

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
IN PERSON WITH OPTIONAL TELEPHONIC/WEBEX ATTENDANCE
9:00am, July 15, 2022
City of Holbrook
465 North 1st Avenue
Holbrook, Arizona 86025**

Call to Order

Board Chairman Thompson called the State Transportation Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge

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

Roll Call by Floyd Roehrich, Jr.

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance (in person):** Chairman Thompson, Vice Chairman Knight, Board Member Maxwell, Board Member Stratton. **In attendance (via WebEx): Absent:** Board Member Meck. There were approximately 50 members of the public in the audience on-line and approximately 20 members of the public in the audience in person.

Opening Remarks

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

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

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

Call to the Audience

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

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6 PARTICIPANTS:

7 Board Members:

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Jesse Thompson, Chairman

Gary Knight, Vice Chairman

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Ted Maxwell, Board Member

Jenn Daniels, Board Member (via Webex)

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Richard Searle, Board Member (via Webex)

Jackie Meck, Board Member (Absent)

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Steve Stratton, Board Member

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now we will move on to call
3 to the audience. Those online, those that are here, especially
4 those that are online, everyone will be muted when they call in
5 to the meeting. When your name is called to provide your
6 comments, you will indicate your presence by virtually raising
7 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 with the
10 meeting agenda.

11 In person, there is an opportunity for members of
12 the public to discuss items of interest to the Board. Just --
13 like Floyd said, please fill out the Request for Public Input
14 Form and give it to the board secretary if you wish to address
15 the Board. In this case, you'd rather submit it to Floyd here.

16 In the interest of time, a three-minute time
17 limit will be imposed. Only because there are many of you who
18 will be making comments in person, and then those are others on
19 the line. So we try to give some time to each and everyone, so
20 that is the reason why we do it this way.

21 So with that, Floyd, I will turn the time over to
22 you. Floyd.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. Mr. Chair, as you said, we
24 do have a number. We'll start with the people who've submitted
25 to a request to speak in person, and then we'll go to the online

1 people.

2 Our first speaker is Mr. Kee Allen Begay, Junior.
3 Mr. Begay.

4 MR. BEGAY: Good morning, Transportation Board
5 Members. (Speaking Native language.) Board members, my name is
6 Kee Allen Begay, Junior. I'm the Navajo Nation councilmember of
7 the (inaudible) Navajo Nation Council.

8 First of all, I just want to continue to ask the
9 Board to help improve a lot of the state right-of-way
10 infrastructure on the Navajo Nation. We continue to have a lot
11 of -- for now, like monsoon season, we'll have a lot of road
12 being destroyed by the flash floods. So we continue to ask
13 the -- each of the districts to look out for a lot of these
14 damages.

15 Construction happening in Many Farms, within Many
16 Farms and Chinle. We appreciate that. Appreciate the Board and
17 the administration, Department of Transportation. The only
18 thing I'd continue to request for is that they've stopped short
19 onto -- going into the community of Many Farms, about three
20 miles, and I have been asking the board member to -- I mean, the
21 administration to see if they could be able to help extend --
22 find additional funding for the three miles that goes into the
23 community of Many Farms.

24 The other area that I continue to ask for support
25 by the Board is the smart highway that the Governor Ducey had

1 selected for each of the interstates in the state of Arizona.
2 The Navajo Nation Council had passed resolution seeking the
3 Governor to include Highway 191, the entire length of 191, to be
4 one of these smart highways as well, especially the one that
5 goes into -- north of I-40 into the Navajo Nation. Smart
6 highway, I believe that Navajo Nation will be able to have --
7 secure certain funding as well, but the one thing that I need to
8 ask the Board is if we're able to have a direct -- the
9 administration to sit down with the Navajo Nation to continue to
10 talk about the smart highway initiative on the Navajo Nation.

11 And then, also, I believe there's other projects
12 in the area that some of the community members will be asking
13 for assistance. So that will conclude my request to the Board,
14 and I appreciate your time. I yield the floor back, Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, (inaudible) Begay,
16 Council Delegate. Move forward.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Next speaker is Mr. Jim MacLean,
18 Council Member, City of Winslow.

19 MR. MACLEAN: Thank you, and good morning from
20 the City of Winslow. It's a fine sight to see, but we
21 appreciate the Board coming up to northeast Arizona. We know
22 it's a long trip for some of you, and we just really appreciate
23 you coming up here.

24 Did any of you happen to travel State Route 87 on
25 the way up or are you familiar with the underpass there at

1 Winslow that was built in the early 1930s? That underpass is a
2 real bottleneck, and as freight continues to increase along 87,
3 we're the connector between Phoenix I-40 right there, and it's a
4 real problem area with potential for safety issues and also just
5 bottlenecking. And so we are proposing to you what we call the
6 Lindbergh Parkway, which maybe we should call an 87 loop or an
7 87 bypass, which would give a better way to get across the BNSF
8 tracks and provide access to I-40.

9 And so we're working on this project. I really
10 appreciate Floyd and his ADOT crew. They stopped in yesterday
11 on the way through Winslow, and, of course, they had to stop at
12 the corner and probably sang "Take It Easy" and took a few
13 pictures, but we appreciate them stopping and giving us
14 guidance. We would like to get on the five-year plan, but we
15 know we have many steps to do prior to that.

16 And so hopefully you'll be hearing of our project
17 in the future, but we really see it as things expand and as
18 Winslow grows that it's really necessary to find another way to
19 get from Phoenix and Payson, across or under the tracks to I-40,
20 to provide a connector, especially for the freight that we're
21 hoping to see a huge increase in as we grow.

22 And thank you for your time.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Council Member
24 MacLean. Thank you very much.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Michael

1 Lomayaktewa. I'm not going to try to buncher that again
2 Michael, so I'm going to apologize now.

3 MR. LOMAYAKTEWA: Thank you, Floyd.

4 Good morning, Chair Thompson and members of the
5 State Transportation Board. My name is Michael Lomayaktewa.
6 Once again, I come before you as a Hopi tribal member and as the
7 Hopi Department of Transportation director of (inaudible).

8 Thank you, ADOT, and to the State Transportation
9 Board to acknowledge the work, the meaningful discussions
10 regarding the items presented before you on May 20th, 2022, by
11 the Hopi tribal chairman, Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma and I, who
12 unfortunately is not here this morning and expressed wanting to
13 be here in person to address the Board, however, was unable due
14 to unforeseen circumstances.

15 So we wanted to re-emphasize the Arizona
16 State 264 and Arizona State 87, that these remain routes to our
17 Hopi land in and out of -- and our -- the Hopi tribe's highest
18 priority, that these serve many, that they are of great
19 importance to our communities and the state as a whole; that
20 these in moving forward are improved to address the continual
21 rise in pedestrian vehicular crashes for improved safe
22 conditions. (Inaudible) these conditions directly (inaudible)
23 back to our local economy.

24 Additionally, we must also not forget our youth,
25 that they are protected with improved safe bus routes, with bus

1 pull-outs, safe load and unload, with protection for access to
2 them off these high speed rural state system routes that
3 currently are non-existing. For (inaudible) we know our
4 (inaudible) into the future and should be of continued priority
5 to be protected.

6 The other, as mentioned, I appreciate (inaudible)
7 northern Arizona, that these are looked at and considered as
8 priority. Also, I wanted to express the appreciation for an
9 upcoming project for SI -- SR-264/IR4 intersection lighting
10 project as a result of (inaudible) fatality qualifying HSIP
11 project.

12 So thank you again, our appreciation. We are
13 (inaudible) and we are not forgotten. (Inaudible) of the state
14 of Arizona and many areas. (Inaudible.) Thank you.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Steve
16 Sanders.

17 MR. SANDERS: Good morning. Thank you,
18 Mr. Chairman, board members, ADOT staff. Here for a couple of
19 things. One, to tell you how much Gila County appreciates you
20 putting the Lion Springs section of 260 in that construction
21 TIP. I mean, we look forward to a great project and a safe
22 project that will improve the safety of the highway.

23 The second one is today on your agenda, the Tonto
24 Creek Bridge, it's a local bridge in Tonto Basin. ADOT's going
25 to administer it, oversee it for us. We really appreciate that

1 partnership. ADOT has been a great partner in this project
2 since the beginning. So we'd just like to thank you for those
3 things. Thanks.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Steve.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Vinnie
6 Gallegos. Mr. Gallegos.

7 MR. GALLEGOS: Mr. Chairman, members of the
8 Board, my name is Vinnie Gallegos. I'm the executive director
9 of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization.

10 Just wanted to share as this legislative session
11 wrapped up a little bit of success that we've had in our
12 participation through the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council,
13 which CYMPO is one of the -- the ten MPO and COGs in Greater
14 Arizona represented by RTAC.

15 I will allow my colleagues to speak on their
16 projects in the future and on their behalf, but for CYMPO, we
17 were part of the RTAC effort to go after some one-time funding
18 for Greater Arizona at the beginning of the legislative session.
19 We went ahead and set the goal for about \$50 million of one-time
20 funding to Greater Arizona, which based by population, CYMPO
21 would get about \$4 million if successful.

22 As you all are aware and have got reports, there
23 were many twists and turns and projects that were debated and
24 discussed. When all was said and done, CYMPO was able to -- in
25 the budget, with the Governor's signature, ended up with about

1 4 and a half million dollars worth of one-time transportation
2 projects. So definitely grateful, you know, to the process, to
3 the effort, with my colleagues, especially in our CYMPO region.
4 Really, the advocacy of our local elected officials, your
5 support.

6 Two projects, briefly, that we're now able to
7 fund are, again, state highway facility projects. One is at the
8 intersection of State Route 89 and 89A. Essentially, in our
9 area is what we would call the center of our tri-city area,
10 where the city of Prescott, the town of Prescott Valley and the
11 town of Chino Valley meet. It is also the location of our
12 regional airport.

13 The Prescott Regional Airport's actually the 17th
14 busiest airport in the country. One of the main reasons for
15 that is our Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University there, but all
16 that to say though a very busy intersection.

17 So CYMPO just recently completed an alternative
18 selection report to add an additional on ramp lane onto 89A. We
19 were able to get through this process, about \$3 million for a
20 5 and a half million dollar project. In the next year or two,
21 I'll be working with the district to see if we can get the minor
22 district funds to basically complete that project.

23 The second project is at the intersection of
24 State Route 69 and 169. Basically, as you go into Prescott, it
25 will be on the border of Prescott Valley and Dewey-Humboldt, and

1 we're looking at turning that intersection into a roundabout,
2 where there are minor district funds of around 3 and a half
3 million dollars, but again, through this process, we were able
4 to add another million and a half with obviously inflation and
5 the cost of projects.

6 So, again, very proud of that effort. We're
7 starting the process again about setting goals for this next
8 legislative cycle. So I would say stay tuned, you know, wish us
9 luck. I appreciate Board Member Knight, his participation with
10 RTAC and support, and he'll tell you the -- you know, the
11 process that it's taken to get where we are today, but many
12 successes across the state, and again, thank you for your
13 representation and your voices. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Vinnie.

15 MR. GALLEGOS: You're welcome.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Christian
18 Price.

19 MR. PRICE: Good morning. Thank you very much
20 for having me. Christian Price.

21 So while -- as of last month, I was Mayor Price.
22 This month I come to you as Christian Price. I'm now the
23 present CEO of the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance, or
24 MEDA, and so -- but I didn't take the job without one really
25 important specification, and that is, is that it's my job to

1 bring together businesses and industry and commercial to the
2 Maricopa area, but it also is completely dependent upon great
3 transportation corridors. And so I took the job as a mandate
4 that I would continue to attend these meetings and bother you
5 all and keep you apprised of what's going on in the city of
6 Maricopa and the illustrious State Route 347.

7 So I just want to give a quick heads up on that
8 route. As we know, the Board of Supervisors for Pinal County
9 has recently resubmitted to the ballot the corrected Proposition
10 400, as it was known, or 417, as it was originally struck down
11 by the Supreme Court based on some erroneous language. That has
12 now been referred to the ballot. We think that -- we're polling
13 right now at about 80 percent. We hope that that will maintain
14 and that it will pass.

15 We also, just like Vinnie said, we had some
16 legislative wins this year in the state legislative budget, and
17 so we were able to get \$800,000 allocated to the State Route 238
18 for some design and study purposes. Also, \$19 million to
19 the 347 project as it continues to acquire those dollars that
20 are needed in order to bring that project to the surface here in
21 due time, as well as also additional moneys that are going
22 towards the increased costs of the inflationary purposes for the
23 project at Riggs Road, which is, of course, part of the 347
24 project in its whole.

25 Again, wanted to say thank you for all that you

1 all do. I know it's a tough job. I know that there's so many
2 people that don't understand things.

3 Jack Sellers once said -- he was the chairman of
4 this Board. He's the current Maricopa County supervisor. He
5 once said, you know, he hoped that there would be a day where
6 counties didn't have to have their own transportation projects.
7 You know, meaning that their own propositions for -- to raise
8 that money because we hoped that there would be enough money
9 coming through the state and through the processes and
10 ultimately through you all. You know, I subscribe to that
11 idealism, but the reality is is that we see once again that that
12 didn't transpire.

13 I just wanted to inform you very quickly, as you
14 all know, but most people in the audience don't know, and that
15 is is that Maricopa County, well, and in Pinal County, we are
16 intricately tied, just like most of us, and Maricopa County is
17 the only county in the state that has to go to the Legislature
18 for their board of supervisors as an elected body to put a
19 ballot proposition on the ballot talking about transportation,
20 and they have to get permission, and ultimately, it has to go
21 through the process, and it has to then be signed off by the
22 Governor.

23 We fought hard, myself included. I spent a lot
24 of days at the Legislature, you know, working on this
25 proposition and trying to get it passed. We got it all the way

1 to the Governor's desk and, you know, I have to say that -- try
2 not to get too political, but I was very -- absolutely
3 incredibly disappointed that the Governor vetoed this bill, and
4 therefore did not allow it to go to the people for a decision.
5 He decided to take that upon himself.

6 Now, again, that's politics. It happens
7 sometimes. I can tell you we'll come back next year and we'll
8 try again. I already have commitments. I'll be there, you
9 know, pushing this forward, but again, it just show goes to show
10 how important transportation is if we're going to be able to
11 move the goods and services and ultimately have the great
12 companies that we are attracting as a state here through the
13 ACA, through (inaudible), through MEDA, CABC, through GPEC and
14 all of these organizations that bring industry here. We're
15 going to be a victim of our own success if we don't have these
16 great transportation corridors, and therefore, the money to do
17 the job.

18 So again, if there's anything I can do to help,
19 please let me know, but we look forward to hosting you, both at
20 the Rural Transportation Summit and in the City of Maricopa in
21 September. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mayor. You are no
23 bother at all. (Inaudible.)

24 Floyd.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Chad

1 Flannery. Mr. Flannery?

2 MR. FLANNERY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
3 members, and Department of Transportation. I'm here today on
4 behalf of (inaudible) defense and VetsForward, progressive
5 veteran voices who care about positive action, climate-minded,
6 in the future, social justice-minded, and we want to -- I want
7 to use my voice to implore you to get any monies available in
8 order to set up the national vehicle electric infrastructure
9 here within Arizona.

10 I have four children, and I would like them to be
11 able to visit rural places of Arizona in a way that doesn't
12 contribute to putting more carbon into the atmosphere. And you
13 know, we just have a lot of things in the state that we can
14 start doing positively in order to have a brighter future for
15 them and a cleaner future that has better access to water and
16 stuff, and so I just wanted to say that.

17 And, you know, keep in mind it's a national
18 security issue. I've seen firsthand, you know, the cost, the
19 true cost of what we previously considered cheap energy, and
20 it's not cheap. It's -- there's a lot of lives lost in keeping
21 our access to that dirty form of energy. So I hope that we all
22 band together in order to make the United States more energy
23 independent and clean energy initiatives, electric vehicle
24 stuff, an eclectic energy future is what we need. So that's all
25 I wanted to say. Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Chad, for those
2 comments. Thank you again.

3 Floyd.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Kelly Clark.
5 Mr. Clark.

6 MR. CLARK: Good morning, Chair. Good morning,
7 board members. (Inaudible.)

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

9 MR. CLARK: (Inaudible.) It's good to see you
10 again, my friend.

11 So I'm a retired sheriff here in Navajo County.
12 I've been retired for three glorious years, enjoying it, but
13 what I wanted to do was talk about the charging stations that
14 (inaudible) funding for.

15 I'm only -- I've been here in (inaudible) for 30
16 years, but much longer in Navajo County. My wife's family has
17 been here for 60-some years, and they've seen the economic --
18 what's happened and what (inaudible) the bypass and so forth,
19 and I think there's a chance for these charging stations to come
20 into Holbrook.

21 As you look around, a lot of our economy here is
22 restaurants, hotels and so forth. People stop here overnight.
23 Some friends of ours (inaudible) on a La Quinta last night and
24 it was full. It's a brand-new hotel. There's a big hotel
25 there, and it was full. So these people are traveling through

1 our county. They're traveling back east. They're traveling to
2 L.A. They're traveling to the Petrified Forest.

3 You know, you have the Burger King here, and you
4 have some charge stations there, but those are for Tesla only.
5 I think this is an opportunity to bring in other folks in here.
6 APS power plant (inaudible) a few years. So this is a chance to
7 continue to build on Holbrook's economy, and I would really urge
8 that this is one of the -- one of the sites where you put it.

9 You know, there is some controversy on whether
10 government should be (inaudible). There's all kinds of -- all
11 kinds of subsidies that go to all kinds of different businesses.
12 This is a chance to help an economically depressed community,
13 and I would urge you to consider Holbrook for the -- for some of
14 those charging stations, but thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Kelly. Appreciate
16 those comments. Great to see you.

17 MR. CLARK: Good to see you.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) pretty quickly.

19 MR. CLARK: Okay.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Our next speaker is
21 Mr. Darryl Ahasteen, and he had submitted online, but I guess
22 he's here in person.

23 Mr. Ahasteen. Thank you.

24 MR. AHASTEEN: (Inaudible.) So I'll skip my
25 introduction in Navajo. Navajo, you'd be taking about five

1 minutes to introduce.

2 My name's Darryl Ahasteen. I'm the Commission
3 President out of Nahata Dziil, about 50 miles to the east.
4 We've been trying to move -- we've been trying to get the port
5 of entry in Sanders to be moved out to Milepost 318, Pinta exit,
6 and we've been to coming to your group for quite a number of
7 years now. So we're still trying (inaudible).

8 I handed off some documentation to Floyd. It's a
9 final plan that we're working on, and there's several excerpts
10 in that also. I appreciate you taking the time to maybe look at
11 it. If you didn't get a complete one, let me know and I'll
12 email you or somehow get it to Floyd or on to you guys.

13 Anyway, the current port of entry was built back
14 in 1951, and it was mainly an inspection station. I forgot to
15 set my timer, so let me know when my time's almost up. And
16 (inaudible) inspection station for westbound traffic to pull
17 over where the inspector would ask you if you bought anything in
18 New Mexico and you're bringing it in here like vegetables and
19 fruits (inaudible). They take it away from you, so most people
20 said no just so they can keep their produce.

21 Then it became a port of entry, but the current
22 one, it was -- like I said, it was built in 1951. It is very
23 old. Inspectors would have to inspect the vehicle with the
24 element of weather that is current. If it's snowing, they have
25 to get underneath. They're subject to whatever's on the ground,

1 rain, wind.

2 And I looked at the one down in Ehrenberg, where
3 it took 25 million to build that one. That was an excellent
4 one. I looked at the one in Kingman for 16 million. That's a
5 good one, too. So we're basically trying to move (inaudible).

6 Safety issues. Currently, there's (inaudible)
7 school is less than half a mile away to the north. It's up on
8 the hill in the cul-de-sac. Let's say something happens at the
9 port of entry and a plume goes up of hazardous material and
10 starts going that direction. There is no way for those students
11 to get out of there except run north.

12 So that -- those are things that I'm still
13 working on, and (inaudible) we have a brand-new bridge being
14 opened. It is open right now, but we're going to have a ribbon
15 cutting on the 25th at ten o'clock at Navajo, New Mexico, Navajo
16 Route 2007. A brand-new bridge. Come on out. (Inaudible.)
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) Thank you very
19 much.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker was an online
21 request. It was Ms. Lezli Stroh.

22 Ms. Stroh, please raise your hand.

23 WEBEX HOST: So as a reminder, if you're a call-
24 in user, please press star three on your phone (inaudible).

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Kristi, I don't see a --

1 WEBEX HOST: I'm not seeing (inaudible) --

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Why don't we go on, and

3 Mr. Chair, we can come back if Ms. Stroh logs in?

4 Our next speaker is Ms. Felicia French. Again,
5 she requested online.

6 Ms. French, please raise your hand.

7 WEBEX HOST: You are unmuted.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. French, are you there?

9 MS. FRENCH: -- hear me?

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, we can hear you, Ms. French.
11 Please go ahead.

12 MS. FRENCH: Yes. Yes. Thank you.

13 My name is Felicia French. I'm a retired colonel
14 in the -- in the U.S. Army, and I spent 32 years in the
15 military, and the reason why I'm speaking today on behalf of all
16 our soldiers that have been -- that are now deployed and in the
17 future, in the past that have lost their lives because of our
18 dependence on oil and fossil fuels, and that is why I'm speaking
19 out for the national electric vehicle infrastructure, why it's
20 so important, because we need to get off our dependence on
21 fossil fuels and our rogue nations that control us and deploy
22 our young -- our troops, our sons and daughters off to war for
23 that oil, and when we have a means to prevent that with the
24 electrical infrastructure for our vehicles.

25 The Department of Defense even recognizes that,

1 and they're doing the best they can to transition to electric
2 vehicles for as many of the vehicles as they can. So I'd like
3 to see the infrastructure built up throughout our country so
4 that our citizens can also enjoy that, and as well, our rural
5 areas, and Arizona not be bypassed.

6 It's a win-win-win where we create jobs building
7 that infrastructure and maintaining it, and so our people, just
8 like Chad said and -- before how important it is as a military
9 veteran that we protect our soldiers and not let them go in
10 harm's way for that fossil fuel when we have an alternate means
11 to transport our vehicles and -- transforming our
12 infrastructure.

13 So thank you very much for your time.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Your remarks are considered
15 very important. Thank you for those comments.

16 Floyd.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Alton Joe
18 Shepherd. Again, he requested online.

19 Mr. Shepherd, please raise your hand.

20 WEBEX HOST: Mr. Shepherd, you can unmute your
21 line at this time. Your line is unmuted.

22 MR. SHEPHERD: Thank you. Can you hear me?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We can. Please --

24 WEBEX HOST: Yes.

25 MR. SHEPHERD: Good morning, honorable members,

1 the Department of Transportation Board.

2 First of all, I have a couple things. One is to
3 give a big thanks to many of you guys who were instrumental in
4 helping the legislations get pass for infrastructure. Certainly
5 the Ganado school bus loop is one that I'm very, very thankful
6 for. Work on this for the last three, three and a half years,
7 we've got it across the line. Thank you to Governor Ducey and
8 to you all for seeing the importance of education and having the
9 right infrastructure. And as I mentioned, this is the only
10 paved road that we have out of our 405 miles of county road here
11 in Apache County, so thank you.

12 Secondly, I want to just inform you that I'm
13 reaching out to the administration of ADOT for a cooperative
14 agreement that we are embarking on to utilize some of the
15 millings that are just stockpiled there at the port of entry or
16 the state line in Lupton to help benefit a cemetery road for the
17 Houck community veterans and community cemetery.

18 And so in the past, I know my predecessor has
19 utilized some of the millings along I-40, but somewhere along
20 the way, I guess Federal Highways or something has disallowed us
21 to utilize and refurbish and reuse a lot of that recycled
22 millings to help benefit (inaudible) nearby. The cost of
23 hauling is so high that (inaudible) easier to be close by to do
24 this.

25 So we have the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo

1 Nation Department of Transportation, Navajo Electrical
2 Engineering & Construction Authority and the local community
3 chapter there. So it would be great if ADOT could partner with
4 us. There is a letter that's submitted to Mr. Ed Wilson,
5 Northeast District Engineer.

6 So just wanted to, again, continue to be
7 successful in a lot of these partnership projects cooperative
8 agreement. So again, it's a request for 1,200 cubic yards of
9 millings so that we can improve some of these infrastructures,
10 especially to community cemetery road.

11 Thank you, board members.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) Thank you for
13 those comments. (Inaudible.)

14 Floyd.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, I would like to
16 go back and see if Ms. Lezli Stroh is on, because she would be
17 our last our request to speak.

18 Ms. Stroh, are you online? Please raise your
19 hand.

20 Kristi, I don't see --

21 WEBEX HOST: I don't see it either. You can
22 press star three to raise your hand, Ms. Stroh, but I'm not
23 seeing any hand raised at this time

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, that closes the call to
25 the audience. That's all the requests that we received.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right. We will be
2 getting back to those people that did call in. If they wish to
3 continue with the effort to speak, we'll allow them the time.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I will -- I
5 always reach out to them and ask if there was an issue and that
6 if we need -- and if -- future meetings they want to request to
7 speak again, we can have that.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: On behalf of the
9 administration and then the board members, we think highly of
10 all the comments that are being made and introducing the various
11 projects. Those are seriously considered by the staff
12 (inaudible) move from one point to the next. So those are -- to
13 us, those comments are very critical in determining various
14 projects.

15 I commend the administration. Every year they
16 remind us of all the comments on various projects that were made
17 throughout the year, and none of those projects (inaudible).

18 So again, with that, let's go -- move on to the
19 director's report. First is state and federal legislative
20 report, and the second is the last minute items to report.

21 So, Floyd, take it away.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 The director does send his apologies. An issue
24 came up where he had to attend a meeting with some other
25 government agencies, cabinet members. So he was not able to

1 make it.

2 We'll start with Katy Proctor, who's online,
3 who's our legislative director, and I'll ask Katy to start with
4 the legislative report.

5 MS. PROCTOR: Good morning, Mr. Chair and
6 members. I hope you can hear me okay today.

7 For the state update today, the 2022 legislative
8 session finally did wrap up after a lengthy 167 days. All in
9 all, we had 392 bills sent to the Governor this year, and 386
10 will go into law. Most on the general effective date, which
11 this year is September 24th.

12 The fiscal '23 budget includes the largest
13 investment in Arizona history at 1.03 billion in strategic
14 transportation initiatives. It includes targeted investments
15 with 44 specific projects, for a total of 908.1 million, and
16 this list includes projects on state, tribal, local highways and
17 roads, and, of course, includes the historic state investment
18 I-10 widening with 400 million in General Fund dollars. The
19 remaining 119 million includes 20 for aviation infrastructure,
20 51 to maintain highway maintenance funding, and 50 million into
21 the new SMART Fund. That is the state match for Rural
22 Transportation Fund. This is an initiative outlined in the
23 Governor's budget that (inaudible) local governments (inaudible)
24 federal grant funds by removing or reducing some of the barriers
25 to participation. And you're going to hear more about that fund

1 and the Board's role in that process in Paul Patane's
2 presentation later.

3 On the federal side, I did want to let you know
4 that late in June, the House Appropriations Committee did pass
5 the federal fiscal '23 transportation budget bill. We often
6 call that the THUD bill, and on Monday of next week, the Rules
7 Committee is going to take up that spending package. It's
8 expected that that package could come to the floor in the House
9 later this month. There are good conversations happening with
10 all (inaudible) right now (inaudible) both side of caucuses to
11 try and come up with an agreement, but if that doesn't happen, I
12 do expect that that will move forward.

13 And members, I'll be happy to answer any
14 questions you might have.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any board member have a
16 question?

17 Apparently no one up here, so continue Katy.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: I think that concludes Katy's
19 presentation. So, Mr. Chairman, we'll go on to last minute
20 items, and the director did not have any last minute items. So
21 that would complete the director's report.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Again, I'd like to ask if any
23 of the board members have questions.

24 If not, we'll go ahead and move on to the state
25 engineer's report. Ed Wilson, District Engineer, Northeast

1 District.

2 Ed. Good morning Ed.

3 MR. WILSON: Good morning, Chairman Thompson, and
4 thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I appreciate you
5 all coming up to Holbrook in the Northeast District and get to
6 talk about our projects.

7 So next slide, please.

8 All right. So this project is actually two
9 projects that we're combining into -- and bid under one
10 contract. Sunland Asphalt & Construction was the contractor for
11 this \$16.6 million project. It's located in Show Low. So this
12 is a pavement preservation project that includes all the ADA
13 upgrades for driveway, handicap ramps, signals, and it also
14 includes some turn lanes and improvements at the Show Low Lake
15 Road intersection. This project began construction last year,
16 and it's about 50 percent complete.

17 Next slide.

18 So US-60 (sic), the Longhouse Valley. So this
19 project also began last year. Fann Contracting is the prime
20 contractor for this \$12.5 million project. So this is a 17-mile
21 pavement preservation project. The paving and guardrail work
22 were completed last construction season, and the final chip seal
23 is currently underway. So this project's about 80 percent
24 complete.

25 Next slide, please.

1 All right. The US-191 bridges. So this project
2 is a carryover project from last year, also. It is -- it
3 includes four bridges that are combined into one project. So
4 SEMA Construction is the contractor for this \$16 million
5 project. The project involves the full replacement of the
6 Lukachukai Bridge, the Agua Sal North Bridge and deck
7 replacements of the Agua Sal South Bridge and the Chinle Wash
8 Bridge. The Chinle Wash Bridge also received a protective scour
9 slab under the bridge, and this project is approximately 60
10 percent complete.

11 Next slide, please.

12 The Flying V slope repair. So (inaudible)
13 Corporation is the contractor for this \$905,000 project, and
14 this project involved placing drill shafts and stabilizing the
15 slopes and regrading and seeding the slopes. This project is
16 almost completed.

17 Next slide.

18 The Chinle to Black Mountain Wash. Fann
19 Contracting is the contractor of this \$13.8 million project
20 between Chinle and Many Farms. So this project will add a
21 five foot shoulder to the existing roadway to improve the safety
22 by allowing increased area for the driver to recover, and this
23 project was -- it just recently began. We just started doing
24 some pipe work. The pipe extensions and the -- and the shoulder
25 widening will start here shortly. It's about 10 percent

1 complete (inaudible).

2 Next slide.

3 The Hermosa Drive overpass. So Fann Construction
4 is the contractor of this \$2.7 million project located right
5 here in Holbrook. The project is a deck replacement of the
6 Hermosa Bridge overpass on I-40, and this project's about 60
7 percent complete.

8 Next.

9 Moenkopi Wash Bridge. FNF Construction is the
10 contractor for this \$3 million project on Hopi lands. This is a
11 bridge deck replacement project, and it's about 50 percent
12 complete.

13 Next, please.

14 So this project, Michael Lomayaktewa mentioned it
15 earlier. This is a -- this project is also located on the Hopi
16 lands at Second Mesa, and it's currently advertised for bid. So
17 the project consists of construction of a walking path with
18 lighting, and lighting at the intersection of State Route 264
19 and Route 4.

20 Next, please.

21 Okay. These life extension projects, the SR-264,
22 Milepost 359.5 to 503. This is a 4 and a quarter million dollar
23 project that has been bid but has not been awarded yet. It is
24 on Hopi lands and involves removal of existing surface and
25 placing the bonded wearing course.

1 The State Route 264, Summit to New Mexico state
2 line project. Sunland Asphalt is the contractor for this
3 project. It's a \$6 million project, and it involves some spot
4 repairs and removing and replacing the new friction course, and
5 it has not begun yet.

6 The I-40 Perkins Valley to Holbrook project,
7 Sunland Asphalt is the contractor for this \$6.1 million project,
8 and it involves spot repairs, removing existing surface portion
9 and placing a bonded wearing course, and it has not started yet
10 either.

11 And the SR-260 Honda to McNary. Sunland Asphalt
12 & Construction is the prime contractor for this \$2.6 million,
13 which is on White Mountain Apache tribal land and involves spot
14 repair, removing the existing surface course and placing the
15 bonded wearing course, and it hasn't started construction yet.

16 And the State Route 73, south of Black Mountain
17 Canyon to State Route 260. Sunland Asphalt -- it seems like
18 they say that a lot -- Sunland asphalt. Sunland Asphalt &
19 Construction is the contractor for this \$6.2 million project,
20 which is also on White Mountain Apache tribal land. It involves
21 removing the existing surface portion, placing a micro surface
22 cape seal.

23 Next slide, please.

24 So here are some State-funded projects. These
25 six projects are State-funded special line item funding

1 projects. So they're all (inaudible) chip seal projects. All
2 of these projects are being constructed through our maintenance
3 contracts, and we have just begun these projects, working on --
4 starting at 373, and we'll just move from one project to another
5 as we go through these. These projects should be done by the
6 end of September, so...

7 And that's really all I've got. I appreciate you
8 coming up again. Do you have any questions?

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board members, questions?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair, thank you for
13 the update. Appreciate that. We've got the current
14 (inaudible). One of the issues we've had lately has been a lot
15 of projects that are getting (inaudible) bids, which makes it
16 tough to assess. Is there anything that the district up here is
17 doing to try to encourage local or either companies that you
18 have relationships with to make (inaudible) --

19 MR. WILSON: You know, we try and really --
20 anybody that we work with, we try and work with in as fair a
21 manner as possible to help encourage everyone to come back. So
22 we -- the contractors that we tend to get tend to come back
23 again and again and again to bid these same projects. The same
24 type of projects, I should say.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you. Thank

1 you, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Then, Ed, I think (inaudible)
3 rural areas, (inaudible) communities, they really appreciate
4 that ADOT is pretty open and get this out, information to the
5 people, as (inaudible) Chinle or Many Farms, just to let them
6 know that certain things are being done that they requested.
7 That really makes them (inaudible). Thank you very much.

8 MR. WILSON: And thank you, Chairman Thompson,
9 for being willing to coming up and attend the meeting like that
10 with us. I certainly appreciate that support. Thank you. Have
11 a great day.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We will now move on to
13 Item 3, consent agenda. Does any member want an item removed?
14 Steve?

15 MR. STRATTON: Item 3I, remove it, please, to be
16 discussed.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: And the rest, you're okay
18 with it?

19 MR. STRATTON: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Motion?

21 MR. STRATTON: Make a motion to approve the
22 consent agenda with the exception of 3I, which I'd like to
23 approve separately.

24 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: With that, let's go ahead and

1 take action on that, and we'll move to the item that you'd like
2 to (inaudible).

3 So with that motion, Steve, thank you, and also
4 Gary, seconded it. Any further discussion on the other items?

5 If not, all those in favor say aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Anybody online?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: So online, I would like to follow
9 on with Mr. Searle.

10 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

12 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Meck is not
14 present. So the motion passes.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion is approved. And
16 let's go to item 3I. Steve.

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

18 My comments and questions go to Greg. There were
19 some problems with this project earlier in the week, and I want
20 to thank Greg and Kristine for helping me work those out, Pima
21 County. Thanks, Pima County, for stepping up (inaudible).

22 The problem was the estimated amount of money
23 that was remaining (inaudible) was about 900 -- -- almost a
24 million dollars, and that's estimated what's needed to complete
25 the project. ADOT wanted to pay it up front. Gila County

1 didn't want to pay it until it was needed, which I can
2 understand both sides.

3 We were able to find middle ground on this one.
4 Gila County's going to pay it up front. It will be put into an
5 escrow account, as Greg recommended, which Gila County will
6 receive the interest back of whatever portion -- whatever
7 interest it makes.

8 So it worked out fair to both sides, and I asked
9 that this be pulled for two reasons. One, I want to make sure
10 everyone knows there's no ADOT funds involved in the funding of
11 this. There is in the administration and oversight,
12 engineering. But number two, I really want to thank staff for
13 jumping through a lot of hoops and making this happen.

14 That being said, I'd like to make a motion that
15 this item be approved as presented with the understanding that
16 the new -- the JPA amendment will be signed by both parties. As
17 I explained, it is coming forth.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There is a motion by Steve
20 and also a second by Ted to approve 3I as presented, to move
21 forward once an agreement is reached.

22 So with that, all those in favor say aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Those opposed? Any
25 discussion?

1 MR. ROEHRICH: You voted, Mr. Chairman. I hate
2 to say it, but there's no discussion after you vote.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: So you can go to the online -- but
5 we can go to anybody online to verify their vote.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: So at this point I'd ask --

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) to go to the
9 people that are online.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

11 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: And Board Member Daniels.

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Meck is not
15 present, so the motion carries.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries regarding 3I.

17 So we will now move into financial report with
18 Kristine Ward.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, board members,
20 Kristine had another commitment and is out of the office today.
21 I am going to run through just a few points that she wanted to
22 make, but if you have any questions, I will take them and follow
23 up with her, but she said that she will also be here next month.
24 So she should be able to follow up with any issues.

25 So we'll go ahead and go to the next slide.

1 With HURF, the point she wanted to make out is
2 that we ended the year at the end of July -- at the end of June,
3 excuse me, with a little over \$1.7 billion, which was 2.6
4 billion -- 2.6 percent behind forecast, about 46 million. That
5 was updated as part of the new program. That was finalized in
6 June as well. So she had accounted for those revenues in the
7 new program.

8 The impact to the State Highway Fund is a key
9 source for the five-year program, and those revenues were
10 adjusted and the program is (inaudible) as we brought it
11 forward. They were able to able to utilize any shortfalls and
12 funds on projects. So you saw the project list, and we were
13 able to complete the project list that we had presented.

14 We'll go on to the next slide, please. And then
15 the next slide. I guess I probably was one behind a comment.

16 For the RARF, rural -- Regional Area Road Fund,
17 she said that those revenues at this point are only up to May's.
18 They lag a little bit behind the HURF revenues, but so far the
19 fiscal year, they've -- we've generated 607 million, which
20 is 5.2 percent above forecast, or about 3 million.

21 So this has been able to obviously roll into the
22 MAG program, and it's helped with the cash flow as well as the
23 program delivery within the MAG program itself. So that
24 continues to stay in good shape, at least for this fiscal year.

25 Next slide, please.

1 This was the summary that showed the additional
2 funds that were forecast to what was collected, again, which is
3 above the forecast. So RARF funds are coming back strong as the
4 economy hopefully continues to get better.

5 Next slide, please.

6 She said that there was no update to the federal
7 aid program. We're still evaluating a lot of language that's in
8 the IIJA, continuing to move forward with looking at programs,
9 looking at the guidance that is coming out as we work -- as she
10 said, she works with the development side, the planning side, as
11 we continue to adjust to the -- to the infrastructure program,
12 and that she'd have more to cover next month.

13 Next slide.

14 That's the end of the financial report,
15 Mr. Chairman and board members.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Floyd.

17 I'm just hoping that the economy will continue to
18 grow and be able to have the State Legislature (inaudible)
19 additional funding like they did this (inaudible).

20 That's all the comment I have. Anybody else have
21 a comment or questions?

22 Thank you to Kristine regarding that information
23 (inaudible), Floyd.

24 So we will now move on to Item 5, Paul Patane,
25 for discussion, possible action. So Paul.

1 MR. PATANE: Good morning, Mr. Chair, board
2 members. I'm Patane, Multimodal Planning Division.

3 So today I'd like to give you a update on the
4 Multimodal Planning Division and the things that are ongoing.
5 We'll touch on the tribal transportation, some of our outreach
6 efforts that are ongoing. As Katy mentioned earlier, I'll get a
7 little more detail on the House Bill 2872, the state (inaudible)
8 for rural transportation SMART Fund. And I'll also talk a
9 little bit about the planning to programming process that's
10 kicking off with the new program.

11 Next slide, please.

12 So some of the -- our outreach efforts are
13 ongoing right now. Just to give you a little update, there was
14 a meeting of the Navajo Nation Sweetwater Chapter. Some of the
15 items of discussion were from our Business Engagement and
16 Compliance. We're working on the Construction Academy Program
17 where we -- there was discussion on OSHA training and flagger
18 certification. So we anticipate the chapter to register some of
19 their members to receive this training and certifications.

20 Then we're planning an upcoming meeting with the
21 Hopi tribe. Some of the topics of discussion (inaudible) were
22 (inaudible) or the SR-264, SR-87. They want also -- we want to
23 talk about transportation workforce development, along with the
24 ADOT Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan.

25 Other ongoing activities scheduled with the

1 Navajo Nation chapters are the Shonto, Houck, the Birdsprings.
2 The Shonto, they want to talk about the speed study, speeds --
3 speed study request for US-60, SR-98. They want to talk about
4 some of the ongoing development activities that impact access
5 along SR-98 and the status of a project on the junction of SR-98
6 and US-160.

7 So with the Sweetwater Chapter, there's a meeting
8 scheduled with our BECO office to again discuss training
9 opportunities for flaggers and construction workers.

10 With the Houck Chapter, the topic of
11 discussion -- sorry if I'm mispronouncing some of those -- is
12 the Querino Bridge on the sufficiency rating. Well, the bridge
13 is in fair condition. They're looking at the new bridge
14 replacement there. So we'll work with the Houck Chapter on
15 that.

16 Then the five chapters of Birdsprings, Cameron,
17 Coalmine, Leupp and Tolani Lake, some of the items we want to
18 talk about there are safety concerns plus pull-outs and
19 turnoffs, and so we'll schedule those meetings and work through
20 those issues.

21 Next slide, please.

22 So as I mentioned earlier, last couple meetings
23 we have picked up on our Long Range Transportation Plan, and
24 part of that cooperative process is involving all our
25 stakeholders, and an integral part of our stakeholders is the

1 tribal community. So we'll be reaching out to all the chapters,
2 all the different communities, nations as we -- we have public
3 involvement as part of the long range plan to make sure we're
4 hearing from everybody to address those concerns.

5 Next slide, please.

6 So the next item I want to talk a little bit
7 about is this -- the House Bill 2872, the SMART Fund.

8 Next slide, please.

9 So the SMART Fund was a -- it is a \$5 million
10 (sic) grant program authorized by House Bill 2827, and it
11 becomes effective September 24th, 2022. What this does, it
12 provides competitive grants to assist ADOT, not only in rural
13 cities and towns and counties, but to help them win and be
14 competitive with federal discretionary grants.

15 And what the -- what the fund does, it reimburses
16 up to 50 percent of the costs of grant writing. It can act as a
17 match for federal discretionary grants. It also reimburses the
18 costs of design for an eligible project for a federal
19 discretionary grant.

20 Some of the bill provisions is that, you know,
21 we -- ADOT will receive the application. We want to ensure that
22 the application that we receive is -- it meets the requirements
23 of the notice of funding opportunity that's issued.

24 And some of the requirements before the
25 application is submitted to ADOT is that they received MPO or

1 COG approval. And then once we have an application that meets
2 the NOFO requirements, along with the MPO/COG approval, PPAC
3 will make a recommendation to the Board, and the Board may
4 approve/deny/amend grants or request more information, and the
5 Board may give preference based on the percent of matching funds
6 or -- and the extent to which they partner with other entities.

7 So we'll be bringing these applications to the
8 Board for their approval. And so we anticipate that the first
9 call for projects will be in October, and so depending on if
10 there's NOFOs, you know, we'll get into the August meeting, try
11 to get a little more detail of what the process will be for your
12 approval.

13 Next slide, please.

14 So, you know, so -- you know, why the SMART Fund,
15 if you look at all the discretionary grants that are available
16 to the local public agencies or, you know, a lot of times
17 eligible applicants. So again, we want to assist the
18 (inaudible) political subdivisions with costs associated with
19 applying for these grants.

20 Next slide, please.

21 So the next steps is we're currently working
22 internally to review the bill and design the necessary process,
23 and so we'll come back to the Board in August with the proposed
24 program implementation for discussion and possible approval.

25 Next slide, please.

1 So I want to talk a little bit about the planning
2 to programming process. Okay? Now, this last month we just
3 recently approved the 2023-2027 program, but we're already
4 starting the process for next year. It's ongoing. It's a cycle
5 that really never stops. So (inaudible) begins to develop new
6 projects for the new program, the P2P process, and so our
7 workshops are scheduled with the districts for late August,
8 early September, and so those are good opportunities where input
9 can be received.

10 Next slide, please.

11 And so what the P2P process does, it connects the
12 Long Range Transportation Plan with the five-year program, and
13 these are requirements both by Arizona Revised Statutes along
14 with federal regulations. The P2P is a part of the
15 performance-based process resulting -- eventually resulting in
16 the development of a five-year program.

17 And so as you can see in the diagram (inaudible)
18 scheduled and begin to prioritize projects. One thing I wanted
19 to point out is on the left there, that early coordination
20 project nominations, the data collection, scoping, studies --
21 you know, as Mr. Chairman Thompson alluded to earlier,
22 everything we hear at these board meetings, you know, we listen
23 to, and eventually they do develop into projects. We're -- they
24 can be nominated into P2P. That doesn't mean we'll be
25 successful, but the P2P is a mechanism where we could get a

1 project in the -- in the process where it can be further
2 evaluated.

3 So right now we're in -- you know, looking at
4 project prioritizations, and the district workshops -- next
5 slide, please -- are scheduled, and these are the dates.
6 They're going to be virtual workshops. So that -- I know
7 Mr. Knight's been involved quite heavily in the past in the
8 Southwest District workshops and the Northwest. And so we just
9 want to extend the opportunity to board members to attend those
10 workshops.

11 Next slide, please.

12 Any questions?

13 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Once again, thank you for the brief
16 and the update. I would like to ask about the SMART Fund --

17 MR. PATANE: Okay.

18 MR. MAXWELL: -- and how it plays in kind of with
19 the IIJA projects. Appreciate the work that the department's
20 doing on it. And obviously, with the budget not getting
21 approved until the very last minute of this year's session, you
22 haven't had a lot -- you don't have a lot of time (inaudible),
23 but on all those IIJA projects or grants --

24 MR. PATANE: Grants.

25 MR. MAXWELL: -- discretionary grants that are

1 out there, how many of them are currently actively accepting
2 applications, or are many of them? And (inaudible), you know,
3 we talked about it for the last several months, being ready to
4 go when it's time. It's going to be really important, and with
5 our late approval of the (inaudible) funds, I'm just worried are
6 we going to be -- find ourselves behind the curve on getting the
7 grant applications in when money's already being doled out?
8 Because I know of some of the cities -- I know the City of
9 Tucson is very engaged directly with the folks in D.C. to try to
10 start working on their grant applications and (inaudible)
11 suggestions to some of our Congressional delegation.

12 So are we concerned about being left behind
13 because we're getting a little late start on (inaudible)? It's
14 also my way of encouraging the locals -- local and the tribes to
15 start pushing already with putting this together. We continue
16 to develop how we can help them, because the funding could also
17 come afterwards.

18 MR. PATANE: Right. And so (inaudible)
19 challenges, because some of the -- because we know when the
20 NOFOs are coming out, because they developed a website, FHWA
21 has, where they have upcoming NOFOs. So the ones that are
22 currently in process like the bridge investment program --

23 MR. MAXWELL: Right.

24 MR. PATANE: -- they may -- NOFOs may miss those,
25 you know, depending on -- because I think for the bridge

1 investment program application deadline for the smaller bridges
2 is September 9th. So chances are we'll miss that cutoff, but
3 the intent is to do a call for projects, a call for applications
4 early on. That way we can vet the applications, make sure
5 they're ready, sure they got all the approvals. Then once the
6 NOFOs come out, then we can bring these to the Board where they
7 can approve.

8 MR. MAXWELL: That would be great, Paul, and I
9 appreciate that update. I think as much as we can, as the
10 department can get that information out to the locals on those
11 NOFO dates what is available so that they aren't maybe working
12 on something they're not going to get put in in time, at least
13 with our assistance. You know, that -- the bridge wasn't
14 perhaps one that I was specifically thinking about, because
15 those are going quickly. So the local communities, counties,
16 you know, the tribes, if they've got specific items, they are --
17 as much as they can do to get (inaudible) to get that -- those
18 kind of applications in before the closeout. I think staff's
19 going to do everything they can to support the grant writing.
20 It's just my concern on this was this ball's already running.

21 MR. PATANE: Right. And, you know, we'll -- you
22 know, there's a chance, so, you know, we always make sure, you
23 know, (inaudible) we want to capitalize on what we can this year
24 and -- so we'll have to just, you know, get this process going,
25 get the money available to the local public agencies and

1 (inaudible).

2 MR. MAXWELL: I fully agree, and, you know, every
3 time we miss an opportunity, it's just a missed opportunity.
4 (Inaudible) at the next one. You know, it's kind of same thing
5 with the one-time funding. The Chair already alluded to
6 hopefully the economy will keep thriving, there will be some
7 excess funding (inaudible) RTAC and the other agencies that have
8 been turning the State Legislature (inaudible) one-time funding,
9 that's where really where a lot of the new projects are coming
10 from. We have to keep that in mind. You know the farther you
11 are looking out in the five-year plan, the investment in new
12 projects doesn't get any better.

13 MR. PATANE: (Inaudible.)

14 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell,
15 Katy just mentioned -- texted me a message. The SMART Fund that
16 was approved doesn't go into effect until September 24th. So we
17 really couldn't effectively do anything before then anyway,
18 which is why we're taking the time to get it ready by that
19 September date, so we can move forward with applications in
20 October. So we still have that statutory requirement. So we
21 couldn't do anything with those funds prior to that date.

22 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Floyd, absolutely.
23 That's part of the point.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

25 MR. MAXWELL: Everybody's waiting for these funds

1 to come along and help with the grant writing. We may miss some
2 of this year's IIJA money in the discretionary pool. So it's
3 real important that everybody stays involved in what -- the
4 projects they see for their areas and start moving forward now.
5 I know some of the municipalities already are.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: And, Mr. Chairman, Member Maxwell,
7 you made a key point there. They should start now. They should
8 start on their own now to get ready --

9 MR. MAXWELL: Absolutely.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: -- and then adapt once we start
11 putting all those guidance out and start looking at what those
12 notice of funding opportunities that come out from the federal
13 grant promise.

14 MR. MAXWELL: Yeah.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: They should not be waiting for
16 that, because then they will be behind.

17 MR. PATANE: This is a reimbursement program,
18 too.

19 MR. MAXWELL: And that's a great point, Paul.
20 Some of the moneys they're spending, they may have an
21 opportunity to get reimbursed once we -- once the department has
22 access to those funds. So thank you, Mr. Chair, Floyd, Paul.
23 Appreciate this.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Those are some very important
25 points you made, Ted, and sometimes it takes a little bit longer

1 to get all this information to the smaller communities or those
2 in the rural areas. (Inaudible.) These information (inaudible)
3 with the scheduling (inaudible). So thank you very much.

4 MR. MAXWELL: Chairman Thompson, thank you.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.) You ready to move
6 on? I think we're ready, Mr. Chair.

7 MR. PATANE: (Inaudible.) Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'd like to move on to Item 6,
9 PPAC items, with Paul again.

10 MR. PATANE: So, Chairman Thompson, board
11 members, for your consideration, proposed changes to the
12 FY 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction
13 Program, project modifications 6A through 6D.

14 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Steve.

16 MR. STRATTON: I have some questions on 6A and
17 6B.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Proceed.

19 MR. STRATTON: Paul, I see you wanted (inaudible)
20 '23. We're in '23, so I'm assuming this (inaudible) a later
21 quarter of this year.

22 MR. PATANE: See, well, they're -- the PPAC
23 meeting was in June.

24 MR. STRATTON: Okay.

25 MR. PATANE: (Inaudible) so we were still in

1 2022, FY '22. So we're moving -- the project originally was
2 scheduled for FY '22. We want to move them into FY '23.

3 MR. STRATTON: Understood. More on my point
4 being is the wrong-way cameras, the reports we get from the
5 director and what I see on the news seems like they've been very
6 effective. They're actually saving lives. So my concern is if
7 it delays too far into '23 -- the sooner the better, I think,
8 because we get those on and they start saving lives now. So can
9 you tell me when you these will advertise in '23?

10 MR. PATANE: I would have to follow up, Mr. --

11 MR. STRATTON: If you would, please. I'd like to
12 see this -- I know there's a little bit of change in scope
13 (inaudible) in there and different things, more information, but
14 I really would like to see us push this as quickly as possible.
15 You never know when it's going to save a life when we get them
16 out there.

17 MR. PATANE: Yes.

18 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you for that.

20 Is there a motion to approve PPAC modification
21 Items 6A through 6D as presented?

22 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

23 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Steve, second by
25 Gary. Any discussion?

1 All in favorite say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

4 Floyd, roll call.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Online, we'll go with Board Member
6 Searle.

7 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Daniels.

9 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Meck is absent,
11 so the motion carries.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

13 Okay. Next item, Paul.

14 MR. PATANE: So, Mr. Chairman, board members, for
15 your consideration, the changes to the 2023-2027 Statewide --
16 excuse me -- Transportation Facilities Construction Program. A
17 new project, Item 6E.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to approve
19 PPAC project Item 6E as presented?

20 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved.

21 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary, motion. Ted, second.
23 Any discussion?

24 All in favor say aye.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

2 Floyd, conduct roll call.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

4 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

6 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Meck is gone, so
8 the motion carries.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries. Thank you,
10 Paul.

11 MR. PATANE: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Going on to Item 7, state
13 engineer's report. Greg Byres. This is for information and
14 discussion only.

15 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
16 members. We'll start off with just the -- what we've got as far
17 as projects go. 99 projects are under construction right now,
18 for a little over \$2 billion. We have completed nine projects
19 in June. We're at \$73.5 million, and fiscal year to date, we
20 have completed 83 projects. With that, that's the state
21 engineer's report for this month.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any questions?

23 Moving on to Item 8, construction contracts, for
24 discussion and possible action. Going to Item 8.

25 Greg.

1 MR. BYRES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

2 First off, I'd like to say thank you very much
3 for approving the consent agenda items that we have, the item --
4 three items. I would like to -- if we could go on to the next
5 slide.

6 If we can start off with approval of the first
7 item, which is Item 8A. This is a pavement pres. project on
8 I-40. We had one bidder on this project. This project is --
9 was considerably over estimate. The low bid was \$2,140,453.
10 The State's estimate was \$1,277,847, a difference of \$862,606,
11 or 67.5 percent.

12 One of the biggest differences that we had in the
13 difference between the bid and the engineer's estimate was cost
14 of the wearing course, the millings, but one of the big things
15 that we had was the restricted time limits that we had put on
16 the project for traffic control. Due to the extensive
17 difference, it is -- at this point we intend to repackage this
18 project, and we would recommend rejecting all bids.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to reject
20 all bids, Item A, as presented?

21 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is my
22 district. One question, Greg. Do you think that's probably
23 the -- from what your estimation was, that that's probably the
24 reason we only had one bidder?

25 MR. BYRES: Yes. Very much so. I think because

1 of the restricted time constraints that we put for work, trying
2 to keep it as open as possible for the public, we're going to
3 have to do some compromise in there in order to, one, make it
4 more competitive for bidding purposes, but also make it a whole
5 lot less expensive for construction. There's just -- we had a
6 very short window for construction. The contractor was very
7 explicit on that -- the costs. It drove the costs up because
8 production rates dropped dramatically.

9 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: I'm glad to see you're taking
10 all that into consideration. It -- I hate to see bids that far
11 over estimate and with only one bidder, so hopefully it will
12 turn out better, and with that being said, move to reject all
13 bids on Item 6A -- or 8A. 8A. Sorry.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Second?

15 MR. MAXWELL: Second. Mr. Chair, I've got a
16 question.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead.

18 MR. MAXWELL: So in this one, in the past we've
19 heard on some of the projects that the time constraints that
20 make it difficult, you're looking predominantly nighttime or,
21 you know, closures occurring over on the weekend, you know, I
22 think (inaudible) some of the ones versus the week. What were
23 the specific -- I mean, do you know the specific (inaudible)?
24 What were the specific details? Was it -- on this one was it
25 just eliminating the amount of time they had to complete the

1 entire project, or was it the fact that they couldn't work out
2 on a continuous basis?

3 MR. BYRES: The biggest issue is we have a very
4 confined time frame for work. So by the time you get your
5 traffic control in place, and then having to tear it down before
6 you run out of time, it really minimizes the amount of work that
7 can get done. So, consequently, the production rates are
8 just -- it should -- it shoots the contractor in the foot in
9 trying to get work done, so -- and therefore drives the cost.

10 MR. MAXWELL: Do you believe we've got some good
11 alternatives?

12 MR. BYRES: Well, we're working on it. That's
13 the whole purpose of what we're looking for right now in
14 repackaging this, to put it back out as quick as we can.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any further discussion?

17 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Yes, Mr. Chair. I notice
18 this particular project starts at the California border. Is
19 there any issue with California and being right there on the
20 border? Is it -- is that presenting a problem?

21 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Knight,
22 no, not that we've seen. The big thing is -- here is just the
23 fact that cost of materials is up. So -- well, that's a given,
24 but the big thing was just the time constraints.

25 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you. Thank you,

1 Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, you've got a motion
4 by Board Member Knight, a second by Board Member Maxwell. Now
5 you need to vote if there's no more discussion.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. All in favor say aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

9 Floyd, conduct roll call.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

11 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: And with Board Member Meck gone,
15 it -- the motion passes.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Floyd. The motion
17 carries.

18 Let's go to Item 8B.

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

20 This is a roadway lighting project on US-60. The
21 low bid for this project was \$293,387. The State's estimate was
22 \$237,970, a difference of \$55,417, or 23.3 percent.

23 What we saw in talking to the contractors on this
24 was the cost of the aluminum poles as well as the foundations
25 and the mast arms. The cost of anything aluminum right now has

1 gone up, as well as the lead times are going up dramatically.
2 So with that, taking that into consideration and looking at what
3 those costs are compared to what the engineer's estimate is, we
4 did find that the bid is a responsive and responsible bid, and
5 we recommend award to Utility Construction Company, Inc.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award
7 Item 8B to Utility Construction Company, Inc.?

8 MR. STRATTON: Move to award.

9 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Board Member Steve,
11 and second by Board Member Gary. Any discussion?

12 All those in favor say aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

15 Floyd, conduct roll call.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

17 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

19 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: That motion carries.

22 Go to Item 8C.

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

24 This is a pavement preservation project on US-70,
25 Tribal Road 420 to Coolidge Dam. We have two bidders on this

1 project. The low bid was \$7,639,743. The State's estimate was
2 \$6,331,957, a difference of \$1,307,786, or 20.7 percent.

3 The biggest difference that we saw between the
4 engineer's estimate and the low bid was the cost of the wearing
5 surface, particularly the cost of the asphalt concrete for the
6 project itself. Also saw an extensive price on traffic control,
7 and, of course, mobilization was up a little bit as well.

8 One of the big things with this is there is --
9 with the bonding -- wearing course, crushing of the aggregates
10 to meet that spec is -- takes a lot of time. There's
11 (inaudible). With that, we did see that the low bid is a
12 responsive and responsible bid and recommend award to FNF
13 Construction, Inc.

14 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Steve.

16 MR. STRATTON: Greg, if this is Tribal Road 420
17 to Coolidge Dam, I think it's a little bit misleading here. I
18 think that means the Coolidge Dam turnoff in Bylas, rather than
19 all the way to Coolidge Dam, which happens to be a dirt road, I
20 believe.

21 MR. BYRES: You are correct.

22 MR. STRATTON: Okay. Thank you.

23 With that explanation, I'll move to award.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Board Member
25 Stratton.

1 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Second by Board Member Knight.

3 Any discussion?

4 All in vote -- favor vote aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

7 Floyd, conduct roll call.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

9 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

11 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carries.

14 Item 8D.

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

16 This was another pavement pres. project. For
17 this project we had three bidders. The low bid was \$1,255,000.
18 The State's estimate was \$1,526,622, a difference of \$271,622,
19 or 17.8 percent less than the engineer's estimate.

20 One of the big things with this one is we did see
21 actually a less than estimated cost for the asphalt rubber
22 materials as well as the friction course. So with that, this
23 low bid is a responsive and responsible bid and we recommend
24 award to Fisher Sand & Gravel Company.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award

1 Item 8D to Fisher Sand & Gravel Company as presented?

2 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved.

3 MR. STRATTON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion by Board Member Knight.

5 MR. STRATTON: Second.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

7 MR. STRATTON: I would like to say, Greg, I'm
8 glad to see one come in under estimate for a change. Kind of
9 nice. (Inaudible.) That just means we have to hear it
10 (inaudible).

11 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: And with three bids, it was
12 obviously competitive.

13 MR. STRATTON: Yeah.

14 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So that probably drove the
15 price as well. Three people were interested in the project
16 (inaudible).

17 MR. MAXWELL: Goes back to any encouragement we
18 can give and (inaudible) more bids would be beneficial in the
19 future.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) Item 8D, motion
21 by Board Member Stratton.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. STRATTON: By Gary.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, Gary Knight, second by
25 Board Member Stratton. Okay. Any discussion?

1 All in favor say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

4 Floyd, conduct roll call.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

6 MR. SEALRE: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

8 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

11 Moving on to Item 8E.

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

13 This next project is a pavement preservation
14 project. This is on SR-264, the county line to BIA 503. We had
15 two bidders on this project. The low bid was 4,250,000.
16 State's estimate was \$3,693,730, a difference of \$556,270, or
17 15.1 percent.

18 One of the big items that we saw on this was the
19 cost of the asphalt binder itself was higher than what we had
20 anticipated. That and the cost of trucking was considerably
21 higher than what we had estimated. Most of that was due to the
22 slower production rates because we've got some spot improvements
23 along this route that we have to do. With that, we did
24 determine that the low bid is a responsive and responsible bid
25 and recommend award to Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award
2 Item E8 to Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC, as presented?

3 MR. STRATTON: So moved. I would -- I guess
4 Sunland does like it up here. With them working up here, it
5 would have been nice to see that (inaudible). They're up here
6 all the time.

7 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second (inaudible).

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Board Member
9 Stratton, second by Board Member Knight. Any discussion?

10 All in favor say aye.

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

13 Floyd, conduct roll call.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

15 MR. SEALRE: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

17 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries, Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

20 Now moving on to 8F.

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

22 This is a sign project. This is on I-40 and
23 I-17, statewide, various locations. We had one bidder on this
24 project. The low bid was \$1,037,238. The State's estimate was
25 \$706,975, a difference of \$330,263, or 46.7 percent.

1 In speaking with the contractor on this, it
2 looked like the signpost foundations were much more than what
3 was estimated, as well as construction surveying laid out and
4 all of the markings. This was very extensive as far as the cost
5 goes. After looking at it and figuring that we can repackage
6 this a little bit better than what we currently had it, with
7 only one bidder for this project, we recommend rejection of all
8 bids.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to reject
10 all bids?

11 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved.

12 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Board Member
14 Knight, second by Board Member Maxwell. Any discussion?

15 All in favor say aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any opposed?

18 Floyd, conduct roll call.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

20 MR. SEALRE: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

22 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries, Mr. Chair.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries. Greg,
25 Item 8G.

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

2 This is a pavement preservation project on SR-95,
3 which is Riverside Drive to Bill Williams River Bridge. With
4 this, the low bid was \$2,272,419. The State's estimate was
5 \$2,281,474, a difference of \$9,055, or .4 percent under the
6 engineer's estimate.

7 The reason we're bringing this one project to the
8 Board is in evaluating the bids, the low bid did have a DBE
9 issue. It was determined that that DBE issue was non-material,
10 and basically they had miscalculated the DBE percentage. When
11 it was recalculated, that DBE percentage still exceeded the
12 minimum. So we did contact all bidders. There were no protests
13 on this. So we bring this forward with a recommendation -- or
14 we did determine that it is a responsible and responsive bid and
15 recommend award to Paveco, Inc.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Apparently, on this particular
17 project, there was a DBE discrepancy identified. A letter is
18 expected to be sent out to the low bidder (inaudible). Is there
19 a motion to award Item 8G to Paveco, Inc., as presented?

20 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: I would be happy to see
21 another, District 6 with under estimate. I move to award to
22 Paveco, Paveco, Inc.

23 MR. STRATTON: I'll second with a comment.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. There's a motion by
25 Board Member Knight and second by Board Member Stratton.

1 Comment.

2 MR. STRATTON: Greg, I know that District 6 is
3 the incoming chairman next year. I really do think we should
4 put some of this money (inaudible).

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any other -- any discussion
6 beyond that?

7 All in favor say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

10 Floyd, conduct roll call.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

12 MR. SEALRE: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

14 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Chairman, the motion
16 carries.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Floyd.

18 I'd like to go back and open up call to the
19 public. I understand there's a person that had submitted a
20 request to speak. We didn't get that. So I'd like to give that
21 time to him. Floyd.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, we'd received a
23 notice that Mr. Ian Dowdy had submitted a request, and as you
24 pointed out, I looked for it. I could not find it, but he is
25 here, and he is requesting to speak.

1 So, Mr. Dowdy, will you please raise your hand?

2 WEBEX HOST: Mr. Dowdy, I have requested an
3 unmute on your line. I believe you just need to press star six
4 to unmute.

5 MR. DOWDY: Hello. Can you hear me now?

6 WEBEX HOST: Yes.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We can. Please go
8 ahead and make your comments.

9 MR. DOWDY: Excellent. Thank you so much.

10 All right. Well, greetings, Chairman Thompson
11 and members of the Board. I am Ian Dowdy, Director of Strategic
12 Data Initiatives at the Center For the Future of Arizona, based
13 in Phoenix, with representation statewide.

14 My comments are directed in support of the draft
15 Arizona EV plan, which this board, Director Halikowski and ADOT
16 staff are currently drafting to help build out Arizona's
17 electric vehicle infrastructure.

18 Since 2002, the Center For the Future of Arizona
19 has been listening to Arizonans to build a stronger and brighter
20 future for our state. Foundational to our work is *The Arizona*
21 *We Want*, a shared vision of success around what matters most to
22 Arizonans, that expresses their highest aspirations and hopes
23 for the future. Built around the results of surveys and other
24 means of public input, *The Arizona We Want* is a helpful guide
25 for leaders and communities as they engage in dialogue and

1 define actions to advance the state in ways that are aligned
2 with the priorities of the people. Details about *The Arizona We*
3 *Want* are available at our website, arizonafuture.org.

4 Center For the Future of Arizona has recently
5 conducted two surveys to stay up-to-date on what matters most to
6 Arizonans and to gain insight into what they believe is
7 important for the future. These findings reinforce the
8 overarching truth that Arizonans agree on much more than we
9 disagree, including broad-based support specific actions to
10 create a better future for all.

11 Our survey findings also clearly identify with
12 great confidence where we agree and what Arizonans want,
13 including seven shared public values, one of which is
14 environment and sustainable future. Arizonans overwhelmingly
15 want sustainable practices that protect our air, land and water
16 and support a high quality of life for all.

17 Additionally, results from the surveys conclude
18 that there is significant broad-based support for ongoing
19 investments in electric vehicle infrastructure, which are
20 supported by the following points from our survey: About one in
21 five Arizonans struggle to pay for transportation. Over 70
22 percent of Arizonans support transitioning to clean energy.
23 Improving air quality is an important priority for over 80
24 percent of residents and voters, and almost 90 percent of voters
25 prioritize reducing gas prices.

1 The Center For the Future of Arizona applied to
2 the ongoing commitment of the Arizona Department of
3 Transportation to invest in the expansion of electric vehicle
4 infrastructure that will support a clean energy future. We view
5 the implementation of the Arizona EV plan as a pursuit to
6 address the priorities of Arizonans, including improved air
7 quality, reduced demand for gasoline and potential improved
8 access to affordable transportation options.

9 We encourage the department to continue with
10 (inaudible) to develop a robust plan with significant public and
11 stakeholder input. As this Board weighs in over the next few
12 months on ADOT's draft EV plan for Arizona, we encourage you to
13 keep top of mind that improving access to EV charging stations
14 paired with broader goal of expanding the use of electric
15 vehicles is aligned with the priorities of Arizonans. These
16 efforts will help move our state toward a stronger and brighter
17 future.

18 Thank you for your ongoing efforts to consider
19 this draft plan while improving access to transportation and
20 reducing environmental impacts as we all move towards adopting a
21 clean energy economy. Thank you for the opportunity to provide
22 these comments. I appreciate it.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, on the phone, that's
24 the only person that called?

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that is. That's the

1 last request to speak.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Floyd.

3 And the last item is the Item 9. This time is
4 given to the board members, given the opportunity to suggest
5 items they would like to have placed on future board meeting
6 agenda.

7 One item that -- not specifically responding to
8 any comment today (inaudible) general (inaudible) is on
9 information about the electric vehicle, to give us an update, I
10 don't know that that would be something that we might think
11 about giving us an update on that.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, board members, yes.
13 If you remember, we did give a presentation back in the study
14 session. We do have the plan that needs to go on August 1st,
15 and what we will do after that is come back and we'll have a
16 discussion with the Board, give you a chance to review it and
17 then have discussion with the Board. If you remember, the plan
18 goes in -- the initial plan goes in August 1st, but then we
19 update it after that as we develop our program. So after we
20 submit the plan, we will come back to the Board and we will
21 start talking to you about implementation, probably within maybe
22 a couple of months as we kind of move forward with the rest of
23 that process, but we will do that.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Floyd.

25 MR. MAXWELL: Floyd, follow-up question to that,

1 please, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: (Inaudible.)

3 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

4 So the initial plan, what kind of detail -- are
5 locations initially identified and then we just confirm from
6 there, or is it more of how the process (inaudible)?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, it's
8 going to be a little bit of both. We've already identified
9 what's existing. We identified where the gaps are to meet the
10 NEVI requirement, where they would go, but it is initial
11 placement. From there, what we do, implementation and we start
12 looking at making the funding available for applicants who will
13 use it. We will refine it from there, because if there's a
14 better spot the next mile down the road or a little different
15 location because it's cheaper and easier because there's already
16 electricity or things like that, then we will refine it from
17 there. It's going to lay out, if you will, the basic policy,
18 basic strategy discussion moving forward and anticipated
19 locations of gaps where we would look at, at expanding charger
20 installation.

21 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you,
22 Floyd.

23 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, we've been talking
24 about federal funding, correct?

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Knight, if you

1 remember, that's correct. When we presented, this is the 76 and
2 a half million dollars that came through from IIJA for charger
3 installation.

4 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Okay.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: It will require a 20 percent
6 match, but as we raised previously, that match would come from
7 private industry in order to draw down those federal grant
8 dollars.

9 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Have we reached out yet to
10 private -- the private sector to see if we have -- seen who we
11 have that's interested in investing in the charging stations?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight, we have
13 over 360 industry stakeholders who are on our list that we have
14 contacted with, and when we had our public meeting Thursday
15 night, we've been generating more than 1,900 private individual
16 inquiries into this. We have had a lot of discussion. We'll
17 continue to have discussion. There's a lot of interest in this,
18 a lot of various companies, whether it's APS, SRP, the
19 suppliers, third-party managers, the actual instructors and
20 installers, the people who finance it. We have had a broad
21 range of support and interest in the program.

22 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Good. That's great. As long
23 as it's the private sector doing it, that's great.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Steve.

1 MR. STRATTON: Follow-up to that Floyd is, for
2 the match, I understand the private sector, however, would it
3 be -- is it possible for cities, towns or counties that want to
4 have these stations located in their area, such as the one
5 speaker we had today from Holbrook, can they step up and -- with
6 the match-ups so that it would be in their vicinity if it is in
7 a desired location for the plan?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Stratton, yes, they
9 can. They will be eligible to compete for those funds as well.

10 MR. STRATTON: Will they be given any priority
11 over the private sector?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Stratton, at
13 this point I can tell you that we've not had that discussion,
14 but it did make a point, though. I want to be clear. If we
15 have a NEVI-required location but a town wants to put one in and
16 it doesn't meet the NEVI requirement, the priority would have to
17 go to NEVI requirement, because we have to meet that criteria
18 first, but I can't tell you exactly how the criteria will be, if
19 we will give any type of preference at this point. We -- the
20 criteria I will tell you we need to meet is we need to meet the
21 minimum NEVI requirement to use the funds. So that has got to
22 be a minimum, but from there we will have to look at other
23 implementation priorities as well.

24 MR. STRATTON: And my thought was more that there
25 was a requirement (inaudible) broad area. If one city or town

1 wanted to step up and do that, then maybe they should be
2 (inaudible) another location.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Stratton, we will
4 take that back as we put together the program.

5 I do want to caution everybody, manage
6 expectations here. We got 76 and a half million dollars.
7 That's not a lot of money. You know, if you look at -- Texas
8 got 400 million. So, I mean, these charging stations can --
9 again, given the remote location (inaudible), they can be fairly
10 expensive. So first priority will have to be -- is to fill in
11 those gaps to meet the NEVI requirements.

12 MR. STRATTON: I know we go to Wickenburg every
13 year, and there's -- I think there's six stations in the city
14 parking lot there.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

16 MR. STRATTON: Was that something the City did on
17 its own years ago or?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Stratton, I do not
19 know that, but I'll tell you one thing on this program is that
20 there's an existing charging station, and it's not (inaudible)
21 requirement, but they're within the criteria. Whether it's the
22 city, if they sponsor it or the industry, they can ask to
23 upgrade it and apply for these funds to do that.

24 MR. STRATTON: (Inaudible.)

25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd, maybe on the tribal part

1 of the reporting, maybe include (inaudible) as well.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that's a good idea.
3 Absolutely, because we've reached out to all the tribal
4 communities in the -- in the state and are talking to them as
5 well. Six tribal communities fit within the preliminary
6 criteria that NEVI is, which is our alternative fuel corridor.
7 It's the interstate system. And we already reached out to them
8 as well, so we could provide that.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you (inaudible).

10 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair. So Floyd, the --
11 one of the requirements was that they -- they wanted the
12 charging stations no more than 50 miles apart?

13 MR. ROEHRICH: 50 miles apart longitudinally and
14 a mile off the corridor, the interstate, if you will.

15 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: That's going to put them in
16 rural areas. It's going to put them everywhere, 50 miles
17 (inaudible).

18 MR. STRATTON: Everywhere if you have an
19 interstate.

20 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Yeah.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any other items?

22 (Inaudible.)

23 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, board members, I
24 do want to remind everybody next month, August 19th, is going to
25 be an in-person with the virtual option, and it will be at the

1 Town of Gilbert. They will be hosting the board meeting that
2 Friday, August 19th. And as always, there will be the virtual
3 option for those that would want to participate but can't make
4 it in person.

5 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: We would expect Jenn to be at
6 that one in person.

7 MS. DANIELS: Yes, I will, and I'm happy to make
8 sure everybody has a good place to sleep that night, too. I can
9 farm you out to family and friends.

10 MR. STRATTON: (Inaudible) exchange student.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: You know, being the Chair up
12 here, you only do what your members want you to do. Only one
13 last thing. Is there a motion to adjourn the board meeting?

14 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

15 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Motion by Board Member
17 Greg (sic), second by Board Member Knight.

18 So all those in favor say aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Meeting's adjourned.

21 (Meeting concluded at 10:43 a.m.)
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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the July 15, 2022, State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Steve Stratton and seconded by Vice Chairman Gary Knight. In a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. PST.

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Jesse Thompson, Chairman
State Transportation Board

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John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation