

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING  
IN PERSON WITH OPTIONAL TELEPHONIC/WEBEX ATTENDANCE**

**9:00am, October 21, 2022**

**City of Lake Havasu**

**2360 McCulloch Boulevard North**

**Lake Havasu, Arizona 86403**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jesse Thompson called the State Transportation Board Meeting to order at 9:03 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 Jesse Thompson, Vice Chairman Knight, Board Member Maxwell. **In attendance (via WebEx):** Board Member Searle, Board Member Stratton, Board Member Daniels. **Absent:** Board Member Meck. There were approximately 66 members of the public in the audience on-line and approximately 15 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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2 STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING, was reported from electronic  
3 media by TERESA A. WATSON, Registered Merit Reporter and a  
4 Certified Reporter in and for the State of Arizona.

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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 (via Webex)

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now moving on to call to the  
3 audience. Again, of those that are participating maybe  
4 telephonically or on Webex, everyone will be muted when they  
5 call in to the meeting. When your name is called to provide  
6 your comments, you will indicate your presence by virtually  
7 raising your hand using your phone keypad or through the Webex  
8 application. The Webex host will guide you through the unmuting  
9 and muting process following the instructions included with the  
10 meeting agenda.

11 For those in person, there is an opportunity for  
12 members of the public to discuss items of interest with the  
13 Board. Again, please fill out a Request for Public Input Form  
14 and please give it to the board secretary if you wish to address  
15 the Board. In the interest of time -- I know all of you have a  
16 lot to say (inaudible), but call to the audience means a  
17 three-minute time limit will be imposed. Again, a three-minute  
18 time limit will be imposed.

19 For this part of the agenda, I'd like to turn  
20 back to Floyd (inaudible). So call to the audience.

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

22 We have three requests to speak in person and  
23 then a number online. We'll start with the in-person requests.  
24 And our first speaker will be Mayor Sheehy, Mayor of Lake Havasu  
25 City.

1                   MAYOR SHEEHY: Good morning. Good morning,  
2 Chairman Thompson, Vice Chair Knight and members of the Board.  
3 Thank you for being here, and thank you for being in Lake Havasu  
4 City. It's our pleasure to host you here in Lake Havasu City,  
5 and it's always great to have members of the Board seeing the  
6 roadways in which we all travel around every day.

7                   I would also like to thank Vice Chair Knight. He  
8 participates in our metropolitan planning organization,  
9 (inaudible) regular meetings, but we appreciate the updates that  
10 you provide to the Board and your leadership in our district.

11                  I would also like to thank ADOT for the  
12 partnerships that they have within our region. We have several  
13 major projects that are onboard that we'll be moving forward.  
14 Thank you to Representative Biasiucci. With the support of  
15 Senator Borrelli and Representative Cobb, we've been able to get  
16 some direct legislative appropriations for roadways. Highway 95  
17 here in Lake Havasu City and Bullhead, and some TI improvements  
18 in the Kingman area, so we're very grateful for those.

19                  We also are working on a partnership with ADOT  
20 and Lake Havasu City for the synchronization of our light  
21 system. So the traffic lights (inaudible) 95, which is the only  
22 way in and out of our community. It is going to synchronize  
23 with Lake Havasu Avenue, which is a parallel roadway, allowing  
24 motorists to be able to flow as expedient as possible off of the  
25 highway system into our community without any backups, which is

1 a challenge for us. But again, we appreciate that partnership  
2 that we have.

3 We also are working on a bridge feasibility  
4 study, and our director (inaudible) the northwest region  
5 (inaudible) is working on that with our team to be able to  
6 identify what the feasibility is for a second bridge to get  
7 across our channel area. For those not familiar, we have the  
8 world famous London Bridge here in Lake Havasu City, and it's  
9 the only way on and off of the island, and so we're looking for  
10 alternative solutions for that.

11 As far as allocating things at the Board we do,  
12 we would like consideration to have an office in this area. We  
13 previously had one in Kingman, and we would love to have that  
14 returned. Our Northwest District office is in Prescott, which  
15 is quite a distance away from Lake Havasu City. So we would  
16 like to have that in our area so we can have better connection  
17 and relationships with ADOT and our regional director.

18 And then finally, I believe this is a challenge  
19 across the state of Arizona, but certainly in our area, is the  
20 right-of-way cleanups along the highway. We do have a good  
21 partnership with our district, but it's not enough. We need our  
22 roadways to be clean, and, you know, if we could have that, we'd  
23 greatly appreciate it.

24 Again, to members of the Board, thank you for  
25 being here in Lake Havasu City. Thank you for your time and

1 consideration for our transportation needs across the state of  
2 Arizona. Enjoy your meeting. Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you. (Inaudible) thank  
4 you for those beautiful comments.

5 MAYOR SHEEHY: Thank you.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Ms. Nancy  
7 Campbell, Lake Havasu City Council. Ms. Campbell.

8 MS. CAMPBELL: Good morning, and thank you all  
9 for being here, and thank you everyone that joined us last  
10 night, and again, for the sponsor of last night's event was  
11 Sundt. And the baskets were donated by (inaudible), so I just  
12 want to give them a shoutout.

13 But again, I wanted to parlay on everything the  
14 Mayor had mentioned. He obviously (inaudible) representing our  
15 community, and you were all on the bridge with us and saw our  
16 beautiful London Bridge, and I have witnessed accidents around  
17 that bridge and how it's been backed up all the way around.

18 I've spoke to many of the -- my constituents at  
19 the moment (inaudible), and they have a lot of concern in case  
20 of emergency. As you saw, we have a lot of restaurants right  
21 there at the (inaudible), not to mention we have a lot of  
22 bottlenecks flowing up off of Highway 95, onto Mesquite, getting  
23 up onto London Bridge Road with your boats, (inaudible) on Main  
24 Street, which is substantially up the street, and on the big  
25 events it's uncommon to see people backed up all the way up to

1 our main street to try to get onto the island. I'm very  
2 worried. We've been successful the last 50 years without many  
3 major problems, but I'm starting to feel it's not (inaudible)  
4 when we do have a problem.

5 So thank you again for all coming, all of you  
6 coming out, driving down, spending some time in our beautiful  
7 city. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) Thank you.

9 MS. CAMPBELL: Thank you.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Kee Allen  
11 Begay, Junior. Mr. Begay.

12 MR. BEGAY: Good morning, Board Members, present,  
13 Board Members and everyone else. I am -- my name is Kee Allen  
14 Begay, Junior. I'm the council for the Navajo Nation from  
15 the -- I'm from the northeast part of the state of Arizona.

16 The main thing that I continue to advocate and  
17 request for the Board is please continue to consider a road  
18 improvement between Many Farms and Chinle, Arizona, on the  
19 Navajo Nation. There is construction going on. As you know,  
20 that we've been advocating for an additional lane between the  
21 two communities because of the growth, but the settlement  
22 (inaudible) understand it is slowly widening (inaudible), but I  
23 continue to ask if these -- the north part of the construction  
24 could be extended for almost about two or three more miles,  
25 because the current construction only stops just outside of Many

1 Farms, Arizona.

2           And we have been -- the local community, each of  
3 the communities on the reservation has a local chapter. So  
4 there is -- one chapter has been asking that there needs to be a  
5 little bit of improvement in a lot of the crossroads, especially  
6 the culverts on the -- on 191.

7           Just recently we had a good storm, which we're  
8 thankful for, but because of it, really made a lot of these  
9 road -- the waters back up and it flooded some homes in the  
10 area. So these are the areas that -- these are some situations  
11 that I continue to ask for the Board to look into, and we have  
12 been making contact with Mr. Wilson for the northeastern part,  
13 district manager.

14           And I'd like to also say that I know the Board is  
15 scheduled to be meeting in Chinle, Arizona, in the month of  
16 December. I'll make every effort to make sure that everything  
17 goes well and hopefully that we could be able to ask if the  
18 board members could make a visit to some of these areas that I  
19 think you need to identify at these meetings so you can be able  
20 to see the actual situation that we -- and I talk about and we  
21 request for information. So I'd like to extend an invitation  
22 back in December to view a lot of these areas.

23           And the last (inaudible) smart highway, 191, I  
24 would -- we're requesting the Arizona Governor to include  
25 Highway 191 as one of his smart highway initiatives as well.

1                   So we appreciate the time, and thank you very  
2 much. You have a wonderful day. (Inaudible.)

3                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) Thank you  
4 brother. Knowing you and many of (inaudible) you have your  
5 deepest concern for your tribe that -- because it's main safety  
6 for the people that you speak on behalf of. So again, thank you  
7 (inaudible).

8                   Floyd, any other?

9                   MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Christian  
10 Price.

11                  MR. PRICE: Thank you, Chairman, Board Members.  
12 Appreciate it. I just want to say thank you to Lake Havasu for  
13 hosting us here today and to the Board Members and putting in  
14 the travel and time. I also want to thank (inaudible) coming to  
15 the city of Maricopa with the transportation conference that we  
16 had, as well as at the board meeting.

17                  So obviously, a lot of discussion of  
18 transportation. I know talking to Board Member Knight earlier,  
19 for some reason he thought I was going to talk about 347 today.  
20 Can't quite figure out why, but (inaudible) 347. No. The idea  
21 being that, you know, just as the councilmember from Lake Havasu  
22 was talking about (inaudible), and you talk about choke points,  
23 and the very fact of the matter is is that in the city of  
24 Maricopa, you all had the opportunity to see first and foremost  
25 for yourselves there a choke point for Maricopa, a fast growing

1 city of, you know, roughly 70-, 75,000 people now, anticipated  
2 to add another 15,000 people here in the next couple of years,  
3 and so we don't seem to stop growing, and with that comes the  
4 choke point that is literally 16 miles of 347 between the city  
5 of Maricopa and the Chandler area.

6           And so we hope that we'll continue to do our  
7 part. We have a ballot proposition (inaudible) on the docket  
8 right now. It's up for a vote. Hopefully it will pass, and if  
9 that's the case, that will add \$60 million to that potential pot  
10 for project improvement. You know, the scoping study has been  
11 completed working with MAG and ADOT and others, and so just want  
12 to continue to let you know that we continue to do our best to  
13 help advocate and raise money for this important project to us,  
14 and certainly for the state of Arizona.

15           And the last thing before I let you go, I wanted  
16 to also talk to -- we have been re-engaging the I-11 coalition.  
17 This is a (inaudible) organization that is dedicated to the  
18 progress of the I-11. As you know, this is a major thoroughfare  
19 or highway that would run north and south from Las Vegas all the  
20 way down to the Arizona border with Mexico. So we have passed  
21 through the tier one.

22           This Board allocated money many years ago for  
23 that tier one study. It's not a cheap endeavor, and I know  
24 (inaudible) how difficult that can be, but we have a -- through  
25 a bill at the Legislature this past year received moneys for a

1 first tier two study, which is from Wickenburg to the I-10, and  
2 so as you know, as the I-11 is broken up into different segments  
3 of independent utility, it's important that we study all of them  
4 so that we can move it from the 2,000-foot swath down to 500,  
5 and then move towards gaining funds for the ultimate building  
6 and construction of this highway that will change the face of  
7 Arizona for the future decade.

8           So anyways, I just wanted to allocate to the  
9 Board at this time, put in my two cents that, again, I know your  
10 difficulty trying to find moneys for so many valid and worthy  
11 projects, but as you get ready to put a budget together for this  
12 coming year, I would hope that you would continue to anticipate  
13 and start to direct staff or funding for at least another  
14 segment of the tier two funding for I-11 so we can keep that  
15 project moving. One of the worst things we could do is to put  
16 this -- to spend this money, put on it on the docket and not  
17 actually get it to.

18           So thank you very much. Appreciate it.

19           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

20           MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, our next speaker  
21 is -- we're moving to online speakers. Those are all the  
22 in-person speakers.

23           So our next speaker is Mr. John Ornelas.

24           Mr. Ornelas, please raise your hand so you can be unmuted.

25           WEBEX HOST: Currently there are no hands raised.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. We'll move on and see if he  
2 comes back in later.

3 Our next speaker is Mayor Nancy Smith. Mayor  
4 Smith, please raise your hand.

5 WEBEX HOST: Mayor Smith, I sent you a request to  
6 unmute, and you are unmuted.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mayor Smith, are you there?

8 MAYOR SMITH: Yes, I am. Thank you. I wasn't  
9 quite sure to tell when I was unmuted, but I figured it out.  
10 Thank you very much.

11 So I am Mayor Nancy Smith from the City of  
12 Maricopa. We are so thankful that you were here to visit us  
13 last month, and we had a great visit. I'm here tonight -- today  
14 to talk about just our appreciation for the beginning transition  
15 of State Route 238 and State Route 347 within the city limits,  
16 and that agreement with ADOT, it's going to be so wonderful for  
17 the city of Maricopa to be able to have that type of access, and  
18 we appreciate the agreements that are in process.

19 Then I also want to talk about the talk of the  
20 town. Just two nights ago I had my very first state of the city  
21 address, and it was phenomenal to be able to talk about a piece  
22 of State Route 347 that actually is being discussed in terms of  
23 a timeline, and that is the Riggs Road overpass, which has its  
24 funding that basically came from the State level. And the  
25 timeline is currently -- the initial timeline is currently in

1 place, and it looks like all of the studies and environmental  
2 studies and design are going to be worked on over the year, two  
3 years coming, and that it will go out for bid for construction  
4 sometime in 2025.

5 And in discussing that with my staff and reading  
6 through the minutes of the meeting that was held a week or so  
7 ago, it looks like there is even discussion on possibly trying  
8 to figure out ways to move that bid for construction in so that  
9 it might possibly happen even in 2024.

10 So really I just wanted to leave a word of  
11 encouragement that even starting one piece of State Route 347  
12 will make a big difference, and the sooner we can do that, the  
13 better. I understand all of the logistics going into getting  
14 into that point, but just words of encouragement that if we're  
15 able to move that up into 2024, that would just be a huge  
16 blessing to the city of Maricopa, as Christian Price referred to  
17 the 16-mile stretch that can back up almost all the way during  
18 an incident or even sometimes during really high levels of  
19 traffic.

20 So thank you very much for all that you do and  
21 the opportunity to speak today.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mayor.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Ron  
24 Angerame. Mr. Angerame, please raise your hand.

25 WEBEX HOST: You are now unmuted.

1 MR. ANGERAME: Yes. Hi, this is Ron. Can you  
2 hear me?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We can. Please make  
4 your comment.

5 MR. ANGERAME: Great. Thank you. I appreciate  
6 the opportunity to address the Board today. Thank you very  
7 much.

8 I just wanted to take a quick minute out and talk  
9 about the severity on 347. So, you know, one of the great  
10 barometers today that sort of help you figure out the pulse on  
11 the population is reaction in social media. So just as an  
12 interesting exercise, I went and I looked at all the Facebook  
13 communities that relate to highway I-10, and there were five,  
14 right? And they had names such as, you know, I-10, I-10  
15 Phoenix, I-10 Downtown, I-10 Phoenix West, I-10 Westbound, and  
16 there were a total of 316 followers across these various  
17 communities. And again, to be a follower means that you want  
18 to, you know, join this community, and you normally require  
19 approval from an administrator, and then you're interested in  
20 receiving this constant feedback about what the community does.

21 So it's interesting, though, if you benchmark  
22 that against 347. Against 347, when you do the same kind of a  
23 search, there were -- there were six different Facebook  
24 communities, and they had much more colorful names. It was more  
25 like Maricopa 347 Rants, Maricopa 347 Idiots, A Better 347,

1 State Route 347 Info and Traffic, Maricopa 347 24/7, 347 Traffic  
2 News. And again, these sites, there were a total of 12,117  
3 followers. So sort of gives you an idea of sort of the  
4 difference.

5           And then it's like, okay, well, you know, how  
6 does that compare to the number of drivers in Maricopa? So I  
7 wasn't able to dial in to exactly that number, but I was able to  
8 say that, hey, the total population of the state of Arizona is  
9 7.1 million, and there's a total of -- state of Arizona drivers,  
10 5.68 million drivers. So that's roughly 80 percent. So if we  
11 apply this 80 percent to the Maricopa population of 62,000  
12 people, that gives us roughly 50,000 drivers in Maricopa. And  
13 if we said 12,000 of these people joined the community, that  
14 means 25 percent of all the drivers are participating in a  
15 social media site today that have a question about 347.

16           So I just want to take this minute out and let  
17 you know that the community at large is very, very concerned  
18 about this, and it looks like 25 percent of all the drivers in  
19 Maricopa are participating in this. So anything that you could  
20 do to help speed relief and build additional capacity in 347 is  
21 deeply appreciated. Thank you.

22           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you for your comments.

23           MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Michael  
24 Hulse. Michael Hulse, please raise your hand.

25           WEBEX HOST: I sent you a request to unmute. And

1 you are unmuted.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Go ahead, sir --

3 MR. HULSE: Good morning.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: -- make your comments.

5 MR. HULSE: Okay. Thank you.

6 Good morning, Chairman Thompson and members of  
7 the Board. Michael Hulse here again representing  
8 Freeport-McMoRan at Bagdad Operations.

9 I'm asking for continued support with the efforts  
10 between Freeport and ADOT where we are undertaking to  
11 collaboratively develop improvements for State Route 97. Work  
12 is proceeding under the joint project agreement to prepare a  
13 grant application to reconstruct State Route 97, and we  
14 appreciate ADOT's support as we progress the work.

15 I want to remind the Board, Freeport-Bagdad has  
16 been in business, large scale, since '76. We've been mining  
17 since the late 1800s. 100 percent of our logistics for the  
18 copper that leaves Bagdad uses State Route 97 and then  
19 transitions onto 93. So 100 trucks a day shipping copper,  
20 another 100 trucks a day with other supplies that come to  
21 support our business. We have an 80-year mine life, and so we  
22 will be around using the highways for a long time.

23 Also, the world's demand for copper, for  
24 electrification, you know, it -- the domestic U.S. use -- uses  
25 all of our North American-produced copper. It's really neat.

1 We have decarbonization goals that we're looking to achieve, you  
2 know, the world and Freeport specific. And so we're in our  
3 feasibility study to double our operations at Bagdad. We are in  
4 the middle of that feasibility study. That will conclude about  
5 halfway into next year, and then after our wave of construction,  
6 which is a \$3 billion construction project, we'll kind of settle  
7 into, you know, doubling our logistics that use State Route 97  
8 to State Route 93.

9           The Arizona State Legislature, recognizing the  
10 importance of the improvements to this corridor and Freeport's  
11 own offering of \$10 million in matching contributions for the  
12 grant, the State has also provided 10 million from the State  
13 General Fund at ADOT for the purpose of pursuing the federal  
14 grant.

15           In closing, I appreciate Director Halikowski and  
16 the ADOT team, in particular, District Engineer Brozich and the  
17 Northwest District office, their support. Mr. Brozich always  
18 makes himself available to answer the phone and help guide  
19 Freeport in regards to what our options are with development of  
20 State Route 97 and beyond.

21           So thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the  
22 Board, for giving Freeport this opportunity this morning. Thank  
23 you.

24           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Hulse.  
25 Thanks for those comments.

1 Floyd.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Bill  
3 Robertson. Mr. Robertson, please raise your hand.

4 WEBEX HOST: I do not see any hands raised  
5 currently.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Randy.

7 We'll go on then to our next speaker, who is  
8 Ms. Fern Benally. Ms. Benally, please raise your hand.

9 WEBEX HOST: I have sent you a request to unmute.  
10 Go ahead and unmute your line.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So what you'll have to  
12 do...

13 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Ms. Benally, you're very  
14 faint. We can barely hear you.

15 WEBEX HOST: Her line is still muted.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: That's why we could barely hear  
17 her.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) Benally, can you  
19 hear us?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Randy, if we could tell her how to  
21 unmute her line, maybe she just needs a little assistance.

22 WEBEX HOST: Okay. She is now unmuted.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Go ahead, Ms. Benally. You're  
24 unmuted. You may make your comments.

25 MS. BENALLY: It was locked in, so I couldn't

1 unmute myself, but however, good morning.

2 Thank you, Chairman Thompson and Vice Chair,  
3 Mr. Knight, and the Board Members for giving me this opportunity  
4 to speak to the Board.

5 My name is Fern Benally. I am the Navajo County  
6 Board of Supervisor in the District 1, and my topic is the  
7 mandating that ADOT pursue the acquisition for right-of-way of  
8 Navajo 41, which is a 49-miles road in the Black Mesa region.  
9 This is to include upgrade to asphalt pavement.

10 The Navajo 41 runs off of U.S. Highway 160. It  
11 runs southwest towards Pinon's N4, and 13 miles of this road was  
12 paved by Peabody Western Coal for its corporate employees. It  
13 is followed by 11 to 12 miles of dirt road, and then 20 miles of  
14 paved road completed by Navajo Nation.

15 This is a main arterial that runs through the  
16 Black Mesa area, and the request is demanded because of  
17 non-maintenance by the -- by any of the Navajo Nation entities  
18 such as NDOT, BIA and Navajo County. None of these entities  
19 claim rights to the Navajo 41 at this time, nor in the past.

20 So as a local leader, I'm not understanding why  
21 Peabody even built it, built the 13 miles, are not maintaining  
22 those roads, and they need to -- currently, 4.5 miles of N41 is  
23 not -- mostly not maintained, because Forest Lake Chapter and  
24 the IGA/BIA grader -- both graders are both in the shop awaiting  
25 parts for more than four months.

1                   And also, Peabody Coal Company is unwilling to  
2 help, although Forest Lake and Navajo County have requested them  
3 to (inaudible) 4.5 miles. Peabody is not making the revenue  
4 anymore, therefore not responding to local requests for  
5 assistance.

6                   NDOT is not aware of this situation. However, I  
7 believe BIA roads is aware, because their NDOT gravel trucks  
8 drove these roads in the last year, for the full year. I  
9 calculated approximately 24 to 25 miles is not on that NDOT or  
10 BIA inventory. The other 25 miles are occasionally maintained.  
11 Kayenta Unified School District have dropped ten miles to -- of  
12 their bus route to Forest Lake, and I spoke with Pinion Unified  
13 School District to evaluate their (inaudible) --

14                   MR. ROEHRICH: Excuse me. Your three minutes are  
15 up.

16                   MS. BENALLY: (inaudible) determine if the school  
17 (inaudible) --

18                   MR. ROEHRICH: I apologize. (Inaudible) your  
19 comments.

20                   MS. BENALLY: Okay. I will send this letter --  
21 thank you -- along with the resolutions. I appreciate this time  
22 on the floor.

23                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) Thank you,  
24 Ms. Benally.

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

1 Ahasteen. Mr. Ahasteen, please raise your hand.

2 WEBEX HOST: Go ahead and unmute your line. And  
3 you are unmuted.

4 MR. AHASTEEN: Am I on now?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Ahasteen, you are on.  
6 Please make your comments.

7 MR. AHASTEEN: Okay. (Inaudible.) Chairman  
8 Jesse Thompson, all your staff and the rest of the Board, I've  
9 been AWOL for a few months now, so I'm back. I've been talking  
10 to you guys about the port of entry here at Sanders being moved  
11 out to Milepost 318 on I-40.

12 I'm coming to you guys on a different approach on  
13 maybe replacing that old bridge with our development moving  
14 forward and different capacities out at Pinta. The ideal thing  
15 is to replace that old bridge. I did send in a letter and three  
16 photos to the board members, and A -- the one that's labeled A  
17 is the current bridge. The one that's labeled B is the bridge  
18 out at the Sky City Casino, and the one that's labeled C is the  
19 bridge out at the Route 66 Casino, just west of Albuquerque.

20 And we would like to see if we can get something  
21 going on replacing the old two-lane bridge at the Pinta exit on  
22 I-40 in Apache County.

23 And mainly, that's just the gist of everything.  
24 I'm planning on being in attendance in the meeting in Chinle, so  
25 I might bring some additional documentation at that time.

1 (Inaudible), Jesse. (Inaudible.)

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you. (Inaudible.)

3 Floyd.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Bill  
5 Regner. Mr. Regner, please raise your hand.

6 WEBEX HOST: Go ahead and unmute your line.

7 Mr. Regner, go ahead and hit the unmute button.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Randy, it looks like he dropped  
9 off.

10 WEBEX HOST: Yeah. We have to -- there, he's  
11 back now.

12 Okay. Go ahead and unmute your line, sir.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Randy, could you go over the  
14 unmuting process to make sure he understands?

15 MR. EVERETT: You should be getting a message on  
16 your screen that says you're being allowed to unmute, and then  
17 just hit the unmute button. It should allow you to speak. Let  
18 me try one thing here.

19 Okay. Mr. Regner, go ahead.

20 MR. REGNER: Hello. Can you hear me?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We can. Please make  
22 your comments.

23 MR. REGNER: Okay. Thank you very much. This --  
24 it was not -- the mute button was not responding.

25 So anyway, thank you very much. Chairman

1 Thompson, Vice Chairman Knight, Board Members and staff, my name  
2 is Bill Regner. I'm a town council member in the town of  
3 Clarkdale. I have sent these comments to you, but I'd like to  
4 read this statement. Thank you for allowing me to do so.

5           Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the small  
6 rural counties and municipalities in advocating for SMART Fund  
7 dollars to assist those targeted communities with successfully  
8 pursuing and receiving federal infrastructure investment and  
9 Jobs Act funding. I hope that my comments from the perspective  
10 of one of those communities will be helpful in guiding how the  
11 process and instructions are developed and implemented.

12           My personal observation from participation in the  
13 Town of Clarkdale's efforts to submit on the IIJA RAISE Grant  
14 and Bridge Investment Program is that our biggest challenges  
15 historically have been two-fold. The first challenge is to get  
16 a desired program shovel ready. Prior to the IIJA, there had  
17 been -- has been grant funding available for projects such as  
18 our Verde Valley bridge to rail if the project is designed and  
19 planned or shovel ready. The second biggest challenge is having  
20 the financial resources to provide a match at a level that makes  
21 the application competitive.

22           Clarkdale's approach to the IIJA process is in  
23 the first few years to seek planning and design grants in each  
24 of the opportunities that we have identified, for this grant  
25 writing and matching fund assistance is most valuable. I

1 think -- I am speaking from only my only personal study of the  
2 NOFOs -- that the engineering cost would be included in that  
3 planning grant award.

4           Once Clarkdale is able to bring the project to  
5 shovel-ready status, we will be seeking a grant for the actual  
6 construction. For that we will again need grant writing  
7 assistance and match -- matching funds assistance. The State  
8 Transportation Board staff -- their proposal, and I understand  
9 it is being re-evaluated -- to allocate 10 percent for grant  
10 development and submission, 25 percent for match, and 65 percent  
11 for design and other engineering services seems to be contrary  
12 to our small town reality of how best to pursue the IIJA  
13 opportunity.

14           To also hear that our application to the SMART  
15 Fund will be evaluated in part by the amount of match that we  
16 are providing also seems in contradiction to the intent of the  
17 fund since matching is our biggest challenge.

18           Grant writing assistance is very valuable, but it  
19 is also one area that a community such as what Clarkdale is  
20 doing can recruit local citizen talent to assist the staff and  
21 council on putting the grant application together.

22           In addition, local first -- Arizona's -- Arizona  
23 Economic Recovery Center provides grant writing assistance to  
24 rural communities. I believe that the grant writing assistance  
25 is second to match assistance for our town. Engineering can be

1 obtained from a planning grid if you have the grant writing and  
2 match assistance to have a successful application.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Excuse me. Mr. Regner, your  
4 time is up. Would you please complete your comments?

5 MR. REGNER: Yeah. Please consider the match  
6 portion, by far the largest percentage, making that the largest  
7 percentage, and the grant writing second, followed by  
8 engineering. Encourage too that the small town communities  
9 pursue planning grants first. Also, please consider removing  
10 from the application for SMART Fund assistance any scoring  
11 advantage for matching funds by the reasoning that the needs for  
12 matching funds is why qualifying counties and municipalities --

13 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

14 MR. REGNER: -- may be applying for the funds.

15 Thank you very much for your consideration.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you for your comments,  
17 Bill.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, that's all the  
19 requests. If you'll allow, I'll go back and see if the two that  
20 requested but did not respond are back online, and that is  
21 Mr. John Ornelas. Mr. Ornelas, please raise your hand.

22 WEBEX HOST: There are currently no raised hands.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: And the other one was Mr. Bill  
24 Robertson. Mr. Robertson, please raise your hand.

25 WEBEX HOST: No hands are raised currently.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that's all the  
2 requests to speak.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Floyd, and to all  
4 those (inaudible) those in attendance. Thank you for all the  
5 comments, and I can assure you that the comments you have made  
6 makes a lot of difference when considering various issues or  
7 concerns regarding the project (inaudible), and again, we will  
8 remind (inaudible) constantly, but that those comments that are  
9 made from you (inaudible). Again, thank you very much.

10 Now, I think Floyd -- I know that there are a lot  
11 of -- there are various concerns that are expressed, but they go  
12 directly to staff. Up here we can't (inaudible) the comments  
13 that were being made to us. So can they go directly to you if  
14 they need to get some guidance on these issues?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, yes. We think --  
16 obviously, we take meeting minutes, so we have the record of  
17 what people are asking about, but in the past we've always asked  
18 the district engineer, administrator or other staff, primary  
19 staff, if they're -- follow up on that issue, to please follow  
20 up, or if the public has a district contract as well, continue  
21 to please coordinate through the district administrator, their  
22 staff on their issues. These are ongoing issues that we'll  
23 continue to coordinate with, but yes, sir, we do follow up.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much,  
25 (inaudible). We appreciate your position on that.

1                   We will now move on to Item 1, director's report.

2                   MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman, the Director does  
3 apologize, but he is traveling, and he was unavailable for the  
4 meeting. He did not have any last minute items.

5                   I think the other part they normally report on is  
6 Katy Proctor will give a legislative update, but once basically  
7 Congress did pass the continuing resolution that kept the  
8 government open prior to October 1st, which extended it into  
9 December, we're basically in a lull period right now. So she  
10 had nothing else to present.

11                   So that will conclude the district -- or excuse  
12 me -- the state -- the director's report. The Director does  
13 remind the board members if you want issues for him to address,  
14 please let him know or myself know. We'll make sure to get it  
15 on the agenda, but for this month he was unavailable and had  
16 nothing to report. Thank you.

17                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: They will be back for the  
18 agenda next month?

19                   MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. We're anticipating they  
20 will be back next month.

21                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now we will now move on to  
22 the district engineer's report. Do we have somebody?

23                   Good morning, Anthony.

24                   MR. BROZICH: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members  
25 of the Board. Appreciate the opportunity this morning to

1 present the Northwest District's projects.

2 Anthony, is that mic on? I just want to make  
3 sure that we (inaudible). You seem a little...

4 MR. BROZICH: Am I (inaudible)?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. There you go.

6 MR. BROZICH: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Next slide. Just say "next slide"  
8 and they'll take care of it.

9 MR. BROZICH: Thank you.

10 So currently, we'll start in the top left corner  
11 and work counterclockwise. We have the US-93 Kabba Wash  
12 project. It is a bridge replacement. It's ongoing, at  
13 \$2.6 million.

14 Moving down to SR-85, Needle Bridge, bridge deck  
15 rehabilitation. That is started, but it has not started  
16 (inaudible) construction due to (inaudible) being procured.

17 US-93, Moore Ranch Road, Milepost 190.56. AC  
18 spot repair and replace (inaudible).

19 The I-17 Anthem Way to McGuireville rest area.  
20 We have the ITS broadband project. That is mostly wrapped up  
21 with some (inaudible).

22 (inaudible) 89A Glassford Hill to Coyote Springs  
23 Road is a mill and replace AR-ACFC. That has been put on hold  
24 due to the (inaudible). We'll put it back on in summertime.

25 The I-40, Pineveta Draw Bridge, scour retrofit.

1 It's pretty much wrapped up. Just doing some final (inaudible).

2 And the I-40, Seligman TI, bridge deck rehab,  
3 that is about half (inaudible).

4 Next slide, please.

5 In the top left, the I-17, Sunset Point rest  
6 area. We have (inaudible) temporary rest area in place and  
7 (inaudible) the rest area (inaudible).

8 I-17, Anthem Way TI to Sunset Point. TI widening  
9 and flex lane. That has started, is on the way.

10 The SR-69, Big Bug 4 to Poland Junction. It's an  
11 AC spot repair and mill and fill. That has been put on hold due  
12 to temperatures, so we'll pick back up in the spring/summer.

13 SR-89, SR-89A, Glassford Hill Road. Spot, mill  
14 and fill. Again, put on hold due to weather. We'll pick back  
15 up (inaudible) summer.

16 And at the end, anvil Rock Road TI, the bridge  
17 overpass up there. (Inaudible) as well.

18 Here's some pictures of Pineveta Draw bridge  
19 (inaudible) through completion (inaudible) operations.

20 For the I-40, Seligman TI, it is a (inaudible)  
21 down there, and they've got one direction paved, and we'll start  
22 (inaudible).

23 Anvil Rock Road TI, that, as you can see, at the  
24 bottom right is pretty much wrapped up.

25 US-93, Kabba Wash, box culvert bridge. Lane

1 (inaudible) being done (inaudible).

2 Here's a picture of some of the equipment that  
3 was used for the ITS project (inaudible) on I-17, (inaudible)  
4 machine in the shoulder, and then on the top right, the trench  
5 machine (inaudible) off the shoulder. Center bottom is the  
6 (inaudible).

7 So upcoming projects. SR-85, Bullhead Parkway to  
8 Courtwright. Everybody here is familiar with the US-95  
9 projects. Those are (inaudible) advertising.

10 Sarah Park to I-40 is so to be advertised  
11 (inaudible). The I-17/SR-169 TI is a deck replacement that is  
12 advertised. We can see the results from that.

13 SR-69, Truwood to Stoneridge, advertising this  
14 year (inaudible) second quarter, General Fund project.  
15 Estimated cost, 6.3 million.

16 And at the top right, I-40 eastbound, the Willow  
17 Creek Bridge Number three is advertised with an estimate of  
18 (inaudible).

19 I-40, Walnut Creek, Holy Moses Wash, (inaudible)  
20 '23, third quarter. It is (inaudible) \$35.8 million, but it's a  
21 section that is certainly needed.

22 US-60, Centennial Wash Bridge, bridge  
23 replacement. Fiscal year '24, first quarter. Project is coming  
24 cup.

25 And the SR-69/169 roundabout with the fourth

1 quarter -- I'm sorry -- fiscal year '24 second quarter, but that  
2 (inaudible).

3 Future expansion projects, the big one we're  
4 looking forward to is US-93, West Kingman TI, I-40. Fiscal year  
5 '24, second quarter. Currently (inaudible) advertisement. We  
6 have currently have a program 145, and recently the estimate has  
7 crept up to 160.

8 US-93, Tegner Street, Wickenburg Ranch, Project  
9 B, is advertised. The project A, if you remember, is over the  
10 estimate, and it has been shelved until we see how the project B  
11 (inaudible) submitted. Project A was (inaudible).

12 SR-69, Prescott Lakes Parkway, Frontier Village,  
13 widening and median. Advertised in December. The program  
14 amount of 10.3.

15 The I-40 and Kingman TI crossing is a locally  
16 funded project that will be funded. Current (inaudible)  
17 estimate is at 31.5. Advertisement is to be determined still.

18 And Rancho Santa Fe TI, advertisement is to be  
19 determined. This is (inaudible) general funds (inaudible).

20 Wanted to show you a guys a quick picture of the  
21 West Kingman TI. As you can see, coming from the top of the  
22 page, which is the westbound direction on I-40, it will go  
23 through the (inaudible) just north of that (inaudible) area,  
24 connect to 93 once you get past that. The current phase, first  
25 phase, is to connect westbound 40 to northbound 93, and the

1 second phase, not currently planned, will connected southbound  
2 93 to westbound 40.

3 I appreciate it. Have a good day. I'm open for  
4 any questions or comments.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Paul, for all the  
6 projects that you're building for the local communities  
7 (inaudible) happening in the area. So thank you very much.

8 Any board members have questions?

9 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

10 Anthony, thank you for the briefing today. One  
11 of the comments that was talked about a lot last night was where  
12 the funds are available (inaudible). So I was asking  
13 (inaudible) to recognize (inaudible) approximately (inaudible)  
14 \$20 million to general funds. When you're talking general funds  
15 there, are those (inaudible)?

16 MR. BROZICH: Yeah.

17 MR. MAXWELL: And that was -- that was the case  
18 in talking with (inaudible) last night about the challenge of  
19 quite often that (inaudible) \$20 million for -- given towards  
20 the project as the \$35 million (inaudible) submitting that. My  
21 question's really even more broad, and I did see that  
22 (inaudible). What percentage of your projects now are you  
23 starting to see coming from legislative approved funds.

24 MR. BROZICH: (Inaudible) --

25 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) Member Maxwell.

1 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, that's a good question (inaudible)  
2 that. I don't know that we've ever looked at that, because  
3 obviously it varies year to year.

4 The Legislature did put in funds for specific  
5 projects. If you look at the dollar amount, and it's large, you  
6 know, (inaudible) just went into the I-10 project there in  
7 (inaudible). The number of projects that they added either  
8 money to existing or put new projects in probably had an impact  
9 to maybe 10 to 50 percent of the program, if you will, when you  
10 look at the numbers, but again, it's not varied depending  
11 upon -- because it's specific to the projects, not so much the  
12 dollar amount, but to the projects, as you were asking.

13 MR. MAXWELL: And that's kind of (inaudible) I'm  
14 trying to get at is, you know, whatever funding now is coming  
15 (inaudible) IIJA bill (inaudible) infusion of money, but it's  
16 getting where it's only a five-year plan. You see historically,  
17 when I first came on this board just 18 months ago, we had zero  
18 money in the (inaudible) for expansion, and I think the reality  
19 is, you know, people say, well, we need to order ADOT to do  
20 more.

21 The funding, you know, formula's just not  
22 creating the funds for us to do a lot of expansion, but the  
23 Legislature (inaudible) here is the legislate place if you want  
24 to go see if you can get some funds to go to either of your  
25 projects, it's a good place to start, because at that point, if

1 there's 20 million, you (inaudible) 30-plus-million-dollar  
2 project. We're going to try -- ADOT's going to work to try to  
3 figure out how to get that project done.

4           So it's -- I think it's just important that to  
5 the folks out there who are advocating for investment in  
6 infrastructure projects really understand where the funds are  
7 available, where they're coming from. And right now, whether we  
8 like it or not, it's -- it really is a one-time money coming  
9 from the State Legislature or one-time money funding from the  
10 federal government as well, is probably the highest probability,  
11 because we're truly becoming almost to the point where ADOT's  
12 priority -- (inaudible) priority number one is pavement  
13 preservation. You know, we hear people saying we need to do  
14 that. (Inaudible) as well, but that's where a lot of funds  
15 (inaudible).

16           Thank you. I appreciate it. Again, I appreciate  
17 all the work you're doing up here.

18           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Anybody virtually calling in  
19 have any questions?

20           MR. SEARLE: Jesse, this is Richard.

21           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead, Richard.

22           MR. SEARLE: Yeah. I have a question on the  
23 construction report. What's the estimated completion date for  
24 the work on I-17, the flex lane and stuff between Anthem Way and  
25 Sunset Point?

1 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, Board Member  
2 Searle, the anticipated completion date for that is the fall of  
3 2024.

4 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Anyone else?

6 There being none, Anthony, thank you, Anthony  
7 (inaudible).

8 MR. BROZICH: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We will now move on to  
10 Item 3, consent agenda. Staff has requested to remove Item 8G.  
11 And Floyd, (inaudible) does any board member want any item  
12 removed from the consent than -- other than 3G?

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

15 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, I would move to  
16 approve with the exception of Item 3G.

17 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: And second by Board Member  
21 Ted Maxwell. Any discussion, Board Members?

22 All in favor say aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

25 Floyd, conduct roll call vote for board members

1 attending remotely.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

3 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

5 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Stratton.

7 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: The motion carries.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

10 Now we'll go to Item 3G.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
12 discuss Item 3G. Item 3G is a City of Kingman project that when  
13 we opened bids, it was over the engineer's estimate but was  
14 within the dollar amount (inaudible) consent agenda items. So  
15 City of Kingman contacted us here just recently and said  
16 evaluating the additional funds necessary for this project, they  
17 do not have any funds. If you look at the project, which was  
18 100 percent federal, and that's all the money they have  
19 available. They do not have any additional funds to add in to  
20 this project.

21 So at this time, they don't want to lose those  
22 federal dollars, but what they're asking is to reject all bids  
23 for this the project, let them go back and modify the scope and  
24 look at bringing the cost of that project down under the federal  
25 dollars so they can still utilize the federal dollars but keep

1 it within the limits of the funding they had. So at this time  
2 we're asking the Board for Item 3G to reject all bids.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do I -- let's establish a  
4 motion and a second first before we go into discussion. Do I  
5 have a motion to reject all bids from Item 3G as presented?

6 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved.

7 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary, second by  
9 Ted.

10 Any discussion?

11 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board Member Maxwell.

13 MR. MAXWELL: So Floyd, I just want to firm that  
14 this was the City of Kingman that's making the request for us to  
15 reject all these bids?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, yes, it  
17 is. This is a city project. ADOT has no funds in it, but we  
18 have a responsibility for the federal dollars administrated, but  
19 it is the City's responsibility to fund, and they do not have  
20 any funds to add to this project. But it is their request to  
21 reject all bids and let them rescope it so they can get it  
22 within the dollar amount that they have.

23 MR. MAXWELL: Floyd, from my (inaudible)  
24 knowledge now, when they rescope it, what's -- what kind of  
25 delay or time frame will that result for when they will be able

1 to bring it back to the Board, assuming they are expeditious on  
2 getting that -- what I guess I'm really trying to get at, what  
3 part of the process they have to go through, to start all over,  
4 other than the bidding process?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, as  
6 long as they stay within the footprint that was cleared through  
7 the NEPA process, the environmental process, and they stay  
8 within the scope, they really -- by rescoping it, they really  
9 need to shrink it down. They can't all of a sudden say we got  
10 approved for this type of project, but now we want to do a  
11 computer enchantment project, IT -- it has to stay within that.

12 So it should come fairly quickly, because they  
13 have to basically -- you just reduce a little bit of the amount  
14 of work they were trying to do, but it would stay basically the  
15 same scope, same location, just bring it down to where the  
16 dollar amount fits within the funds that they have.

17 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board members --

19 MR. SEARLE: Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: -- any more questions?

21 (Inaudible.) Steve. Go ahead, Steve.

22 MR. STRATTON: Floyd, would it be legal for the  
23 City to do a value engineering with the contractor to get it  
24 within the boundaries of their financial means?

25 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Stratton,

1 that would be illegal. That would give that contractor a second  
2 bite at the apple, if you will, and not the opportunity for  
3 other contractors to have done the same thing, so...

4 MR. STRATTON: Okay.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Now, the City might go back and do  
6 a little V -- value engineering itself to bring the scope and  
7 cost down, but they could not renegotiate with any of the  
8 bidders without being illegal.

9 MR. STRATTON: Okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any other comments or  
11 questions?

12 There being none, all in favor say aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Anyone opposing?

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

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

18 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

20 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Stratton.

22 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck -- excuse me --  
24 is absent, so the motion passes.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

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

4                   Kristine.

5                   MS. WARD: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good  
6 morning, Board Members. The financial report this morning will  
7 be pretty brief, and that's a good thing.

8                   If -- Rhett, if you would go to slide -- the  
9 first slide. Thank you very much.

10                   You'll see that we're running about 1.7 percent  
11 below forecast. Year to date, that's -- we're very -- mostly  
12 within target range, so I'm -- I'm not too concerned there.  
13 Impact of that is about 2.6 million on less State Highway Fund  
14 revenues available. Again, not a concern.

15                   If you'll go to the next -- the next slide.

16                   I will say that, you know, since the last board  
17 meeting, OPEC, of course, took its actions with cutting  
18 production, so we are -- we are watching to see just what kind  
19 of impact that's going to have in our fuel prices and so forth,  
20 but this slide will show you the individual -- depicts the  
21 individual categories flowing into HURF for the month of  
22 September, and overall actuals were 2.5 percent above last  
23 September, and 1.2 percent above forecast.

24                   If you could go to the next slide, please.

25                   We are almost spot on forecast here for the

1 Regional Area Road Fund. And I have nothing to report here.

2 If you could go to the individual categories on  
3 the next slide.

4 Again, the individual revenue categories flowing  
5 into the Regional Area Road Fund, this chart depicts the  
6 activity for the month of August, and we are looking at revenues  
7 that were about 10 percent over last year, and just a little  
8 below forecast.

9 Next slide, please.

10 I don't have much to report here. As Floyd  
11 mentioned, we are operating on a continuing resolution, and that  
12 funding is effective through December 16th.

13 And that concludes my report, and I'd be happy to  
14 take any questions.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Kristine.

16 Does any member have any questions for Kristine?

17 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board Member -- Vice Chairman  
19 Knight.

20 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 Kristine, (inaudible) the road show for the NEVI  
22 projects that (inaudible) going to be in Yuma (inaudible), but  
23 where are -- where's the funding coming from for doing all  
24 the -- all these (inaudible) to the public? And I think it's a  
25 good idea, I think that the public needs to be informed, but

1 where are we pulling the funds from for doing all of these  
2 presentations to the public?

3 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight, typically,  
4 the funds come through our public outreach. We have -- we have  
5 funding for public outreach, and so that is where the funding  
6 would be coming from.

7 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Okay. So it's not coming  
8 from any rural funds?

9 MS. WARD: I'm sorry, sir?

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight, that is correct. It's  
11 coming out of operating funds. These are operating funds that  
12 come to the department. They are not out of the program funds  
13 or any of the funds that would have been the purview of the  
14 Transportation Board.

15 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Okay. Are these part of the  
16 funds that will be reimbursed from the feds for the money that  
17 they are putting forward for the electric vehicles?

18 MS. WARD: Floyd, are you -- did you just address  
19 that?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: No. I was starting to, but then  
21 you spoke, so the -- I stopped talking so we didn't talk over  
22 each other.

23 MS. WARD: So, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight, the  
24 operating funds are not federal funding. So they do not get  
25 reimbursed. No, sir.

1 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Okay.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: But, Mr. Chairman and  
3 Mr. Stratton, I did want to talk about this. When we get to  
4 implementing that plan, we start soliciting for applications  
5 from private individuals to use those federal dollars.  
6 Remember, the State's not providing match. It's up to the --  
7 whoever the entity is that applies for it, they have to apply  
8 the match.

9 But the -- it does allow us to charge staff time  
10 when we get into that implementation phase. We are looking at  
11 carving off a small amount out of that, establishing our  
12 counting processes for that. At some point we will be able to  
13 charge off some of those implementation costs from the State.  
14 Everything, though, pre that process is ADOT's operating budget.

15 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted.

18 MR. MAXWELL: A follow-up to Gary's question and  
19 idea. Question first. For Kristine as well. One of the  
20 questions that I've been getting a lot on and (inaudible) plan  
21 is about the execution, and obviously, the federal government's  
22 supplying the funds to (inaudible) those charging stations, but  
23 then what? Because I don't think the federal government's going  
24 to run them. Have they established a process or a procedure?  
25 Do we know what the next step with those charging stations will

1 be on (inaudible) has the opportunity for controlling them?

2 MR. ROEHRICH: So --

3 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, I would  
4 defer that either to Paul or Floyd. I don't know the ongoing  
5 program well enough to speak to that effectively.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight, I  
7 could address that.

8 We're still waiting for final rule making. We  
9 just the provided comments. The commentary closed from the  
10 joint office at the USDOT. We're waiting for final rule making,  
11 because we have issues as well, and it's -- this funding is only  
12 for five years. What happens at the end of that five years?

13 And part of the reason why, you know, we are not  
14 rushing to put out solicitations yet and look for that, we  
15 wanted to get those answers defined so we have it in the  
16 contractual requirements, the RFP, the request for proposals we  
17 put out, and in the contract requirements for that. Because  
18 there is going to be some measure of, at some point, what does  
19 happen to these facilities.

20 Now, to your point of who's going to oversee  
21 that, the federal government is not. The State is. That's our  
22 responsibility. So when we do enter into those contracts with  
23 those private entities to install, operate, maintain those  
24 charging stations, we still have undefined yet what the  
25 conditions are at closeout, handoff or, you know, when this

1 program ends. We still are waiting for guidance on that.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Floyd, for that  
3 clarification. And one thing I'd encourage during these road  
4 shows that we're going to go out throughout the state is to  
5 really emphasize and make clear (inaudible) for interstate and  
6 key corridor (inaudible) we've heard quite a few folks who have  
7 said, well, why don't we take those -- instead of putting them  
8 on the highways, put them in some of the little towns  
9 (inaudible), because they don't have anything or limited  
10 capacity. The mayor of Bullhead City yesterday said, you know,  
11 they've got one charging station for the folks to use when they  
12 (inaudible), so why couldn't we take some of those and transfer  
13 them there. But that's -- as we discussed more and we explained  
14 it more, he understood that. Federal dollars on this NEVI  
15 program are focused on the highways and (inaudible).

16 MR. ROEHRICH: It does (inaudible) fuel  
17 corridors, and which it -- Arizona is our interstate system.  
18 That is the first (inaudible). Now, if Congress would expand  
19 and provide funding past the five years, we got additional  
20 funding, we could look to expand into other systems, but the  
21 first priority as by the law that was passed was those  
22 alternative fuel corridors, basically interstates.

23 MR. MAXWELL: Absolutely. Thank you, Floyd.

24 And Kristine, I did have a question for you on --  
25 under the continuing resolution, is that impacting any of the

1 grants for the other dollars that are flowing to the states from  
2 the IIJA or the BIL?

3 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, it is  
4 not -- it's not impacting our formula funds. In terms of the  
5 discretionary funds, I am not clear on that.

6 Paul, do you know if that is impacting  
7 discretionary grants?

8 MR. PATANE: Board Member Thompson, Mr. Maxwell,  
9 yeah, I was in a presentation earlier this morning given by the  
10 FHWA, and it does impact on how they will issue the NOFOs, okay,  
11 in the future. And so, you know, they're hoping to get the  
12 continuing resolution taken care of, but yeah, it will have an  
13 impact on the grants.

14 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Kristine and Paul, thank  
15 you very much.

16 MR. PATANE: Thank you, sir.

17 MS. WARD: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) comments  
19 (inaudible) definitely needs some guidance and some help in  
20 developing proposals and hiring personnel, you know, to get  
21 these grant moneys (inaudible) that are available from federal  
22 grants (inaudible). (Inaudible) I think we all (inaudible) able  
23 to give some (inaudible).

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Rhett can do that  
25 right now. It's like you've set us up. You gave us a nice,

1 soft, little curve ball so we could hit one out of the park,  
2 because Paul is now going to move on to Item Number 5, at your  
3 discretion, and he is going to talk about the SMART fund, which  
4 provides --

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: -- the funds for those local  
7 governments to assist them in going after federal grants.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Very good.

9 Are there any further questions for Kristine?

10 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary.

12 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Just one last -- for  
13 clarification. If an interstate highway goes through or near a  
14 town, and the charging stations then get placed in that  
15 municipality just because they are on the freeway?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chair, Mr. Knight, yes, it  
17 is possible. We are obviously finalizing our plan. The draft  
18 plan was approved. With final rule making, we will go in and  
19 make final adjustments to our plan, but there are limitations on  
20 how far apart these are -- need to be spaced. Anything that's  
21 close enough to a town within those limitations has amenities  
22 that make it more desirable to put it there. So it's quite  
23 possible that (inaudible), but we are finalizing those  
24 locations, but it still has to meet a criteria that's  
25 established by the use of these NEVI funds.

1 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Thank you. Thank you,  
2 Mr. Chair.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Then (inaudible) be put on a  
4 future agenda?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, yes, sir, we will  
6 bring that back once we have the program better defined, which I  
7 expect will be early next calendar year.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you.

9 Any other questions for Kristine?

10 There being none, we will move on to Item 5.  
11 Paul Patane, for discussion and possible action. Paul, Arizona  
12 State Match Advantage For Rural Transportation Fund Program.  
13 You have the floor.

14 MR. PATANE: Thank you, and good morning,  
15 Chairman Thompson, Board Members. Today I'd like to give you an  
16 update on the SMART Fund Program and do some Board -- and  
17 request Board action toward the end.

18 Next slide, please.

19 And so just some -- go over some just refreshers  
20 on a few of the items as far as the applicants who are eligible.  
21 We have 85 cities and towns, 13 counties, and this is currently  
22 based on the 2010 consensus -- Census for the urbanized areas.  
23 And so when we get updated information expected later this year,  
24 these eligible applicants may change, depending on where the new  
25 urbanized areas are established.

1           So ineligible, we have the two counties, Maricopa  
2 and Pima Counties, and we have six cities and towns who are  
3 ineligible. That's Guadalupe, Paradise Valley, Tempe, Tolleson,  
4 Youngtown and South Tucson. Then the unincorporated areas are  
5 covered in the county applications.

6           Next slide, please.

7           And so, you know, House Bill 2872 broke up the  
8 \$50 million and the \$10 million increments. As you can see  
9 there, ADOT gets 10 million in counties with a population of a  
10 100 or more, 10 million, then as -- it goes down to  
11 municipalities with a population of less than \$10 million.

12          Next slide, please.

13          And so the eligible uses were for design and  
14 other engineering services. The intent there is to create  
15 shovel ready-type products and completing the development  
16 process. Also, eligible uses are for match for the -- for  
17 the -- depending on the grant. Then also for grant development  
18 and grant submission.

19          Next slide, please.

20          And so there is a board policy that we will --  
21 that we send it out to provide guidance. I'd like to emphasize  
22 the word "guidance," not a recommendation. And so the -- what's  
23 proposed -- what's in the proposed policy or provides awards  
24 during the term of IIJA to all developed applications to help  
25 maximize successful... Then allocate funds in each category

1 while allowing Board flexibility, and what we did there  
2 previously at our study session, you know, we had it broken out  
3 by percentage-wise, and our new guidance that we will -- we're  
4 going to modify the Board policy with is that we're going to  
5 give full discretion to the Board and how to allocate the  
6 funding. So we will not specify in the Board policy any type of  
7 percentages toward the different types of categories within the  
8 SMART Fund, and so it will be all up to discretion of the Board  
9 how to distribute those funds.

10           The Board policy approves applications and  
11 guidelines. The Board policy may give preference to  
12 applications as follows, and this is right out of the statute:  
13 Based on the percentage of matching funds, cash funds, provided  
14 by the applicant; partnership with other entities to deliver the  
15 project. Then the other requirements within the Board policy  
16 are applicant to respond within five business days to inquiries.  
17 Then we need to execute the IGAs for these -- for the funding  
18 within 120 days, and requires all projects to be subject to  
19 federal, state ADOT laws and policies.

20           Next slide, please.

21           And so just -- I've shown this in the past where  
22 it's the fund application. Okay. Everything will be done  
23 online, the Google form online submissions. We have checklists  
24 to help the applicants submit the required documents. The first  
25 submission will require an IGA to be executed. It includes

1 standard questions regarding project scope, schedule and budget.  
2 Includes notes to remind the applicants of key points, such as  
3 success for good estimates. The application also requires  
4 identification of the federal grant to be pursued. It also --  
5 any administrative changes that may be required and any changes  
6 that will be brought to the Board.

7 Any questions on the application?

8 The guidelines -- next slide, please. The  
9 guidelines will provide background information on the creation,  
10 amount --

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Hold on, Paul. The Chairman  
12 started to speak. Hold on, Paul. (Inaudible.)

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: You -- you did ask for  
14 questions, so (inaudible) board members have questions?

15 MR. MAXWELL: Yeah, Paul. The next slide, maybe  
16 you were going to address it, but one of the issues early on  
17 when -- after it was approved, the SMART money was approved by  
18 the Legislature, prior to becoming additional (inaudible) for  
19 the transition time after the passing of the bill (inaudible),  
20 we were and (inaudible) a lot of requests coming in to that  
21 meeting regarding grants, and we talked about -- or asked --  
22 regarding funding, we talked about the opportunity with grants,  
23 and at that time we told folks to start pursuing those grants.  
24 And the SMART Funding will still be available to them.

25 I've heard that, and this is what I'm getting --

1 asking clarification on, is that there's a concern that some of  
2 the grants that have already been filed are no longer eligible  
3 for AZ SMART funds. That was not the initial (inaudible). So  
4 some grants -- and we -- (inaudible) get ahead of these grants  
5 be prepared, be ready to go as soon as you can, because they're  
6 going to be -- they're (inaudible). They're going to go to  
7 those who are ready and those who are ready to go now.

8           So can you clarify -- and (inaudible) in this  
9 slide -- who is eligible to apply for this? Is it the rural  
10 communities that have -- already have grant applications in and  
11 those who have grant applications that want to pursue, or what  
12 is the guidelines that would restrict somebody if they are  
13 interested in -- from applying if they've already put their  
14 grant application and yet they know they need the funds to get  
15 the grant done -- or get the project done.

16           MR. PATANE: Chairman Thompson, Board Member  
17 Maxwell, you know, the intent of the statute was to -- or is to,  
18 you know, help rural communities with, you know, the grants  
19 associated with the IIJA. And so that is still our intent as we  
20 move forward with the -- this new -- with the SMART fund  
21 application guidelines. Okay? We are still working with our  
22 Attorney General's office on some of -- interpretation of what's  
23 in the House Bill 2872. So we've got some still unresolved  
24 matters related to who's eligible as far as if they submitted  
25 previous applications.

1 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Paul. I'd ask you to  
2 keep the Board informed on that, because I do think that was a  
3 point of important clarification, because they may have held off  
4 on submitting the grant application if they knew by submitting  
5 it early, which was what all the guidance coming from both  
6 federal and the state was, to make them ineligible. So I would  
7 like to be involved in that conversation if it gets to the point  
8 of where we're not going to allow (inaudible) that already  
9 submitted, (inaudible).

10 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chair, Mr. Maxwell, I want  
11 to make sure we're clarified here, because some of what you said  
12 was being confusing a little bit.

13 All these entities are eligible. They can apply  
14 for grants, and then they can apply for the SMART Fund. Your  
15 questioning is any of these eligible communities by law that  
16 started the process before these funds were legally available,  
17 can expenditures or costs prior to this law be reimbursed?  
18 Could they ask for reimbursement of those costs?

19 MR. MAXWELL: My understanding -- again, this is  
20 where we've got to get this message out, is what can this  
21 10 million go for? Is it just for the cost of submitting the  
22 grant or can it also be used for the cost -- for some of the  
23 matching required for the projects? And if that is the case, if  
24 they can use it for some of the match for the projects, we're  
25 talking about the ones that are (inaudible) time of Legislature

1 (inaudible) the Governor signed the bill into law and the date  
2 that the money becomes available.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: So to go back -- I think it was  
4 called the slides, Paul -- you had the slide that --

5 MR. PATANE: Right.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: -- show what the eligible  
7 expenditures are, and they are. They are development costs,  
8 pre-construction costs, construction, administration and the  
9 matching. All those are eligible activities, if you will.

10 The question really is -- go back to what you  
11 said is if they submitted the application before these funds  
12 were available and it required a match, could -- or funds or  
13 whatever, could they use -- now use these funds to help pay for  
14 them? And that's what we're trying to make sure to clarify,  
15 because the law is written, we do not see a retroactive clause.  
16 So the first interpretation we got is, no, anything prior to  
17 when the law was effective, it's not reimbursable because you  
18 don't -- the law says the money's only available on this date.  
19 Anything before that, you can't expend it on. But we're trying  
20 to see if there's any way in Greater Arizona that we could be  
21 able to maybe further clarify (inaudible) that would help us  
22 what the (inaudible) people say, hey, as Mr. Regner, who had  
23 before said, hey, we submitted and we're still -- haven't been  
24 selected yet, but if we're selected, can we now use these funds?  
25 We don't know.

1 MR. MAXWELL: And Mr. Chair, Floyd, to that  
2 point, that's the -- that's the basis of the (inaudible) what  
3 can I do? So I don't know -- I do not personally know if they  
4 already have to demonstrate the matching funds they've got when  
5 they submit the grant or if they just have to commit the  
6 matching funds, and then they can figure out how they're going  
7 to do it.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 MR. MAXWELL: Because (inaudible) opportunities  
10 be more eligible for these grants by knowing they've got the  
11 matching funds available. (Inaudible) pretty successful so far  
12 with many of the grants from the IG- -- the IIJA (inaudible)  
13 that (inaudible), particularly the ones dealing with the  
14 bridges. We've seen Secretary Buttigieg coming in to the state,  
15 you know, to do the tours, you know, showing him the different  
16 communities that already receive it.

17 So I appreciate it. It sounds like you're on top  
18 of it. (Inaudible) get that clarification, because we don't  
19 want -- we really don't want folks waiting around and then when  
20 we finally get to the solution of what it is, now they go and  
21 there's already applicants that are already being considered or  
22 they've already been awarded, because some of these grants  
23 (inaudible). So appreciate the support on that.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, one  
25 point I do want to make sure is whatever we do, moving forward

1 with however it gets (inaudible), it's not coming to the Board.  
2 ADOT could not approve this. So whether we allow retroactive or  
3 whether we clarify some things and now if it's whatever it is,  
4 before we could approve those, we bring it to the Board and you  
5 all have to approve it.

6 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Floyd. I understand.  
7 Mr. Chair, thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you.

9 Any board member, maybe Floyd -- Floyd, can you  
10 kind of take a step back (inaudible) give us that slide again  
11 regarding (inaudible)?

12 MR. PATANE: I think keep going back. One more.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There. That's it.

15 MR. PATANE: Right there.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Right there.

17 MR. PATANE: Right there. And so --

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) need to do a  
19 little bit more spending, maybe Paul (inaudible) answer some of  
20 the things we're concerned about. Paul?

21 MR. PATANE: So here are the eligible uses of the  
22 funding. Okay? So design and other engineering services. So  
23 that can get you, you know, scoping documents, preliminary  
24 engineering documents or -- and/or final design. So that's one  
25 of the eligible uses, is to get all the design that's -- you

1 know, environmental clearances, anything associated with project  
2 delivery, associated with applying for a grant is eligible  
3 for -- is -- you know, would be defined as other engineering  
4 services.

5           Then we have the match. Okay. The match  
6 requirement. Typically, on the federal grants, when they give  
7 out the notice of funding opportunity as part of the  
8 requirements, in there will be a section on funding, and it  
9 talks about that -- the match associated with that particular  
10 grant. And it varies, you know. It can be 80/20. It could be  
11 90/10. It all depends on how the NOFO was issued by the USDOT.

12           Then the final item that's eligible for  
13 reimbursement -- all these are reimbursement grants or  
14 reimbursement funds -- is for development of a grant. And so  
15 because these -- you know, once they -- they put out a notice of  
16 funding opportunity, these grants take a lot of work to be  
17 competitive. I think the success rate is approximately around  
18 10 percent, and so -- and these grants are nationwide. They're  
19 not state specific. They're nationwide. So they're very  
20 competitive.

21           And so there's a lot of effort and time, you  
22 know, should be put in into developing these grants to, you  
23 know, hopefully increase your opportunity to be successful and  
24 get an award of one of these grants. So these are what we  
25 figure the three main areas, you know, that are part of the

1 grant development process, and that's what has been determined  
2 as the eligible uses of the funding.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Paul.

4 On that, is there any board members that wish to  
5 comment on or questions on that?

6 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I paused there because I  
7 wanted to see if somebody else wanted (inaudible).

8 Paul, thank you for that explanation, and when I  
9 look at this slide and hear your explanation, and when I read  
10 match support of the project in the current federal grant  
11 application -- current federal grant application, that would  
12 make the communities who have current federal grant applications  
13 in under IIJA eligible.

14 So I just want to make sure that we go through  
15 clarification with staff, then come back to the Board for the  
16 final -- final recommendation, that we do kind of explore and  
17 make sure we're not going to limit those who have already  
18 taken -- already going down the road of applying for IIJAs,  
19 because right -- this is a great spot.

20 I think it's really more informational and  
21 provides to me a lot better understanding of (inaudible) and the  
22 key word to me there for those communities that were concerned  
23 that they've already got a grant in, they basically leaned  
24 forward on it post-approval of the Legislature but prior to the  
25 funds being available, their basically SMART Fund application

1 isn't in, but under that, based on this definition, they got a  
2 current federal grant request.

3           So those matching -- it could be used for the  
4 matching funds is what I'm trying to get at. I know we're going  
5 to clarify that (inaudible), but that's how I understood the law  
6 from the beginning, and I believe that's how we are currently  
7 interpreting it. So I'll look forward to seeing (inaudible).

8           Thank you, Mr. Chair.

9           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Ted.

10           Any further questions? Nothing on this  
11 particular slide, so I think you can move on, Paul.

12           MR. PATANE: Okay. Can we go -- keep going --  
13 right there's the guidelines, you know, the guidelines, the  
14 intent there is just to help the applicants, you know, navigate  
15 through the process, and so I won't spend too much time there.

16           Then our launch time -- next slide, please. Our  
17 expected launch timeline, and so we're -- you know, we're  
18 seeking to hopefully get approval today from the Board. Then  
19 November 1st is when our website would go live. Then November  
20 7th, applications go live and we can begin to be accepted. On  
21 the 17th, we could have -- the plan is to have an informational  
22 webinar for the applicants to help them navigate through the  
23 process, and there are currently at least four active eligible  
24 NOFOs. The first application review by PPAC and the Board may  
25 occur December. Then we anticipate periodic agenda items

1 thereafter based on how NOFOs come in.

2 Okay. Next slide, please.

3 Any further questions?

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Paul.

5 I know that the discussion here is how we  
6 understand that there might be concerns of (inaudible), and it's  
7 a good thing that this (inaudible).

8 Are there any other questions? Ted?

9 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair, but I do not.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary?

11 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: No. That's it. That's all  
12 (inaudible) asking. (Inaudible.)

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Very good. Any board  
14 members?

15 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I'd move that we  
16 (inaudible) the SMART Fund Board policy, excluding Item 4  
17 (inaudible).

18 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion to approve the SMART  
20 Fund guidelines (inaudible) transportation board policy as  
21 presented. Motion by Ted and second by Gary.

22 Any further discussion?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman and Board  
24 Members, thank you for actioning it, but I want to read the  
25 exact action item and motion so it's in the record, because if

1 we do need to modify it and come back, I want to have a basis  
2 for why we're bringing it back (inaudible) modify (inaudible).  
3 So may I read it (inaudible)?

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yeah. Paul.

5 MR. MAXWELL: (Inaudible) front of us?

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

7 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I'll modify my motion,  
8 my motion approving the AZ SMART Fund Board policy, excluding  
9 Item 4, the program application, the application guidelines and  
10 for ADOT's (inaudible) percent of the agency's share (inaudible)  
11 program.

12 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Very good. Motion by Board  
15 Member Maxwell, second by Board Member Knight. Any further  
16 discussion?

17 All in favor say aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

20 Floyd, conduct roll call vote for members  
21 attending remotely.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

23 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels?

25 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Stratton?

2 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion passes. You  
4 have one board member absent.

5 Mr. Chair, we're hearing from the people that are  
6 out there, they're having a hard time hearing you. So if you  
7 could just get closer -- I know you're wearing your mask for  
8 safety, and that -- please do that, but you need to get close to  
9 the microphone then and speak louder, because we're having a  
10 hard time catching you.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. That's -- we will now  
12 move on to Item 6, Paul Patane, for discussion and possible  
13 action regarding State Freight Plan. Paul.

14 MR. PATANE: Thank you, Chairman Thompson, Board  
15 Members. Just want to provide another update on the State  
16 Freight Plan.

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18 So the items I'll cover today in the presentation  
19 outline would be the recent actions and key steps, review of the  
20 process and proposed freight investment plan, and kind of a  
21 follow-up from our October 6th study session, and answer any  
22 questions or comments that the Board may have.

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24 And so just bringing you an update of where we're  
25 at. You know, we went to -- surprised we went to -- last week

1 or a couple weeks ago at the October study session, we presented  
2 the freight plan to the Board. So currently, the freight plan  
3 is up for -- is up for public comment, which runs until  
4 November 4th. Then also, our FHWA partners are currently  
5 reviewing our draft freight plan, and we're anticipating  
6 comments in mid November.

7 Next slide, please.

8 So just wanted to make sure everybody's on board  
9 and clarify that, you know, the freight -- the funding  
10 associated with the freight program is not new money or new  
11 apportionments. It comes out of what's appropriated to the  
12 State of Arizona, and so it's just one of our programs similar  
13 to carbon reduction, transportation alternative program, et  
14 cetera. So -- but -- and this is the national highway freight  
15 program.

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17 And so some of the funding and eligible projects,  
18 you know, we have approximately 125 million over five years,  
19 subject to the obligation limitation. No new added spending  
20 authority. The freight funding can be only used for projects in  
21 the approved freight plan. Funding is available for all the  
22 phases, planning through construction, and types of eligible  
23 projects are highways and bridge projects, railway-highway grade  
24 separations, geometric improvements to interchanges and ramps.  
25 Additional road capacity to address highway freight bottlenecks,

1 and also truck parking, truck-only lanes, climbing and runaway  
2 truck lanes and shoulders.

3 Next slide, please.

4 As mentioned earlier, the truck parking is  
5 eligible. You know, the importance of providing truck parking  
6 is really a nationwide issue. I was in a meeting earlier this  
7 morning, our Freight Advisory Committee at AASHTO, and truck  
8 parking is a big concern for all the states.

9 And so part of the -- when we develop our freight  
10 program, it's -- some of the questions we have is, you know, how  
11 much funding to set aside for truck parking versus  
12 infrastructure-type projects. And so there's a lot of  
13 information coming out on truck parking improvements, and, you  
14 know, we're going to -- our intent is to look at all this  
15 information and incorporate it into our -- we're going to  
16 provide an update to our truck parking study or an action or a  
17 truck parking plan and get all this information and see if we  
18 can develop, you know, truck parking within our state that meets  
19 the needs of the -- of our customers.

20 Next slide, please.

21 And so, you know, we did -- as mentioned, we did  
22 a truck parking study in 2019, and since, to date, you know, out  
23 of that study, we have constructed, you know, and provided  
24 over -- close to 120 spaces that we've added to our rest areas,  
25 and so some are currently still in design, but, you know, we

1 anticipate to have 120 new spaces as a result of the truck  
2 parking study.

3 Next slide, please.

4 So there is steps, you know, where we prioritize  
5 projects within the freight plan. You know, the freight plan  
6 is -- consists of the Freight Advisory Committee, which consists  
7 of public and private stakeholders. And so we use a -- we  
8 developed a prioritization process in 2017, and we're using that  
9 same process in our updating our study, and when we evaluate  
10 projects, it has to take in account -- take into account some of  
11 the strategies, and it has to be in line with the national  
12 policy performance goals. So it's a scoring process that we use  
13 to determine which projects are the ones that we -- our ranking  
14 will tell us which projects are the preferred projects to  
15 incorporate, and so we came up with that. The Freight Advisory  
16 Committee came up with 19 projects.

17 Next slide, please.

18 And these are the 19 projects, the next two  
19 slides. This one, the next slide, show the 19 projects that had  
20 the highest rated freight projects. As you can see, some of  
21 these projects are, you know, well over the amount of funding  
22 that's available, and so we look at, you know, what's some of  
23 the biggest benefit, you know, to freight.

24 And so -- the next slide, please. And this is a  
25 continuation of the 19 projects. And the next slide, please.

1                   And so this is what we presented at the  
2 October 6th board study session where we felt these were the top  
3 projects to be included in this freight plan. Again, it shows  
4 the dollar amount, you know, fiscal year, the program amount,  
5 and based on the recommendations from the Freight Advisory  
6 Committee, you know, they wanted to allocate 50 million toward  
7 truck parking. And so the question came up, you know, how is  
8 this 50 million going to be spent? And so we -- next slide,  
9 please.

10                   We broke it down -- we didn't break all the  
11 50 million down, but we did break it down until -- to improving  
12 adding additional parking to some of the rest areas, and so we  
13 also put money aside to update our truck parking plan. We  
14 looked at putting money towards the Parks and Christensen Rest  
15 Areas, to open those rest areas up.

16                   Then based on our current rest area study that  
17 looked at -- that we included truck parking on, we came up with  
18 the -- the four rest areas that we felt that could be --  
19 additional parking could be added, and so that's where we have  
20 Sacaton, Texas Canyon, you know, San Simon and Bouse Wash Rest  
21 Areas. And we -- we put design and construction funding, you  
22 know, throughout the fiscal years, and we came up with the  
23 17.7 million, because in order to spend 50 million, you know, we  
24 need to update our truck parking study, and we're going to call  
25 it a truck parking plan and look at what other options we have

1 outside the rest areas.

2           We also looked at -- there was a comment made on  
3 the climbing lanes, and so -- and so these are the top five  
4 climbing lanes that are outside the current program. And so,  
5 again, we -- our climbing lane and passing lane study was in  
6 2015. These were the top five -- or not the top five. These  
7 were the five remaining that haven't been constructed yet and  
8 are not in the current program. And so, you know, they should  
9 be reprioritized and considered in our P2P,  
10 planning-to-programming process to be included, but also, we  
11 looked at and -- as staff, okay, is it time to update this study  
12 as well? Even though the update, you know, might take a little  
13 bit of time, I think it's over seven years old. So it would be  
14 to our benefit as to update this study as well as part of the  
15 freight plan projects.

16           So for further action, these are kind of the road  
17 ahead. Going to update the 2019 truck parking study or truck  
18 parking plan. And we want to also examine new bottlenecks from  
19 the 2022 freight plan to inform future planning, including  
20 development of our 2026 freight plan. Pursue strategy  
21 recommendations from the 2022 freight plan as prudent to fulfill  
22 federal and state, local priorities. Consider and update to the  
23 2015 planning and passing lane study to identify potential  
24 freight benefit projects.

25           And also interact more with our Freight Advisory

1 Committee. We want to look at our freight plan a little more  
2 frequently than every -- every five years, that way we can  
3 update the project list as appropriate and pursue any additional  
4 study recommendations from the State Transportation Board.

5 Next slide, please.

6 Any questions?

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Paul.

8 This is actually not on the agenda for action  
9 today. (Inaudible) information that need to be obtained to come  
10 (inaudible). So any of the board members, do you have any  
11 questions at this time?

12 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chairman. This is Steve.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes, Steve. Go ahead.

14 MR. STRATTON: Actually, I have a comment, not a  
15 question. I'd just like to thank Paul and the staff for taking  
16 into account the public input that we had, considering the  
17 parking for trucks and just I'll note that the Board and the  
18 staff does take into consideration the public comments. So I  
19 appreciate the updating of the study and looking at it  
20 individually. I think it shows that we do respond to public  
21 comment. Thank you.

22 MR. PATANE: Thank you.

23 MS. DANIELS: Chair, this is Jenn Daniels. I  
24 have a couple questions.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Please proceed, Ms. Daniels.

1 MS. DANIELS: Thank you.

2 A couple of questions. One, I noticed on a  
3 slide, I don't know, five or six back, Paul, you mentioned that  
4 the truck parking is actually being considered completely  
5 separately from the rest of the priorities. Why is that? Why  
6 are we not sort of prioritizing specific truck parking in  
7 conjunction with some of the other priorities? Why are we  
8 separating the two as two completely different items?

9 MR. PATANE: And so when we had the meetings in  
10 the freight advisory committees, there was -- you know, there  
11 was discussions on putting all the money toward truck parking.  
12 Okay? And, you know, through the open discussions with the  
13 stakeholders, you know, not all of them were in favor of  
14 putting, you know, 100 percent of the funding toward truck  
15 parking. And so they went through the analysis and evaluated  
16 projects, but there was consensus to take X amount, I think it  
17 was over 40 percent, of the available funding and dedicate it to  
18 truck parking.

19 And so at this time, Board Member Daniels, I'll  
20 let Clem Ligocki, if you have any comments, because Clem was  
21 instrumental in the development of the freight plan.

22 Anything you want to add to that question number  
23 one, Clem?

24 MR. LIGOCKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 As the Freight Advisory Committee considered

1 this, they found it difficult to kind of rate truck parking  
2 projects against other types of highway projects. As so, Board  
3 Member Daniels, you know, they felt it would be better to just  
4 take and look at them separately, how much money should go to  
5 truck parking versus the other types of projects, rather than  
6 look at some technical formula that was difficult to construct.

7 MS. DANIELS: And how was the 40 percent  
8 determined? I'm just curious what the thought process was. So  
9 was it, you know -- did it feel like a sound number or was there  
10 a methodology behind that?

11 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, Ms. Daniels, there  
12 was -- within the fact there was an interactive exercise where  
13 there was discussion and a polling process, and the numbers, you  
14 know, kind of gathered from all the different commenters in the  
15 FAC (phonetic) meeting and sort of generated into that 40-ish  
16 percent range.

17 MS. DANIELS: Okay. So there was -- what you're  
18 saying is there was a methodology and a -- sort of a ranking, if  
19 you will, behind the scenes?

20 MR. LIGOCKI: Yes. Mr. Chairman, Ms. Daniels,  
21 yeah, there was a consultant course involved, our consultant  
22 team helped, and they facilitated this interactive process.

23 MS. DANIELS: Okay. And then I noted that the  
24 identified truck parking improvement locations are not in any of  
25 the urbanized areas. Is there a different plan that I'm missing

1 that will address truck parking within the urbanized areas of  
2 our state?

3 MR. LIGOCKI: I'd go ahead and --

4 MR. ROEHRICH: That's okay.

5 MR. LIGOCKI: I was waiting for Paul, if he  
6 wanted to jump in.

7 MR. PATANE: Yeah. I'll speak first and we'll  
8 let everybody else speak.

9 The intent on -- this is why you wanted to --  
10 we're first showing update the parking, the parking plan, where  
11 we would look at, you know, across the state, both urban and  
12 rural areas, but we wanted to focus some of the early dollars on  
13 our current rest areas that we could -- what we would call, I  
14 would say, low hanging fruit, because they have the facilities  
15 where we -- you know, once -- because when you provide truck  
16 parking, you have to provide the facilities, and our current  
17 rest areas, they have the lighting, you know, they're secured.  
18 They have the facilities for the truck drivers to use, and so  
19 that's where -- you know, we had our current ongoing rest area  
20 study. So we incorporated this just to find out where we could  
21 maximize our rest area truck parking as well. And, you know,  
22 this is an ongoing process, you know. You know, this could --  
23 this is not -- the freight plan projects can be updated.

24 MS. DANIELS: Yeah.

25 MR. PATANE: So it's not -- you know, it's an

1 iterative process. And so Clem?

2 MR. LIGOCKI: Yeah. Thank you.

3 So, Mr. Chairman and Board Members, in addition  
4 to that, I would say that our Freight Advisory Committee was  
5 also comprised of metropolitan planning organizations, and so in  
6 particular, with MAG and PAG -- and MAG has done a pretty  
7 extensive truck parking study of their own, and finishing that  
8 up, and so, you know, Tim Strow from MAG is on with us, and they  
9 concurred with this process, and they have other strategies that  
10 they're looking at that are a little different.

11 MS. DANIELS: Okay. So we should look for  
12 updates from MAG that may be separated from the ADOT plan?

13 MR. LIGOCKI: Yes. Mr. Chairman, that would --  
14 that would be what we would expect. Yes.

15 MS. DANIELS: Okay. And then there's a  
16 perception that if ADOT wants to delay something or if there is  
17 a hesitation or if maybe a different -- a different direction to  
18 go, that we're going to study it to death before we make a  
19 decision, and I sort of say that tongue in cheek. I don't think  
20 that that's the typical, but there is a perception out there  
21 that that's ADOT's path.

22 And a study that was done in 2019 -- yes, traffic  
23 patterns have changed slightly because of COVID, but I would say  
24 the need has increased, not decreased, and so I hesitate as --  
25 essentially, a 2019 study is really only two years old, because

1 by the time you actually get it published and ready for prime  
2 time, I would hate to think that we would need to revisit that  
3 before we made good, solid decisions as far as where the  
4 investment should go.

5           So two things on this. One is let's not study it  
6 to death. Let's make some solid decisions about where to invest  
7 those dollars, and the easy spots may not be where we need the  
8 most investment. So I just sort of hesitate to say, well, it's  
9 easy for us to do it, and so we're going to do it so that we can  
10 check the box. Let's make sure we're actually meeting the need.

11           And then my second comment to that is we really  
12 need to get on -- I do not like the concept of MAG having a  
13 different direction or a different study than ADOT if ADOT is  
14 going to need to implement and sort of bring all of those plans  
15 together, and I know that the MPOs across the state, you know,  
16 it's a necessary exercise for them to -- as the -- with that  
17 fiduciary responsibility to coordinate that, but I certainly  
18 want the right hand and the left hand of our transportation  
19 system to know what each other is doing.

20           So if we could bring all these plans together and  
21 make some efficient decisions and start solving the problem  
22 rather than continuing to study it -- study will always need  
23 to -- need to be occurring, but I would love to see us move  
24 forward with making those investments in a way that's going to  
25 make a difference.

1 MR. PATANE: So, Mr. Chairman -- go ahead.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) I do just want to  
3 speak a little bit to that. It does look like maybe we do study  
4 things quite a bit, but I think it's important to remember that  
5 priorities do change, and if we make those changes, it's  
6 important for us to be able to justify it and back those up and  
7 explain exactly why --

8 MS. DANIELS: Floyd, Floyd, forgive me for  
9 interrupting. I don't need you to explain to me why we do  
10 studies at ADOT. Of course I understand the need and the  
11 necessity for that. Maybe you and I can talk offline about any  
12 additional discussion that needs to occur on that point. I  
13 don't need to be explained to why studies are important.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, ma'am, and I was trying not  
15 to just explain to you. I was trying to explain to the public  
16 as well, because like you said, you -- we get requests for  
17 comments a lot from the public why we do this. So I was just  
18 trying to make the general statement as well why we do that.

19 So -- and, Paul, you're making your comments  
20 (inaudible).

21 MR. PATANE: Yeah. I'm just -- Chairman  
22 Thompson, Board Members, and -- you know, I mean, we are showing  
23 design money in for prescoping in fiscal year '23. Okay? Even,  
24 you know, we -- once we start design, before we break ground, I  
25 just want to point out it would be approximately two years, just

1 because we have to go through all the development process and  
2 all the NEPA requirements, and so -- you know, and I know it's  
3 not a fast-moving process, but we are using federal dollars, and  
4 we have to abide by the requirements associated with those  
5 dollars.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) process there are  
7 already regulations in place, because of those regulations, you  
8 have to look at them very carefully, and they want you to do  
9 certain things (inaudible) studies, you know, any kind of  
10 studies that's required by regulations and that has to be done.  
11 That's (inaudible) the implementation process, and that's  
12 very -- very helpful, that those (inaudible).

13 And again, there's a couple things that I'd like  
14 to say, that I think -- I do believe trucking parking has been a  
15 huge concern (inaudible), and also, the other comment I have,  
16 where -- this maybe was different, because (inaudible) area, but  
17 (inaudible) considered for that project (inaudible) for trucking  
18 parking concern?

19 MR. ROEHRICH: So I guess, Mr. Chairman, Paul, I  
20 think you showed that -- one of your graphics showed where we  
21 installed parking, and I do not (inaudible) on there. I do not  
22 know if there's room there (inaudible) with truck parking, but  
23 if there is, that's -- we want to address that.

24 Paul, do you know?

25 MR. PATANE: Let me see that slide.

1 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, Floyd, can we go  
2 back to that slide?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.) Keep going.  
4 (inaudible) truck parking. There -- go forward one. There.

5 MR. PATANE: So these are the -- where we've  
6 added truck parking since the 2019, and these are the rest  
7 areas.

8 And so I didn't quite hear the question, Floyd.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: So the question was Sanders, it's  
10 not on this list. So can we study Sanders, or do we know the  
11 availability of adding truck parking to Sanders (inaudible)?

12 MR. PATANE: I'd have to follow up, Floyd. I  
13 don't have that information available -- currently available.

14 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, Floyd, there is a  
15 slide that showed (inaudible) current recommended truck parking  
16 increase of 49 parking spots. So that's the one that  
17 (inaudible) show us that there -- Sanders (inaudible) --

18 UNIDENTIFIED BARD MEMBER: There, that's the one.

19 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: That one. (Inaudible.)

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So this is the funding out of the  
21 50 million, Paul, that you sent (inaudible) prioritize to put 49  
22 additional spots on at those locations for that cost of  
23 17.7 million, with the rest of the funds to come in based upon  
24 other needs that were identified as we update the parking study.  
25 Is that how you characterized it?

1                   MR. PATANE: No. That's correct. You know, we  
2 just didn't have, you know -- I need to find out where we want  
3 to spend the 50 million, and, you know, the first place I wanted  
4 to look at was the rest areas. And so these -- we have that  
5 current ongoing rest area study that's looking at all our rest  
6 areas, at their facilities, et cetera. So we included the  
7 consultant to review the truck parking. And so they prioritize  
8 the locations where we needed the truck parking, and these were  
9 the top five -- or top four, and that's where we wanted to  
10 begin -- again, begin --

11                   MR. ROEHRICH: The question specifically to  
12 Sanders, you would need to research where Sanders fits and  
13 what's available, and would that be in a future project. So I  
14 guess the question would be is just the Sanders port of entry,  
15 if we could research what is a possibility of adding truck  
16 parking then.

17                   MR. PATANE: To the Sanders port of entry?

18                   MR. ROEHRICH: Yes. Yes, sir.

19                   MR. PATANE: Again, you know, it has to do with  
20 the facilities that are currently available. This truck parking  
21 plan will look at all these other areas and give  
22 recommendations, because even in the -- the meeting was at -- I  
23 was at today, the truck parking guys, they're worried about  
24 security, facilities and, you know -- and ease of access back  
25 onto the interstate. And so, yeah, the port of entries, you

1 know, could be a viable option, but, you know, there's protocol  
2 to follow to, you know -- you know, I just -- we just can't say  
3 today that we're going to allow truck parking in our port of  
4 entries.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: And I don't think that's the  
6 question. Just are we looking at it. That's all the question  
7 is, so...

8 MR. PATANE: The rest area study that we're going  
9 to update, we'll -- or the truck parking plan that we'll update,  
10 we'll look at all options and including the port --

11 MR. ROEHRICH: But the possibility of putting it  
12 in the port of entries have to be studied, because they have  
13 separate operations from the rest area?

14 MR. PATANE: Yes, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Apparently, that is what I'm  
16 thinking about. We have not taken a real close look at it. We  
17 need (inaudible) someplace to do a study (inaudible).

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Noted. Paul, (inaudible) as you  
19 update the truck parking study to look at port of entries.

20 MR. PATANE: Yes. Noted.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted. (Inaudible.)

22 MR. MAXWELL: I'd just like to echo Steve's  
23 comments and compliment staff and everybody that's involved. I  
24 think this shows that ADOT, the Board, we've all been responsive  
25 to the comments that have been made, and we see progress. I

1 think it's extremely important for the stakeholders and the  
2 people that have made comments to see that we're (inaudible) --  
3 I mean, we're doing -- we're making progress and moving forward  
4 with considering the comments that they've made. (Inaudible.)

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

6 MR. SEARLE: This is Richard.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Please proceed.

8 MR. SEARLE: Yes. I would like to make -- you  
9 know, kind of follow up on Steve's and Gary's comments. I do  
10 appreciate the additional information in this update with the  
11 passing lanes and the parking areas that we discussed in the  
12 October 6th. So I do appreciate that reflection in this updated  
13 plan.

14 And a comment for -- I guess on Jenn, you were  
15 commenting on the difference between urban and rural parking,  
16 and I think it is addressed in the plan to a certain extent.  
17 There's a lot more private parking at the truck stops in the  
18 urban areas that you don't have in the rural areas, and I think  
19 that's why you see more concentration on the -- on the rural  
20 parking than the urban parking, because there is a lot more  
21 parking available in the urban areas.

22 MS. DANIELS: I just don't know that the data  
23 supports that, Board Member Searle, so that's what I'm -- that's  
24 the analysis that I think we really need to see.

25 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Fair enough.

1                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) For discussion  
2 (inaudible) the presentation. Anything need to be added?

3                   MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, if I might just add  
4 one more thing. A really good point Ms. Daniels made about the  
5 cooperation, so I probably didn't do a real good job of  
6 explaining that, because, you know, the MPOs are on our Freight  
7 Advisory Committee. We're working with them to -- you know, we  
8 were well involved in the MAG study, and, you know, they're  
9 looking at a lot of things that are urban land use that affect  
10 the cities and, you know -- you know, revision of parking and  
11 certain types of developments, things like that.

12                   Some of those things are a little more uniquely  
13 urban, and, you know, so we're respecting each other and  
14 learning from each other. There's a whole lot of new  
15 information coming out on this topic now that we just want to  
16 take full advantage of it. That's what we want to do. So  
17 appreciate all of that and for that guidance. Thank you.

18                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I do appreciate all the  
19 discussions that have been made with regard to the (inaudible),  
20 and I think (inaudible) concerns that (inaudible) been  
21 expressing are being forwarded. (Inaudible) public (inaudible)  
22 comments (inaudible). So again, that was a pretty good  
23 discussion.

24                   Anything else? Floyd? (Inaudible)? Paul?

25                   MR. ROEHRICH: Paul, anything else on this agenda

1 item? Are you ready to --

2 MR. PATANE: I have nothing else.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. We're ready to move on if  
4 you are, Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Very good.

6 Next -- we will now move on to the Agenda Item 7.  
7 (Inaudible)? Paul?

8 MR. PATANE: Okay. Thank you, Chairman Thompson,  
9 Board Members. Just want to give you the monthly Multimodal  
10 Planning Division report.

11 Next slide, please.

12 So a couple items I'll cover today are the -- the  
13 tribal transportation update along with our -- give you an  
14 update on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

15 And so the first item under the tribal  
16 transportation update is the outreach associated with our Long  
17 Range Transportation Plan, and so during August we did our  
18 initial outreach with all 22 tribes in Arizona to the  
19 interest -- to seek their interest in participating in the  
20 development of our long range plan. A second outreach was  
21 conducted in September to the tribes that did not respond.

22 The following are the result of this outreach:  
23 Twelve tribes did respond with requests to consult on the  
24 Arizona Long Range Transportation Plan update. During October,  
25 thus far, consultation sessions have been held with the White

1 Mountain Apache Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Colorado River  
2 Indian Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe and  
3 the Fort Mojave Tribe and the Pueblo of Zuni.

4 An upcoming meeting is tentatively scheduled with  
5 the Hopi Tribe for November 15th. Meetings with the San Juan  
6 Southern Paiute Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, the Tonto Apache  
7 Tribe and the Yavapai Apache Nation are pending responses on  
8 selected meeting dates.

9 Next slide, please.

10 So there's an ongoing national cooperative  
11 research program, equity in transportation case study being  
12 conducted, and so during August the tribal liaisons were  
13 provided following responses in response to the case study  
14 questions regarding tribal considerations on transportation  
15 equity in relation to ADOT's programs and processes.

16 We participated and established tribal, state and  
17 federal transportation partnerships as a means of addressing  
18 transportation issues and the needs voiced by the tribal  
19 governments. ADOT has contacted -- contracted with the  
20 Intertribal Council of Arizona to conduct outreach with tribal  
21 governments and receive input on state and federal  
22 transportation programs and processes. Additionally, ADOT's  
23 Tribal Consultation Online Training Course is a means of  
24 ensuring that the tribal transportation equity components are  
25 considered when administering ADOT programs and processes.

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2                   We -- as related to the I-10 corridor study, the  
3 Loop 202 to SR-387 Environmental Assessment and Design Concept  
4 Report. Outreach associated with the Gila River Indian  
5 Community. The project management team continues to work to  
6 complete the fine phases of the project. In September, we had  
7 three in-person public hearings and one virtual public hearing.  
8 The September 15th in-person public hearing was held at the Gila  
9 River Indian Community, District 4. It was attended by  
10 approximately 50 participants. And comments from tribal  
11 community members, tribal personnel and the general public were  
12 captured in the development of the project reports. We  
13 anticipate the EA and the DCR processes to be completed in the  
14 next year, early next year.

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16                   This is some of our outreach specifically with  
17 the Navajo Nation, the local chapters. A lot of these issues  
18 are operational issues, but there was meetings in September 20th  
19 with the Northcentral District staff, and the tribal liaison met  
20 on issues associated with roadway markings, damaged signs,  
21 request for lighting and -- at two intersections.

22                   Also, they did a site visit at the -- with the  
23 LeChee Chapter officials regarding concerns to high volume of  
24 traffic due to tourism attractions, speeding, as far as  
25 additional signage and school bus safety.

1           Also, ADOT leadership met with the Navajo Nation  
2 officials to discuss right-of-way term limits, US-191 shoulder  
3 widening project extension request, adjacent to Many Farms  
4 chapters where they were requesting also intersection  
5 improvements with sidewalk and street lighting.

6           Then there were some issues related to flooding  
7 in the US-191 area in the community of Many Farms, and so those  
8 issues are being addressed.

9           Next slide, please. Next slide, please.

10          Also our -- earlier or last month, we turned in  
11 our annual Governor's Office and Tribal Relations. We have an  
12 annual report that we send, and that was presented and given at  
13 the October 6th Board study session, and so the submittal  
14 ensures ADOT's compliance with A.R.S. 41-2051, Responsibilities  
15 of State Agencies. The statute is in relation to state tribal  
16 consultation actions. And the report covers ADOT's major tribal  
17 consultation actions during the fiscal year 2022, and it is  
18 posted online if you care to look at that.

19          Next slide, please.

20          So this is an update on -- from our Long Range  
21 Transportation Plan that we're going through. Completed two of  
22 the tasks associated with the deliverables, and so we're working  
23 on our guiding vision document, also the multimodal needs  
24 analysis. We do anticipate a public survey website to go live  
25 by the end of this month, October. We have planned

1 presentations to the Greater Arizona NPO, COGs, TAC meetings.  
2 We have the -- as mentioned earlier, the 12 tribal consultation  
3 sessions, but we also will have three in-person meetings for the  
4 Tucson -- in Tucson, Phoenix and Flagstaff, along with country  
5 virtual meeting.

6 Next slide, please.

7 So this is our current schedule. We anticipate  
8 the final long range plan to be completed by May of next year,  
9 so just ongoing and running through our process.

10 Neck slide, please.

11 Any questions?

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board members, do you have  
13 any questions?

14 MS. DANIELS: Paul, can you go back three slides?

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead, Ms. Daniels.

16 MS. DANIELS: Sorry. One more maybe. One more.  
17 Thank you. Sorry. I didn't realize how many you had.

18 MR. PATANE: That's all right.

19 MS. DANIELS: Keep going. Before -- it was  
20 before the tribal transportation updates. Oh, okay. Sorry.

21 My question really is as it relates to -- go  
22 back, that one more, that one that you just had with the list.  
23 Yeah. Sorry. There might be a little delay as I'm looking at  
24 this.

25 MR. PATANE: Okay.

1 MS. DANIELS: With the public survey website  
2 that's going live, how do -- how do you guys incorporated that  
3 feedback into the plan? What's the -- what's the steps that  
4 take place between public comment and then incorporation into  
5 the plan?

6 MR. PATANE: Well, you know, all comments, they  
7 do get addressed. Okay? And not necessarily all of them, you  
8 know, go into the part of the plan, but, you know, we review  
9 them and discuss them and see if they have merit, and they're  
10 evaluated.

11 MS. DANIELS: So what's the formal process for  
12 that? How are we -- how are we determining whether a comment  
13 has merit? What's -- is there -- is it subjective or is there  
14 an objective process involved in that? And as you get sort of  
15 the groups together, are you cataloguing those so that someone  
16 could go back and say, okay, my comment was discarded as being  
17 not, you know, useful to the -- to the formation of the plan?

18 I know we might get some stuff that's, like, out  
19 of scope or whatever, but I'm curious as to what our process is  
20 and how we are ensuring that the public comment is captured in a  
21 way that we can go back to the public and say, we heard you, and  
22 this is what we've determined to do with your comment.

23 MR. PATANE: I'm going have to ask for Floyd.  
24 Can you help me out on this one?

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Well, Clem's coming up.

1 MR. PATANE: Or Clem. Okay. Yeah. Go ahead,  
2 Clem.

3 MR. LIGOCKI: Thanks. Mr. Chair and Ms. Daniels,  
4 so the way we're doing this, we -- we've had some specific  
5 questions, and we'll aggregate the data on those, on some themes  
6 about, you know, what are the priority areas where we should  
7 invest our funds.

8 So the last time we did this, you know, we looked  
9 at things like, you know, preservation, maintenance of the  
10 system, expansion, modernization, all those major categories  
11 that we have. And we took the aggregate responses from this and  
12 saw where they all fell, and it was from that that reinforced  
13 our recommendations the last time. It was very clearly -- the  
14 highest priority was to take care of what we've got. Safety was  
15 right up there next to it, you know. So that's one way that we  
16 take the information, it gets aggregated and looked at that way,  
17 and then, you know, we bring that back to the Board to consider  
18 for those major investment decisions at a high level.

19 And then remembering that this plan is not  
20 project specific, so it's got even more policy-oriented things.  
21 So we're looking for other open-ended comments as well from  
22 people. What are you interested in? What do you think our  
23 emphasis area should be? How should we spend our money? You  
24 know, that's the primary thrust of it, but we will look at every  
25 individual comment. I would expect us to bring to the Board an

1 itemized list of all the comments and how we're dealing with  
2 those and, you know, have those available for discussion.

3 MS. DANIELS: That's helpful. I think I'm  
4 process and system focused on that, how we are -- the system  
5 that we're using, it sounds like it's replicable and that this  
6 is something that we would to be doing on a very regular basis  
7 with all of the public comment that comes forward.

8 That's really what I'm looking for is a  
9 systematic approach to ensure that every single contributor is  
10 heard. If they're taking the time to fill it out and rank these  
11 things, assuming that they have clear definitions about what  
12 modernization of a system or expansion or preservation is, you  
13 know, assuming that they have those clear definitions, as far as  
14 ADOT's concerned, I want to understand the process by which we  
15 are evaluating not necessarily, you know, the outcome of a  
16 particular comment, but rather the system that we're utilizing  
17 to ensure that there's a -- not just a fairness about the  
18 contribution, but also that we can, you know, look back to the  
19 public who contributed and say, you know, your feedback  
20 sincerely was valuable. Here's what we did with it.

21 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, Ms. Daniels, yeah.  
22 We do evaluate those comments. We will ensure we address those.  
23 And I think it's worth noting, too, that we're doing this early.  
24 You know, one of the comments that you sometimes get is, well,  
25 you know, you go through and you do the plan and then you ask

1 for comments, and there's a perception that the agency has  
2 already made up its mind.

3           So we wanted to be sure that we're up front here  
4 on getting things clean and fresh so that we can consider them  
5 before, you know, we go ahead and put everything together, but  
6 then note that we're coming back with the public meetings, you  
7 know, where we have more information and we can show what we did  
8 with the information and the data we have, the input that we  
9 have and what our recommendations will be and then, you know,  
10 come -- catch it later on in that manner.

11           MS. DANIELS: Great. I love the feedback early.  
12 Appreciate it.

13           MR. LIGOCKI: Thank you.

14           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I would like to say that I  
15 appreciate the amount of requests ADOT staff to get some  
16 information together regarding some projects that were expressed  
17 as a priority for Native American communities, particularly with  
18 the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe. We (inaudible) meeting  
19 (inaudible) on the Board, and there's many projects that were  
20 (inaudible). So I do want to request (inaudible) the project  
21 and have it completed by December.

22           MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, I want to make  
23 sure I understand. So you would like to know the number of --  
24 or the listing of the projects on tribal communities that were  
25 requested, and requested by, I'm assuming, the tribal

1 (inaudible) themselves or the locals, and which ones ADOT ended  
2 up completing or constructing or doing on those (inaudible).

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes, sir.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: You know, that (inaudible)  
6 again, I'd like to mention that people do recognize projects  
7 that are completed (inaudible) safety (inaudible) and publicly  
8 it was announced (inaudible) projects that were completed.  
9 (Inaudible) talking about. These are some projects that  
10 (inaudible).

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Since you came on the Board, we'll  
12 provide a list of projects that were completed on tribal  
13 communities. Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much. Steve?  
15 Any questions, Board Members (inaudible), thank  
16 you for those comments, Board Members.

17 We will now move on to Item 8, PPAC items, for  
18 (inaudible) again (inaudible).

19 MR. PATANE: Thank you, Chairman Thompson, Board  
20 Members. You know, for your consideration of changes to the  
21 FY 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction  
22 Program. Project modifications Items A -- 8A through 8D.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to approve  
24 PPAC project modifications, Items 8A through 8D, as presented?

25 MR. SEARLE: So moved. Richard.

1 MR. STRATTON: Second. Steve.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There was a motion by Richard  
3 and second by Steve.

4 Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

7 Floyd, conduct roll call vote for board members  
8 attending remotely.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

10 Board Member Searle.

11 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board Member Searle?

13 MR. SEARLE: That was supposed to be an aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Sorry. Did not hear you.

15 Board Member Daniels?

16 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Stratton.

18 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries. Proceed,  
21 Paul.

22 MR. PATANE: Thank you, Chairman Thompson, Board  
23 Members, you know, for your consideration are changes to the  
24 FY 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Construction and  
25 Facilities Program. Project -- new projects, Items 8E through

1 8H.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to approve  
3 PPAC new projects, Items 8E through 8H, as presented?

4 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved.

5 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary, second by  
7 Ted. Any discussion?

8 All in favor say aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

11 Floyd, conduct roll call.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chair.

13 Board Member Searle.

14 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

16 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Stratton.

18 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

21 We will now move on to item -- Agenda Item 9.

22 State engineer's report, for information and discussion only.

23 Boschen?

24 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson and Board

25 Members, yes, that's correct. I'm Steve Boschen. I'm the

1 replacement player for the state engineer, Greg Byres. Floyd  
2 (inaudible).

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Temporary replacement.

4 MR. BOSCHEN: Temporary replacement. All right.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Because he's traveling, so  
6 you're --

7 MR. BOSCHEN: He's out at AASHTO in Orlando,  
8 Florida. So he's actually at a conference, so just temporarily.  
9 So I'm going to give the state engineer's report first.

10 We have 115 projects under construction at  
11 2.2 billion -- 2.2 billion. We've not seen that before, so  
12 that's a big number.

13 We did finalize three projects in September,  
14 56.5, and our fiscal year to date, we've finalized ten projects.

15 What I added here that's not in your panel is our  
16 backlog. We do have a backlog of projects that are close,  
17 substantially complete but not yet closed. So that's partially  
18 adding to the 2.2 billion. The other part is what Board Member  
19 Maxwell was talking about. We have been fortunate to have a lot  
20 of legislative appropriations over the last three years,  
21 actually, a boatload this year that you're going to continue to  
22 see. And as Anthony presented earlier, two of the projects were  
23 rehab project -- pavement rehab projects on 95. Those are both  
24 Legislature appropriations in this community, Lake Havasu City  
25 and also Bullhead. So he actually had two or three. I think

1 Floyd estimate five to ten.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: I said 10 to 15.

3 MR. BOSCHEN: I'm going to hedge his a little bit  
4 more. Next year that's going to be close to about 30 percent,  
5 because you have 400 million that was put on I-10, and a lot of  
6 pavement rehab, which is what we need has been put in that.

7 That concludes my state engineer's report.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Steve.

9 Any questions for Steve?

10 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted.

12 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Steve, (inaudible)  
13 400 million that was appropriated for I-10 (inaudible) grant.  
14 Have we got any update on the (inaudible) -- I know there's been  
15 a lot of outreach of the community to get a lot of (inaudible)  
16 as well as a lot (inaudible) mayors, counties to weigh in  
17 (inaudible) any indication (inaudible) moving forward?

18 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, Board Member  
19 Maxwell, we have had questions from back east. That's what I  
20 can tell you. We don't expect an answer until after the  
21 midterms. That's what I can tell you.

22 Floyd, do you have anything else to add?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, that's  
24 what I heard as well. It's -- you know, they're studying,  
25 they're still being evaluated, but decisions are probably going

1 to wait for the election.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Steve, Floyd. Thank  
3 you, Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you.

5 Any board members have any other questions for  
6 Steve?

7 There being none, let's move on to Item 10,  
8 construction contracts, for discussion and possible action.

9 Steve.

10 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, Board, thank you  
11 for the consent agenda items, approval of 3E and 3F. However,  
12 we do have a couple to talk about. So the first one I'll talk  
13 about is 10A.

14 10A -- next slide, please.

15 10A is a project down in the Tucson area that is  
16 very welcome by the -- Pima County. It's a joint project  
17 between ADOT and Pima County. Pretty big project. It -- you  
18 know, it's Ina Road reconstruction, adding an additional lane to  
19 I-10 from Ina to Ruthrauff, and then the Sunset Road addition,  
20 which is what we did with Pima County. So it was a joint  
21 project co-advertised.

22 We did see some variances. We're a little bit  
23 over. Just slightly overboard, and that's why we need to go  
24 through this. So structural concrete, MSE walls, asphaltic  
25 concrete, aggregate base, all items that we -- I don't want to

1 say we underestimated, but we saw asphaltic concrete at 115  
2 tons. That's a lot of money. So what I've seen in the past for  
3 me is 80 or 90 bucks. We're in this market now. This is our  
4 market. That was one item.

5 Aggregate base, when I used to be a resident  
6 engineer, I saw aggregate base around 35 bucks. This is our  
7 market. Now it's 85. And these are the things that, you know,  
8 contributed to this. However, we do feel that this is a  
9 responsive and responsible bid and recommend award to Granite  
10 Construction Company.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award  
12 Item 10A to Granite Construction Company as presented?

13 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

14 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Ted and second by  
16 Gary. Any discussion?

17 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

18 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chair.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Go ahead, Steve. I'll defer to you  
20 first, or Chair, I will gladly defer to Steve.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Steve. Steve.

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

23 Steve, it's a question. I notice our match is  
24 extremely low on this. What's the reason for that? I'm happy  
25 for it, but what's the reason?

1 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, Board Member  
2 Stratton, the match for, I guess, what? What portion are you  
3 referring to?

4 MR. STRATTON: To the overall price. It's saying  
5 that 99.34 percent of the contract is being paid by the feds,  
6 and our match is .66 percent, which is extremely low.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Stratton, I  
8 can talk to that real quick. Kristine and the whole program  
9 will have to balance how -- the match to use the funds, and our  
10 normal match is 5.7 percent, but she's allowed to adjust  
11 projects. So if you look through the whole program, as we  
12 (inaudible), we probably (inaudible) projects that have been  
13 over the 5.7 percent, because we had put additional money there,  
14 and she needed to spend out of accounts, and another area  
15 she puts it less. Oh, (inaudible) Kristine still on there. I  
16 thought she had left the meeting.

17 So, Kristine, did you want to further clarify on  
18 exactly why the match is that way?

19 MS. WARD: No, Floyd. You actually nailed it.  
20 We are at 5.7 percent is our -- is our normal match for federal  
21 funds. This is our standard match, particularly for NHPP,  
22 National Highway Performance Program. So I don't have anything  
23 to add, Floyd.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. This project, it's not 5.7,  
25 because that's on a programmatic basis for the whole program.

1 Some projects have more, some projects have less. It's how  
2 Kristine balances the funds available at the time we award the  
3 project. (Inaudible) --

4 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: -- portion of that, federal funds.

6 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

7 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, Board Member  
8 Stratton, I let Kristine do all the money stuff.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted.

10 MR. MAXWELL: I just want to tell, this is really  
11 a big project (inaudible), and particularly that Sunset Road and  
12 connectivity, I know that changes federal funds, because the  
13 County may have also put some of their federal funding to this  
14 project as well, which makes either (inaudible) original 5.7  
15 that would be the normal state match, but this is one that -- in  
16 Pima County, the connectivity at Sunset Road will actually be  
17 (inaudible) right now if you get off at Sunset Canyon  
18 (inaudible) either going north or south on the access roads,  
19 just to get to the main roads going all across town. So it's  
20 going to reduce travel times to -- for a community that does not  
21 have a cross-bound freeway (inaudible).

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any other questions?

23 There is a motion by Ted and second by Bored  
24 Member Gary to award the contract to Granite Construction  
25 Company. All in favor say aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

3 Floyd, conduct roll call.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

5 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

7 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Stratton.

9 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Our next item, Steve.

12 MR. BOSCHEN: The item is 10B, and it's a bridge  
13 deck rehabilitation on I-10 (sic), called Black Rock TI, an  
14 underpass. This is a deck rehab, and one of the items that we  
15 noticed was what we're putting on -- we used to put methacrylate  
16 on bridges to protect them from ice and salt. We're now using  
17 polymer concrete bridge deck overlays, and it's a little bit  
18 more expensive, but it is a lot more life cycle friendly. We  
19 get a lot more time out of it. So that was the major item that  
20 caused it to be a little bit over the engineer's estimate at 400  
21 bucks a square yard. However, we do feel this is a responsive  
22 and responsible bid and recommend award to Vastco, Inc.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award  
24 Item 10B to Vastco, Inc., as presented?

25 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, I'm -- I move to

1 award.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There's a motion by Board  
4 Member Knight and a second by Board Member Maxwell. Any  
5 discussion?

6 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 Board Member Stratton.

15 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

18 Item 10C. Steve.

19 MR. BOSCHEN: 10C, similar, bridge deck rehab  
20 with scour retrofit. This is a project on US-60. Sand Tanks  
21 Wash Bridge, just outside of Florence Junction. A couple things  
22 that led to the bids being a little bit higher than we  
23 anticipated. (Inaudible) for pavement. Very small area, a lot  
24 of phasing. We had multiple phases on this, which also  
25 generated more surveying and layout. We do feel this is a

1 responsive and responsible bid and recommend award to Combs  
2 Construction Company, Inc.

3 MR. STRATTON: Move to approve.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: -- award Item 10C to Combs  
5 Construction Company, Inc., as presented? (Inaudible) --

6 MR. STRATTON: Move to approve, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is that Steve?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, yes.

9 MR. STRATTON: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Go ahead, Steve.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: He made a motion to approve.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay.

13 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There's a motion by Board  
15 Member Stratton and second by Board Member Knight. Any  
16 discussion?

17 All in favor say aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

20 Floyd, conduct roll call.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

22 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

24 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Stratton.

1 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries.

4 Item 10D, Steve.

5 MR. BOSCHEN: So 10D, this is where the fun  
6 begins. So this is a roundabout project that we had in the town  
7 of Florence. You can see that we were quite surprised by the  
8 bids, \$7.5 million for a roundabout project. In my terms, that  
9 dog doesn't hunt. We're -- a lot of things went over. We only  
10 had one bid. It could have been the bidding environment that we  
11 put this in at at the time. Our recommendation right now is to  
12 reject all bids, bid it another time, maybe look at some  
13 phasing, but we just feel that the bidding environment wasn't  
14 conducive. It is kind of outside of the town. So our  
15 recommendation is to reject all bids on this project.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to reject  
17 all bids on Item 10D?

18 MR. STRATTON: Move to reject all bids. This is  
19 Steve.

20 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Moved by Board Member  
22 Stratton, second by Gary Knight. Any discussion?

23 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted.

25 MR. MAXWELL: (Inaudible.) Steve, could you just

1 give a little more explanation to -- you said you thought the  
2 environment was (inaudible) when you went out for bid and maybe  
3 that's the reason you only got a lot of single bids in the last  
4 (inaudible). So if you can just explain that, what maybe we  
5 could do in the future to prevent this situation.

6 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson and Board Member  
7 Maxwell, you know, one of the challenges is the 2.2 billion  
8 that's out on the street, and that's just for what ADOT's  
9 administering. There's a lot of other work out there, also. So  
10 we tend to advertise more projects in this time frame, which is  
11 not necessarily great. We're trying to get into the fiscal --  
12 you know, end of the fiscal year. That's why we try to balance  
13 all our projects and try to get as many out. So we will look at  
14 balancing better and not having so much out on the street at the  
15 same time.

16 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you for that. Thank you for  
17 that response. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any other discussion?

19 All in favor say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

22 Floyd, conduct roll call.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

24 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Board Member Daniels.

1 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Beard Member Stratton.

3 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

6 Item 10E, Steve.

7 MR. BOSCHEN: Item 10E is a project, a local  
8 project in the Safford area where we were going to install  
9 shoulders and rumble strips. We do have some good bids on this.  
10 We are currently working with some DBE and NAICS codes issues.  
11 As you probably remember, we ask contractors once they submit  
12 their bid and they're aware of their bid to submit their DBE  
13 affidavits. We've got some challenges. We're looking to  
14 postpone this and either make an award or -- we're hoping to  
15 make an award in November. So right now the recommendation from  
16 staff is to postpone while we work through the DBE and NAICS  
17 codes issues.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to postpone  
19 Item 10E? Board members?

20 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: (Inaudible.) Mr. Chair, I've  
21 got a comment or a question.

22 MR. STRATTON: Second. Steve.

23 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Steve, by postponing this, I  
24 noticed there was one other bidder that was also below the  
25 State's estimate. By postponing this, will those bids -- and

1 let's say this bidder was not eligible. Are we still going to  
2 have -- are the bids from the other bidders still going to be  
3 good for that length of time?

4 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, Board Member  
5 Knight, yes, they -- we still have to have a conversation with  
6 them, and they could -- once we make a decision on our NAICS  
7 code/DBE, they could protest. So that letter should be going  
8 out today, meaning they might not agree with, you know, our  
9 determination. If we feel that it's a non-material issue, which  
10 is where we're leaning right now, they could honor their --  
11 number two could still honor their bid. We still have enough  
12 time to do that. So the good thing is, on this one, we did have  
13 multiple bidders.

14 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: I'll make the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. You do. There's a  
16 motion -- by Board Member -- Visa Chairman Knight to postpone  
17 10E, second by Board Member Stratton. Any further discussion?

18 All in favor say aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

21 Floyd, conduct roll call.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

23 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

25 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Stratton.

2 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, the motion carries.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Board Members.

5 We will now move on to Agenda Item 11, board  
6 member email communications and public records requests, only --  
7 for information and discussion only. This was on our agenda  
8 last month, but we couldn't think about it at that time, so we  
9 moved it up to today. So Floyd.

10 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson and Board  
11 Members, if I could just go through one more item.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Well, Steve, they already approved  
13 proved 3G.

14 MR. BOSCHEN: So I just want to provide a  
15 clarification. Floyd already went through 3G. So the only  
16 thing I wanted to let you know is that we've already talked to  
17 Kingman about how we're going to rescope it. They were going to  
18 do 12 speed feedback signs. We're looking at doing eight. That  
19 will bring it down. That was a question from Board Member  
20 Maxwell earlier. So thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Steve. Go ahead.  
22 (Inaudible.)

23 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you for that clarification.  
24 I mean, we're talking a relatively 2 percent difference  
25 (inaudible) signs (inaudible) scope.

1 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, Board Member  
2 Maxwell, this is a little bit misconceiving, because what that's  
3 comparing is the State's estimate versus the low bid, and as  
4 Floyd kind of talked about before, the program amount is a  
5 different number, and that doesn't mean that we -- we adjusted  
6 the State's estimate very late in the game -- probably not our  
7 best practice when Town of Kingman is counting on all federal  
8 funds. So we have some lessons learned on that.

9 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you for that clarification,  
10 Steve. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much, and  
12 going back to Agenda Item 11. Floyd.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, just  
14 want to follow back from a couple months ago when we got a  
15 request to provide more members' email addresses, and because we  
16 are a public body, actually, those email addresses are public  
17 knowledge, and so we provided them.

18 And then a question came up, well, what should we  
19 do in regard to email communications and establishing that to  
20 ensure that, one, to keep your personal life private from what  
21 your involvement is on the State Transportation Board, and  
22 members have done different things in the past, but the one  
23 question came up, well, could we get ADOT email addresses? And  
24 yes, we will provide the ADOT email addresses, understanding  
25 that in order to do that, there are certain things that you'd

1 have to follow, but same as any other, if you will, state  
2 employee. We (inaudible) email addresses.

3           So I just didn't know if you had questions or  
4 comments. My only question is if you want a state email  
5 address, we can provide them to you, but if you've done  
6 something like other people in the past have done, set up a  
7 separate Google mail or separate, you know, different email  
8 address specifically for this, so all the communication goes  
9 there, your emails are then isolated from all of your other  
10 accounts or private funds or whatever, or if you want some  
11 other -- actually, we will support whatever you need in order to  
12 make sure we communicate with you.

13           So I'm here to either say if you want a State  
14 email address, let me know. We'll start the process. You've  
15 got questions about it. I can answer those. And then I do see  
16 that Michelle Kunzman's on the line. If you want clarification  
17 on any open records request laws or processes, I would have to  
18 defer that to her.

19           CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Floyd. I, for  
20 one, feel comfortable with the way the system is set up, you  
21 know (inaudible) board members who have (inaudible) ADOT email.

22           Ted, (inaudible) any questions?

23           MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Floyd, thank you for  
24 that offer of setting up an ADOT account. I do think that makes  
25 it more clean, especially in response to some of the concerns

1 that were expressed from folks who were trying to get ahold of  
2 us. I've personally set up (inaudible) a Google account, you  
3 know, with Mr. -- (inaudible) District 2 (inaudible).

4 It's been pretty smooth so far in the first  
5 month. The challenges, like all Google accounts, I get plenty  
6 of spam emails. So if you -- the one thing I'd ask you to do is  
7 if you could just send -- have somebody send out to the board  
8 members on what is going to be the requirement to get the ADOT  
9 email address, and then from there what restrictions -- I mean,  
10 if there's any -- if there's any restrictions or --

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Sure.

12 MR. MAXWELL: -- certain uses or what (inaudible)  
13 if we can or can't use that (inaudible). But it's -- I do think  
14 it's important for us to have separate email accounts. For  
15 example, I've used my --the work email is the one I get most  
16 often. So as soon as that came up, I made that change. I'd  
17 appreciate the help that you and the staff have put forward in  
18 trying to make this an option for us.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman,  
20 Mr. Maxwell, I had asked our IT people to put together that  
21 information. They did not have it ready today, but it's similar  
22 to what we would give to any employee, new employee, (inaudible)  
23 outlay the process. It's fairly quick and easy to do it. It's  
24 just a form. It's called a Computer Access Request Form  
25 (inaudible) form, and I will filled those out based upon

1 information that's necessary. You will probably have to sign  
2 something, but we can go through DocuSign to get that set up,  
3 but as far as then the use of it and how to access in to the  
4 server, stuff like that, I can provide that information.

5 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any discussion on it? Is  
7 that satisfactory to the Board Members?

8 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, I have a  
9 clarification of an earlier question.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Steve, go ahead. Make  
11 your clarification.

12 MR. BOSCHEN: So the clarification is on the I-10  
13 project, my FHWA partners reminded me why the match was  
14 different, which was great. We had a lot of -- a lot of federal  
15 match. We're going to do something called E-ticketing, and what  
16 that means is all the trucks on the project, we will not have  
17 paper tickets. So we get a bonus of that of 5 percent. So that  
18 is why that match was a little bit different. So I wanted that  
19 to be clear to Board Member Stratton. So that's a good thing.  
20 Usually, like Kristine said, it's 94.3/5.7. That's what usually  
21 our match is, 5.7, but on this one, we got an additional 5  
22 percent from the feds, so that's why.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Steve.

24 (Inaudible.)

25 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chairman.

1 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) I guess we'll  
3 go with board Member Stratton. Your question or your comment.

4 MR. STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just  
5 had a comment. I would like to thank the clarification. That  
6 really explains it, and that's a significant amount of money,  
7 and well done. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted.

9 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Steve, the  
10 follow-up is (inaudible) use that on the majority of the  
11 projects, or what are the departments that allow us to use  
12 (inaudible)? Because I don't think any project (inaudible)  
13 requirement (inaudible).

14 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) my first thoughts.

15 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Thompson, Board Member  
16 Maxwell, we're going to try to do that, but this is one of our  
17 pilot projects. It's been used successfully in Florida. We  
18 have to get industry behind it too. There is a lot of mom and  
19 pop trucking firms that aren't going to be ready to do that, so  
20 we're looking -- we looked at a big project like this knowing  
21 that they're going to need to move a lot a material. So this is  
22 kind of our pilot project.

23 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Steve. I appreciate  
24 that pilot project (inaudible) back to the Board, because as  
25 we've always (inaudible) funding is what drives what we can and

1 can't do here in the state, so (inaudible) the opportunity to  
2 leverage the federal (inaudible). Thank you, Mr. Chair.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now, do you have any other  
4 information we need to --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: I would just say any board -- and  
6 I'll follow up with the guidelines, as Board Member Maxwell  
7 said. Just the board members, if you want to start the process  
8 to get a State email address, just let me know and we'll start  
9 the process.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you. Is there any  
11 further discussion (inaudible) any board member?

12 There being none, let's move on to Agenda Item  
13 12. Floyd.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Just a reminder that next month's  
15 meeting is in the town of Wickenburg, and I just received notice  
16 from them on some activities that they're scheduling. I will  
17 send those out to all the board members when I get back to the  
18 office to get those set up, but -- and we'll be in the town of  
19 Wickenburg next month.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We'd like to (inaudible)  
21 board members, if you could, join the meeting there at  
22 Wickenburg next month, we'd really appreciate that. There's  
23 going to be a lot of preparations apparently that is already in  
24 place being made for meeting them. So (inaudible) thank you to  
25 (inaudible) city (inaudible).

1                   With that, anybody want to make a final comment  
2 or any discussions (inaudible) any topics you want placed on the  
3 agenda?

4                   I think we had a really good discussion, and we  
5 appreciate all of you. And again, I can't emphasize enough  
6 every comment that is presented to us is being considered very  
7 seriously, and that's why I think it's appropriate (inaudible)  
8 those comments if you want to follow up on it (inaudible).

9                   So with that, is there a motion to adjourn the  
10 board meeting?

11                   MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

12                   VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

13                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Board Member  
14 Maxwell, second by Board Member Knight. Adjourned.

15                   (Meeting concluded at 11:58 a.m.)

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**Adjournment**

***A motion to adjourn the October 21, 2022, State Transportation Board Meeting was made by Board Member Maxwell and seconded by Vice Chairman Knight. In a voice vote, the motion carried.***

**Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. PST.**

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