

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING  
TELEPHONIC/VIDEO MEETING  
9:00 a.m., August 20, 2021  
NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Stratton called the State Transportation Board Study Session 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:** Chairman Stratton, Vice Chairman Thompson, Board Member Knight, Board Member Searle, Board Member Daniels, Board Member Maxwell, and Board Member Jackie Meck. There were approximately 55 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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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Board Members:

9                   Steve Stratton, Chairman  
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 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: We'll move on to call to the  
3 audience. Since this is a telephonic Webex conference meeting,  
4 everyone will be muted when they call in to the meeting. When  
5 your name is called to provide your comments, you will indicate  
6 your presence by virtually raising your hand using your phone  
7 keypad or through the Webex application. The Webex host will  
8 guide you through the unmuting and muting process following the  
9 instructions included -- please follow the instruction included  
10 with the meeting agenda.

11 A three minute time limit will be enforced.

12 Floyd, would you call the first speaker, please?

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The first  
14 speaker is Mr. Mike Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey, please raise your  
15 hand.

16 WEBEX HOST: Mike is having issues connecting, so  
17 he may be joining a little bit late, Floyd.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, then we'll go on,  
19 and we'll come back to Mr. Humphrey. Our next speaker is Darryl  
20 Ahasteen.

21 Mr. Ahasteen, if you would, please raise your  
22 hand.

23 WEBEX HOST: I'm not seeing Darryl either.  
24 Darryl, just a reminder, if you are calling in, you need to  
25 press star three on your phone to raise your hand.

1 I'm not seeing him either, Floyd.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Are there any other speakers,  
3 Floyd?

4 WEBEX HOST: I think Floyd may have lost his  
5 sound. There is an additional speaker. The final speaker is  
6 Miles Begay. Miles, if you could raise your hand.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: And see if the people are on.

8 WEBEX HOST: I am unmuting your line. Mr. Begay,  
9 you're unmuted.

10 MR. BEGAY: Good morning, everybody. Are you  
11 able to hear me?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes. Yes. Please, Mr. Begay,  
13 make your comments.

14 MR. BEGAY: Thank you. Good morning, Chairman  
15 and board members. This is Miles Begay, the Tribal  
16 Transportation Manager for Navajo County.

17 Just to briefly discuss, as we've discussed in  
18 the past with the Board, in recent years and as we know, you  
19 agree the State of Arizona's Native American students deserve  
20 safe and dependable road conditions to ensure their  
21 Constitutionally-guaranteed right of equal access to education.

22 The federal government, as we know up here as  
23 BIA, has a duty to build and maintain the roads necessary to get  
24 them to school. Unfortunately, this right can be violated every  
25 day in a bad weather conditions when students spend as much time

1 on a school bus as they do in class because their buses can't  
2 navigate through the dirt roads that are on BIA's inventory  
3 route, and the federal government fails to reasonably maintain  
4 them.

5 The Arizona State Transportation Board and ADOT  
6 can partner the United States and tribal governmental partners  
7 to build on the Government's Accounting Office, the GAO, 2017  
8 report, which addressed the negative impact of failing tribal  
9 roads on the academic achievement and advancement of Native  
10 American students.

11 A summary of the GAO report was provided to  
12 Dr. Jill Biden when she visited the Navajo Nation in April 2021.  
13 This working together with federal partners, specifically the  
14 U.S. Departments of the Interior, including the BIA, BIE, and  
15 the Congressional and agency leaders of the ongoing national  
16 infrastructure effort. We must continue to improve the overall  
17 quality of life for the students and parents from the school  
18 districts who must travel these failing roads every day.

19 So I appreciate the effort you guys have started  
20 with trying to work in creating an additional report. I know  
21 with Ermalinda Gene, she's starting to help us in that  
22 situation. So I appreciate that. I have gratitude for that.  
23 So thank you for -- very much for the opportunity to speak this  
24 morning, and thank you for providing us any leadership and  
25 support of the State of Arizona's essential transportation

1 system. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Begay.

3 Floyd, would you like to try either of the other  
4 two speakers again?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: (Audio interruption.) Why don't  
6 we try one more time, and if then if there are still  
7 difficulties, maybe again open it up later in the meeting.

8 So Mr. Mike Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey, are -- were  
9 you able to log in to the meeting?

10 WEBEX HOST: I do not see him logged in at this  
11 time.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Christy.

13 Mr. Darryl Ahasteen? Mr. Ahasteen, are you  
14 logged into the meeting?

15 WEBEX HOST: I do not see him logged in either at  
16 this time.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, then I recommend we  
18 go on to the rest of the agenda. If you do feel at the end of  
19 the meeting, if you want to open it up again to see if those  
20 gentlemen have logged in, we can try, but at this point we do  
21 not have them available for their comments.

22 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Thank you, Floyd.

23 We'll move on. We'll go on now to the director's  
24 report. This is for information and discussion only.

25 John.



1                   DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thanks, Mr. Chairman, and  
2 good morning, board members. It's good to see you all, even if  
3 it is virtually. As you noted, Mr. Chairman, I've got some  
4 items here for information. They're mostly operational issues  
5 with a couple of exceptions I'll note. They don't require any  
6 Board action, but I think it's important to keep you up-to-date  
7 on some things.

8                   Let me start with I-11. The Tier 1 study. The  
9 review period for this Tier 1 environmental impact study was  
10 completed August the 16th, 2021. During the review period, ADOT  
11 received approximately 2,900 comments. As you know, during the  
12 formal comment period, we received over 11,000. So we've gotten  
13 quite a bit from the website, email and telephone during the  
14 periods. So comments on the Tier 1 final EIS can be made  
15 indefinitely and will be part of the record for any potential  
16 Tier 2 EIS. And any comments received during the review period,  
17 we will incorporate into the record of decision, which we expect  
18 to publish before the end of 2021.

19                   There had been some discussion as to whether the  
20 review period was going to be extended, but I'm not sure where  
21 those came from, but early on, as I worked with the FHWA and the  
22 staff, I determined where we were not going to extend the review  
23 period, as it did set a precedent for these types of studies,  
24 and there had been ample time for anyone to comment, along with  
25 the fact that we'll continue to add those as the study comes to

1 its conclusion.

2 A little more on I-11. On August 13th, 2021,  
3 ADOT staff, including myself and the FHWA, we met with the  
4 Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and this was a government-to-government  
5 request from them, and it was in relation to the review period  
6 of the I-11 Tier 1 final EIS. The tribe had a number of  
7 questions about potential impacts, and those were on tribal  
8 assets and resources. So with -- along with FHWA, we spent some  
9 time at the meeting, went through Tier 1, explained what the  
10 Tier 1 is and what it isn't, and looked at some maps with the  
11 tribe, and we were able to answer all their questions, address  
12 their concerns, and I believe the tribe went away with better  
13 understanding and we had relieved their concerns. So successful  
14 meeting.

15 On another Tier 1, I want to report on the  
16 North-South Corridor Tier 1 status and schedule. That was  
17 actually released today, the final EIS for the Tier 1 on the  
18 North-South. So the study documents are posted on the ADOT  
19 website, and they're available in hard copy from repository  
20 libraries in the study area.

21 So this identifies the selected corridor  
22 alternative, which is consistent with the preferred corridor  
23 alternative that was in the draft EIS. So this now represents  
24 the record of decision, which is the final decision for the Tier  
25 1 EIS.

1           So as you board members know, this corridor spans  
2 more than 50 miles between US-60 and Apache Junction and I-10 in  
3 Eloy. So the study was completed with the input of over 50  
4 participating agencies, as well as hundreds of comments from the  
5 public. So the release of the final EIS ROD allows for future  
6 Tier 2 studies to refine the 1,500-foot wide corridor and  
7 identify a recommended freeway alignment, interchange, locations  
8 and other features. We have a proposed implementation plan to  
9 identify smaller segments of the corridor that could advance as  
10 separate, independent projects over time as funding becomes  
11 available.

12           The State of Arizona, through the Legislature,  
13 identified 4 million in FY '22 in the state budget for a Tier 2  
14 study. So ADOT will continue working with Pinal County, local  
15 jurisdictions and stakeholders to advance the study and the  
16 improved mobility and income opportunities.

17           The other thing that's looming large on our radar  
18 screen is the I-10 Broadway Curve project. As you know, we've  
19 had some recent closures as we're getting prepared to move into  
20 construction in the future. It's an 11-mile work zone between  
21 Loop 202 and I-17, and we began some work on July 23rd, and it's  
22 continued to schedule through August. So to date, ADOT's  
23 completed four of six full weekend closures of I-10 in the  
24 project area for removal of rubberized asphalt and work zone  
25 setup.

1           So two full closures of US-60, Superstition  
2 Freeway also for rubberized asphalt removal and work zone setup  
3 are pending, Mr. Chair. ADOT anticipates we'll be doing those  
4 later this fall.

5           The notice to proceed, the authorization to begin  
6 construction for the developer is pending, and we anticipate  
7 that will be issued around Labor Day. So ADOT conducted a  
8 virtual kickoff project meeting on August 4th. We had more than  
9 6,000 people participate through the telephone town hall and  
10 online options, and overall, the sentiment has been very  
11 positive, as is their responses.

12           So ADOT's work very closely with the City of  
13 Phoenix, Tempe and Chandler, out at Guadalupe and the Maricopa  
14 Association of Governments, as well as Phoenix Sky Harbor  
15 International Airport, Valley Metro and the Maricopa County  
16 Department of Transportation on our public outreach efforts.

17           Now, I just want to do give a shoutout to MAG.  
18 Early on, as we were getting started with this, they worked very  
19 closely with ADOT to set up really the first of its kind in  
20 Arizona communications plan for a project. This may not be the  
21 biggest money project, but it is certainly the biggest project  
22 that Arizona has undertaken in the region.

23           We recently met with the Gila River Indian  
24 Community regarding the I-10 Loop 202 to SR-387 study, and on  
25 August 16th, ADOT leadership and the study team staff, we had an

1 executive meeting with the elected officials and staff from the  
2 Gila River Indian Community. Also present were the Bureau of  
3 Indian Affairs, Federal Highway Administration and Maricopa  
4 Association of Governments.

5 We met to present the recommended build  
6 alternative for the I-10 widening and the crossroad interchange  
7 improvements, and this process led to partner consensus on the  
8 required -- or the recommended build alternative and next steps.  
9 From my perspective, the meeting went very well with the GRIC  
10 representatives. Parties really acknowledged the excellent  
11 partnership that we have built, and we'll continue to keep  
12 working .

13 So right now the study team will begin preparing  
14 the draft environmental assessment to evaluate the impacts of  
15 the recommended build alternative against the no build  
16 alternative. So we have a public hearing that will -- is  
17 planned for mid 2022 for public review and comment on the draft  
18 environmental assessment.

19 Specifically, on the I-10 Gila River Bridge  
20 replacement update, the ongoing engineering and environmental  
21 studies coordination with the Gila River Indian Community to  
22 define the recommended bridge layout is currently taking place.  
23 Next step will be to start project design in fall of 2021, and  
24 the construction funds are fully programmed for FY '23.

25 Moving out a little farther east, we've got a

1 meeting coming up with the Gold Canyon community members. I  
2 think, Mr. Chairman, we might have shot an invite your way, but  
3 on June 24th, Dr. Walt, who's president of the Gold Canyon Adobe  
4 Citizens Group, sent a letter to ADOT expressing concerns  
5 regarding an upcoming Arizona state land auction adjacent to  
6 U.S. in their area. The main concern with Gold Canyon, as it  
7 has been, is an expected increase in traffic with the ongoing  
8 development.

9           We've met with this group previously about the  
10 Gold Canyon bypass, as well as yourself, Mr. Chairman. You were  
11 at that meeting, I believe, regarding traffic issues, and  
12 they've requested ADOT construct a bypass of US-60 through area.  
13 As I said, we met previously with the Adobe Citizens Group.  
14 We've explained to them the funding shortfall and the need to  
15 preserve existing infrastructure over new construction. So  
16 we'll meet with this group on August 24th, and Karla Petty from  
17 the Federal Highway Administration will also join us in the  
18 discussion.

19           We did complete a design concept report on the  
20 US-60 Gold Canyon bypass in 2012, but it has not been acted on  
21 because of priorities and funding constraints. I would note  
22 that as we're looking at construction of the North-South Freeway  
23 and extending State Route 24 all the way out to the North-South,  
24 this might relieve some of the pressure on Gold Canyon by  
25 linking these two freeways together. So we'll look -- be

1 looking at that and discussing it with the Adobe Citizens Group.

2           The other thing that's come up related to SR-24  
3 is that I'm working with the Arizona Commerce Authority right  
4 now and some proponents of a sports complex that's going to open  
5 out -- out along SR-24 and the freeway -- or I'm sorry --  
6 Williams Field Road. They're currently scheduled to open in  
7 January, but with the construction and the anticipated traffic  
8 of over 5 million visits a year, concert venues, professional  
9 sports events and just daily traffic to the fields and things,  
10 there's a lot of concern by the owners who are going to open  
11 this up that there's going to be some traffic problems, and  
12 judging by the construction that's taking place, there might be.  
13 So -- or very likely will be.

14           We will be meeting with them again, but they're  
15 asking for construction acceleration to get access off SR-24 to  
16 Williams Field Road by January of 2022. We're not scheduled to  
17 have that ready until July. So we'll be meeting with them to  
18 see if we can do something to provide access to what is known as  
19 Legacy Sports Park. We'll also include the City of Mesa in that  
20 discussion since Ellsworth Road's going to be impacted, too.

21           Next on my list is just an update on asphalt  
22 rubber removal. As you know, we recently had a meeting with you  
23 and Board Member Daniels and a MAG on this. MAG is performing  
24 some studies on noise mitigation, but as we discussed, from  
25 ADOT's perspective, we have to look out for public safety as

1 this rubberized asphalt has well outlived its useful life on the  
2 system in the region and continues to spall, rut and cause  
3 numerous windshield problems with folks. So we're past the  
4 point of simply patching potholes, and really, because of the  
5 recent rains and things, we're seeing an accelerated rate of the  
6 spalling. So we will be doing some more removing via milling  
7 required to -- similar that we did to I-17 from Dunlap to  
8 Thunderbird.

9           So from an equity standpoint, as you know, we  
10 have to be careful about putting down new rubber, because as  
11 we're taking it up in parts of the valley, folks are asking us  
12 to put it back down, and funding just isn't there to do that at  
13 this point.

14           We also had a meeting this week with House  
15 Speaker Rusty Bowers on a possible slip ramp on the Loop 101 in  
16 Tolleson, and just had a general Prop 400 discussion. Both MAG  
17 and ADOT were present at the meeting. The point of the meeting  
18 was to talk about a separate ramp at the 91st Avenue exit into  
19 Tolleson, in addition to two existing directional ramps for  
20 eastbound and westbound I-10. This would be a major  
21 improvement, probably in the neighborhood of \$65 million, and  
22 MAG says they've got it currently proposed as a phase one  
23 project in the Prop 400 extension.

24           Some updates regarding projects contained in the  
25 Arizona Capital Outlays Bill. Senate Bill 1820. There's three



1 items in there. The first is pavement preservation. As you  
2 know, the bill appropriated 90 million for pavement preservation  
3 located outside of Pima and Maricopa Counties on roads rated  
4 fair or poor, and for projects not currently included in the  
5 five-year program. So qualifying projects are right now with  
6 the project management group, and they will proceed through  
7 PRB/PPAC when ready. So this will be a Board issue. Expect  
8 them to head to the Board for approval as early as September.  
9 Next month.

10 Item Number 2 in the Capital Outlay Bill are  
11 specific highway projects that are in various stages of  
12 readiness. Some are well defined and ready to execute. For  
13 example, Board Member Knight, moneys to improve US-95 near Yuma  
14 Proving Ground. That is one that's defined and ready to  
15 execute. Others are going to require scoping, Mr. Chair.  
16 Repave SR-95 in Mohave County, for example, and when ready,  
17 these will also be moving to the Board for action.

18 And finally, in the bill, there were local  
19 projects. Right now, ADOT is utilizing a streamlined process  
20 through our Joint Projects Administration Group to distribute  
21 moneys to local jurisdictions for projects outlined in the bill.  
22 As of yesterday, eight of the nine jurisdictions have received  
23 intergovernmental agreements from ADOT that essentially ask the  
24 jurisdiction to certify the moneys will be used for the purpose  
25 outlined in the bill.

1           The ninth jurisdiction is Jerome, which is a  
2 little more problematic since in the appropriation, the language  
3 appropriates the money to the incorrect street in Jerome. So  
4 that is a bit of a problem for us, and since it was referenced  
5 incorrectly in the bill, we're going to need the Legislature to  
6 correct the language in order for those moneys to be  
7 distributed. So we're working on that project.

8           So, Mr. Chairman, I hope that catches the Board  
9 up on what ADOT's doing and the current events. Thank you.

10           CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, John.

11           I do want to say I'm -- I had calls from local  
12 jurisdictions in my district, and I was quite pleased with the  
13 way we're handling that and streamlining our process and getting  
14 the money to them and the certification process that Dallas and  
15 I talked about. So...

16           DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Great. Thank you.

17           CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I want to thank you for that.  
18 I think it's a very good thing.

19           I also want to ask, and I don't know if it should  
20 be to you or to Steve Boschen during his report, but we had a  
21 lot of impact due to the wildfires this year and now the  
22 subsequent rains.

23           DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Right.

24           CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Are we having good  
25 cooperation with The Forest Service to recover our funds and --

1 for the guardrails and such that were burned and also mitigation  
2 funds through the BAER? I know it takes quite some time.

3 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah.

4 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Usually a year or so, but are  
5 we running into obstacles or are we getting cooperation?

6 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So I haven't heard of any  
7 obstacles, Mr. Chair. I'm on a weekly call with other  
8 directors, including Director Tenney. Steve may have some more  
9 information he can impart during his report, because I know he's  
10 going to be talking about flooding and the burn scar. So, so  
11 far, I don't have awareness of any issues that are holding us  
12 up.

13 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Great. Does any board member  
14 have any questions for John?

15 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, this is Ted Maxwell.  
16 I've got a question.

17 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Go ahead, Ted.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Director Halikowski,  
20 thank you for the update. It was very thorough. I was taking  
21 as many notes as I could. I do have one question on the two  
22 Tier 1s. Obviously, until funding's identified, they won't move  
23 to the Tier 2s, but what I'm curious about is at I-11 and the  
24 North-South Corridor, do you know the approximate start dates on  
25 those two Tier 1s? How long do they -- the two separate Tier 1s

1 take us to get through them?

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I believe we spent about  
3 five years on the I-11, and that actually is pretty fast for a  
4 Tier 1 of that size, because I think we looked at over 220 miles  
5 of 2,000-foot wide corridor on the 11.

6 On the North-South, I'm not sure the date that  
7 started. Greg Byres, if he's on the line, can give you the  
8 exact date. I will tell you it seems like it's been going on  
9 most of my term as director, and that's approaching 13 years,  
10 but Greg, maybe you could tell us when we got started on the  
11 Tier 1 for the North-South.

12 MR. BYRES: It's been right at ten years.

13 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Ten years.

14 MR. BYRES: Ten years at that point.

15 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I'm just feeling like it's  
16 dog years, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell. So about ten years.  
17 Thanks, Greg.

18 MR. BYRES: Yeah.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Director, thanks for that  
20 information, and a quick follow-up on both of them. Obviously  
21 you said the North-South are going to start looking at dividing  
22 into segments. There's already some pretty heavy segments in  
23 the Tier 1. Do you believe there's any outside funding or any  
24 funding possibly in the -- in the -- some of the latest  
25 Congressional movements that will lead to any of those corridors

1 going into a Tier 2 anytime soon?

2                   DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah. Mr. Chairman,  
3 Mr. Maxwell, it's just hard to tell, because you know, there's  
4 nothing in those bills that calls out specifically moneys for  
5 certain corridors. There's different categories in those bills  
6 that might apply to rural areas, and I think we're looking at a  
7 combination of what might be in those bills, but also what might  
8 be in the grants. As you know, the piece is out of the Senate,  
9 but I don't know what its fate or changes might be in the House.  
10 Katy Proctor will present during our legislative update. She  
11 might have some more information.

12                   And, Greg, as far as funding, are -- I thought we  
13 were looking at some potential grants for rural free- -- or  
14 rural highways in the future. Any comments, Greg?

15                   MR. BYRES: Yes. What we're waiting for is for  
16 the INFRA grant notice of funding to come out, and I think  
17 that's probably dependent on the current bill that's sitting in  
18 the House.

19                   DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah. So I would say, you  
20 know, Mr. Maxwell, we're keeping a close eye on potential  
21 funding, but as you can imagine, folks are already lining up.  
22 I've already been contacted by the I-11 coalition and others.  
23 Everybody's eyeballing the language, you know, in the bill to  
24 see how they might get some money for their particular project.

25                   MR. MAXWELL: Absolutely. Thank you, sir. I

1 appreciate the answers.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Does any other board member  
4 have a question for John?

5 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Who was that?

7 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I think that was  
8 Mr. Thompson.

9 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Jesse, go ahead.

10 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: I just want to make a  
11 comment (audio interruption) ADOT staff (audio interruption)  
12 your staff (audio interruption) entire state of Arizona. I've  
13 (audio interruption) that's requested for certain amount five to  
14 (audio interruption) I know (audio interruption) going on (audio  
15 interruption) high consideration (audio interruption) a lot of  
16 development that's going to be --

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson.  
18 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson, this is Floyd. Mr. Thompson, you're  
19 not coming in at all. We're not getting any of your comments.  
20 It is really ineligibile or illegible, I guess. Is there any way  
21 you can speak closer to the microphone?

22 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: I don't have (audio  
23 interruption) but I can -- I can certainly put it in writing  
24 (audio interruption) bad connection here, but we tried the two  
25 rooms, so I'm doing the best I can.

1 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Okay.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. I'm sorry about that,  
3 but if you do put it in writing, I'll make sure that staff gets  
4 it.

5 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: All right.

6 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you very much.

7 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Thompson.

8 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Jesse.

9 Any other questions for John?

10 Hearing none, we'll move on. We don't -- do not  
11 have a district engineer's report this month, so we'll move on  
12 to Item 3, the consent agenda. Does any member have --

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Pardon me?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Real quick. Mr. Chairman, this is  
16 Floyd. I apologize. Katy had a legislative report that John  
17 referenced. Did you want her to give a legislative update?

18 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I apologize. We'll move  
19 back.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Katy, if you could unmute  
21 yourself, and if you have a legislative update, please provide  
22 it.

23 MS. PROCTOR: Will do. Good morning, Chair and  
24 members. As the Director mentioned earlier, we're moving  
25 forward to implementing the legislation from past session, so

1 that's basically the state update right now.

2           On the federal side, after weeks of back and  
3 forth, on August 10th the Senate did pass the Bipartisan  
4 Infrastructure Bill, which we referred to now as the  
5 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, or IIJA.

6           A few highlights from that bill. It's  
7 \$550 billion in above-the-baseline funding, most of which, about  
8 50 percent, will go to USDOT. New formula programs for bridges  
9 and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and the bulk of  
10 the funds to USDOT will be for discretionary grant programs.  
11 This includes increases to the existing discretionary programs  
12 like RAISE, which is the new BUILD or TIGER grant program, and  
13 as was previously mentioned, INFRA, there's more money now  
14 available for the INFRA grant program as well.

15           There's also a new bridge investment program,  
16 National Infrastructure Project Assistance. Culvert removal,  
17 replacement and restoration, and these are all going to be those  
18 discretionary grant programs.

19           It's important to keep in mind with those  
20 programs that they often include match requirements that are  
21 greater than our standard state match, and while new funds are  
22 always appreciated, it remains to be seen how these programs  
23 will work at this time.

24           It's important also to note that on the same day  
25 that the Senate passed the IIJA, they also adopted a



1 \$3.5 trillion budget resolution. As you all know, the federal  
2 fiscal year's coming to an end at the end of September, and so  
3 this is the budget exercise. They inherently have now tied the  
4 IIJA bill to this budget, and the House is going to actually  
5 come back from recess early next week to head back to work for  
6 their initial vote on the reconciliation bill as well.

7           From there, the committees are going to start  
8 their markups, and they intend to have a soft report out date of  
9 September 15th for all of the work that goes into filling in,  
10 essentially, the budget document.

11           The House Transportation and Infrastructure  
12 Committee will do its markup the week of September 12th. If the  
13 budget resolution passes in the current form next week in the  
14 House, the Committee will have about \$60 billion that falls  
15 under its jurisdiction to fill out.

16           There's been a lot of conversation about whether  
17 or not that includes -- can include items that were previously  
18 discussed as part of the IIJA. This all remains to be seen.

19           There's only a three-vote margin in the House for  
20 this budget, and there's a lot of concerns about the viability  
21 of the budget resolution. There has been actually talk within  
22 the House Democrat caucus of moving the IIJA ahead in front of  
23 the budget. Nine members actually wrote a letter to Speaker  
24 Pelosi last week and asked that that happen over concerns about  
25 whether or not the budget resolution can move forward in a

1 timely manner.

2           There's also a lot of frustration still from the  
3 House Transportation Chairman DeFazio about not being able to  
4 make any changes to this bill, as the IIJA looks a lot different  
5 than what was originally passed out of the House this -- earlier  
6 this summer.

7           So I think there's a lot to be seen still in this  
8 process, a lot of unknowns. We'll have to see if there are  
9 changes to IIJA, if there are additions to this budget package  
10 that include items that were covered in IIJA. And, ultimately,  
11 you know, can we get it all done by the end of September or not?  
12 And that's my report today.

13           CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Katy. Any  
14 questions for Katy?

15           Hearing none, we'll move on.

16           Katy, I want to apologize for almost skipping  
17 you. And thank you, Floyd, for reminding me so we could move  
18 back.

19           I believe we may have someone that has --  
20 Mr. Humphrey has logged on now. I'd like to move back to call  
21 to the audience and allow him the opportunity to speak.

22           Floyd.

23           MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

24           Mr. Humphrey, if you are on, could you please  
25 follow the instructions from the host and raise your hand?

1                   WEBEX HOST: Just a reminder. You just need to  
2 press star three on your phone, Mike, in order to raise your  
3 hand. You are unmuted.

4                   MR. HUMPHREY: Hello?

5                   MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Humphrey --

6                   WEBEX HOST: Mike, you're unmuted.

7                   MR. ROEHRICH: -- we can hear you. Please make  
8 your comment.

9                   MR. HUMPHREY: Okay. Thank you for allowing me  
10 to speak.

11                   My name is Mike Humphrey. I reside at 3760 north  
12 Camino Sinuoso in Tucson. I'm addressing the Transportation  
13 Board on the issue of cable median barriers on Arizona's  
14 controlled access highways. I have been involved with this  
15 issue since 2008, the year my wife and sister were killed in a  
16 cross-median crash on I-10.

17                   I have come into possession of two documents that  
18 indicate that cable median barriers are warranted in 18  
19 different locations throughout the state, including the section  
20 of I-10 where my loved ones perished.

21                   I want to draw your attention to the 2012 Arizona  
22 Roadway Departure Safety Implementation Plan produced by Federal  
23 Highway Administration, Office of Safety. On page 49 of this  
24 document, Table 27, production performance measures, it reads:  
25 Countermeasure or action. Cross-median crash treatments on

1 access-controlled highways. Measure. 18 state sections.  
2 Target completion date, 2017. Actual completion. Number of  
3 sections treated with median barrier.

4 I also want you to take -- to find and look at a  
5 map generated by ADOT's Traffic Engineering Group in September  
6 2013. I assume that this map identifies those sections of  
7 Arizona's controlled access highways that are referred to in the  
8 FHA report, those section which warrant installation of cable  
9 median barriers.

10 One of the sections identified on the ADOT map  
11 includes Milepost 171, where I lost my wife and sister. I know  
12 that this section of I-10 has not been cabled. I don't know if  
13 the other 17 areas have been cabled or not.

14 My question to this Board is why has not the FHA  
15 and ADOT recommended sections of cable median barriers been  
16 completed? People continue to be injured and killed in  
17 cross-median crashes. Is this not a legitimate issue for the  
18 Transportation Board to investigate?

19 Copies of both documents I referred to should be  
20 available from ADOT. If not, I'd be happy to share them with  
21 you. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Humphrey.

23 Floyd, would you go ahead and try the other  
24 speaker that was not logged on earlier.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chair.

1                   Mr. Darryl Ahasteen. Mr. Ahasteen, are you  
2 logged in to the meeting?

3                   Mr. Chairman --

4                   WEBEX HOST: Just a reminder, if you're calling  
5 in, please press star three on your phone.

6                   Floyd, I don't see any hands raised at this time.

7                   MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

8                   Mr. Chairman, that's all for call to the audience  
9 at this time.

10                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Thank you, Floyd.

11                  With no district engineer report, we'll move on  
12 to Item 3, the consent agenda.

13                  Does any member have an item they would like  
14 removed from the consent agenda?

15                  Hearing none, I would entertain a motion to  
16 approve the consent agenda.

17                  MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
18 Knight. I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

19                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a second?

20                  MS. DANIELS: Second by Jenn Daniels.

21                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion by Gary  
22 Knight, a second by Jenn Daniels. Any discussion?

23                  Hearing none, I'll call for the vote. Sherry,  
24 would you call the roll call vote, please?

25                  MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We'll do that.

1 Vice Chair Thompson. Mr. Thompson.

2 Member Knight.

3 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle.

5 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

7 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

9 MR. MECK: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

11 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

13 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. The motion passes.

14 Thank you.

15 Move on to Agenda Item 4, for information and  
16 discussion only, the financial report, given by Kristine Ward.

17 Kristine.

18 MS. WARD: Good morning, board members. Let me  
19 start by first giving you my apologies for not getting the  
20 slides out to you earlier. We added quite a few new charts and  
21 slides, and when we did the conversion to a different format, it  
22 looked like we had put those charts and slides in a blender. So  
23 we were doing some last minute fixes.

24 I preface my next portion of the presentation, if  
25 you'd like to have any snacks while I'm presenting, please feel

1 free.

2 I thought I would give you an update on Prop 207  
3 and the impacts that -- the benefits that HURF is going to  
4 realize from the passage of that proposition. So the  
5 proposition legalizes the adult recreational use of marijuana.  
6 With the passage of that proposition, there is a 16 percent  
7 excise tax on those sales, and then those -- that 16 percent  
8 excise tax, as well as there's also some licensing and  
9 registration fees, they flow into what they call the Smart and  
10 Safe Arizona Fund. And as this chart depicts, 25.4 percent of  
11 those revenues are distributed to HURF.

12 Now, those distributions will normally happen two  
13 times a year, in the month of December and June. However, the  
14 first distribution that was attributed to FY '21 is arriving a  
15 little late, and so we will actually get three distributions in  
16 this current fiscal year.

17 Our very first distribution amount -- we have the  
18 amount, even though it hasn't shown up on the books yet, and  
19 that first distribution amount is 9.44 million.

20 I apologize. We were awaiting some information  
21 from the Treasurer. We would have liked to have filled in the  
22 rest of the distribution amounts, but we have not gotten those  
23 figures from the Treasury yet, and if any board member would  
24 like to know the rest of the distribution amounts, I'd be happy  
25 to provide those to you later.

1                   But you can see the amount that went into the  
2 Highway -- became available for the Highway User Revenue Fund  
3 from FY '21 sales is 9.44 million. We, of course, will be  
4 incorporating projections for this new revenue source in our  
5 upcoming revenue forecasts.

6                   Moving on.

7                   DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I just want  
8 to say that Kristine's new slogan is, "Smoke 'em if you got  
9 'em."

10                  MS. WARD: So, Director, you will recall from  
11 past board meetings that I have routinely said, "Oh, well, when  
12 it comes to restaurant and bar sales, please, please visit your  
13 -- those businesses." I decided it would be best that I not  
14 approach that on this particular topic as it can be sensitive,  
15 but it does benefit transportation.

16                  Moving on.

17                  So on August 4th, we started our forecasting  
18 process, and we hosted our first risk analysis process panel.  
19 So we are right in the heart of doing our long-term forecast  
20 that will facilitate -- will set the financial bounds for the  
21 next program.

22                  You will note that this chart is a somewhat  
23 boring chart. Excuse me. It's a somewhat boring chart, as it  
24 shows a zero percent variance between actuals and forecast, and  
25 that is because we received actuals prior to publishing our



1 interim forecast. So we thought, well, if we had the data,  
2 let's make use of it, and it -- the result was it gave us an  
3 ability to bump our forecasts up a little.

4 What we actually experienced in the month of  
5 July -- if you can go to the next slide, Rhett, I'd appreciate  
6 it.

7 So you'll see that gas tax for the month of July  
8 was up 4.1 percent over last year. Use fuel, 28.4 percent over  
9 last year. And vehicle license tax was a little behind in terms  
10 of year over year.

11 If we could go to the next slide, we'll cover the  
12 Regional Area Road Fund.

13 What you're looking at are the final numbers for  
14 FY '21. We ended the year 8.7 percent above forecast. That  
15 equates to \$44.5 million more than we had forecast, which, of  
16 course, flows into the Regional Area Road Fund and goes through  
17 its distribution, of which about 56 percent is available for the  
18 freeway system. These numbers are about 13.8 percent above the  
19 amounts collected in FY '20.

20 Now if we could go to the next slide, I'd  
21 appreciate it.

22 So you'll see that we have got -- we had some --  
23 you know, in terms of data, this was -- this -- this was a very  
24 -- this year was a very interesting experience. You'll see that  
25 retail sales here, 23.8 percent above June of last year,

1 contracting, and then look at restaurant and bar. 55.6 percent  
2 above last year at this time. So we couldn't look at those  
3 percentages and not dig around a little, because it was -- they  
4 were such curiosities.

5           So if you'll look -- if you'll give -- take me to  
6 the next slide, Rhett.

7           So what this -- oh. I should say I wish that I  
8 had an audio clip that could play Jingle Bells while we're  
9 reviewing this slide, because these numbers are very  
10 interesting. What you see in the green hashtag kind of line  
11 there, that reflects the growth over the same month, prior year,  
12 and if you look at those very bottom -- that very bottom, look  
13 at those green, you'll see we had some very, very high growth  
14 rates, and then you -- you'll see some tremendous growth rates  
15 really kicking in in February, March and April.

16           But what's also very interesting is look at the  
17 dot -- the red and the blue lines. The red line reflects 2021,  
18 the revenues, the actual dollars from 2021, and the blue line  
19 represents the actual dollars, revenue dollars, from 2020. If  
20 you look at those last three months of 2021, and you look at  
21 Christmas sales, holiday sales of 2021, we essentially had four  
22 Christmases in 2021. This is -- these numbers are very, very  
23 unusual, and so I -- I can't say I mind having four months'  
24 worth of holiday sales after experiencing 2020.

25           Moving on to the next slide.

1                   So restaurant and bar sales also showed  
2 tremendous growth, and if you look at the green line, that green  
3 dotted line, you'll notice -- and I hope you can see this --  
4 every one of those numbers, July through February, is negative  
5 growth. We had negative -- double digit negative growth for the  
6 first eight months of FY '21, and -- but we had such an upswing  
7 in the remaining months that we ended the year with positive 4.4  
8 percent growth. This is -- in the world of the -- of the data  
9 geeks that live in my division, this was a -- this was just a  
10 fascinating display.

11                   So with that, I would go on to the next slide, if  
12 I could, Rhett.

13                   So you've already -- the federal aid program,  
14 Katy already covered. We are monitoring the Infrastructure Bill  
15 and awaiting its arrival, and with regards to the balance of the  
16 debt program or cash management, I have nothing further to  
17 report. And that concludes my presentation. I'd be happy to  
18 take any questions.

19                   CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Kristine. I  
20 appreciate it.

21                   Does any board member have a question or  
22 questions for Kristine?

23                   Guess you're off the hook easy today, Kristine.  
24 Thank you. We'll move on.

25                   MS. WARD: Thank you, sir. Thank you, board

1 members.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Normally we would have Agenda  
3 Item 5 with the Multimodal Planning report. We do not have one  
4 this month, so we will move on to Item 6, which is the PPAC  
5 items with Greg Byres, for discussion and possible action.

6 Greg.

7 MR. BYRES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.  
8 Good morning, everyone.

9 We do have two items today that come forward from  
10 the Priority Planning Advisory Committee. So Item 6A is the  
11 establishment of a new project. This is a fiber optic project  
12 on I-10, and we bring this forward with a recommendation for  
13 approval.

14 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a motion to approve  
15 Item 6A as presented?

16 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair --

17 MS. DANIELS: So moved.

18 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, so moved.

19 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a second?

20 MS. DANIELS: Second. Jenn Daniels.

21 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion by Ted  
22 Maxwell, second by Jenn Daniels. Is there any discussion?

23 Floyd, would you conduct the roll call vote,  
24 please?

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Thompson.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

3 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle. Member Searle.

5 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

7 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

9 MR. MECK: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

11 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

13 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. Motion passes  
14 unaniously.

15 Move on now. Greg.

16 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next  
17 item is a little bit different, so I'm going to read the  
18 request, per se.

19 So Item 6B is a request to expand the fiscal year  
20 2022 Aeronautic State and Local Program from 15 million to  
21 33 million by adding the \$18 million Legislative Capital Outlay  
22 Appropriation.

23 This request also includes approval by the Board  
24 for an exception to the current Board policy, which is in  
25 Section 39-1, which would allow the \$18 million appropriated

1 funds to be disbursed through our state/local program at a rate  
2 of 100 percent rather than 90 percent, or 95 percent as stated  
3 in the current policy.

4 And again, PPAC brings this forward with a  
5 recommendation for approval.

6 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Greg.

7 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
8 Knight. I just have one question for Greg.

9 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Go ahead.

10 MR. KNIGHT: Have you got a figure or a number as  
11 to how many airports will be receiving these funds?

12 MR. BYRES: As of right now, it looked like we  
13 had somewhere in the neighborhood of 17 different airports.

14 MR. KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you. Thank you,  
15 Mr. Chair.

16 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Yes, sir.

17 Any other questions for Greg?

18 Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to approve  
19 Item 6B as presented.

20 MR. KNIGHT: So moved. Member Knight.

21 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: So moved. Second.

22 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion by Board  
23 Member Knight, a second by whom? I'm sorry. I missed that.

24 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Vice Chairman Thompson.

25 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: By Vice Chairman Thompson.

1 Any discussion?

2 Floyd, would you have a roll call vote, please?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chair.

4 Vice Chairman Thompson.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

7 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle.

9 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

11 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

13 MR. MECK: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

17 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. Motion passes

18 unanimously. Thank you, Greg.

19 We'll move on to Item 7, the state engineer's  
20 report, with Steve Boschen. Information and discussion only.

21 Steve.

22 MR. BOSCHEN: Good morning, Chairman Stratton and  
23 board members. I am filling in for Dallas Hammit today, who is  
24 coming back from Wyoming right now, so bear with me.

25 We've got 68 projects under construction right

1 now at a cost of about 1.5 billion. We did finalize five  
2 projects in July, and fiscal year to date, we have five  
3 projects. And I need to share my screen, don't I? Christy, how  
4 do I do that?

5 WEBEX HOST: One second. I can pull it up for  
6 you or pass the presenter role to you from Rhett.

7 MR. BOSCHEN: And as you know, we just started  
8 the fiscal year, so that's why the numbers are low. So five and  
9 five.

10 WEBEX HOST: You can now share your screen.

11 MR. BOSCHEN: All right. Can you see it now?

12 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: We have it.

13 WEBEX HOST: You're good to go.

14 MR. BOSCHEN: All right. So next -- we have had  
15 comments before about McGuireville TI. I just wanted to show  
16 you a video of what we have looked at so far.

17 So in this short video that you just saw, you saw  
18 one car that was compliant with the traffic control devices. So  
19 we do have a challenge on our hands. There's -- there's not  
20 dual rights there, but folks are acting like there's dual rights  
21 there. So we do understand the challenge, and both IDO and our  
22 TSMO division are looking into this.

23 So next, the Director covered the Broadway Curve.  
24 I just want to let everybody know don't use it this weekend,  
25 especially if you're going westbound between 143 and 10. So



1 that's really all that -- the detour is either taking 60 and 101  
2 or 143. So again, westbound will be closed this weekend, as the  
3 Director noted.

4 And I went too quick.

5 And if you have a question, there -- we have an  
6 app for it. So it's called The Curve. I even checked it out  
7 yesterday. If you just go to your app stores and type in The  
8 Curve, it comes up almost right on top.

9 So I'm going to talk a little bit about  
10 non-projects operations, and the question here is what do all  
11 these routes have in common? What they have in common is  
12 they're all kind of linked to storm events. So we've had  
13 fissures on the first two. We've had storm events on every one  
14 of these. I'm going to cover some of those today.

15 So this is our access road to the Pinto Creek  
16 Bridge up by US -- on US-60. Ouch. So the contractor almost  
17 lost his crane on that. If you notice the color of the water,  
18 you can tell that the Telegraph Fire, is, you know, in the burn  
19 area there, and the runoff is pretty much black there. The  
20 contractor did not lose his crane, and he did not try to get  
21 somebody to go down there to back it up the hill. We were very  
22 lucky that he did not lose that crane.

23 So US-60, downtown Miami. This is not normally  
24 how I go to my mother-in-law's house. Usually it's a little bit  
25 cleaner.

1                   Again, downtown Miami. Now, we use plows for  
2 different reasons. So here we're plowing water, and the reason  
3 we do that is to get the debris off of the catch basins. You  
4 know, you might think it's not very effective, but this is a  
5 great way to get the catch basins unplugged.

6                   This is actually a semi. He's stuck. So this is  
7 another area by Bloody Tanks Wash near Miami, just about two  
8 miles outside of -- and if -- Mr. Stratton knows this. It's  
9 Miami to people that live in that area. It's not Miami. So  
10 both those cars are struck. That's about a foot and a half.  
11 You know, getting a semi stuck, that's pretty big.

12                   This is our guardrail. Not looking so hot.

13                   Again, another shot of our guardrail and why we  
14 had to close the road.

15                   Here we are, we're teaming with both Ames, who's  
16 actually working on the Pinto Creek Bridge, and also our own  
17 maintenance forces. Now, the reason I showed this shot is we  
18 did allow local access here, but then we also had, you know,  
19 individuals that wanted more access. Can you imagine the safety  
20 concerns that we have with allowing people on this narrow road  
21 when we're trying to back in trucks like this? We have three  
22 trucks in line. So safety is paramount. When we close the  
23 road, we're very careful about how we allow access temporarily.  
24 We did open this road very quickly, though. I think it was  
25 only, like, a day and a half.

1           This is our completed. We're ready to reopen.  
2           So I-17. You probably saw the pictures on the  
3 news recently. We will be eliminating four 60-year-old pumps.  
4 Right now we're in phase three, meaning we're going from to  
5 Cactus to Thunderbird. That's our current status right now,  
6 so...

7           This is what our gravity system looks like, and a  
8 lot of times Doug Nitzel will get questions, and they still  
9 think that we're going to put in new pump stations, but we are  
10 eliminating four pump stations. Peoria and Cactus are already  
11 done, meaning they are connected to the gravity drain system.  
12 So we are no longer using our Peoria and Cactus pumps. And  
13 imagine that. They were dry this last rain. Yes, Thunderbird  
14 and Greenway did get water, and we did have problems there.  
15 That is, again, phase three, and we should finish next year with  
16 that.

17           So this is what one of the pump stations looked  
18 like. That's at Cactus Road. It's still there, but we do not  
19 use that pump station anymore because we do have the gravity  
20 system online right now.

21           And lo and behold, this is what it looks like at  
22 Peoria. Pump station gone. You know, this whole paving just is  
23 covering up there.

24           So Gila Bend, you probably heard about that over  
25 the weekend. This is what B8 looks like. Now, we had a little

1 discussion in house, because we kept on saying 85's open. Well,  
2 85 on is only open until B8. If you want to get to I-8, this is  
3 what you had to drive through. So when you through Gila Bend,  
4 you're actually driving on B8. I call it 85. That's what most  
5 people would think. But you could not pass on B8/85 this  
6 weekend.

7 A little bit of debris. So this is material  
8 that, when that was running full, came up and over our bridge  
9 structure.

10 This is the rear road, trying to fix abutment,  
11 and those beams are what's holding up the bridge abutment for  
12 them. So we had to allow access, again, trying to maintain  
13 safety and keep and B8/85 open.

14 This is what it looks like after we reopened it.  
15 So pretty clean after some kick brooms and some water trucks  
16 cleaned it up. Again, pretty quick reopening.

17 And then I think this is just two days ago.  
18 Globe, Chairman Stratton. Again, what's going on? So this is  
19 Russell Gulch. We did have to close 60. Road closed. Use alt.  
20 route. This did not last long. So this was only closed for two  
21 or three hours. Again, we used our plows and plowed the water  
22 out to get the catch basins unplugged so they could drain  
23 faster. So that was a relatively quick closure.

24 Yesterday we also opened 188. This was a  
25 multi-district effort, and I was thanking the guys yesterday

1 for, you know, the teamwork, and this was just a quote from one  
2 of the guys. "This is just what we do." And I didn't do any  
3 grammar check on this, so maintenance crews get it done. So  
4 that's how ADOT rolls.

5 Director, you asked me to put this together. Do  
6 you have anything to add?

7 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I don't at this time,  
8 Steve, but I would ask you, Mr. Chairman did ask a question  
9 earlier about burn scars, Forest Service and reimbursement,  
10 updates on any of those issues.

11 MR. BOSCHEN: So, Chairman Stratton, we've had  
12 very good success. The Southeast District is working hand in  
13 hand with the Forest. I even got a call from Tom Torres of the  
14 Tonto National Forest when we were working on the US-60, you  
15 know, repair, and he said, "Steve, make sure we're not getting  
16 in our way or your way." And I said, "No." We're working hand  
17 in hand. So we've got really good partnership going there.

18 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I'm glad to hear that. I  
19 know we had some problems a year ago or so. So that's great to  
20 hear.

21 I would like to commend you on the rapid response  
22 to the Bloody Tanks closure. I -- my email and text and phone  
23 was blowing up pretty quickly on that, and I can tell you the  
24 response was amazing. The turnaround was great, and I thank you  
25 for that.

1 MR. BOSCHEN: Thank you, Chairman Stratton.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So, Mr. Chairman, just one  
3 other thing I wanted to ask Steve about. Steve, as we keep  
4 moving forward year after year, we seem to keep having more  
5 extreme weather events. I know we've discussed this in house,  
6 but, you know, one of the things, Mr. Chairman, we're going to  
7 be concerned about is if we keep experiencing these, the public  
8 does expect rapid response, and our goal will be to ensure that  
9 we keep enough team members on that are experienced to do that.

10 So recently, we were able to do some things with  
11 the help of the Governor's budget staff and the Legislature to  
12 do some increases in pay to help with retention, but, you know,  
13 looking forward, Steve, I don't know if you guys are talking  
14 more about extreme weather events and the planning that we're  
15 going to probably have to do both personnel and equipment wise.

16 MR. BOSCHEN: So, Director, you make a good  
17 point. It does seem like we do have more and more extreme  
18 weather events. What we're hearing is this could match 2014,  
19 and we all know what happened on I-10 in 2014 and around the  
20 state. So it does seem like we're seeing that. It will tax us.

21 I'll be honest with you. And as you know,  
22 Director, you know, we are not competitive with the market right  
23 now. We train very well, and they end up going to cities and  
24 counties. That's all I'm going to say there. We keep what we  
25 have, but we've got great crews now. My concern, Director is

1 keeping the great guys that we have, because our rates are not  
2 competitive with the market. And when I'm talking about market,  
3 I'm not talking about my old consultant market where I came  
4 from. It's the actual government market. Thank you.

5 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Just wanted to give a  
6 shoutout to our guys, Mr. Chair. We're going to continue to  
7 work to get them up to a competitive level so we're not losing  
8 experienced people. We love our local partners, but we all need  
9 to have good people on board.

10 Thanks, Steve.

11 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I agree with you and applaud  
12 your efforts to keep our personnel. Thank you.

13 Are there any questions from board members for  
14 Steve?

15 Hearing none, we'll move on to Agenda Item 8,  
16 construction contracts, for discussion and possible action.

17 Steve.

18 MR. BOSCHEN: So Chairman Stratton and board  
19 members, thank you for approving the three that were on the  
20 consent agenda. We do have five others to talk about, and I'll  
21 start with the first one.

22 So this is our broadband project on I-17. It  
23 goes from McGuireville up to Flagstaff. We actually had some  
24 very, very competitive bids. You know, I like seeing these  
25 numbers. These are awesome numbers to see. The reason for the

1 differences is we did get some really good economies in terms of  
2 the multi-duct trenching, the drilling and the installation of  
3 pull boxes and the mobilization. We do recommend award. It was  
4 a responsive and responsible bid, and staff recommends award to  
5 William Charles Construction Company, LLC.

6 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a motion to  
7 approve?

8 MR. SEARLE: I move to approve. Searle.

9 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion by Board  
11 Member Searle, a second by Board Member Knight. Is there any  
12 discussion?

13 Hearing none, Floyd, would you conduct the roll  
14 call vote, please?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair.

16 Vice Chairman Thompson. Vice Chairman Thompson.  
17 Member Knight.

18 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle.

20 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

22 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

24 MR. MECK: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.



1 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

3 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. Motion passes. Thank  
4 you.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd. Floyd.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Thompson.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Jesse.

9 We'll move on to Item 8B. Steve.

10 MR. BOSCHEN: So, Chairman Stratton, board  
11 members, the next project we have, again, is at 89A and 179, and  
12 it's a pavement rehab project. We did get a very favorable bid  
13 on this, and the low bidder is actually based out of Cottonwood.  
14 They're using a pit there. So we're getting good economy of  
15 scale in terms of they're going to bring the asphalt out there.  
16 Then they're going to pick up the millings on the way back, you  
17 know, in the same truck. So they definitely saw some ways to  
18 move this forward. So staff recommends awarding to Asphalt  
19 Paving and Supply because it is a responsive and responsible  
20 bid.

21 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Is there a motion to award  
22 Item 8B to Asphalt Paving and Supply as presented?

23 MR. SEARLE: So moved.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Chairman.

25 MR. SEARLE: Searle.

1 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Second. Thompson.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion by Board  
3 Member Searle, a second by Board Member Thompson. Is there any  
4 discussion?

5 Floyd, would you conduct the roll call vote,  
6 please?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Thompson.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

10 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle.

12 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

14 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

16 MR. MECK: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

20 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. The motion passes.

21 Thank you.

22 As we move to Item 8C, I am declaring a conflict  
23 and will remove myself from participating. I will ask Vice  
24 Chairman Thompson to take over Item 8C, and I will return with  
25 Item 8D.

1                   Jesse.

2                   VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.

3                   With 8C, the project is (audio interruption)  
4 recommendation (audio interruption) hear a motion to (audio  
5 interruption).

6                   MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Thompson, why don't we  
7 have Steve -- Steve, will you go ahead and present the item and  
8 the justification, and then we will have a discussion?

9                   MR. BOSCHEN: Vice Chair Thompson and members of  
10 the committee, this is a challenging one in Oak Creek Canyon,  
11 and from, I think, the last meeting we had, we wanted to  
12 postpone it. At this point we have analyzed -- staff has  
13 analyzed the bidding, environment and the restrictions that we  
14 put on the allowable working hours. We received the bid at  
15 1.3 million over the budgeted amount. Based on that, we are  
16 recommending rejecting all bids and will repackage it, and we'll  
17 look at expanding the allowable working hours. Again, the staff  
18 recommendation is to reject all bids and repackage the project  
19 and readvertise.

20                  MR. SEARLE: Steve, this is Richard Searle. Can  
21 you tell us why there was limitations on working hours?

22                  MR. BOSCHEN: Vice Chair Thompson and Board  
23 Member Searle, we work with the community. There's a very  
24 active community up here, and a lot of public involvement, and  
25 the ask was, you know, limit it as much as possible, but this is

1 a pretty important rock fall project. We were limiting it to  
2 Tuesdays and Thursdays with certain hours, and what they ended  
3 up having in terms of actual work was about five hours a day.  
4 So that was ten hours a week. The rest of the time, you know,  
5 they were going to be in a hotel. So we're going to expand  
6 that. We're not necessarily going to go five days a week, but  
7 we're going to look and work with the community on what they can  
8 actually take. But to move forward with 1.3 million over is not  
9 responsible use of public funds.

10 MR. SEARLE: Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

12 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, this is Member Maxwell  
13 I've got a quick question for Steve as well.

14 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Go ahead.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Steve, I guess could you  
16 even elaborate more? You said you're going to intentionally  
17 avoid five days a week. What's the pushback? Obviously this  
18 has got to be important for the community itself as well. So  
19 what is -- what is the biggest concern with the allowable  
20 working hours right now from the community?

21 MR. BOSCHEN: Vice Chair Thompson and Board  
22 Member Maxwell, from the community, they'd like us not to close  
23 it at all. If you've ever -- I worked on the 179 corridor a  
24 long time ago, and they like the roads to be open. They're  
25 really -- it's their main street everywhere. So there is a lot

1 of community interest for the people that live in the canyon.  
2 They'd like to be able to commute down and go shopping. So that  
3 is their concern.

4           Again, there are options. You know, if we close  
5 it, it's just temporarily. But from a safety standpoint, we  
6 can't have -- you saw the pictures where we redid US-60. When  
7 we're working on rock fall projects, I can't have people in  
8 there in regular cars.

9           So that's their concern. We've got to try to  
10 balance both of it. You know, we're not going to be able to do  
11 it 24/7. That's not reasonable on our part, but we do need to  
12 expand what we put in there. We probably went too far with this  
13 first bid, and that's why we need to restructure it.

14           MR. MAXWELL: And Mr. Chair, Steve, I got one  
15 quick follow-up. Has there been any interest from the community  
16 at large -- obviously, you know, we've -- we were up in Sedona  
17 last month, and we know the challenges they've got, you know,  
18 with their structure as well as their funding, but has there  
19 been any discussion about the community in order to keep that  
20 road open, try to raise any funds or bring any funds to the  
21 table?

22           MR. BOSCHEN: Vice Chair Thompson and Board  
23 Member Maxwell, they have not brought any funds to the table.

24           MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

25           MR. BOSCHEN: Thank you.

1                   DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So, Mr. Chairman, if I  
2 could, I think what we all recognize is that the bid's not  
3 responsible use of taxpayer money, but we've got a lot more work  
4 to do with the community and trying to figure out a good  
5 balance. I'm not sure exactly what the final product will look  
6 like, but as all of you have been in these scenarios before,  
7 there's a lot more negotiation and talking to be done.

8                   So what we'll do is do our due diligence to work  
9 with the community and certainly look into the option,  
10 Mr. Maxwell, that you pointed out that, you know, if you want to  
11 do this a certain way, are you willing to put some skin into the  
12 game, so to speak. So we've got a little ways to go here before  
13 we bring this back to the Board. So at this point, if you'll  
14 just give us a little time to work the issue, let's see what we  
15 can come up with.

16                   VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Any additional questions or  
17 comments that need to be (audio interruption) regarding this  
18 project or recommendation?

19                   MR. SEARLE: Do you need a motion to reject all  
20 bids?

21                   VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: There's a motion to reject  
22 all bids and recommended --

23                   MR. SEARLE: So moved.

24                   MR. MAXWELL: Second.

25                   VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion and second to

1 take the recommendation (audio interruption) bids. Turning it  
2 over to Floyd.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Vice Chairman. Just  
4 to make sure, the motion was by Board Member Searle, and the  
5 second, was that Board Member Maxwell?

6 MR. MAXWELL: Yes, sir.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

8 So we'll now go for the vote. We'll start with  
9 Member Knight.

10 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle.

12 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

14 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

16 MR. MECK: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Thompson.

20 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries, Mr. Vice  
22 Chair.

23 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Motion carries, and very  
24 (audio interruption).

25 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Vice Chairman Thompson, thank

1 you for taking that item for me.

2 We'll now move to 8D. Steve.

3 MR. BOSCHEN: So next project is a bridge rehab  
4 and replacement. It's actually a bundling of projects. I think  
5 there's three that are involved. The low bid is 1.3 over. Now,  
6 it's within our range of -- you know, it's not above the 10  
7 percent, but I think we've brought it -- we postponed it last  
8 month, and the reason we needed to look at this is because the  
9 low bidder claimed a clerical error. We have analyzed and went  
10 back and forth with the low bidder, and it is unsubstantiated.  
11 So at this point, staff feels that this is a responsive and  
12 responsible bid and recommends award to -- I think it's SEMA  
13 Construction, Incorporated, and subsidiaries.

14 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a motion to award  
15 Item 8D to SEMA Construction, Incorporated, and subsidiaries?

16 MR. KNIGHT: So moved. Board Member Knight.

17 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a second?

18 MR. MECK: Board Member Meck. Second.

19 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Very good. I have a motion  
20 by Board Member Knight, a second by Board Member Meck.

21 Floyd, would you have -- conduct the roll call  
22 vote, please.

23 MR. SEARLE: Chairman Stratton, right quick.

24 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Yes, sir.

25 MR. SEARLE: Explain the low bidder had an issue



1 with their bid and -- were they wanting to change their bid or  
2 what was the deal on that?

3 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Stratton and Board Member  
4 Searle, what they were doing is claiming that they made a math  
5 error in their bid, and what -- they wanted to withdraw their  
6 bid. And obviously, in a low bid environment, it's difficult  
7 for us to be doing that willy-nilly. So for that to happen,  
8 there is something called -- boy, I got to get the lawyer  
9 involved -- but we go through a process where we look at is --  
10 was it truly a clerical error? And we were not able to  
11 substantiate that it was a clerical error.

12 MR. SEARLE: So where -- we're giving the bid to  
13 someone who really doesn't want it right now is what you're  
14 telling us?

15 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Stratton and Board Member  
16 Searle, what we have done is talk to the low bidder, and they  
17 are willing to do the project. They have accepted that, you  
18 know, they made a mistake, but we can't accept bids, and just if  
19 they don't like what they see -- and the fact is there's a  
20 million dollars difference between the next bidder. So when  
21 they look at it, they see money on the table that they could  
22 have bid higher. So it is correct they'd rather not do the  
23 project, but there's no way out that we can legally let them out  
24 of awarding this project.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman and Mr. Searle, I

1 want to real quick -- Steve, on this case, when we do low bid,  
2 when they submit their bid, they submit a surety bond for  
3 percentage of the cost, and what we also do is evaluate that.  
4 If he determines he wants to withdraw his bid, he has to give up  
5 the surety bond and we keep it.

6 And so part of the discussion would be involved  
7 with is the clerical error, as Steve said, is that marginally  
8 change the outcome of the bidding? And then the second thing  
9 is, is he willing to give up the surety bond?

10 And so those discussions would take place, and  
11 then he makes a business decision as the contractor whether he  
12 wants to continue to move forward with the project at the -- at  
13 the bidding prices that he did, regardless of whether it's been  
14 determined that it was in error or not, or does he want to ask  
15 his bid to be withdrawn and give up a surety bond.

16 In this case the contractor determined that he  
17 was not going to give up his bond. He still moved forward with  
18 the bid, and we'll still allow him to complete the project as he  
19 originally had been bid it and allow the department to get the  
20 project that we had put out for bid.

21 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Thank you.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: So it's really a business  
23 decision.

24 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Are there any other questions  
25 for Steve or discussion about this item?

1                   Hearing none, Floyd, would you move on with roll  
2 call vote, please?

3                   MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Thompson.

4                   VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

5                   MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

6                   MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

7                   MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle.

8                   MR. SEARLE: Aye.

9                   MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

10                  MS. DANIELS: Aye.

11                  MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

12                  MR. MECK: Aye.

13                  MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

14                  MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

15                  MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

16                  CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. Motion carries.

17                  We'll now move on to Item 8E. Steve.

18                  MR. BOSCHEN: So next item is traffic management  
19 center for the City of Goodyear. The bids were higher than  
20 expected. Reasons for differences, traffic signal, system  
21 software, vehicle travel time hardware, video detection, travel  
22 time software. Staff does feel that this is a responsive and  
23 responsible bid. We do recommend award, and the award is to --  
24 five -- should be in your package. I'm going to trust you guys  
25 have it in your package, because I don't have it in front of me.

1 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: It's to CS Construction,  
2 Incorporated, Steve.

3 MR. BOSCHEN: Thank you, Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a motion to award  
5 Item 8E to CS Construction, Inc., as presented?

6 MR. KNIGHT: So moved, Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you. Do I have a  
8 second?

9 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Second. Member  
10 Thompson.

11 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I have a motion by Board  
12 Member Knight, a second by Vice Chairman Thompson. Is there any  
13 discussion or questions on this?

14 Hearing none, Floyd would you conduct the roll  
15 call vote, please.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Thompson.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Knight.

19 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Searle.

21 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

23 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

25 MR. MECK: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Stratton.

4 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Aye. The motion carries.  
5 Steve, thank you for filling in for Dallas, and  
6 good job.

7 MR. BOSCHEN: Thank you, Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Move on to Item 9. Is there  
9 any suggestions from the board members for future board meetings  
10 you'd like to see agendized?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd.  
12 I just want to touch base real quick on the next meeting, which  
13 would be September 17th, planned to be in Nogales. We have had  
14 a coordination meeting with the City, and they are welcome to  
15 host the Board at the City Council Chambers. We think, with  
16 technology, that we could do a meeting like we did in Sedona.  
17 Members who can be present can be present. Others can be  
18 remote.

19 But you did bring up a point at the beginning in  
20 your comments, and that is with some of the health issues going  
21 on and the increase in the number of COVID cases with this  
22 variant, I expect a lot of people may want to consider remotely.  
23 We can have a conversation offline if you want to, but I think  
24 we do need to decide if we still want to travel to Nogales in  
25 September or wait and see how the rest of kind of this summer

1 pans out with the COVID variant.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Floyd, I'd like to have a  
3 conversation with you and the Director concerning that in about  
4 a week. I'd like to let it sit for a week and see what  
5 develops, and then I think it would be wise for us to discuss it  
6 at that point.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Does that suit the Board?

9 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, Board Member Knight,  
10 we've got a League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference coming  
11 up August 31st through the 3rd. That hasn't been canceled.  
12 That's going to be in Phoenix in person. And, of course, in the  
13 middle of October, there's a Rural Transportation Summit. It's  
14 going to be -- attendance is going to be limited to 100 people,  
15 but it also will be in person, with indoor masks required at the  
16 -- at the venue, but...

17 So it seems like even with what's going on, there  
18 are other events and different things that are taking place in  
19 person. So I can do either one. I'm not opposed to going to  
20 Nogales and traveling and having that one in person, but I'll go  
21 along with whatever the majority of the Board feels is best.

22 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you.

24 Any other comments from the Board?

25 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Member Maxwell, I've got

1 a comment.

2 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Go ahead.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I kind of agree with  
4 Member Knight. I'd say I'll leave it up to your discretion. I  
5 think it would be important to talk -- to reach out to the  
6 hosts, find out how comfortable they are in the current  
7 situation, what the environment is down there, but I'd say give  
8 it some time to see how it develops. There's -- you know, the  
9 one thing that's truly, I think, consistent throughout this  
10 pandemic is nobody really knows what the next step's going to  
11 be.

12 So I'd hate to rush too early to turn off the  
13 opportunity, because I -- you know, as the newest member,  
14 getting out to these communities is really helpful, just the --  
15 even with limited attendance in Sedona, I thought it was  
16 appreciated by their mayor and council, as well as a good  
17 opportunity to get out and see some of the concerns from those  
18 regions.

19 So obviously I think we've got to do what's best  
20 for all. The host's consideration should be brought in as well,  
21 and I trust your judgment on the final decision.

22 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Board Member  
23 Maxwell.

24 Let's -- I agree with you. I don't want to make  
25 a decision too early. I think we need to let things play out a

1 little bit and see how they go. I think it's of the utmost  
2 importance that this Board visit communities around the state  
3 and give the citizens their opportunity to address us and for us  
4 to see their concerns firsthand. It's something that I thought  
5 has been very valuable over my tenure with the Board, however, I  
6 think we have to put the safety of this Board and staff up front  
7 and make sure that we keep people safe.

8 So if it pleases the Board, I will speak with the  
9 Director and Floyd in a week or maybe two, and we will try and  
10 accommodate the wishes of the Board and of the host if we can.

11 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: Steve.

12 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Yes.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Audio interruption)  
14 find out (audio interruption) to meet with the public.

15 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Vice Chairman, I'm having a  
16 very hard time hearing you.

17 VICE CHAIR THOMPSON: We'll just leave it up to  
18 your judgment. I'm having a lot of difficulty hearing. So  
19 again, thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Okay. Thank you, Vice  
21 Chairman.

22 Floyd, if we continue to do the Webex meetings,  
23 is there anything we can do to try and help the communications  
24 for the Vice Chairman?

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We'll look at it. Now,



1 he is in a conference room at our Northcentral headquarters in  
2 Flagstaff. So we'll try to -- not try. I mean, we will work  
3 with the local group up there and see if there's anything we can  
4 do that will improve that. Maybe we can get him closer to where  
5 the microphones are, make sure that he's speaking loud and  
6 clear. It is -- it looks like he's the only one in a larger  
7 conference room, and maybe we can try to get him into either a  
8 smaller conference room or maybe in a private office that's  
9 available. We will work on that.

10 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you. I'd appreciate  
11 that. I think it's important that we have his participation.

12 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I'll work  
13 with Floyd and our IT staff and see what we can do to get a  
14 better setup for Mr. Thompson.

15 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you, Director.  
16 Appreciate that.

17 Okay. Any suggestions for future agendas?  
18 Hearing none, we'll move on.

19 Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

20 MR. KNIGHT: So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Do I have a second?

22 MS. DANIELS: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN STRATTON: I don't believe we need a  
24 roll call vote for this. All in favor say aye.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIRMAN STRATTON: Thank you. This meeting is  
adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.)



**Adjournment**

***A motion to adjourn the August 20, 2021, State Transportation Board Meeting was made by Board Member Gary Knight and seconded by Board Member Jenn Daniels. In a voice vote, the motion carried.***

**Meeting adjourned at 10:31 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