were on top of things there.

24 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chair, just so the
25 public knows --

1 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: John.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: -- we're sensitive to their
3 concerns about litter, but right now, the same people that we
4 would have picking up litter around the state are busy dealing
5 with issues like the one you just saw. So we have to get to the
6 most urgent needs first, but we just ask that folks understand
7 and be patient as we try to work through the storm and then keep
8 the highways clean.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any additional
10 information be provided?

11 If none, Dallas, I guess the next item is yours
12 as well. Item 8, construction contracts.

13 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you,
14 Board, for approving the two items on the consent agenda. We do
15 have five items that need some additional explanations. Does
16 that -- on (indiscernible). Keep going. (Indiscernible.)

17 All right. This project here is a pavement
18 rehabilitation on Interstate 10 between Avondale and I-17. We
19 are milling off the friction course that had reached the end of
20 its useful life and diamond grinding the existing pavement. On
21 this project the low bid was \$12,478,793. The State's estimate
22 was \$10,824,466. The difference is \$1,654,327. It was over the
23 State's estimate by 15.3 percent.

24 Right now, when we went and reviewed it, all of
25 the additional costs were in the removal of the existing

1 friction course. So I dug into that a little bit more. Why was
2 that deeper. One, the contract (indiscernible) hard time
3 getting dump trucks. They're scarce. There's a lot of work,
4 which is good -- a good thing. This is a long corridor, and
5 their haul distance was 25 miles to where they could dump the
6 millings and take them on. So the department did review the bid
7 and believes it is a responsive and responsible bid and
8 recommends award to Pulice Construction, Inc.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to
10 award Item 8A to Pulice Construction, Inc.?

11 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

12 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Ted and second
14 by Gary. Any discussion?

15 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, just one thing. I just
16 want to point out because of, you know, being new to this board,
17 it's taken me -- you know, I've gone through these packages and
18 I'm learning something new. I think it's important for the
19 public to understand that. In this situation where the ADOT
20 estimate -- this was in excess the ADOT estimate the amount of
21 funds that were already put into the program for this was
22 actually -- but this one (indiscernible) 14.6 million. So the
23 bid that did come through is still below what we've currently
24 got in the program as far as I understand. So sometimes when
25 we -- when we're addressing these, we may be approving things

1 that are the ADOT estimate. Doesn't mean it's over budget on --
2 in the current program. So that's something I think we all look
3 at and consider before we make these decisions.

4 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. -- or Chairman Thompson,
5 Mr. Maxwell, great point. We don't -- you know, we try to give
6 a good estimate no matter what the budget is. If our estimate
7 is over the budget, we come to you through PPAC and increase the
8 budget, but if we have excess, we don't just pad our estimate to
9 get to that excess. So yes, this project will be within the
10 programmed amount. One thing to note, in that program amount,
11 it also excludes administration. So it has the bid plus some
12 administration for ADOT employees.

13 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I think that clarifies.
15 Thank you. Thank you very much.

16 Any further comments? If not, all in favor say
17 aye.

18 BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

20 Floyd, can you conduct the roll call for board
21 members attending remotely.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

23 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Meck.

25 MR. MECK: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Motions carries.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries for Item
3 B -- 8A. Now going to Item 8B.

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

5 It 8B in this area, on 89A up in Elk Creek
6 Canyon. It is a rock fall mitigation project. On this project
7 the low bid was \$3,686,777.35. The State's estimate was
8 \$2,348,232. It was over the State's estimate by \$1,338,545.35,
9 or 57.0 percent.

10 The department would like to review the bids
11 further and look if we can get this closer to the estimate.
12 There were a number of restrictions put on the contractor.
13 We're looking to see if we can mitigate those restrictions and
14 then come back and re-advertise this project, but the department
15 requests postponement and a full recommendation at the next
16 board meeting.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Audra has been -- is
18 aware of all this and relating to the parties and the
19 stakeholders?

20 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, yes. The district
21 engineer is aware, and we are working with the bidders at this
22 time as well.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Very good. Any
24 additional discussion on it?

25 There being none, is there a motion to postpone

1 Item 8B as presented?

2 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion to postpone the
5 project is made by Gary and second by Ted. Any further
6 discussion?

7 If not, all in favor say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All those opposed?

10 There being none. Floyd, conduct the roll call
11 vote for the board members attending remotely.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

15 MR. MECK: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries approving
18 the requested action.

19 Going on to 8C.

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

21 Item 8C is a pavement rehabilitation project on
22 U.S. Route 160. On this project the low bid was \$12,549,800.
23 The State's estimate was \$10,948,719.60. It was over the
24 State's estimate by \$1,601,080, or 14.6 percent.

25 As we reviewed the bids, we saw higher than

1 expected pricing in our asphaltic concrete and mobilizations.
2 As we've talked to our contractor, they had a long haul for
3 their asphalt and the remote location were reasons their prices
4 were higher than we had originally estimated. In review of the
5 bid, the department does believe it is a responsive and
6 responsible bid and recommends award to Fann Construction, Inc.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Dallas, how long have --
8 for the public, how long has this (indiscernible) time involved
9 in getting this project up to this point? It doesn't happen
10 overnight or a few months. So what -- give us an idea how long
11 for this project to get to this point.

12 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, specifically on this
13 one, I don't know, but I can tell you a general, when we do a
14 project like this, we come to the Board, and we program a
15 project usually about two years before construction, to get
16 design going, so we can get the design completed, and then we go
17 to design.

18 So we've been working on this specific -- the
19 design part of this project for over two years. Now, the
20 district may have been asking to get it in the queue for a
21 longer period than that, because, you know, there's lots of
22 packages that may be ahead of it, but the actual, physical work
23 of once it's in the program, we're probably two years into it.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Basically, my question,
25 so that those people that are participating in the public

1 hearings are probably still on the line, and we -- it gives them
2 an idea that it takes time to get these projects. So thank you
3 very much. Again, is there a motion to postpone?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Award.

5 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I'd move to award --

6 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Oh, award. I'm sorry.

7 MR. MAXWELL: -- Item 8C. Yeah.

8 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. There's a motion
10 to award 8C to Fann Construction. Motion by Ted and second by
11 Gary.

12 All those in favor say aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

16 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

18 MR. MECK: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries. And
21 thank you, board members, for taking the action to approve the
22 project.

23 Going to Item D.

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

25 Item D, and you did hear a little bit about this

1 one earlier in Mr. Wilson's district engineer's report. This is
2 a bridge rehabilitation. Two bridges being rehabilitated and
3 two being replaced on US-191. And in addition to that, I note
4 that this -- we did receive a federal grant, a -- they call it a
5 bridge bundling grant, which brought additional funds to the
6 program. So it helped us expand the project. On this project,
7 the low bid was \$17,448,364.15. The State's estimate was
8 \$16,070,648. It was over the State's estimate by 1,377,716.15
9 or over by 8.6 percent.

10 On this project the low bid (audio interruption)
11 has come to the department and requested to withdraw their bid.
12 They made a bidding error in reviewing some of the tribal
13 tariffs and some of those areas. The department, working with
14 the Attorney General's office, is reviewing that request. We
15 don't release people's bids without taking -- looking at their
16 bond lightly. So we are looking to see if it is truly an error
17 that we can excuse and then go to the next bidder, but we do
18 request that we postpone to allow us to do that review and then
19 bring the project back to the Board with a recommendation next
20 month.

21 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary.

23 MR. KNIGHT: Dallas, how long does the review
24 normally take? Because what I'm looking at here is prices keep
25 going up, and if we postpone too long, the numbers are -- it's

1 going to be even farther over and under. You know, we had six
2 bidders. Anyway, about how long does it take to --

3 MR. HAMMIT: What -- Mr. Chair, Member Knight,
4 what we would look at doing is bring it with these bids. So we
5 would review -- can we either tell the current low bidder, yes,
6 you have to honor your bid, or we go to the next responsive and
7 responsible bidders, not -- we're not looking at this time to
8 rebid the project. So we should come with a recommendation next
9 month.

10 MR. KNIGHT: Great. Thank you very much.

11 MR. MAXWELL: And Mr. Chair.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted.

13 MR. MAXWELL: Got a question along the same
14 lines. I think I -- what I understand you said. So if the
15 current low bidder is allowed to withdraw, they do not get to
16 adjust it (indiscernible) I mean, this is pretty much public
17 knowledge. Everybody's seen all the bids. So if the low bidder
18 does -- is allowed to withdraw, they're basically withdrawing
19 from the competition.

20 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, that is
21 correct. They would be done.

22 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right. I did have
24 some questions and I got clarification from Dallas, Floyd. So
25 with that, this is the item I was looking at earlier. So is

1 there any motion to postpone Item 8D as presented?

2 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary, seconded
5 by Ted to postpone the project as presented. Any further
6 discussion?

7 All those in favor of the motion say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

11 MS. DANIELS: Aye. Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

13 MR. MECK: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries, board
16 members.

17 Now, we go to the last item. Item E. Again,
18 Dallas.

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

20 Item 8E is a multiuse path in the city of Peoria.
21 On this project the low bid was \$664,705. The State's estimate
22 was \$938,181.25. The project was under the State's estimate by
23 \$273,476.25, or 29.1 percent. We did see better than expecting
24 (sic) prices in our concrete sidewalk and retaining walls. The
25 department has reviewed the bid and believes it is a responsive

1 and responsible bid and recommends award to Southwest Concrete
2 Paving, Inc.

3 MR. MAXWELL: So, Chair, move that we approve
4 award of Item 8E.

5 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Ted, second by
7 Gary to award Item 8E to Southwest Construction. Any further
8 discussion?

9 There being none, all those in favor say aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Those opposed? Floyd.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

15 MR. MECK: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair, the motion carries.

17 MR. HAMMIT: On the name, I know you see it, but
18 it's Southwest Concrete Paving, Inc., for -- just so the
19 record's clear.

20 MR. MAXWELL: And, Mr. Chair, Dallas, I would
21 like to thank you for the patience and the explanation you had
22 (indiscernible) and I really -- what I really appreciate is that
23 the staff's looking at turning those postponements back in a
24 month, because I'm sure the folks here, as Chairman Thompson
25 pointed out, a lot of times these projects are long

1 (indiscernible) when they get that close to being approved, and
2 then they see them postponed, you know, (indiscernible) get
3 started on the rock fall mitigation. So I appreciate the work
4 of the staff on that part.

5 MR. HAMMIT: You bet. I know my districts are
6 ready to get working, too, so (indiscernible).

7 MR. MAXWELL: I hear that.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: That is the last action
9 item.

10 Moving to Agenda Item 9, suggestions.

11 If any board members have the opportunity to
12 suggest items they would like to be placed on future board
13 meetings.

14 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Thank you.

17 I would just like to maybe at a future board
18 meeting, whether it's -- it doesn't necessarily have to be the
19 next one, but think (indiscernible) with some explanation for
20 the PI I-17 and Exit 273 that was mentioned at the call to the
21 public.

22 I looked at the aerial view, and from the aerial
23 view, it looks pretty simple, but so do the roundabouts, and --
24 and if people can get confused in a roundabout -- I don't know
25 how, but if they can get confused in a roundabout, then this is

1 certainly going to confuse them, and as the first lady that
2 spoke about it mentioned, if it's just going to take in the
3 short-term some striping and some additional signs and some
4 striping in the short-term, because I know in the long term
5 we're not going to be able to extend any ramps or construction
6 at this point, but if some signage and some striping will help
7 out in the short-term, then I'm all for that, but if we can just
8 take a look at it and see if we can maybe alleviate some of the
9 problems that they're experiencing.

10 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: So --

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I just have a couple
13 things I want to wrap up.

14 Next month, the October 20th meeting, was
15 originally planned to be a Webex virtual meeting. So it will be
16 all virtual. The idea is that in October, previous boards and
17 this board was looking at a shortened agenda. We normally only
18 will deal with some PPAC items and some contract awards, issues
19 that really need attention because of time frame. So it was
20 intended to be a virtual meeting.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Floyd, do you mean August
22 instead of October?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. What did I say? October?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: October.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Well, I guess I'm thinking ahead.

1 I want to go virtual the rest of the year. But anyway, August
2 20th. Thank you for making that clarification.

3 So that's intended to be a virtual -- it was
4 always planned to be that, and so we'll set that up.

5 Second thing I wanted to follow up on, I know
6 last month Board Member Daniels had four topics that she wanted
7 us to present. We're working on -- we're now targeting the
8 October study session to bring all those items forward so staff,
9 we can start having response to Board Member Daniels as well as
10 have them -- the discussion with the board members on those
11 topics. So I wanted to make sure the Board knew we were working
12 on that, and we're getting ourselves prepared. We just need a
13 little bit longer to bring those items forward.

14 And then, Board Member Knight, I work with the
15 state engineer on getting that topic -- what he's ready to
16 present that. We could bring that at a regular meeting or not.
17 I'll work with -- with the state engineer on when we're prepared
18 to present them.

19 MR. KNIGHT: Work session would be fine too.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir.

21 MS. DANIELS: Chairman, may have a comment?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Please. Go ahead.

23 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. Jenn Daniels here. I
24 apologize profusely that I cannot be there in person today.

25 Mayor Moriarty, I have great respect for you, and

1 I wish I was there to give you a warm Sedona hug. So I
2 apologize. I am currently on vacation with family and enjoying
3 the -- a little bit cooler weather, so...

4 And Floyd and all of the ADOT team, thank you so
5 much for being so responsive to those four requests. I
6 apparently saved them all up for after I had established myself
7 as a board member for over a year, but thank you for being so
8 responsive to all of those things, and I look forward to
9 continued conversations and dialogue.

10 And then I also wanted to just thank ADOT staff.
11 I was able to travel to Douglas on Friday and visit some of our
12 ports and see some of the potential opportunities that we have
13 there, and ADOT staff was just terrific in helping me get
14 acclimated there. So thank you very much, and I look forward to
15 another on-the-road visit soon, and thank you again to Mayor
16 Moriarty and all of the Sedona team who made this weekend
17 possible for our group. We sure appreciate you, and I hope to
18 see you at the league conference. Thanks.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board members, allow me
20 to make one comment that I've made over the last couple years
21 and it's still on my mind.

22 The State of Arizona -- I've talked to many of
23 you -- have an interest when transporting public school
24 teachers, students to and from school every day. In the remote,
25 rural and remote areas, particularly in the Native American

1 communities, during inclement weather, all they have to travel
2 on is dirt roads. When there's a washout, when they can't get
3 -- can't get to the school, or at least couple days or even two,
4 three hours at a time, there are -- their academic performance
5 is impacted.

6 And this is why I say that. Usually, the tribal
7 community, if they can't get funding through the process, you
8 know, that we have in place, then they go through the State of
9 Arizona. Their (indiscernible) to try to get the information to
10 them, just as you have an interest in these kids.

11 So I know that our staff, your staff, they're
12 looking into it and maybe we can have that reported back next
13 meeting on whether or not we will be able with other resources
14 maybe other than ADOT to do study and look at putting on paper
15 exactly how much these kids are being impacted.

16 So, again, that is the extent of my comment, and
17 any further comments?

18 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, the one thing I'd add to
19 that is I think, you know, obviously Director Daniels has added
20 several items (indiscernible), and a lot of those item along the
21 same kind of topic. So I think at the study session in October,
22 I think that would be a great opportunity to kind of address
23 that issue as well.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Seems that we're
25 at the end of our agenda. Is there a motion to adjourn the

1 meeting?

2 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion and second to
5 adjourn the meeting. All those favor say aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. That does it. So
8 do appreciate the board members' attendance, and those people
9 that were with us today and those that are on the call, and
10 again, Mayor, thank you very much and (indiscernible). All of
11 you that were here, thank you very much.

12 Now, after being a part of (indiscernible) years
13 years, I've never had to use this. It's the only time I'm going
14 to use this.

15 (Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.)

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DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 11th day of August 2021.

 /s/ Teresa A. Watson

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the July 16, 2021, State Transportation Board Meeting was made by Board Member Gary Knight and seconded by Board Member Ted Maxwell. In a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. PST.

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Steven Stratton, Chairman
State Transportation Board

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John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation