

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
IN PERSON WITH OPTIONAL TELEPHONIC/WEBEX ATTENDANCE
9:00am, January 21, 2022
City of Yuma
One City Plaza
Yuma, Arizona 85364**

Call to Order

Board Chairman Stratton called the State Transportation Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Knight.

Roll Call by Floyd Roehrich

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance (In Person):** Chairman Stratton, Vice Chairman Thompson, Board Member Knight. **In attendance (Via WebEx):** Board Member Searle, Board Member Maxwell. **Absent:** Board Member Daniels and Board Member Meck. There were approximately 57 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 Jesse Thompson, Chairman
10 Gary Knight, Vice Chairman
11 Richard Searle, Board Member (via Webex)
12 Jenn Daniels, Board Member (Absent)
13 Ted Maxwell, Board Member (via Webex)
14 Jackie Meck, Board Member (Absent)
15 Steve Stratton, Board Member

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Moving on to call to the
4 audience. Telephone only or Webex, everyone will be muted when
5 they call into the meeting. When your name is called to provide
6 your comments, you will indicate your presence by virtually
7 raising your hand using your phone keypad or through the Webex
8 application. The Webex host will guide you through the unmuting
9 and muting process following the instructions included within
10 the meeting agenda.

11 In person, this is an opportunity for the members
12 of the public to discuss items of interest to the Board. Please
13 fill out a Request For Public Input form and give it to the
14 Board Secretary if you wish to address the Board.

15 In the interest of time, a three-minute time
16 limit will be imposed. I'd now like to turn it over to Floyd to
17 call out the names that wish to speak.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Our first
19 speaker is Mayor Doug Nicholls, Mayor of Yuma.

20 MAYOR NICHOLLS: Chairman, Board Members, thank
21 you for coming to Yuma. I appreciate the interaction last
22 night, being able to talk and get to know you all a little bit
23 better, but thank you for your service to the state. It means a
24 tremendous amount to us to have good representation throughout
25 the state and be -- the travel schedule, especially the

1 chairman. It gets pretty exhaustive, but it's -- I just want to
2 make sure that you understand it's very much appreciated by the
3 people of Yuma.

4 We'd like to also recognize that we had city
5 assemblies and the Town of Wellton there last night, too. We
6 operate fairly consistently as a region and wanted to make sure
7 that we're representing all of our communities within the
8 region, and they are valuable partners that we advocate and plan
9 for the future. So with that, I just want to thank -- again,
10 every time you come to Yuma, we appreciate that. You're always
11 welcome, and if there's anything we can do to help assist, let
12 us know, and thank you again.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mayor.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Kee Allen,
15 Council Delegate, Navajo Nation. Mr. Begay, please raise your
16 hand and the Webex most will unmute you.

17 WEBEX HOST: (Indiscernible) unmute. Mr. Begay,
18 you are unmuted.

19 MR. BEGAY: Good morning. This is Delegate Kee
20 Allen Begay, Junior, from the Navajo Nation. Can you hear me?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We can.

22 WEBEX HOST: Yes.

23 MR. BEGAY: Good morning, board members and
24 everyone on -- in attendance. My name's Kee Allen Begay,
25 Junior, from the Navajo Nation. I am a Tribal Council member.

1 I continue to advocate for road improvement in
2 the northeastern part of the state of Arizona, specifically
3 Highway 191, in the ZIP code of 86538, which is Many Farms,
4 Arizona. We just continue to ask the Board to help improve a
5 lot of the road within the area. Several projects that I'm
6 pursuing, and I'm hoping that the Arizona Department of
7 Transportation administration will be able to help and assist us
8 seek funding for these projects, such as the intersection
9 (indiscernible), streetlights, exit roads, improvement. And the
10 other area that I continue to advocate for is the Governor Ducey
11 smart highway, which we're asking the Governor to include
12 Highway 191.

13 So these are some areas that I ask the board
14 members to continue to deliberate and keep us informed on a lot
15 of these areas. So with that, I just wanted to say thank you
16 very much, and you all have a wonderful day.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Speaking Navajo). Thank you
18 very much for those comments.

19 We'll go to the next person, Floyd.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Alton Joe
21 Shepherd, Supervisor, Apache County.

22 MR. SHEPHERD: Good morning, board members,
23 distinguished Chair, Vice Chair, Members. Quickly, just to
24 introduce myself, my name's Alton Joe Shepherd. I am a county
25 supervisor in Apache County, District 2, representing I-40 north

1 to Chinle or Canyon de Chelly, that area, and going on my second
2 term here. Also, I've recently been appointed to the NACOG
3 transportation PPAC vice chair. Also will be leaving soon,
4 probably in a couple weeks, to Washington for (inaudible), where
5 I sit on the transportation board as well.

6 And so there's a couple things that -- I want to
7 say happy new year to all the members and the staff there and
8 also the new director just to be coming in. Certainly I think
9 continued partnership is going to be something that we will
10 continue to move forward in this day and age of the pandemic,
11 but hopefully we can get through all of this, but it's certainly
12 put a lot of strain, looking forward to the bill going forward
13 as well, the bill that was approved by the federal government.

14 Also, you know, inflation is something that we
15 have to contend with. Not only that, but the shortfalls that we
16 have across the state of Arizona. A couple things I just wanted
17 to also relate to (indiscernible). Back in 2018, '19, I came
18 before the Board asking for some review and possibility, maybe
19 finding back 30 years ago ADOT had paved the road around the
20 Ganado Unified School District. It's about a one-mile paved
21 road. It's deteriorated in the past 30 years, so we've been
22 doing as much as we can as a county, as it is in our county
23 inventory. So we're asking the state to see if we can fund
24 that. If not, does it go through (indiscernible) split, maybe
25 there is an avenue with the Board here. So we'd like to have

1 you -- ask for your review and possibly meet with the staff to
2 put it in the planning. Hoping that it gets passed this year in
3 the House and the Senate as well.

4 Lastly, is U.S. Highway 191, just like Delegate
5 Begay had mentioned, I think it's deteriorated from 191 at
6 Ganado south, down to Saint Johns, because we do have
7 (indiscernible) typically average about 25,000 tons of gravel a
8 year, which is around 1,000 truckloads going into Ganado and
9 even further.

10 With that, we appreciate the Board's time, and
11 I'm looking forward to the partnership, and I continue to stand
12 with you guys as well in trying to resolve a lot of the issues
13 across the state of Arizona. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you to you as well,
15 Alton. Thank you very much for those comments.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Matias
17 Rosales, Council Member, City of San Luis. Mr. Rosales.

18 MR. ROSALES: Good morning, everybody. Hope
19 everybody's well rested from last night's stay here. Happy to
20 be there. Chairman Thompson and members of the Board, my name
21 is Matias Rosales. I am the council member for the City of San
22 Luis. I want to thank Board -- I want to thank Board Member
23 Knight, who is a strong advocate for San Luis and Board Member
24 Jenn Daniels for recently visiting our community to see all the
25 community needs.

1 Unfortunately, Mayor Gerardo Sanchez cannot be
2 here with us today, but I am here before you to ask for your
3 assistance in addressing one of the most critical transportation
4 issues impacting in our community: The modernization of Cesar
5 Chavez Boulevard. The City has been working closely with ADOT
6 staff, particularly with Paul Patane, Yuma district engineer and
7 other members of the ADOT team on the modernization of Cesar
8 Chavez Boulevard. It is our community's major and really the
9 single east-west connector in our city. It is the only
10 connector between the San Luis 1 and the San Luis 2 Port of
11 Entry. San Luis, as the Governor previously referred to us,
12 "Boom Town, Arizona," is perhaps the fastest growing community
13 in rural Arizona. As of the latest Census information, our
14 population is now over 35,000 people. (Inaudible) should be a
15 lot higher, because most of the communities have been affected.
16 But that does not tell the real story about our international
17 community.

18 In 2021, 2.8 million cars and 5 point million
19 (sic) people crossed the border into our city. With the recent
20 announcement of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,
21 San Luis expects to have a federal investment over \$300 million
22 to modernize our San Luis 1 Port of Entry. That is something
23 that regionally together we've been working for with our
24 partners here locally and state and federal.

25 This gives us an insight to the future. The

1 number of vehicle lanes in our port of entry are
2 (indiscernible). As we move forward with the removal of border
3 restrictions established in 2020, we can now expect 21,000
4 people and 7,800 cars to cross into our city each and every day
5 of the year. That makes us one of the largest rural communities
6 in all of Arizona. Once traffic -- once traffic crosses into
7 our city, they have two choices: Go straight north on US-95 or
8 get on SR-195 to head east. SR-95/195 is the only real choice
9 (inaudible) Cesar Chavez. Today most of the boulevard is a
10 single lane in each direction with turning lanes in the middle.
11 It is a dangerous road for pedestrians without sidewalks, and
12 congestion is a severe -- is severe during key hours of the
13 morning and evening, as several schools are located on
14 (indiscernible). It is also the main access point to city hall,
15 post -- our local post office, county offices, San Luis High
16 School and other elementary (indiscernible) and other retail
17 (indiscernible). The roads need to be improved to two lanes in
18 each direction. When appropriate, turning lanes, sidewalks
19 (indiscernible) to ensure the safety (indiscernible).

20 Current estimates are that the total cost of the
21 project is at 32 million, and the City has spent a considerable
22 amount of resources and staff time in advancing this project.
23 We are moving fast as possible in completing the acquisition of
24 the right-of-way that involves working with the Department of
25 Interior and Bureau of Land Management. As you can imagine, it

1 is a highly bureaucratic and cumbersome process.

2 The situation is dire, and we need your
3 assistance in advancing this project. I know that the resources
4 are limited. A lot of communities have needs, but the situation
5 on Cesar Chavez Boulevard requires immediate attention.

6 I thank you, the Board, for your consideration
7 you give us to give you this request and ask you to keep our
8 project in mind for the future. Thank you. Have a good day.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you (inaudible).

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, we have one more
11 request, and that is from Mr. Randy Heiss, Executive Director
12 for SEAGO. Mr. Heiss, please raise your hand and the Webex host
13 will unmute you.

14 WEBEX HOST: (Inaudible) unmute.

15 (Inaudible conversation.)

16 WEBEX HOST: Mr. Heiss, you just have to unmute
17 your line. Floyd, it looks like they may have -- be having some
18 issues unmuting.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Kristi.

20 Mr. Chairman, what I recommend is we move forward
21 with the meeting, and later on, if Mr. Heiss is able to get his
22 audio working, you could open up call to the audience and he
23 could make his comments.

24 MR. HEISS: Good morning.

25 WEBEX HOST: It looks like he may be unmuted.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Heiss, are you there?

2 MR. HEISS: Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We can. Go ahead, sir.
4 You have your three minutes.

5 MR. HEISS: Thank you very much, and thank you
6 for your patience.

7 Good morning, Mr. Chairman, board members,
8 Director Halikowski, ADOT staff. My name is Randy Heiss. I
9 come before you this morning not as the director of Southeastern
10 Arizona Governments Organization, but as a citizen of
11 (indiscernible) safety concerns (indiscernible).

12 Very briefly, on October 13th, 2021, Cactus
13 Asphalt was conducting a pavement preservation project on State
14 Route 80 near Saint David in a 65-mile-an-hour zone with no
15 traffic controls in place that you would normally find.
16 (Inaudible) reduced speeds through the area, no flag man, no
17 alternating traffic and no pilot cars going through the work
18 area. The southbound lane was freshly covered with a generous
19 layer of cement and open to traffic at the posted speed limit.
20 Southbound lane vehicles (indiscernible) launch gravel into the
21 northbound lane, (indiscernible) a semi threw what was literally
22 the equivalent of a small bucket of gravel into the front of my
23 car, causing more than \$5,000 worth of damage. Thank goodness I
24 didn't swerve and make the situation worse by running off the
25 road or hurt -- hitting another vehicle.

1 ADOA Risk Management tells me more than a dozen
2 other motorists suffered damages on this same project. It's my
3 understanding that Cactus had the discretion to decide when and
4 where traffic control would be necessary on the project. In a
5 35-mile-an-hour zone, this might have been okay, but not in a
6 65-mile-an-hour zone.

7 Since it's apparent that not all contractors will
8 use good judgment in deploying traffic controls, I would
9 respectfully suggest that ADOT stipulate when and where these
10 controls will be used on pavement preservation projects in the
11 future.

12 Secondly, ADOT determined it was Cactus'
13 responsibility to settle my claim for the damages to my car, yet
14 more than three months since, and despite numerous
15 communications with ADOA, Cactus and their insurance company, I
16 still no nothing about the status of my claim. My cost
17 estimates are now outdated, and I feel I have no other choice
18 but to seek new estimates and file a civil claim to recover my
19 damages.

20 I wanted you to know about how Cactus is treating
21 those damaged on projects awarded by this board so that you can
22 consider this when you're contemplating future pavement
23 preservation awards.

24 Just very quickly, I would like to acknowledge
25 all the years Dallas Hammit has served as the state engineer and

1 an ADOT employee. He's a great man. I wish him all the best in
2 his retirement. Happy trails, Dallas. Keep up -- I appreciate
3 the work that you've done. And I also want to thank the Board
4 for their time, their service to the state of Arizona, and
5 please stay safe. Thank you.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that is all the call
7 to the audience.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Let me say that we do
9 appreciate all your comments, and that that (indiscernible) as
10 well as to the board members here. As you can see, we have
11 three, four members here, and we have the telephone, the Webex.
12 We're joined also by Richard Searle and Ted Maxwell. Is Jenn on
13 -- is she on the meeting?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, both Board Members
15 Meck and Board Member Daniels will miss the meeting because of a
16 prior engagement.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: But we do have a quorum with the
19 five members who are present.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Very good. And so now we
21 will move on to Item 1, director's report. Floyd, you'll be
22 taking --

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, John is -- the
24 Director is participating virtually, and he will give his
25 report.

1 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
2 and good morning, board members. Sounds like you're getting
3 some feedback on your end. Well...

4 So today I wanted to update you on State Route
5 88. I know that, you know, the Board and ADOT has received
6 quite a bit of communication on repairing State Route 88 and
7 certainly has -- also has the Legislature. So we thought it
8 would be good to give you an update.

9 First of all, we recognize and appreciate the
10 historic significance and natural beauty of the Apache Trail.
11 We understand the desire for the back country users and others
12 to explore the area by accessing SR-88. There's a seven-mile
13 long, narrow dirt section of SR-88 that remains closed to
14 vehicle traffic between Fish Creek Hill Overlook and the Apache
15 Lake Vista for safety reasons. This area is east of Tortilla
16 Flat.

17 As you recall, this is due to a burn scar from
18 the 2019 Woodbury fire. Large storms since then have caused
19 extensive roadway damage and rock debris. The burn scar
20 contributed to the stormwater runoff, which caused the damage,
21 and is considered an ongoing risk with future storms. For
22 perspective, the Woodbury fire was 124,000 acres, which is
23 larger than the area of the city of Scottsdale.

24 So we thought it would be best if we could
25 provide a good visual explainer of what the route is like, and

1 our communications and public involvement team worked with the
2 engineers handling the project and put together a brief video
3 that I would like to play for you, because, you know, I know
4 it's cliché, but I think in this case, the picture tells a
5 thousand words.

6 Floyd, could we go ahead and play that video?
7 (Video played.)

8 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So, Mr. Chairman and board
9 members, I know you've been getting a lot of pressure from
10 different proponents to open this up. I hope the video explains
11 both from a safety and a fiscal perspective why it's just not
12 prudent at this point to do so.

13 As was mentioned, the Legislature has
14 appropriated funding for a study for SR-88 to evaluate the
15 revegetation in the Woodbury burn scar area, and that goal of
16 that study is to determine what options are feasible from a
17 long-term construction and maintenance cost perspective for
18 restoring access to Apache Trail and Tonto National Forest.
19 Right now ADOT's finalizing the procurement process for the
20 study and plans to get it started within the next 30 to 60 days.
21 We will work to accelerate the process as quickly as possible.
22 Our goal is to have results from the study by this fall.

23 We'll keep the Board and other key stakeholders
24 informed of progress on the study, roadway repairs and
25 improvement projects, and we'll post the study documents online

1 when they're completed. We've also established an SR-88/Apache
2 Trail email list, and either we have already or Floyd will --
3 will send you the link to the SR-88 web page so you can see more
4 details, and we'll keep that web page updated as new information
5 becomes available.

6 So I hope this will help the Board understand,
7 Mr. Chairman, some of the -- the issues facing ADOT as we work
8 to get SR-88 reopened to the public in the future. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Director. At this
10 time I'd like to ask if any of the members have questions for
11 the Director. Steve?

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

13 I don't have a question to ask. I have a
14 comment, and this road is in my district. I'm familiar with it.
15 I understand what we're up against with the Forest Service and
16 their rules, and I think the public doesn't quite understand
17 what we have to deal with on this or what the extent of the
18 damage is and what it will cost us. There are multiple rules on
19 this because of the Forest Service, I believe. Correct me if
20 I'm wrong, John or Floyd, but little different rules on this one
21 (indiscernible) antiquities, environmental and the burn scar,
22 and if we do much right now, I believe if we have another flood,
23 it will take it out. It will be a waste of money.

24 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Right.

25 MR. STRATTON: So I just wanted to -- being in my

1 district, I wanted to show the support for staff and the
2 decisions at this point, and I know we've received over 800
3 emails asking us to open this road, but again, I don't think
4 they quite understand what we're up against, so...

5 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So you're --

6 MR. STRATTON: (Indiscernible.) Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: You're absolutely correct
8 in your statements, Board Member Stratton, and we appreciate
9 your diligence and working with us to get better understanding
10 out to the public on what we're facing, but I certainly agree
11 with your assessment.

12 So, Mr. Chairman, that -- I'm sorry.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead, John. Do you have
14 any additional information?

15 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I do not, Mr. Chairman, and
16 I think anything else I would report on, they'll cover in the
17 reports coming up on the agenda. So thank you.

18 MR. SEARLE: Testing. This is Richard.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Richard, proceed with
20 your question or comment.

21 MR. SEARLE: Yes. I had a question for the
22 Director. On this -- on this road, it's my understanding that
23 we've also got to get the Forest Service's permission to work on
24 this; is that correct?

25 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: We do have to work in

1 tandem with them. As the video pointed out, we have an easement
2 that allows us to be there. So yes.

3 MR. SEARLE: But we can't do anything until the
4 Forest Service allows us to, correct, or not?

5 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Well, that's a fairly broad
6 categorization. I don't want to say we can't do anything, but
7 if you're talking about major repairs to the road, we do have to
8 work with the Forest Service moving forward.

9 MR. SEARLE: All right. Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Vice Chairman.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. I just would
13 like to say I've driven that Apache Trail, and it's a very
14 historic and beautiful route, and I would just like the public
15 to know that the Board is certainly on their side. We want it
16 open as soon as it can be safely opened, and we're urging that
17 to happen, but we can -- as the director explained, there are a
18 lot of moving parts, and we can only move as fast as we can
19 move. But we are 100 percent behind reopening that trail.
20 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, and let me just
22 say, Mr. Chair, the Forest Service has been a very good partner
23 in working (indiscernible) this. So we have a very good
24 relationship with them.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) the project there

1 is a huge one. I can see that I'm really happy that there's a
2 continuation of informing the public about it. I'm sure at the
3 point that -- you know, there will be understanding of the
4 efforts that we're putting into it and how long it will take
5 before it opens back up. So I do appreciate it. We're
6 (indiscernible) behind it.

7 Is there any other information you wanted to give
8 to the Board, John?

9 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: No, Mr. Chairman. That
10 concludes my report and any last minute items.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I do want to point
13 out that it's the agenda for a legislative update, and I think,
14 Mr. Director, that has been something Katy Proctor has provided.
15 So if Katy (indiscernible) ready, she has the legislative update
16 as well.

17 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah. Thank you for that.
18 I forgot that was part of the director's report. Katy.

19 MS. PROCTOR: Good morning, board members. By
20 way of a quick update, on the state side, I just wanted to let
21 you know that session has begun, legislative session. We are in
22 the second week right now, and as of this morning, 969 bills,
23 memorials and resolutions have been introduced. That is quite a
24 few this year for sure, and we are not done, because their lines
25 to submit legislation are still pending. It will be Monday, the

1 29th, in the Senate, and it will actually be February 7th in the
2 House. So expect many more bills coming before the end of that
3 deadline.

4 Similar to last session, you're going to start to
5 receive updates from us weekly on the transportation project
6 bills that have been introduced. There will be a slightly
7 different format this year, because we're using a different
8 program to do our tracking service. However, you'll start to
9 get those, and you should get the first one today. It will come
10 through from Floyd, and they'll just be an overview of the
11 project bills that are out there along with updates through the
12 process in terms of amendments or other changes. I do want to
13 point out that the executive budget was released last Friday,
14 and it contains several exciting items related to ADOT. In
15 particular, there are two I'd like to point out to you. The
16 first is an investment of an additional \$400 million in the I-10
17 expansion project. This would be widening of I-10 from Phoenix
18 to Casa Grande.

19 The other is the creation of a smart fund to
20 assist rural communities in drawing down federal money through
21 the infrastructure bill that was passed last year. Both of
22 these are very exciting opportunities, and we will keep you
23 updated as the budget process develops at the Legislature this
24 session. We do have a budgets of appropriations meeting on the
25 27th in the House, and we are looking forward that opportunity.

1 On the federal side, we are less than a month
2 away from the expiration of the current continuing resolution on
3 the budget. We know that the parties are meeting and they're
4 talking about a \$1.4 trillion plan right now that would ideally
5 free up some of that money that was authorized but not actually
6 funded in the infrastructure bill last year. There are -- the
7 biggest question, I think, right now is going to be attached to
8 which policy riders go forward in that budget process, and
9 that's something that they're going to have to work through
10 we're very hopeful that they will have a budget for us,
11 obviously. That's an important factor, but we're still waiting
12 to see how that works out.

13 Mr. Chair, that will conclude my report today.
14 I'm happy to answer any questions.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) the board members
16 feel are probably interested in the transportation bill that
17 will be submitted and those that will be submitted as well. So
18 thank you for that report.

19 Board members, do you have any questions for
20 Katy?

21 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I would just
22 point out that Katy and I and Greg Byres yesterday addressed the
23 County Supervisors Association, and we went through the federal
24 legislation and answered questions about funding, the Governor's
25 proposal for the 400-plus million for I-10, and also, there's

1 great interest in the Governor's suggestion of \$50 million for
2 what is known as the "Smart Fund," which would assist greater
3 Arizona communities outside of Pima and Maricopa County with
4 obtaining grants under the new federal legislation. So if
5 there's any questions on those, we'd be happy to answer those,
6 too.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you.

8 Any questions? Those on Webex? Board members?

9 There being none, let's move on to Item 2, the
10 director's report.

11 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. With that we will now
13 move on to Item 2, district engineer's report, Paul Patane,
14 Southwest District Engineer.

15 MR. PATANE: Good morning, Mr. Chair, board
16 members, and thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My
17 name is Paul Patane. I'm the Southwest District engineer.

18 Today my update will go over current construction
19 and upcoming construction projects within the Southwest
20 District.

21 (Indiscernible) Maricopa County. We have over
22 3,000 lane miles, in excess of 500 bridges within our district.

23 Next slide, please. (Indiscernible.)

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Paul, I notice there's a
25 difference, what's shown up there and what's shown on the Webex,

1 so you might want to...

2 MR. PATANE: Go to the next slide, next project.

3 There. Right there.

4 This is our first expansion project. This is
5 within Yuma County, along US-95. This is the main corridor from
6 the city of Yuma to Yuma Proving Grounds, and this project is
7 currently under construction. We're about almost 50 percent
8 complete. Expect to be completed in winter of '22. The project
9 consists of widening the existing two-lane facility to five
10 lanes. There is one new bridge structure as part of this
11 project, and things are going smoothly.

12 Next slide, please.

13 This is a modernization project using district
14 (indiscernible) funds along the US-95 corridor as well. This is
15 the addition to the adding left and right turn lanes at this
16 intersection. Dome Valley Road, it's a heavily traveled
17 agricultural -- it's the county (inaudible), which takes you to
18 a lot of the farmlands within the Dome Valley area. That
19 project is complete.

20 Next slide, please.

21 (Inaudible) modernization projects on our rest
22 area facilities. We have two rest areas currently under
23 construction. The first one is along I-10, Bouse, the Bouse
24 Wash rest area. That job is near completion. Should be
25 completed by next month. Pretty much what it was, just

1 rehabbing the plumbing facilities, expanding the restroom
2 capabilities, but we also did (indiscernible) the truck parking
3 there as well.

4 The next project rest area is on Interstate 8,
5 Sentinel rest area. The same scope of work, rehabbing the
6 facilities, increasing their capacity and as far as adding
7 additional truck parking to it as well.

8 Next slide, please.

9 This project here is a preservation project
10 between Gila Bend and the I-10 corridor along 85. It's a
11 pavement preservation, along with some bridge deck
12 rehabilitation and some minor drainage improvements as well.
13 This project is -- just got underway. Should be completed by
14 the summer of '22.

15 So now next slide, I'll get into some upcoming
16 projects that are in the works. Go to the next slide.

17 The first set of projects are the pavement life
18 extension projects. This is one of our deep pavement strategies
19 that we're incorporating throughout the state to try to maximize
20 our pavement conditions on our corridors. This money was some
21 of the appropriated funds by our Legislature, and as you can
22 see, we've got projects throughout the district totaling a
23 little over \$18 million in preservation on our state routes,
24 interstates.

25 Next slide, please. Next slide, please.

1 These are -- the next seven projects are major --
2 what we call major rehabilitation projects on our pavement
3 condition. As you can see, over the next three years, we have
4 projects throughout the interstate, state routes, totaling over
5 \$160 billion, (indiscernible) projects coming down the pipeline.
6 The majority of that pipeline, around 130,000 is invested in our
7 interstate infrastructure. Also our key commerce corridors.

8 Next slide, please.

9 I just wanted to share this with you and say
10 thank you. This is kind of a recap over the five years, the
11 projects we've done from 2016 to 2021. Shows where some of the
12 preservation investments were totaling a little over
13 145 million. Projects -- most of the projects were along the
14 interstate, as we would think, and we did substantial
15 investments (indiscernible) through to this area. So thank you,
16 board members, for those.

17 Next slide, please.

18 This is a modernization project. This one starts
19 at the California state line, going up to the Wellton area.
20 This is spot improvements along various bridges along the
21 interstate corridor, doing some bridge barrier repair, a few
22 upgrades of ADA features, but again, preserving our existing
23 infrastructure.

24 Next slide, please.

25 This project here, it's some ADA upgrades within

1 the town of Quartzsite. This is the -- one of the -- it's
2 called indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracting
3 method we're using. It's similar to what we've known as job
4 (indiscernible) contracting. This is the first one in the state
5 of Arizona that we're using. This is actually the second task.
6 The first task that we did (indiscernible) upgrading the ADA
7 features within the town of Quartzsite.

8 Next slide, please.

9 This modernization of -- the previous project was
10 modernization. This project here is modernization as well.
11 It's using (indiscernible) ITS technology to help enhance
12 interstate truck parking availability. The technology will
13 allow truckers as they drive their route to know if there's
14 available parking areas within our rest areas. This one is
15 scheduled for fiscal year '23.

16 Next slide, please.

17 This is for FY '25, Interstate 10, another rest
18 area project, just rehabilitation and upgrading the features as
19 well. The rest areas along the corridors are heavily used and
20 requires the continual investment into these facilities.

21 Then our final project is an expansion project.

22 Next slide, please.

23 This is our Phase 2 of the US-95 corridor. It's
24 another three-mile segment that we're widening from two to five
25 lanes, and this has another (indiscernible) structure as well

1 and is scheduled to advertise in the fourth quarter of this
2 year, this fiscal year, and we estimate the amount at this time
3 is a little over \$25 million for construction.

4 That concludes my presentation, Chairman
5 Thompson.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Paul.

7 Dallas, did you have anything to add to that? I
8 thought you were raising your hand. Okay.

9 You can correct me. Patane?

10 MR. PATANE: Patane, three syllables. Easiest
11 way to remember. (Indiscernible.)

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board have any questions?

13 There being none, we will now move on to Item 3.
14 (Indiscernible.) Now we will now move on to Item 3, consent
15 agenda. Does any board member want any item removed from the
16 consent agenda?

17 There being none, do I have a motion to approve
18 the consent agenda as presented?

19 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Steve, second by
22 Gary. Any questions? Any opposed?

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

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, can you conduct the

1 roll call?

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. I'll go to the members
3 online.

4 Board Member Searle.

5 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Maxwell.

7 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion passes unanimously.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries. We have
10 now adopted the consent agenda.

11 Now we will move forward. Give me a second.

12 We will now move on to the financial report with
13 Kristine Ward, Agenda Item 4, for information and discussion
14 only. We have Kristine here with us, so we'll give her the
15 time.

16 MS. WARD: Good morning, board members, and thank
17 you very much for giving me the time to speak. (Inaudible) --

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Kristine, could you please use the
19 microphone? It gets a little difficult to hear you.

20 MS. WARD: Which one? Both of them?

21 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Both of them.

22 MS. WARD: Okay. Both of them. There we go. So
23 if I say something really impressive, do I get to a double mic
24 drop?

25 All right. So good morning again.

1 Rhett, if we can -- Rhett, you're right on.
2 Thank you, Rhett.

3 All right. So in terms of the Highway User
4 Revenue Fund, we are running a little bit behind forecast. It's
5 not something of tremendous concern. We're about 2.9 percent
6 behind forecast, with \$851 million in revenues collected. Now,
7 you'll notice that last month I reported out to you that we were
8 3.4 percent behind our forecast, and now we are only 2.9
9 percent. The reason for that is we had some very strong gas tax
10 revenues come in above forecast to the tune of -- I think they
11 were around 11 plus percent. So we actually came closer back
12 into target range in -- for this month.

13 If you'll remember, what we're seeing, what I'm
14 reporting to you here in January, we're actually looking at
15 November's fuel tax activity. So, you know, you got holiday
16 travel and so forth, but I don't know specifically that that's
17 what we can ascribe that uptick in.

18 If you go on to the next slide, Rhett. Oh, I'm
19 sorry.

20 So this will show you -- this will show you the
21 breakdown of the individual revenue sources flowing into the
22 Highway User Revenue Fund, and you'll see that in December we
23 had 11.5 percent greater revenues in this December over last --
24 last year at this time. We are a little ahead of forecast as
25 well. 1.4 percent.

1 Overall, you also notice that vehicle license
2 tax, we are lagging a little behind in our forecast, and we
3 attribute that -- we've gone back and dug into that, and we
4 really had some tremendous growth last year in VLT which
5 contributed to our considerations of forecasts this year. So we
6 are running a little behind the forecast on this. Overall,
7 netting -- looking at all of the factors, again, we're running
8 2.9 overall (audio interruption) fund, and we're running a
9 little ahead of forecast on Regional Area Road Fund revenues.
10 2.8 percent above forecast, with \$261 million collected year to
11 date.

12 If you can -- if you can go to that next slide,
13 Rhett, I would appreciate it.

14 Overall, for when you compare December, you're --
15 we're -- just the actuals of '21, we are 19 percent over the
16 prior year. This is some tremendous growth. Now, fortunately,
17 we've forecasted a lot of that growth, and we've based our --
18 you know, our program on a lot of that growth. (Audio
19 interruption) items. You can see in retail sales, 20.2 percent
20 over last year, and if you really want to (indiscernible), look
21 at restaurant bar. Remember, we had such a decline last year
22 when I was reporting out to you, and (audio interruption) year
23 for December. Restaurant and bar is 40 percent over last year
24 and 6.2 percent over forecast.

25 So if we go on -- Rhett, if you would go to --

1 actually, I'm going to provide you more detail on the federal
2 aid program. So if we could go on to the next slide, Rhett,
3 that will --I'll give you the update on where we are with BIL,
4 the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

5 Now, as we -- I've been discussing what we're
6 going to do each month, as I'll tell you what we learned, what
7 we know and what we've learned since the last time we reported,
8 what we don't know, and when we've got to have further
9 information.

10 So what we learned since the last time we
11 reported out to you -- I think Katy suggested it in her report
12 as well -- is the largest item that we learned is we received a
13 notice on January 14th from FHWA on the bridge program. Now,
14 it's the -- it's referred to as it has been -- the name has been
15 shortened to the Bridge Formula Program, but the full name in
16 law is Bridge Replacement Rehabilitation Preservation Protection
17 and Construction Program. Since that's a mouthful, we have
18 reduced it. However, it does allude to what projects -- types
19 of projects are eligible. I will leave the rest of that to
20 Greg.

21 But what we -- what Arizona is receiving is
22 \$45 million in apportionment, and of that \$45 million, 6.7
23 million of it, or 15 percent, is set aside for off-system
24 bridge -- bridges, and that means local. Local bridges. We --
25 and so that was 6.7, leaving 38 million that is available for --

1 in the statewide program.

2 The statewide program has a typical match,
3 traditional match of about 5.7 percent, but this off-system
4 bridge portion does not require a match. That is the large item
5 that we learned subsequent to my previous report. We are still
6 waiting for information. I believe the next -- between now and
7 the next report, I'd expect that we will learn more on the
8 electrification portion of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

9 If you'd go on to the next slide. I think I've
10 actually just covered most of it, so...

11 We are also, of course -- this is not new from
12 last month, but we are awaiting to see what happens from a
13 budget perspective, because the continuing resolution expires on
14 February 18th. That will be a very -- what comes from the
15 budget will be a very telling and impactful component on what we
16 have available with the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

17 And I (audio interruption) --

18 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Kristine --

19 MS. WARD: So these are just (indiscernible) --
20 I'm sorry?

21 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Kristine, this is the --

22 MS. WARD: Did I hear someone?

23 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Kristine, I just -- while
24 you were on the point, I wanted to ask a question about all the
25 system bridges. Yesterday, at the county supervisor's meeting,

1 one of the supervisors who represents tribal areas asked us if
2 this fund would be available for off-system bridges on tribal
3 land. Do you know if that's correct?

4 MS. WARD: So, sir, that is -- the funds that are
5 coming to the state are different -- are after a set aside has
6 already taken place for tribal roads. Tribal bridges. Excuse
7 me. And if you wait one moment, I think I have that number.

8 Shall set aside 3 percent of the funds
9 appropriated, not of this 45 million. Separate from this 45
10 million. There is a set aside for tribal transportation
11 facility bridges. And I -- if anyone has any in-depth questions
12 on that, I can also share the information. But Director, does
13 that answer your question, sir?

14 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: It does. Thank you very
15 much.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, Kristine, I do
17 have a point. Who administers that if it's going to the tribe?
18 So is that direct to the tribes? Is that BIA? Is that
19 (indiscernible)?

20 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Floyd, I'm sorry, I
21 don't know the answer, but I -- when I read it, I anticipated it
22 to be BIA, but I'm not certain of that. So I can confirm that
23 for you. I don't know if Greg knows. If you'd excuse me, sir,
24 if I may ask?

25 MR. BYRES: We don't know.

1 MS. WARD: Well, guess what? Neither one of us
2 know.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: It would be good for you to
4 research it and get the information out to us. So would also be
5 very interested to get that information. So it would be good to
6 get that as soon as possible.

7 MS. WARD: Mr. Thompson, if I may, I think one of
8 the things that I might be able to do that would be helpful is
9 there is a -- you know, the funds that are going -- my general
10 perception of the funds that are designated for tribal purposes
11 are not flowing through FHWA. So those are not things that we
12 are necessarily getting notices on, but rather the tribes
13 themselves will be getting those notices through ever -- through
14 whatever agency is that (indiscernible) point of contact
15 (indiscernible).

16 (Speaking simultaneously.)

17 MS. WARD: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Steve.

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

20 Kristine, of the 38 million that is allocated to
21 ADOT, will that be split along the Casa Grande accords or will
22 it be done by what bridges need it the worst in the system?

23 MS. WARD: My anticipation is that would fall --
24 fall along with Casa Grande accords.

25 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any other questions? There's
2 board members on the line. Do you have any questions for
3 Kristine at this time?

4 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, excuse me, I am -- it is
5 being suggested that that is not Casa Grande accord.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Please, if you're going to
7 speak --

8 MR. SEARLE: Jesse, this is Richard.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible.)

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead.

11 MR. SEARLE: This is Richard.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead, Richard. We have
13 Greg before the Board, so will like to speak first. Go ahead,
14 Richard.

15 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Kristine, I have basically
16 two questions. First of all, are these new buckets of money
17 being factored into the upcoming five-year plan that's being
18 proposed?

19 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, yes, sir. We would be
20 factoring those dollars in the new five -- the tentative five-
21 year program.

22 MR. SEARLE: Okay. And the other question are --
23 on our HURF projections, and I don't know how elastic (audio
24 interruption) prices to demand on fuel, but if oil goes up to
25 120, 150 dollars a barrel, are we expecting any decrease in fuel

1 cells?

2 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Searle, so what
3 you're referring to is the elasticity, the price elasticity, and
4 the elasticity of demand should prices go up, and what we have
5 generally found is that gasoline, the -- gasoline sales are less
6 elastic, meaning that there is a certain amount -- people just
7 need fuel. So you don't see an immediate decline associated
8 with a spike in fuel prices. However, it really is dependent on
9 how significant that price increase is.

10 There is a certain point at which people start
11 modifying their behaviors when they -- they see -- experience
12 the higher fuel prices, but generally, there are base levels of
13 travels that people need to make, and therefore, they -- it is
14 not -- it does not fluctuate as much as, say, other goods.

15 Does that answer your question, sir?

16 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Thank you. That answers my
17 question. Thank you.

18 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Kristine and Mr. Chairman
19 (indiscernible) two points here. One is we can look at some
20 historical data of gasoline sales, the last time it hit \$4 a
21 gallon, and I believe that was in the 2009 era. We can take a
22 look at the historical data and see if we saw a decrease.

23 The other thing, Kristine, I want to be clear
24 about is the money coming in, there are formulas (indiscernible)
25 coming to us under the continuing resolution, but when we're

1 factoring money into the five-year plan, appropriated funds from
2 some of these other programs, those are a different animal, I
3 think.

4 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Director, what -- Greg
5 has got some alternative information with regards to the bridge
6 program that (indiscernible) might not be subject to Casa Grande
7 accord. I would defer to him to discuss this topic, and you
8 can't see, but he sits in the (indiscernible) actually address
9 the prior issue.

10 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I understand. I just want
11 to be clear to Mr. Searle's question that the federal
12 government, the bill has certain formula moneys attached to it.
13 There are other funds that (indiscernible) yet been approved by
14 Congress, so we have to be careful when we're talking about just
15 saying money's factored into the five-year plan, because some
16 people are saying, you know, 5 billion is coming to Arizona
17 (indiscernible) portion of that hasn't been approved yet.

18 MS. WARD: So, Mr. Chairman, Director, you are --
19 you are correct. It is an inaccuracy to say that there is -- I
20 think the perception out there is that there is a brand-new
21 \$5 billion. It's actually \$5.3 billion forecast over the next
22 five years coming to Arizona.

23 And the operative word here is "new." It is not
24 new. We have received additional funds, but keep in mind, like
25 last year and the chart that you're seeing right now up on the

1 screen shows our FFY -- our federal fiscal year '21
2 apportionments. So -- and the FFY '22 through '26 shows what
3 the apportionments will be from the Bipartisan Infrastructure
4 Law. So we were already receiving \$800 million a year. It is
5 not 5.3 million of new money. It is 5.3 million in total. The
6 new money is about (inaudible) million plus a year.

7 Did that -- did that answer your questions?

8 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Director, Kristine
10 and we do have -- okay. That's done. Okay. Okay.

11 (Indiscernible.) Very good. Any other questions, those board
12 members on the line or anybody from here?

13 MS. WARD: All right. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Again, thank you, Kristine.

15 Let's go to Item 5, with Greg Byres, for
16 information and discussion only. (Inaudible) time, Greg.
17 (Indiscernible.)

18 MR. BYRES: Thank you very much. And if we can
19 get the -- so we have our presentation up -- let's go to the
20 next slide, please.

21 So first off I'd like to start off with --
22 Mr. Chairman, board members, I'd like to start off with the
23 tribal transportation update. One of the first items that we
24 have is our tribal liaisons have been working very closely with
25 the Intertribal Council of Arizona. What they've been doing is

1 they've been working with several different tribes, as well as
2 all across the state, pretty much, to get together and try and
3 disseminate information that is coming through, whether it's
4 coming from Federal Highway or from any other agencies to make
5 sure that that information's getting out.

6 So what they've done is they've tried to put
7 together a scheduled set of events where all that information
8 can get out and disseminated to all the tribal members and --
9 our tribal organizations, at least, and so they've been very
10 successful in putting that together. The first one that they
11 have set right now is for February 3rd, and there's additional
12 ones that will be occurring throughout the next coming year.

13 So the next item we have is -- let's see here.
14 January 12th was the Indian Nations and Tribal Legislation Day
15 over at the Legislature, which was very successful. The
16 Governor had comments that were put out, as well as other people
17 spoke. So it was a very robust conversation that was held with
18 several different subjects. I-10 widening was spoken about, as
19 well as water/drought issues across the state, COVID-19, and
20 there was a host of other items that were discussed at that. So
21 it was a very good event. There's -- actually, on this
22 particular side, there's a link that you can actually go to for
23 that -- the entirety of that event.

24 Next slide.

25 The next item I have, Kristine's already kind of

1 gone through a lot of this, but it's my update as well for the
2 bridge formula funding that we just received guidance on.
3 Kristine went through the money and the percentage for
4 off-system bridges, but I want to kind of get into some of the
5 details of what we're looking at right now.

6 So that 15 percent set aside for off-system
7 bridges, in the -- in the state, what they're talking about --
8 the off-system bridges is basically what's not system. So the
9 state actually has off-system bridges within the state highway
10 system. So we have some of those that are eligible within that
11 15 percent, as well as the rest of the funds. However, that --
12 the intent is actually for localities to be able to utilize
13 those funds. So that's something that we're going to have to
14 kind of balance through as we go through and try and assess
15 which projects are going to go into the program.

16 The other thing that we have is we have our P2P
17 list of projects that we already have set up for programming,
18 and so we're going to -- this gives us the opportunity to go
19 much further down that list. So that's the intent of what we're
20 looking for. We have a ton of needs for our bridges. Even
21 though we only have 1 percent of our bridges that are in poor
22 condition, this does give us that much more flexibility to be
23 able to address those bridges.

24 The -- from what we've been able to interpret
25 from the guidance we've been given so far, there's a -- there's

1 a lot of eligibility for the bridges. It goes all the way down
2 to low water crossings, which are considered bridge structures
3 now. So that actually goes into part of the -- what we're
4 looking at. And so there's a very wide, broad eligibility. We
5 need to confirm that with our FHWA division, but that's exactly
6 what we're looking at doing. So we already have projects that
7 we can look at bringing into the program with the additional
8 funds.

9 Now, on to the questions (indiscernible) is
10 whether or not these funds go through the Casa Grande accord.
11 It does to an extent, because what we're looking at is we're
12 looking at program dollars that go into the five-year program,
13 which, of course, has to comply with the Casa Grande accords.
14 So there is that factor. I thought that could clarify
15 (indiscernible).

16 So other than that, the only other thing I have
17 is we're still going through other items. So as guidance comes
18 through on the bill itself, we'll circle forward. Other than
19 that, I don't have any other comments, and I stand for any
20 questions.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any comments or questions to
22 Greg on his presentation?

23 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, this is Ted.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Go ahead. Move
25 forward. Proceed.

1 MR. MAXWELL: Yes. Greg, first off, again,
2 congratulations on your new position, but I appreciate the
3 information you give us -- gave us today. The question I get
4 asked often is how the local communities and local, you know,
5 counties, cities would -- may have an opportunity to take
6 advantage of some of the bill funding. So in this case, for
7 example, with the off-system bridges, you mentioned the 15
8 percent. Obviously some exist in ADOT and some -- but the
9 intention is also to get them out into the communities. Do we
10 have a system or thought of how we will allow the communities to
11 either make an ask for some of those fundings, or what's the
12 current process that we'd go through to determine how those
13 off-systems funds are used?

14 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Maxwell,
15 we have our LPA system that we utilize for locals to be able to
16 access project funds, and we will utilize that process. So it's
17 already in place, and this is just additional funds that we'll
18 be able to utilize for that local process.

19 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Greg, what is LPA, for
20 those that may not know?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director, that's
22 (inaudible) local public agency.

23 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

24 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So, Mr. Chairman, Greg
25 there's a few pieces moving around here, because we --

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: -- we are dealing with the
3 funds from Build Back Better -- I'm sorry -- from BIL or IIJA,
4 and then, you know, as we talk about local governments and their
5 capabilities to access assistance, we also have to look to the
6 grant programs that will become available under the federal
7 legislation. And we've recently talked with the Rural
8 Transportation Advisory Council, and we also heard this from the
9 County Supervisors Board of Directors, yesterday that there are
10 many small communities out there, especially when applying for
11 grants, don't have the resources in order to do that. And so
12 what the Governor is trying to do with the \$50 million in smart
13 funds in his budget proposal is to provide that assistance to
14 smaller rural communities in Greater Arizona, again, outside
15 Pima and Maricopa County, with those funds to allow ADOT to
16 assist those smaller communities.

17 But one of the things we continue to struggle
18 with is small communities just don't have the ability to hire
19 some of the horsepower they need for planning, and, you know,
20 we're discussing looking at our state planning and research
21 funds, but, you know, most of those are used for operational
22 costs in smaller communities. And so there's just still not
23 quite the horsepower we want there, but we're hoping that the
24 50 million in the Governor's budget gets approved that will
25 provide a resource. But again, we're not just looking at

1 formula funds. There will also be a need that will arise when
2 these grants become available so that we can work with these
3 communities to apply for grants (indiscernible).

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Question (indiscernible)?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, if you want to move
6 forward to the next, I think that's -- unless there are any
7 other comments, then we're ready for Item 6, PPAC.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Greg, can you get us a little
9 more information as to what John was talking about as far as
10 (indiscernible) money that they use to (indiscernible) area
11 communities?

12 MR. BYRES: So, Mr. Chairman, board members, I
13 think what the Director was going to bring up was there's
14 actually two parts to the bridge program. So there's the
15 formula funding, which is what Kristine has already gone
16 through, the 45 million in '22, but there's also a grant
17 program, a discretionary funding program, which is competitive,
18 and it's a very large program that is available. And so that
19 will be coming up. We still have not seen anything on any
20 notices of funding opportunities that come out, but that's the
21 second part of this.

22 And I think what the Director was going to bring
23 up is that this smart initiative, our funding initiative that
24 the Governor has put forth in his budget proposal would allow
25 the locals to be able to access funds so that they can actually

1 prepare an application for those discretionary funds on a
2 competitive basis.

3 So one of the big items that we've had in the
4 past is that there's been a major disadvantage for the smaller
5 communities to be able to put together a competitive
6 application, and what this does is it's \$50 million that's been
7 set aside, if it's approved. It's in -- it's only in the
8 Governor's budget at this point in time, but if it gets approved
9 by the Legislature, it goes through a final process of approval.
10 What it does is it allows those localities to be able to come
11 through and apply for (indiscernible) funds to be able to put
12 together those applications.

13 The discretionary funding that is available
14 within the bill itself is tremendous. It's the largest part of
15 what we're looking at for funding, but it's all competitive. So
16 that's -- this allows those locality -- the smaller communities,
17 especially rural communities, to be able to be competitive. So
18 that's all (indiscernible).

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Indiscernible) big step
20 forward, you know, to trying to get -- bring in, grow and
21 promote area (indiscernible) projects. So thank you very much.

22 Is there any other further questions?

23 (Inaudible.)

24 MR. ROEHRICH: No, sir, Mr. Chairman. I would
25 say you're ready for Item 6.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. We'll move on to Item
2 6, PPAC items with Greg Byres, for discussion and possible --
3 only -- and possible action. I'm sorry. Greg.

4 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
5 members. At this point in time, PPAC brings forward -- we've
6 got three items for project modifications and two (audio
7 interruption) item (audio interruption).

8 MR. MAXWELL: Steve, are you hearing anything?

9 MR. SEARLE: This is Richard Searle. I can't
10 hear anything.

11 MS. KUNZMAN: This is Michelle Kunzman. I'm not
12 hearing anything either.

13 MR. SEARLE: That just shows you how far Yuma is
14 from the world.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: -- unless they can send something
16 else in by chat, because I see both of them on there.

17 MR. MAXWELL: We just -- we got you, Floyd.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible.)

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Maxwell, how do you vote, sir?

20 MR. MAXWELL: We had not heard you. Richard and
21 I were unable to hear you for about the last two minutes or
22 probably anybody on the (indiscernible) on the account. So what
23 item are we currently voting on?

24 MR. ROEHRICH: So the Item -- PPAC Items 6A
25 through 6C. We had a motion to approve as presented by Board

1 Member Knight, second by Board Member Stratton. We did the
2 voice vote here, and now I'm doing the roll call vote, and I
3 will start with Board Member Searle.

4 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: And Board Member Maxwell.

6 MR. MAXWELL: And Floyd, I would like to just ask
7 one question just to confirm that the increased budget on C was
8 due to the cost of land; is that correct?

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Greg, the increased cost in -- on
10 Item 6C was due to right-of-way cost increases?

11 MR. BYRES: That is correct.

12 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. I vote aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: And that motion passes
14 unanimously.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries.

16 Now is there a motion to approve PPAC new
17 projects, Items 6D to 6E as presented? Board members?

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: So moved.

19 MR. STRATTON: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Knight, and second
21 by Stratton to approve 6D and 6E. Any discussion? Any opposed?
22 All in favor say aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct the roll call
25 vote for board members attending remotely.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

2 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

4 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: And the motion carries.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

7 Moving on to item -- Agenda Item 7. Thank you
8 Greg. State engineer's report with Dallas Hammit, information
9 and discussion only. Also, congratulations on your retirement.
10 I wish you well as you move forward.

11 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And this is
12 my final board meeting as state engineer, and it's very fitting,
13 because I started my ADOT career here in Yuma, you know, June
14 21st, 1999. So I drove through the yard yesterday, and it
15 brought back lots of memories, and then it's just been a great
16 honor to speak to this board for over seven years, and thank you
17 for that opportunity.

18 Currently, we have 78 projects under construction
19 totaling 1.54 -- \$1,540.9 billion. In (indiscernible) we
20 finalized nine projects totaling 30.1 million, and year to date
21 we have finalized 49 projects.

22 Any questions on the state engineer's report?

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any questions? Board Member
24 Stratton.

25 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

1 Dallas, I too want to congratulate you. You've
2 done a fantastic job. I certainly appreciate having worked with
3 you. Thank you very much.

4 I do have a question, however. Somewhat a
5 reference to one of the speakers earlier, and I also had a
6 problem filing a claim (indiscernible) contractor, but it was
7 very tedious. Had the help from staff. But do we track how
8 many claims there are against contractors as they do our
9 projects?

10 MR. HAMMIT: To my knowledge, we do not, and what
11 I do know for sure, we do not track that as a prequalification
12 for sure. Part of a contract as we go forward, we -- in the
13 contract, we have the ability to tender any claim within their
14 area to the contractor, and they're responsible to defend that
15 claim. I would have to track -- that's most likely done through
16 our risk management, or more likely, the State of Arizona ADOA
17 Risk Management, but I can check to follow up.

18 MR. STRATTON: It would be interesting to know if
19 there are certain contractors that have more plans that --
20 possibility projects are not as safe as other contractors. I'm
21 not insinuating anything at this point. I don't want it to be
22 taken that way. It just raised the curiosity backdrop. Thank
23 you.

24 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, Dallas, Board
25 Member Stratton, we've -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have

1 looked into the possibility during the prequalification process
2 of assessing claims against contractors, whether it's for poor
3 work that was done on the project or work that had to be redone,
4 and Dallas and I have had some pretty extensive discussions
5 about whether or not that should figure into prequal.

6 Dallas, would you share some of your thoughts on
7 that? Because I think it is a pertinent question given
8 Mr. Stratton's question also.

9 MR. HAMMIT: So, Mr. Chairman, Director, so
10 there's lots of areas that we could look at as far as
11 (indiscernible) claims. One, as Mr. Heiss -- claim was a damage
12 to his property going to the project. Other times, and other
13 states do this (indiscernible) New Mexico in particular has
14 looked at if a number of claims are filed against the state,
15 maybe that should be reviewed in a prequalification. We've had
16 some conversations to that. We have not acted on that to date,
17 but that has been done in other states that gives -- and it
18 doesn't disqualify anyone from bidding. It gives you a score,
19 and that is factor into -- the way New Mexico does it -- into
20 your (indiscernible) value when you bid. Arizona, we have not
21 got to that point. We've had some discussions, but we've never
22 got to that point to date.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Board Member
24 Stratton. I believe that's of interest to every board member.
25 Thank you for asking that question.

1 Any other further questions from anybody? Any
2 board member?

3 Again, thank you. We always think of you as a
4 people person, because wherever, you know, (audio interruption)
5 taking place, you're always there talking to people. So we
6 certainly do appreciate it.

7 Moving on to Item 8, construction contracts, for
8 discussion and possible action. (Inaudible.) Dallas.

9 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you,
10 Board, for approving the two items on the consent agent. There
11 are six items that need to be justified or discussed a little
12 bit more.

13 So Item 8A -- and there we go. Item 8A is a
14 pavement preservation project near Tucson on I-10. On this
15 project the low bid was \$27,461,166. The State's estimate was
16 \$16,121,158. It was over the State's estimate by \$11,340,008,
17 dollars or 70.3 percent. We only got one bidder on this
18 project. As we reviewed the bid, one thing that we did find,
19 that there are quite a few limitations on time of work that we
20 put on the contractor that as we talked to other bidder --
21 potential bidders (indiscernible) plans that they chose not to
22 participate because of that. The department does believe if we
23 opened that up, find a way to attract more bidders, we can get
24 better opportunity for more people to compete. With that, we
25 would recommend to reject all bids.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any questions or comments
2 before we go (inaudible) question --

3 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, this is Ted.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: -- regarding the
5 recommendation? If not --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible.)

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead.

8 MR. MAXWELL: Yes. Mr. Chair, Dallas, one,
9 again, congratulations on your retirement. You've been an
10 incredible help getting me acclimated with the Board and what we
11 do, and I appreciate all your insight.

12 And looking forward on this question, too.
13 Obviously this is one that impacts my district. A single -- I
14 was concerned not only from the single bid, but obviously the
15 differential between the ADOT estimate and the actual cost of
16 that bid. And having explained kind of the time of day
17 reference, obviously I-10 is the only passage, the only highway
18 through that part of town. It is highly trafficked, as well as
19 it goes from three lanes to two lanes in that vicinity, which
20 creates problems, and I'm sure that limited the time of day for
21 the work. But what are -- what are your thoughts on how we can
22 get this down? And is the State estimate realistic or is it
23 liable to come up as well and -- if we reject this and put it
24 out for another bid?

25 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, as we

1 look at it, I would not be surprised at all if the State
2 estimate does come up, but if we can get a project that we can
3 attract additional bidders, I think we will know for sure if it
4 was a reasonable price. One of the things we're looking at is
5 can we adjust those times, and maybe some of those times -- they
6 don't have to be for the whole roadway, because we know a lot of
7 traffic comes inbound in the morning. Maybe we could have that
8 outbound have a little bit longer time to work in the morning
9 and reverse that in the afternoon. But what we would look at as
10 we redo days or redo the timing is how do we attract more
11 bidders, but I think you're right, as we look at it, we will
12 probably have (indiscernible) engineer's estimate.

13 Does that answer your question, sir?

14 MR. MAXWELL: Yes, it does. It is unique,
15 because there is flow in and out of traffic at that time due to
16 the U of A Tech Park, the Target Distribution Center and some of
17 the growth of that southwest portion of I-10, but I do think we
18 -- you know, where's there's a will, there's a way. We've just
19 got to get creative with the (indiscernible) how we'll allow
20 them to do that to encourage more bids.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: With that is there a motion
22 for reject all bids?

23 MR. SEARLE: This is Richard. So moved.

24 MR. STRATTON: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There's a motion by Richard,

1 a second by Steve. Any discussion? Any opposed?

2 All in favor say aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct the roll call
5 vote for the board members attending remotely.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

7 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Maxwell.

9 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

12 With that, let's go to Item 8B.

13 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Item 8B is a
14 bridge deck replacement project on Interstate 40, east of
15 Seligman. On this project the low bid was \$6,090,715. The
16 State's estimate was \$4,945,665. It was over the State's
17 estimate by \$1,145,050, or 23.2 percent. As we reviewed the
18 estimate and the bidder's proposal, we found that we
19 underestimated the cost of the detour removal, some of the
20 installation of pipe, structural concrete and mobilization. We
21 did review the bid and believe it is a responsive and
22 responsible bid and recommend award to FNF Construction, Inc.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: With that is there a motion
24 by the board members to approve Item B as recommended?

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is my

1 district. I move to approve Agenda Item 8B and award the bid to
2 FNF Construction, Inc.

3 MR. STRATTON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Board Member Knight
5 and second by Board Member Stratton. Is there any discussion?
6 Any opposed?

7 All in favor say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct the roll call
10 vote for board members attending remotely.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

12 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

14 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries for that item.
17 Let's go on to Item 8C. Dallas.

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

19 Item 8C. Item 8C is a bridge deck replacement on
20 State Route 95 in Needles. This (inaudible) local bridge. The
21 low estimate was \$2,132,183. The State's estimate was
22 \$1,334,299. It was over the State's estimate by \$797,844 (sic),
23 or 59.8 percent. As we -- and again, this one only had one
24 bidder as well. As we reviewed the bid and talked to other --
25 other bidders, what we found is there were some very long lead

1 items, and we did not account for that in the time, the number
2 of days that we put in our contract. And so to get the work
3 done in the contract time, they were going to have to work extra
4 shifts, work at night. So staff recommends that -- to reject
5 all bids, allow us to give additional time so those long lead
6 item materials can be acquired, but still give the contractor
7 the time they need to build the project. So we do recommend to
8 reject all bids.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to reject
10 all bids on Item 8C as presented?

11 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this also is in my
12 district, and I agree with Dallas. We need some additional
13 bidders for some competition. So I would recommend that we
14 reject all bids on Agenda Item 8D as recommended. C. I'm
15 sorry.

16 MR. STRATTON: Second.

17 I have a question and a comment at the
18 appropriate time.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes. Well, there is a motion
20 by Board Member Knight, second by Stratton to reject all bids.
21 Now let's go to any discussion. Steve.

22 MR. STRATTON: Dallas, I'm assuming you
23 anticipate with the longer schedule that you'll get more bids on
24 this?

25 MR. HAMMIT: As we talked to other plan holders,

1 that was why they gave us the reason that they didn't bid,
2 because they looked at it, looked how long it was going to take
3 to get that material, and they wouldn't have enough time. So
4 yes.

5 MR. STRATTON: I agree with that.

6 Then secondly, my comment is I'm glad to see that
7 we're taking the approach when these bids are well over
8 estimate, over 50 percent over estimate and only one bidder,
9 that we're rejecting those and taking a stronger look at ways to
10 bring the costs down. So I definitely agree with this. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any board member wish also to
13 make a comment? There being none, all in favor say aye.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct roll call vote
16 for board members attending remotely.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

18 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

20 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries, and thank
23 you, board members, for taking action with that.

24 Now we go on to Item 8D. Again, Dallas.

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

1 This project is a bridge scour, retrofit and
2 pavement rehabilitation on State Route 99. On this project,
3 (audio interruption) \$744,632. The State's estimate was
4 \$647,237. It was over the State's estimate by \$97,394, or 15
5 percent. We saw higher than expected pricing in the milling of
6 the asphalt, some of the oil used for fog coat and cover
7 material, and then also the asphaltic concrete. The department
8 has reviewed the bid and believes it is a responsive and
9 responsible bid and recommends award to Vasco, Inc.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award
11 Item 8D to Vasco, Inc. as presented? Board members?

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: So moved.

13 MR. STRATTON: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There's a motion by Member
15 Knight and a second by Member Stratton to approve as
16 recommended. Any discussion? There being none, any opposed?

17 All in favor say aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct the roll call
20 vote for members attending remotely.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

22 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle. Board member
24 Maxwell.

25 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

1 MR. SEARLE: I think -- did you get my vote?

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries. Yes, sir,
3 Mr. Searle, we got all votes. The motion passed unanimously.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now we'll move on to Item 8C.
5 Dallas.

6 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Item 8E is a --

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: 8E. I'm sorry.

8 MR. HAMMIT: No, no problem. This is a safety
9 project, a shoulder widening on State Route 260. On this
10 project the low bid was 24,983- -- I'll start over.
11 \$24,983,210. The State's estimate was \$20,308,264. It was over
12 the State's estimate by \$4,674,946, or 23 percent. As we looked
13 at the bids, we saw that we underestimated the roadway
14 excavation required, as well as we saw higher than expected
15 pricing in the asphaltic concrete. We did review the bid,
16 believed it is a responsive and responsible bid and recommend
17 award to Hatch Construction and Paving, Inc.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: With that information, is
19 there a motion to award Item 8E to Hatch Construction and
20 Paving, Incorporated, as presented?

21 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

22 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motioned by Stratton and
24 second by Knight. Any discussion? There being none, any
25 opposed?

1 All in favor say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct roll call vote
4 for board members attending remotely.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

6 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

8 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries. Move on to
11 Item 8F. Dallas.

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

13 Item 8F is to design and construct an ITS
14 infrastructure on Interstate 19. On this project, basically, we
15 are putting broadband infrastructure in the highway right-of-
16 way. There are no state highway funds being used on this
17 project. It's other funds given to us by the Governor's office,
18 but it is in the state highway system. So it does come to the
19 Board. Also, it is a design build project.

20 On this project the low bid was \$14,977,699. The
21 State's estimate was \$13,700,001. It was over the State's
22 estimate by \$1,276,699, or 9.3 percent. We saw higher than
23 expected pricing on the construction, the node buildings, an
24 area where we'd bring the fiber into, you know, we can send it
25 out to other providers, and then basically the value (inaudible)

1 design and construction. So the design side of it was a little
2 higher than expected. We did redo the bid and believe it is a
3 responsive and responsible bid and recommend award to Sundt CS
4 Joint Venture.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: With that is there a motion
6 to award Item 8F to Sundt CS, Joint Venture, as presented?

7 MR. MAXWELL: I so move.

8 THE WITNESS: Mr. Chair, (indiscernible).
9 Second.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Indiscernible.)

11 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion was by Board Member
12 Maxwell, and the second was by Board Member Knight.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Any discussion? Any
14 opposed?

15 All in favor say aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, conduct the roll call
18 vote for the board members attending remotely.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

20 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

22 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries. Thank
25 you, Dallas. There's a number of projects that were approved

1 today, so (indiscernible) board members as well.

2 With that, going to Item 9. Item 9 is -- any
3 board member will have the opportunity to suggest items they
4 would like to have placed on future board meeting agendas.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, if I could, just a
6 reminder. We do have a February 3rd study session for the
7 Transportation Board. It was set up as a virtual meeting. At
8 that time, we will see an overview of the executive budget as
9 well as the rollout of the tentative program and discussion of
10 the public hearings. That is on the agenda for the study
11 session. And then the next board meeting is February 18th,
12 which is in the City of Flagstaff, as well as -- as well as a
13 virtual meeting. It will be a simulcasted virtual meeting and
14 in-person City of Flagstaff meeting.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Stratton, a question?

16 MR. STRATTON: Floyd, since that is a virtual
17 meeting, would we be mailed the tentative five-year plan prior
18 to that meeting?

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman and Board Member
20 Stratton, usually when we post the agenda the week before, we
21 make the link live. I will make sure all board members get a
22 copy of that.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Does that answer your
24 question?

25 MR. STRATTON: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Thanks, Steve.

2 I had talked to Floyd about an item that I would
3 like to be placed on the presentation when we move back up to
4 Flagstaff. That has to do with (indiscernible) study on the
5 (indiscernible) countries, and I -- we did that (indiscernible)
6 this board in the beginning of my term (indiscernible) board
7 members. See, most of the board members were not on at the same
8 time. I'd like to present that to them. (Indiscernible) that
9 by showing that will get a better understanding as to the
10 conditions of the roads up in the reservations. The state of
11 Arizona (indiscernible) and interest (indiscernible) young
12 people, but the condition of the roads that they travel will
13 sometimes keep them out of school for hours (indiscernible)
14 sometimes they miss school at the time. That's the same kind of
15 study that I'd like to see the state of Arizona take on. That's
16 one thing that Floyd and maybe myself and others will be taking
17 up discussion on, possibility of putting that on the February
18 agenda. So with that, any other? Staff, do you have anything
19 else?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, no, sir. We do not.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: That brings us to the end of
22 our meeting, and I do thank you to Maxwell and to Richard as
23 well for taking part in this meeting, and Gary. Steve, thank
24 you. With that, I adjourn the meeting at this time. I notice
25 Steve is (indiscernible), so I'll use it now.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, don't gavel yet. We
2 did need a motion and a second. We need a motion to adjourn and
3 a second.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Motion to adjourn.

5 MR. STRATTON: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Sorry about that. There's a
7 motion by Board Member Knight and a second by Stratton to
8 adjourn. All in favor say aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: You're done.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There we go.

12 (Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.)

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Adjournment

Chairman Thompson moved to adjourn the January 21, 2022, State Transportation Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m. PST.

Not Available for Signature

Jesse Thompson, Chairman
State Transportation Board

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John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation