

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
IN PERSON WITH OPTIONAL TELEPHONIC/WEBEX ATTENDANCE
9:00am, November 18, 2022
Town of Wickenburg
155 North Tegner Street, Suite A
Wickenburg, Arizona 85390**

Call to Order

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

Pledge

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

Roll Call by Board Secretary, Sherry Garcia

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance (in person):** Chairman Jesse Thompson, Vice Chairman Gary Knight, Board Member Steve Stratton, Board Member Richard Searle, Board Member Jenn Daniels. **In attendance (via WebEx):** Board Member Jackie Meck, Board Member Ted Maxwell. There were approximately 52 members of the public in the audience on-line and approximately 30 members of the public in the audience in person.

Opening Remarks

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

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

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

Call to the Audience

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

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6 PARTICIPANTS:

7 Board Members:

8 Jesse Thompson, Chairman

9 Gary Knight, Vice Chairman

10 Steve Stratton, Board Member

11 Richard Searle, Board Member

12 Jenn Daniels, Board Member

13 Ted Maxwell, Board Member (via Webex)

14 Jackie Meck, Board Member (via Webex)

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: We will now go to the call to
3 the audience, and at this time I'd like to hand it over to
4 Floyd.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, we'll start with the
6 in-person requests to speak, and then we'll go to the online.

7 Our first speaker is Vice Mayor Kristi Henson.
8 Ms. Henson.

9 VICE MAYOR HENSON: Hello one and all. Mayor Rui
10 could not be in attendance today, so I'm filling in for him on
11 this welcome. Hi. I'm Kristi Henson, Vice Mayor of the Town of
12 Wickenburg. I do want to acknowledge how wonderful it was to
13 meet and chat with many of you in a relaxed family atmosphere,
14 as we did last night. It really does add a nice touch of human
15 interaction for those of us in attendance, and it's so nice to
16 put a face to a name when we here in Wickenburg bring your names
17 up in conversation in the future. Thank you once again for
18 attending.

19 Now on to today. (Inaudible.) May your minds be
20 open to meaningful dialogue and discussions. May your
21 conversations be open to concern and if need be (inaudible), and
22 may your hearts be open to conclusions and decisions that are
23 best, not only of the area of which you represent for the state,
24 but for the state as a whole. As it was eloquently put last
25 night, there's only so much we (inaudible), and we're all in

1 this together. I will not wish you luck, as luck is never a
2 good thing on which one should make any decisions, but I wish
3 you success in your endeavors today. Please enjoy Wickenburg as
4 you please, and (inaudible) the safest travels home to your
5 towns and cities of this great state, and most of all to your
6 families. Thanks. Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of
7 you. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Ms. Henson.

9 I think it's important that I make this
10 announcement again. Those that are on call-in, everyone will be
11 muted when they call in to the meeting. When your name is
12 called to provide your comment, to indicate your presence by
13 virtually raising your hand using the phone keypad or through
14 your Webex application. The Webex host will guide you through
15 the unmuting and muting process following the instructions
16 included with the meeting agenda.

17 Those that are in person, there is an opportunity
18 for members of the public to discuss items of interest with the
19 Board. As mentioned, please fill out the Request for Public
20 Input Form and give it to the board secretary if you wish to
21 address the Board.

22 I know you're all (inaudible) out there, so
23 (inaudible) said it again. In the interest of time, a three-
24 minute time limit will be imposed.

25 So let's continue. Floyd.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Our next
2 speaker is Ms. -- Councilmember Regina Salas. Ms. Salas. I'm
3 sorry. Ms. Salas is actually online. Ms. Salas, please raise
4 your hand.

5 WEBEX HOST: Ms. Salas, you have been unmuted.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Salas, can you hear us?

7 Mr. Chairman, we will move on. We'll come back
8 to Ms. Salas at the end and see if we can make the connection.

9 Our next speaker is Mayor Nancy Smith.
10 Ms. Smith.

11 MAYOR SMITH: Thank you so much.

12 Mr. Chair and Board Members, Director Halikowski
13 and wonderful staff, I'm here to speak on behalf of the City of
14 Maricopa. As you know, 347 is our main concern. One way in and
15 one way out, primarily. However, I come from a different aspect
16 today.

17 Over the last three weeks, we've had eight
18 traffic incidences that have significantly shut down the one
19 road in and out for the majority of our citizens who work in the
20 East Valley metropolitan area, and on two of those incidences,
21 we had loss of life on each of them, and so we are looking for
22 ways to improve that road, the safety on that road, and we
23 believe that we have a list of about ten or so ideas in
24 affordable ways that we could -- changes that we could make that
25 make this road safer. So our staff has actually contacted

1 Director Halikowski's staff, and I spoke with Craig, and we're
2 moving forward with at least having that discussion, because I
3 know the ADOT staff would probably have ideas in improving that
4 safety as well.

5 So that's our main focus at this point. We -- it
6 just is such an impact and such a safety hazard in regards to
7 loss of life if you look at it over just a three week period.
8 We have to make some changes that significantly improve the
9 safety there. So I appreciate your consideration and the
10 staff's consideration as well, and I look forward to that
11 meeting. Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mayor Smith.
13 Floyd.

14 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chair, I just want to thank
15 Mayor Smith for allowing former Mayor Price to ride with her
16 (inaudible). It was a hardship, but he called (inaudible).

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Five dollars a gallon.
19 (Inaudible) shopping cart (inaudible).

20 Our next speaker is Ms. Jennifer Thompson.

21 Ms. Thompson.

22 MS. THOMPSON: I can't quite wipe the smile off
23 my face, because I'm actually here in person and usually doing
24 this virtually. So thank you for, you know, coming to this part
25 of the state, and again, I'm excited to be here.

1 So good morning, Chairman Thompson and members of
2 the Board, Director Halikowski. I represent Freeport-McMoRan
3 Bagdad, a copper mine -- thank you -- a copper mine just about
4 an hour north, mostly north, some west of here. And, you know,
5 I've spoken about funding for State Route 97 before, and I just
6 would like to thank you, first of all, for your continued
7 support and -- in our efforts between Freeport and ADOT to
8 undertake developing -- developing improvements to State
9 Route 97.

10 Redesigning the 11-mile highway to eliminate many
11 sharp horizontal and vertical curves, narrow lanes and steep
12 grades will provide safer passage for the over 200 commercial
13 vehicles, big trucks, and close to 300 passenger vehicles per
14 day. This will also facilitate better access and readiness for
15 first responders who use this road to reach emergencies on
16 US-93.

17 Since the last board meeting there has been
18 progress on the grant application. We received and reviewed the
19 grant application from our consultant and are anxiously awaiting
20 a NOFO announcement hopefully coming out soon.

21 You know, I mentioned Bagdad mine's main product
22 is copper, the metal of electrification and a key component to
23 the 2050 net zero emission energy transition plan. You know,
24 it's been noted that the world needs about twice as much copper
25 between now and 2035 to meet that goal in 2050, and so in an

1 effort to provide the necessary resources and meet domestic and
2 global decarbonization goals, we're currently conducting a
3 feasibility study to expand our Bagdad operations starting in
4 the next two years.

5 And the potential expansion would be great. It
6 would double current production, but it would also double the
7 amount of large trucks on the road that -- every day, and
8 it's -- would also add 600 employees plus 150 contractors
9 approximately, all using State Route 97, but Freeport's offering
10 \$10 million towards (inaudible) Legislature has also recognized
11 the importance of improvements and has provided 10 million from
12 the State General Fund to ADOT for the purpose of pursuing a
13 federal grant for this project.

14 So in closing, I just want to thank Director
15 Halikowski and the ADOT team, and I truly do mean we partner
16 together on a regular basis. And in particular, Director
17 Brozich and the Northwest District staff and their continued
18 partnership. And thank you again, Mr. Chairman and Board
19 Members, and everybody here for allowing me this opportunity.
20 It was nice to see you.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Jennifer.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Christian
23 Price. The head shrinker.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm going to call him
25 that.

1 MR. PRICE: Mr. Chair, Director Halikowski was
2 just telling me how he wants to follow my lead and commute
3 everywhere he goes with others. So the money that he saves,
4 he'll be able to put it towards the 347. (Inaudible.) We
5 really appreciate that.

6 Don't worry. I'll stop and pick you up on the
7 way.

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Thank you.

9 MR. PRICE: Thank you, Board. We appreciate it.
10 Thank you, Director Halikowski and Floyd and Mr. Byres and so
11 many of you. We do have a great partnership, and obviously we
12 have a lot of fun at this, and transportation's a fun thing to
13 figure out, and so...

14 Unfortunately, I come to you today with a little
15 bit of bad news, and that is the fact that it is election
16 season, and (inaudible) Prop 400 (inaudible) fell by the
17 wayside. So did Prop 469 in Pinal County. Very proud of the
18 City of Maricopa, as the 347 is so important to us. It did pass
19 by a super majority in Maricopa. Over about 60, 62 percent.
20 However, across the county it did fail, unfortunately, by about
21 2,500 votes.

22 And so it was really close, but that just gives
23 us the opportunity to go back to the drawing board and hopefully
24 come up with a better plan that will be more suitable to the
25 voters, but it does put us back in our plans a little bit, and

1 it's unfortunate, but so goes the world of transportation, and
2 we'll just keep pressing forward.

3 So we'll keep finding ways. As the Mayor said,
4 we are working very closely with ADOT staff to find ways in
5 which we can improve safety on that road presently that are
6 efficient, effective, a low cost, things like that, but
7 certainly we've got to continue to make progress on where we
8 can.

9 And then last but not least is I have the
10 opportunity and the distinct honor of being the chairman of the
11 I-11 coalition, and so as you well know that the I-11 is an
12 absolutely critical piece of infrastructure to moving this state
13 forward.

14 As you just heard, you know, about the copper
15 mines and other things, as the state begins to grow, that you
16 all well know, we're not going to stop having the need for
17 great transportation corridors, and this is an opportunity that
18 we're in the throes of. We are -- have money now for the first
19 segment of the tier two that we want to study from Wickenburg to
20 the I-10, and then we need to start with the next pieces and
21 what that -- you know, that planning that is going to be needed.

22 And I get the resources are tough to come by, but
23 again, we can't let these studies stay on the shelf, because
24 otherwise, we'll never get to the outcome, which is creating
25 another north-south freeway right through the state of Arizona

1 that is absolutely critical to moving the goods and services and
2 the economic development of this state and people that are
3 continuing to move here by the throngs across from the country.

4 So with that, thank you for your time, for your
5 efforts, for all your work on this Board, and I look forward to
6 continuing to make tough decisions together as we moved, and I
7 appreciate all your help. So thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Christian.

9 MR. PRICE: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd.

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

13 MR. BEGAY: Good morning. (Speaking Native
14 language.)

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

16 MR. BEGAY: Once again, my name is Kee Allen
17 Begay, Junior. I'm the Navajo Nation councilmember of the 24th
18 Navajo Nation council from the northern part of the state of
19 Arizona.

20 ADOT Board Members, administrators, good morning,
21 Board Members. Basically, (inaudible) is going to make a
22 statement that we will welcome you next month to the northern
23 part of Arizona, to Chinle, and we are working on putting
24 together the location and other activities, that we plan on
25 putting some site visits and other additional meetings if that

1 could be possible.

2 But the one thing that I continue to advocate for
3 is the improvement of 191 that goes along -- basically from the
4 southern part of Arizona, all the way to the northern part of
5 Arizona. And a portion of it is on the Navajo Nation, and as
6 you know, that the outgoing governor is implementing some smart
7 highway on some of these interstates. So what Navajo Nation has
8 asked for is to select 191 going through the Navajo Nation to be
9 part of his smart highway initiative.

10 So being (inaudible) of the state, we continue to
11 ask for support by the administration and the Board to see how
12 we can continue to do what needs to be done through the outgoing
13 administration, and basically, the (inaudible) change of
14 leadership of the Board starting next year.

15 Unfortunately, I lost my bid for -- to be back on
16 the council as well, so -- but I'll continue to do what I can to
17 help with the Navajo Nation and over the improvement of state
18 right-of-way in every part of the state and how we can continue
19 to work -- partnership in working improving each of the right-
20 of-way on -- on the Navajo Nation.

21 So with that, we'll -- I'll continue to talk with
22 the administration for the next month, and we'll continue to do
23 what we can to make the visit as much as -- as good as possible
24 for next month's meeting. (Inaudible.) Thank you very much.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) So again,

1 thank you Mr. Begay.

2 Floyd.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd also like
4 to extend my thanks to Mr. Begay. He was instrumental in
5 helping us coordinate for next month's meeting. We were a
6 little worried about the facility, but working with the Chinle
7 district, we were able to find a facility. So Mr. Begay and
8 some of the chapter leaders in Chinle were very instrumental
9 helping us get that secured. So we have a place. You won't be
10 meeting out in the parking lot (inaudible).

11 Our next speaker (inaudible) looks like
12 Councilmember Salas has raised her hand. It looks like her
13 microphone is (inaudible). Is Councilmember Salas (inaudible)?

14 MS. SALAS: Yes. Good morning. Can you hear me?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, ma'am. We can. Please go
16 ahead and make your comments.

17 MS. SALAS: Yes. As a Flagstaff City Council
18 member, board member of MetroPlan Greater Flagstaff and advisor
19 for the rural Transportation Advocacy Council, RTAC, I have so
20 much gratitude to the work of ADOT staff and the State
21 Transportation Board. Chair Thompson also serves on the
22 MetroPlan board. We appreciate his service, and we will miss
23 him.

24 I'd first like to bring to your attention the
25 immediate flooding mitigation needs on Highway 189 because of

1 post-wildfire. In partnership with multiple agencies, the City
2 of Flagstaff has undertaken immediate mitigation projects,
3 including the 20-acre Shultz Creek (inaudible) sediment and
4 detention basins and the Shultz Creek downstream channel
5 stabilization.

6 Recently Flagstaff voters approved
7 Proposition 441 authorizing 26 million in general obligation
8 fund to fund fire and water infrastructure needs and increase
9 storm water capacity, including continued improvements towards
10 Route 66. Long-term mitigation includes box culvert
11 improvements at Highway 180. The City has contracted engineers
12 to provide options and conceptual designs for an improvement of
13 the culvert at Highway 180. Considerable hurdles, including
14 multiple jurisdictions, private property owners, funding and
15 utility (inaudible).

16 After several meetings with active trans- --
17 participation of ADOT engineers, a viable concept has been
18 developed to allow for 950-cubic feet per second to fully
19 contain the flow within the channel from a 100-year flood event.
20 This project estimated cost is 5 million that needs immediate
21 funding. Therefore, I ask the Board and ADOT to prioritize
22 funding for the box -- improve -- box culvert improvements at
23 Highway 180 to be built before the next monsoon season.

24 My other purpose today is about the fact that
25 ADOT allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant,

1 STBG, funding to small councils of government around the state
2 and small MPOs like MetroPlan have remained flat for more
3 than -- for more than the last ten years, despite rising costs
4 to operate. While the appropriation from the federal government
5 to the state for the program has increased 40 million over the
6 past ten years, the amount that ADOT distributes to small MPOs
7 and COGs has been flat, again, despite rising costs across the
8 board.

9 A task force of directors from around the state
10 has been working with the ADOT team for the past 12 months to
11 address this discrepancy. Director Halikowski and his team are
12 now considering our request. MetroPlan staff are meeting with
13 Director Halikowski and his team on Monday. I understand
14 there's not enough money to do all that needs to be done, and
15 that is why we are asking ADOT to acknowledge that small MPOs
16 and COGs also need an increase after more than ten years of flat
17 funding to keep pace with rising costs. The choice is ADOT's,
18 and we appreciate their consideration.

19 So much gratitude to the Board and staff for what
20 you do in keeping our state moving. From my grateful heart to
21 each one of you, thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Regina. We know
23 you really work hard on (inaudible) organization (inaudible).
24 Thank you for those comments.

25 Floyd.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. George
2 (sic) Kuzma.

3 Mr. Kuzma, please raise your hand.

4 (Inaudible) does it look like anybody's raised
5 their hand?

6 WEBEX HOST: I don't see a hand raised.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Thank you.

8 Our next speaker is Mr. Daryl Ahasteen.

9 Mr. Ahasteen, please raise your hand.

10 MS. DANIELS: Floyd, would you mind repeating the
11 instructions to raise your hand when you're on the phone instead
12 of --

13 WEBEX HOST: Daryl, you are unmuted now.

14 MR. AHASTEEN: (Speaking Native language.)

15 State Transportation Board, Chair and all the
16 members, thank you for giving me the three minute speech again.
17 Mainly, I am here to keep moving this project of moving the port
18 of entry at Sanders out to Pinta. I think it was Milepost 319
19 on Interstate State 40.

20 And also, I need to keep a bug in your ear about
21 constructing a new bridge at Exit 320, which is Pinta exit also.
22 We're still working on a big development out there, and we're
23 going to need a bigger bridge to take care of all the traffic
24 that is coming through there.

25 That -- I think that's the gist of my

1 presentation. I will be in person in Chinle next month, and I
2 will have documentation, probably a whole Volume 2 of what we're
3 working on.

4 And also, happy holidays to each and every one of
5 you, your families. And then me, on Thanksgiving Day, if
6 there's any free veterans food going around, I'm going to gobble
7 until I wobble. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

9 Floyd.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that's all the
11 requests. I did want to go back to see if Mr. George Kuzma is
12 back.

13 Mr. Kuzma?

14 Mr. Chairman, I'm not seeing anything else. That
15 is all the requests to speak.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.

17 We will now move to the next item on the agenda,
18 and certainly we do appreciate working with John all these years
19 and all this time and your leadership, and again, I'd like to
20 turn to you for your director's report.

21 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
22 and thank you for those remarks.

23 Today, Board Members, I want to focus on two
24 ports of entry and what meetings we've been attending, and those
25 two parts -- well, actually, three ports. The two in San Luis,

1 San Luis I and II, and also the port at Douglas.

2 Two weeks ago I attended the Bridges and
3 Binational Border Crossing meetings, and those meetings are
4 attend by folks form California, Texas, Arizona and also from
5 our neighboring states in Mexico, GSA and the Consul General to
6 Mexico.

7 During that meeting we had lots of discussion
8 about San Luis I and improvements to San Luis II, which is the
9 (inaudible) port. As you know, GSA has provided several hundred
10 million dollars for these port improvements, and on the San Luis
11 side, in working with the Mexican government, they certainly are
12 committed -- I guess my time's up.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

14 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

15 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Even Mayor Price gets more time
16 with that.

17 MR. PRICE: Thank you, Director. (Inaudible.)

18 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) a secret (inaudible).

19 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Anyway, so I apologize.

20 No, that's okay.

21 The San Luis I port of entry, we have agreement
22 on that we need to improve both sides of that and improve the
23 commercial traffic at San Luis II. So GSA has provided money
24 for that, and we need to begin discussing design and plans. But
25 more importantly, the traffic in San Luis continues to be a

1 problem. The GSA plan shows 16 lanes coming into San Luis from
2 Mexico, and while that might relieve some of the congestion
3 there, we still don't know how we're going to get 16 lanes
4 coming into San Luis. So we have committed that our technical
5 teams need to get together, because we also have concerns about
6 southbound traffic backing up. As you cross into San Luis right
7 now, from San Luis Colorado right now, you immediately hit a
8 traffic light, and the southbound traffic is backed up for miles
9 as it tries to return.

10 The port needs to be improved for pedestrian
11 crossings. We have about 7,000 people crossing from Mexico into
12 Arizona per day and then back at night. They're crossing in to
13 go to work and shop in San Luis. So those discussions are
14 moving forward, and I feel confident we'll continue to work on
15 those port improvements.

16 Now, turning to Douglas, not only did we discuss
17 this at the Binational Bridges and Border Crossings. This week
18 I met with Ambassador Salazar, who is the U.S. ambassador to
19 Mexico, to discuss both San Luis and Douglas.

20 At the Bridges and Binational Border Crossing
21 meeting, we learned that President Obrador has put the military
22 in charge of all civil construction in the country, which also
23 means the ports of entry. And at Douglas, the Mexicans have
24 acquired the land that's necessary for their side of the port,
25 and the City of Douglas has donated 80 acres. However, although

1 GSA has identified the money for Douglas, the Mexican government
2 is not so quick to move on the improvements and the new port at
3 Douglas. The GSA date for the Douglas completion is 2028, which
4 shocks us a bit that it takes so long to build a port of entry,
5 especially with the contributions we've made in Arizona.

6 So we're going to continue to work with the
7 ambassador and with the Mexican government to impress upon them
8 the need to get this port built, because we feel that the
9 Douglas port of entry is primed and ready to go, and if we don't
10 move on it, we could lose several hundred million dollars of GSA
11 money. There is a potential there for them to move it to
12 another project.

13 So we will continue working and negotiating and
14 utilizing the ambassador (inaudible) Congressional delegation to
15 see if we can get the Mexicans to move past the study stage and
16 move forward more into the construction stage, as well as
17 getting GSA to move up their timeline, because one of the
18 objections from the Mexican administration is that there will be
19 a new administration by 2028, and they don't want to commit to
20 the construction of that port, and so that puts us in kind of a
21 bind.

22 So those are my updates on the two ports of
23 entry. Those will continue to stay highly focused with us as we
24 continue to negotiate with the Mexicans and keep our own folks,
25 our ambassador and our Congressional delegation in play and work

1 on those two ports. So that concludes my report for today,
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 Katy, I don't know if you have some legislative
4 issues you want to share.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, John.

6 The only (inaudible) I have (inaudible) Sanders
7 port of entry. (Inaudible) discussion. So board members within
8 your area, do you have anything you need to bring up regarding
9 the reports on the two ports of entry?

10 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chair, what I may
11 suggest is the state engineer and I have been working on the
12 ports plan. The ports -- I think there hasn't been the focus we
13 had hoped for in the five year plans. We're looking at port
14 improvements, and so Greg has set some money aside in the five-
15 year plan for ports and port improvements. It might be good for
16 us to do a presentation at a board meeting on exactly what we
17 have set for fiscal year 2023 and the projects we're going to
18 work on.

19 Greg?

20 MR. BYRES: So we're currently going through and
21 prioritizing the different projects we have across (inaudible).
22 The funding that we do have in the five-year program is federal
23 funds. So consequently, there's limitations on what is eligible
24 for that. So in putting together the prioritization list
25 (inaudible) making sure that whatever we are planning on doing

1 is eligible for (inaudible).

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: That's certainly good news to
3 hear. (Inaudible) as well for improvements. So certainly do
4 appreciate that.

5 Once again, any board members have --

6 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, I haven't been
7 keeping a close eye on (inaudible) Legislature (inaudible)
8 earmarked (inaudible) funds for taking 195 on to connect the 95
9 (inaudible) proper (inaudible) and then keeping a close eye on
10 what's going on with both that and the port of entry
11 (inaudible) --

12 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Yeah.

13 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: -- as well.

14 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yeah. The Legislature --
15 thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight. (Inaudible) \$34 million
16 for the widening of Cesar Chavez Boulevard, which is great, but
17 unfortunately, that's not going to be able to handle the 16
18 lanes that are going to be coming in. And the city, literally,
19 you know, it's boxed down in the morning and the evening as
20 people are trying to get across and, you know, the waits can be
21 several hours. So we want to put our technical teams together,
22 our engineers together and make sure that we have a plan to
23 handle that flow, and those are going to probably be some tough
24 choices we're going to have to talk about with the City,
25 because, you know, there's just too much traffic, I think, to

1 keep it within the boundaries of the city, and I don't want to
2 get ahead of the technical team here yet. So we'll continue the
3 work.

4 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Thank you, Director.

5 Yes. It's especially important this time of the
6 year, Floyd, the agriculture (inaudible) when the workers are
7 coming from Mexico into San Luis to board their busses to go to
8 the fields. It's imperative that they get to work and we get
9 the produce out in the fields and on its way to (inaudible)
10 destination. So that's extremely important in this time of the
11 year. It's critical.

12 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Thank you.

13 The GSA and CBP are working on a redesign to try
14 and move more people through more quickly. The wait times to
15 get across to work and -- can be up to three hours (inaudible)
16 as people are trying to be processed under the current
17 configuration. So, you know, there's both a pedestrian and
18 bicycle side of this, (inaudible) also with the transportation
19 and also the commercial side. So we have to work on
20 (inaudible).

21 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Director.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you for the report.
23 Every project is important. It's good to hear the update and
24 progress that's being made.

25 So with that, if there are no other questions

1 regarding the port of entry, I'd like to go to the state and
2 federal legislative report.

3 MS. PROCTOR: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
4 Members. I'm happy to provide you with an update on the state
5 and federal situation. Now that we're a week out from the
6 election, we're learning more about what our State Legislature
7 is going to look like in the next session.

8 On the Senate side, we're going to welcome nine
9 freshmen to that body. Four have served in the Legislature
10 previously, but that's a pretty significant number. The split
11 is 16/14. Republicans will remain in control of the State
12 Senate under the leadership of Senator Warren Petersen.

13 On the House side, out of 60 members, we will
14 have 31 freshmen joining that body this year. Two have
15 previously served in the Legislature. That gives you an idea of
16 kind of what that turnover is like for the state (inaudible).
17 We're excited to welcome our new members in the Legislature and
18 (inaudible) ADOT's work and projects. But that is a significant
19 number of freshmen in that body. They will be (inaudible) this
20 year. Again, the session will begin on January 9th, 2023.

21 On the executive level, obviously we're welcoming
22 several new statewide office holders with their terms beginning
23 on January 2nd. So there's a lot of exciting stuff happening at
24 the state level.

25 On the Congressional side, Senator Kelly will

1 serve for a full term in office on the Senate side. Then we
2 have two freshmen coming in on the U.S. House side. That would
3 be representative Ciscomani and Representative Crane. With the
4 pickups of several Republican seats across the country,
5 Republicans will now be in control of the U.S. House. So as we
6 look towards the horizon, what that means particularly on the
7 Congressional side, we do know that we have (inaudible)
8 discussions on the horizon immediately.

9 We also need to have a fiscal '23 budget
10 actually. We are under a continuing resolution right now, which
11 will expire on December 16th. So we're keeping a close eye on
12 what the next steps are with the current Congress in terms of
13 whether they (inaudible) another continuing resolution or push
14 towards a budget. That's not clear yet. There a lot of
15 conversations happening on both sides.

16 So stay tuned. Hopefully I'll have a update for
17 you in December. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much and
19 (inaudible) board and public (inaudible) cooperation working
20 together, really (inaudible) the government (inaudible) really
21 there's a lot of needs out in the various (inaudible). So any
22 questions or comments?

23 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair. Katy, the split
24 in the House then is 31/29?

25 MS. PROCTOR: Yes, sir. It is.

1 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Thank you.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chair, Katy, did you
3 want to mention any updates on the MEGA grant for I-10?

4 MS. PROCTOR: So Mr. Chairman and Director, thank
5 you. We are still working with our Congressional delegation in
6 lockstep to try to achieve that MEGA grant. We have two large
7 grant applications out right now. One is the MEGA grant for
8 (inaudible). One of the large bridge grant for (inaudible)
9 I-40.

10 We were hopeful that there would be an answer for
11 those this year. We have heard recently that we may not
12 actually get notification until the beginning of next year.
13 While that is -- it's disappointing for us, it's also still
14 exciting, because we are very hopeful that we are (inaudible)
15 for these grants. We continue to work with our Congressional
16 delegation and with our stakeholders to highlight how important
17 this process is and how important that project is (inaudible)
18 I-10 widening for the state of Arizona. So stay tuned on that,
19 too.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Katy.

21 Any other questions, comments?

22 There being none, (inaudible)?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, Mr. Chair.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. There being none, we
25 will now on move on to Item 2, district report. I guess we can

1 skip that this month. Floyd?

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, we're in the
3 same district that Anthony Brozich had briefed last month. So
4 he had no additional input for this month.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Very good. We will now move
6 on to Item 3, consent agenda. Does any member want an item
7 removed from the consent agenda?

8 MR. SEARLE: Jesse.

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Richard.

10 MR. SEARLE: Actually not sure whether they're on
11 the consent agenda or not, but I would like discussion on
12 Items 9C and 9D.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman and Mr. Searle,
14 that's its own item. When we get to those contracts awards, the
15 state engineer will present each of those items individually.
16 Any of the items that are marked Item 3 are a part of the
17 consent agenda.

18 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Very good. Anyone
20 else?

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

23 MR. SEARLE: So moved.

24 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Richard and second

1 by Board Member Knight. Any discussion?

2 All in favor say aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

5 Floyd, conduct roll call.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

7 MR. MECK: Yes.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: And Board Member Maxwell?

9 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much. The
12 motion carries. The consent agenda is approved as presented.

13 We will now move on to the financial report with
14 Kristine Ward, Item 4.

15 Kristine, good morning.

16 MS. WARD: Good morning, Board Members. I have a
17 delightfully boring report for you.

18 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Well, that's a great way to
19 start it.

20 MS. WARD: It is. When you have -- when you see
21 stability happening, it's a happy thing (inaudible).

22 So -- thank you, Rhett.

23 So in terms of the Highway User Revenue Fund,
24 HURF, there is nothing significant to report. The actuals are
25 very close to our forecasts. We're just a titch behind, 1.3

1 percent behind, having collected about 140 million worth of
2 revenues in the -- for the month of October and about 552
3 million year to date.

4 Rhett, if you would give me the next slide.

5 Here you can see the individual categories. I'll
6 have to say that the -- there was a little bit of happy buzz
7 amongst the financial planning cash management group that does
8 the forecasting, because what you'll see there is that our
9 forecasts are only \$5,000 off for the month.

10 Moving on to the Regional Area Road Fund. Again,
11 right on forecast. Just .4 percent off. It's very similar to
12 the HURF situation. In terms of forecasting, we're 58 million
13 in revenues for the month and 172 million collected year to
14 date. We are continuing to see strong growth in our contracting
15 and restaurant and bar, as well as retail.

16 And you can see those individual categories on
17 the next slide. You'll see that contracting is about 38 percent
18 over last September at this point in time. Again, just
19 continued strong growth in those major categories.

20 We can go to the next slide.

21 I don't have any updates on the federal program,
22 but I would like to give you a little update on what we are
23 seeing inflation in the -- in the area of inflation. So (audio
24 interruption) reading a survey in the last week or so where it
25 looked at -- where inflation was being the highest concern

1 globally except for one area. I think it was China. But
2 inflation, again, of course, is the dominant topic that we're --
3 that we're facing. The most recent report, although (audio
4 interruption) slightly moderated down to 8.2 percent on a -- on
5 the general level of inflation, when you get down to the
6 materials costs and what we are experiencing in bids, this
7 quarter over last quarter, we were 35 percent -- 34.6 percent
8 over bids that we were seeing that were the same from last year.
9 So we are continuing to, of course, watch the inflationary
10 impacts and, of course, as I report to you on the finances and
11 the revenues, all of those revenues become worth a little less
12 under these kinds of inflationary pressures.

13 To combat this, the feds have continued
14 (inaudible) continued to increase the rates since the last time
15 I reported to you. They would increase them another 75 basis
16 points. There is the thought that it is starting to show a
17 little impact, but nothing that they can count on at this point
18 to say that they won't have to make future changes.

19 So thank you (inaudible) my report. I'll be
20 happy to answer any questions.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Does any board member have
22 any questions for Kristine?

23 (Inaudible) did a very good job. Kristine, thank
24 you very much.

25 MS. WARD: Take care.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now we will now move on to
2 Agenda Item 5 with Paul Patane for discussion and possible
3 action regarding the State Freight Plan.

4 Paul.

5 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, if I may, a
6 little (inaudible) --

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: John.

8 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: -- statement.

9 Given the discussion of the last board meeting
10 and the comments we received by the (inaudible) ATA, the Arizona
11 Trucking Association, and various business entities (inaudible),
12 Greg and I sat down with the team and re-examined the State
13 Freight Plan as far as its recommendations and (inaudible) of
14 money.

15 So we are offering an option for the Board today
16 to either keep these freight plan recommendation at the
17 50 million that you heard last month, but we also would like to
18 offer our thoughts and reasoning on an increase to 75 million
19 for the truck parking issues. And I've asked Greg, since he's
20 been leading this discussion with us at ADOT, to go ahead and
21 make the presentation today, if that's okay.

22 Greg?

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Sure. (Inaudible.)

24 MR. BYRES: (Inaudible), Director, Mr. Chairman,
25 Board Members. So we're just going to go ahead and go through

1 the entire presentation, try and give you some -- go back
2 through what has been presented previously, and then we'll go
3 through the different options that we're looking at, so...

4 Next slide.

5 So what we're going to go through is just review
6 the existing plan and recommendations, as well as the different
7 comments that we've received through the comment period. The
8 comment period was still open at the time of our last
9 presentation, so -- and we did receive some additional comments
10 going through that. Plus, we'll go through some of the
11 questions that the Board raised, as well as other comments and
12 then the potential action for the plan itself.

13 So this is basically the layout of what we were
14 looking at for funding. That was the recommendation in the
15 State Transportation Board -- or what was presented to the State
16 Transportation Board at the last meeting. You'll see that we
17 had \$50 million for truck parking. That was the biggest issue
18 that we were looking at and what we'll go through here in just a
19 minute.

20 So next slide.

21 This kind of represents what we're looking at.
22 This is just a very, very preliminary look at costs for the
23 different projects that we were looking at as far as truck
24 parking goes. Most of these are all at rest areas that are
25 existing and trying to expand the truck parking at those.

1 There's also some other options that we could look at that we'll
2 kind of go through, but these are some of the very, very
3 preliminary costs that we're looking at. This was --

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do you have a question,
5 Richard?

6 MR. SEARLE: Yeah. Greg, on this slide right
7 here, you've identified 49 possible additions to the current
8 rest areas (inaudible). Do we have a construction cost estimate
9 for that?

10 MR. BYRES: This is the preliminary.

11 MR. SEARLE: Which is --

12 MR. BYRES: For all of them total together, we're
13 talking 17.7 million.

14 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. BYRES: Next slide, please.

16 So as we go through this, what we're looking at
17 for required changes that we may -- to the plan from what you
18 had seen before, again, we have some additional comments that
19 came through. We did put those in. We saw those as being a
20 requirement. We also had some that were suggestions that we
21 also included into the plan. Again, tried to address the
22 comments that we've received and being very transparent in
23 trying to put those through to the plan itself.

24 Next slide.

25 The comments that we did receive, we had 12

1 public comments. These were kind of what they were -- pertained
2 to as well as the major themes that we were looking at through
3 the comments, and this was for the duration of the comment
4 period.

5 So next slide.

6 Again, this is kind of a continuation of those
7 things. One of the things that we saw was a suggestion of
8 misrepresentation of data that was presented in the plan. The
9 27 million for Broadway Curve improvements, which was
10 recommended in the plan. I-10, 191, the Cochise TI, which is
11 the bridge itself. Permanently reopening and expanding the
12 Parks Rest Area and the Christensen Rest Area for truck parking,
13 which we had done during the pandemic, and then partnering with
14 MAG to add truck parking in urban areas.

15 So next slide.

16 As far as additional comments, projects related
17 and the recommendations that are included in this plan that
18 we're looking at today is expanding rest areas to include
19 overflow truck parking, reopening the Topock port of entry as a
20 Wyoming-style tabletop truck turnout, which is basically it has
21 no facilities. Providing a construction of a Nebraska-style
22 truck parking within interchanges. Now this is something that's
23 totally different than anything that we currently have. This is
24 also -- has a lot of complications in trying to make it work
25 because of safety issues that occur within the active --

1 particularly in active interstate and active TI. So buying a
2 vacant truck stop in Winslow for Oasis is another option, as
3 well as institute the TPIMS along Key Commerce Corridors. It's
4 in addition to the I-10 pilot that we've been looking at.

5 Increased funding for truck parking. This is
6 where we're going to get into what we're talking about. So
7 50 million that was originally recommended for -- in the freight
8 plan for truck parking. The business community comments
9 demonstrate magnitude of need, and there is definitely a
10 magnitude of need. We went through it. There's actually
11 increased and undesignated truck parking, truck parking on off
12 ramps. We've seen massive amounts of truck parking on truck
13 ramps, specifically on our interstates, I-10 and I-40 both. And
14 this is basically unacceptable, because it is a dangerous
15 practice.

16 Truck drivers identified truck parking as our
17 number one issue, which we understand and have seen in national
18 level, not just the state level. Also, increases in truck
19 parking will help to alleviate supply chain disruptions. Again,
20 truckers are limited on the time frames which they can drive,
21 and then the rest times that they have to go by, which is one of
22 the reasons why it is so important to not only have the truck
23 parking, but have it in areas that are very strategically
24 placed, especially for our major ports. And so --

25 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Greg, if I might interject,

1 under the old system, before we had the electronic data loggers
2 where truckers are all required to use those now to report their
3 hours of service, there was under some of some of those FMCS,
4 Federal Motor Carrier rules, time to look for parking. That's
5 been eliminated, and so it's really very important that as they
6 reach the end of that time they're allowed to drive, they stop,
7 because if they don't, their electronic data logger is going to
8 record a violation.

9 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Director.

10 The other thing that we're looking at is working
11 closely with the ATA as well as the -- our FAC for the report
12 itself, as well as Federal Highway and the business community at
13 large. So we're trying to make sure that we're addressing all
14 the comments that have come through on this plan.

15 So next slide.

16 So the options that we're looking at, and this,
17 again, in the original draft plan, we have \$50 million that
18 we're looking at for truck parking. In order to increase that,
19 one of the things that we're looking at, it says defer the I-10
20 Cochise overpass. We're not going to defer it. That project is
21 in the five-year program right now. It's in the program at
22 \$16 million. It will remain in the program at \$16 million. We
23 will -- as we go through the five-year program for this upcoming
24 year, it will get re-analyzed for full funding. What we've seen
25 right now is that the cost for that project has increased to

1 \$40 million. So rather than utilizing the freight funding on
2 it, what we would do is look at other funding as we go through
3 every project, five-year program.

4 The other thing is shifting .25 million from this
5 same project to take and look at planning for increased funding
6 for the truck parking itself.

7 So the other thing that we're looking at is
8 trying to pursue a federal grant for truck parking. One of the
9 big things is we've got several new programs with IJJA that came
10 through, and we're looking at the different possibilities of
11 eligibility through those. One of them is -- that we're looking
12 at particularly is a reduction in carbon -- the carbon reduction
13 program.

14 Next slide.

15 So this is kind of an outline of what we're
16 looking at. Basically, increasing the truck parking to
17 74.5 million, and you'll see an elimination of the 191 project.
18 Everything else has stayed the same that we're looking at in the
19 program.

20 Next slide.

21 So what we're requesting at this point in time is
22 there's two options and -- that we're bringing to the Board, and
23 looking for a recommendation from this Board. What we're
24 looking for is we can either maintain the truck parking or
25 basically the funding that is recommended in the plan with

1 \$50 million in truck parking, or we can take and eliminate the
2 191 project, take that 24.5 million, 24.75 million, and put it
3 towards truck parking, increasing truck parking to, you know,
4 \$75 million. So we're bringing that to the Board. There's an
5 option here. So we're asking the Board for a recommendation to
6 be made for possible action.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) 191 project, and
8 your proposal is to continue to (inaudible).

9 So Steve, questions.

10 MR. STRATTON: Actually, I have several. Could
11 you go back to the last slide, please? You went through that
12 very quick.

13 MR. BYRES: Yeah.

14 MR. STRATTON: See what the adjustment...

15 But while I'm looking at this, a couple of
16 questions. I'll first make a comment. I think (inaudible) we
17 need more truck parking for safety reasons. The problem being
18 is when you expand the parking at these rest areas, are you
19 going to have to increase the facilities and the maintenance?

20 MR. BYRES: So it depends on which facility we're
21 talking about. If we use the existing rest areas that already
22 have facilities there, no, we don't, and the reason why is
23 because with the truck parking, these are long -- long duration
24 parking. Okay? So you have one driver that's there for
25 anywhere from one hour to six to eight hours. So the increase

1 in the use of those facilities is very minimal. The major use
2 that we see at our rest areas is the vehicular traffic, not the
3 truck traffic. So truck traffic takes up a huge area, but it
4 doesn't have a large impact on the facilities at the rest areas.

5 MR. STRATTON: What about the areas that we don't
6 have facilities?

7 MR. BYRES: That is an issue, because what we see
8 is if we do take and increase parking, truck parking at these
9 facilities, two things happen. One is we have a massive
10 increase in traffic in the area, along with hazardous materials,
11 and so cleanup becomes a very high expense, and basically, we're
12 taking our maintenance personnel and putting them out doing
13 cleanup to just maintain these areas. So if we're going to do
14 these, it would be much better to have a full facility rather
15 than just a parking area without any facilities. We also have
16 the option of temporary facilities. We could do porta-potties
17 out as well, but there's still a maintenance cost to be able to
18 take them (inaudible).

19 MR. STRATTON: Where does the money for the
20 maintenance come from?

21 MR. BYRES: We only have so much (inaudible).

22 MR. HALIKOWSKI: Mr. Chair, Greg is right. I
23 mean, our maintenance funds are finite, but, you know, as I read
24 through the comments from the ATA, and a lot of them were geared
25 toward establishing these truck parking areas without

1 facilities, and as Greg points out, you do need to maintain
2 those. As I've driven around the country, I've seen these types
3 of facilities, and they do provide space for parking, but it's
4 incumbent that you keep them clean.

5 One of the things we'd like to look at is
6 exploring with the ATA whether or not there would be any
7 interest in the legislative appropriation from the General Fund
8 to increase the budget in order to keep these facilities clean
9 and maintained.

10 MR. STRATTON: My concern would be that we
11 obviously don't have enough money to maintain our roads as they
12 are, and if we keep taking bits and pieces away from that using
13 it -- it makes it even more difficult for (inaudible) become in
14 more disrepair.

15 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: But the balance to that is
16 as we discussed this, the safety issue is also very concerning
17 with trucks parking on the ramps. So it really is a
18 give-and-take in that we need to get them into a safe space for
19 parking, not just for the truck driver, but also so the driver
20 is rested, not presenting to a risk to our non-commercial
21 vehicles, but then, you know, we have to be able to keep the
22 facilities clean and maintained. So it's a tough balance, and I
23 think that, you know, one of the things we're going to have to
24 look at is can we get additional appropriation, not from the
25 Highway Fund, from General Fund in order to do that.

1 MR. STRATTON: Mr. Chair, if I may continue?

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes.

3 MR. STRATTON: If you do apply for grants and we
4 receive those grants, will then the projects you're deferring,
5 are they going to be made whole?

6 MR. BYRES: Yes, they would. If we -- if we can
7 take and get a grant for any of these projects that we put
8 forth, but that's exactly what we would do. We could use those
9 additional grant funds now (inaudible) going to be matched to
10 these. So we could utilize a lot of the funding that we have
11 here for match, which is exactly what we'd do. We'd try and
12 leverage as much as we possibly could against any kind of grant.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Steve.

14 I know all those are concerns (inaudible), and
15 we're doing everything we can, you know, to work this out to
16 address those concerns. So thank you. (Inaudible.)

17 MR. SEARLE: Yes. Another question kind of based
18 on the comments just now. Can these freight funds be used for
19 maintenance?

20 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Greg, Mr. Chairman, they're
21 federal funds, so I don't believe (inaudible).

22 MR. BYRES: That's correct. These are capital
23 improvement funds.

24 MR. SEARLE: Okay. Thank you.

25 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I believe Mr. --

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) Jenn? Gary?

2 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: I just had one question. The
3 191, would it eliminate that or just defer it?

4 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, Board Member Knight,
5 actually, there is no deferral at all. What we'll do is it is
6 sitting out in 2024 right now for construction. It would remain
7 there. We would take and re-analyze -- we'd re-analyze all
8 projects within the next two years of the program, and then --
9 and re-estimate those and then we rebalance it. So we do that
10 (inaudible) project. This is just one of those projects.

11 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you. Thank you,
12 Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Jenn?

14 MS. DANIELS: Thank you, Chair.

15 I'd love to see us get a little bit creative. If
16 cleanliness along our truck stops is an issue, can we not
17 partner with the private sector in order to ensure that they
18 have a clean place that's as vested in that cleanliness as we
19 would be? That would be my first suggestion.

20 My second suggestion would be as we look for
21 solutions, are there additional ways for us to capture these
22 safety benefits? Sometimes we assign a monetary value to it,
23 and we should be able to offset that. I think it's a really
24 important exercise as you go through a freight study to say what
25 is the cost versus the return on investment, and if the return

1 on investment turns out to be better access to our supply chain,
2 driver safety, the general public safety, less wear and tear on
3 some of our roadways, I think we would be able to acknowledge
4 sort of an ROI on this. I'm a data driven person. I'd love to
5 see the data on that.

6 And then the last thing I'll say, again, is if
7 drivers are parking along our on ramps or off ramps in order to
8 find the quickest place for them to pull over, there's going to
9 be trash on those areas as well. Wouldn't it be better if it
10 was contained into one area, recognizing that, again, if we're
11 partnering with the private sector (inaudible) and interested in
12 that, and (inaudible) have cleaning crews along all of our
13 roadways, and I know it's been a topic of conversation,
14 particularly in the winter months when we have to divert that
15 workforce to be taking care of some of the weather issues that
16 we might have or other site. I would love to see us get a
17 little bit more creative and a little bit more efficient
18 (inaudible) than having drivers in a safe spot. Even in an
19 unimproved with temporary facilities is better than having them
20 parked along the sides of roads and spreading out that
21 maintenance.

22 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Well, Mr. Chairman, if I
23 might, thank you for those comments, and we'll certainly look
24 into those, but I did want to point out that partnering with the
25 private sector certainly is something that we could look into,

1 but the private sector doesn't do things for free. Someone's
2 got to pay them, and so whether that's coming out of our budget
3 or a fee for the truck themselves, there needs to be a revenue
4 source somewhere in order to (inaudible). So I still will
5 maintain that in the order to keep those clean, we're going to
6 have to have revenue coming from somewhere.

7 MS. DANIELS: I was thinking of it generally
8 around if there's added value to the industry, to the driver and
9 to the private sector, who's benefiting from it, I would imagine
10 that they would find value in contributing to that. So I'd love
11 to explore it further. I don't know what conversations have
12 been had on that -- to that end, but there are quite a few
13 private operators who I think would be willing to come to the
14 table, and I think there are several that are based here who
15 have participated in the transportation (inaudible) committee
16 and MAG regional council and others, and (inaudible) had a seat
17 at that table for a long time and would benefit obviously from
18 the improvement.

19 MR. BYRES: So if we can, Mr. Chairman, Board
20 Member Daniels, with the increase in the -- in the funding that
21 we're talking about, there's \$250,000 that's going towards the
22 study. So part of that study is prioritizing where we would
23 possibly take and put additional parking. The prioritization in
24 that would be part of what is the return on investment. Where
25 is the most strategic place to be able to put it? So that --

1 that would be part of exactly what we've been looking at to
2 prioritize any kind of project.

3 And as far as the trash goes, you're absolutely
4 right. We do have a lot of trash that occurs, not only on our
5 ramps, but along our interstates and major routes, and it is an
6 issue that we're trying to --

7 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So Greg, I do want to be
8 clear that we're not dissing the trucking industry. We have a
9 lot of trash on our routes from many different sources. Litter
10 happens to be just the number one complaint that we deal with on
11 a constant basis. So I don't want to say it's all a trucking
12 issue.

13 MS. DANIELS: I can remember some mayors pinging
14 out of drive-thru windows (inaudible) the Don't Trash Arizona
15 (inaudible), so I recall that very well, and I thought that was
16 a great message. It would be great to sort of revive, I think,
17 some of our marketing (inaudible). Obviously, our budget's
18 (inaudible).

19 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: We've learned that the
20 people pay attention to the Don't Trash Arizona as much the way
21 they pay attention to the speed limit signs we put up.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Was there another comment or
23 question from Richard?

24 MR. SEARLE: I think kind of moving into the --
25 answering the question what Greg was asking as to what option we

1 should go forward with, for multiple reasons I would recommend
2 that we stay with A, and I'll give my justification.

3 First of all, we've identified 49 spots that we
4 can increase our existing rest areas, at a cost of 17.7 million.
5 With the 50 million allocated (inaudible), that still makes
6 \$32 million to go towards parking issues that we still haven't
7 even identified as exactly where and when we can do that, and
8 the only (inaudible) it could take us a couple years to even
9 figure out where those other spots could be. So I think that 32
10 million is quite a bit to go towards traditional parking, you
11 know, relief.

12 The Cochise project came up through the
13 transportation study. I mean, this is a transportation issue,
14 and it's been hanging out there for years, and I (inaudible) see
15 it continue as allocated and funded.

16 The maintenance issue, it's a valid one, and even
17 if we can move or create some other parking areas for trucks,
18 we're still going to have the trash issue on these interchanges
19 where we -- they're currently using it. We've got several in --
20 off of 10 in my area that -- because we have the expanded right-
21 of-way in that area, they're being used on a regular basis not
22 only by truck parking, but just individuals, and whether the
23 park -- the trucks are using it or not, we're still going to
24 have a trash problem, and I think that's an issue that we're
25 going to have to continue to deal with. In the past I know we

1 used inmate labor to a certain extent to help offset the cost.
2 I -- with the COVID -- COVID, it's kind of limited some of that
3 ability, but there are options that we can do.

4 So that said, I would -- I would recommend that
5 we stay with A. I think 32 million can go a long ways to
6 address the parking issue. I think we should be -- if we
7 haven't, we really should be inventorying our right-of-ways and
8 the places and locations we have that we could put in some
9 additional parking at minimal cost. You know, just driving up
10 here today -- or yesterday, I mean, from Marana to Picacho Peak,
11 you've got a -- we've got a side of -- all the way up there with
12 a lot of -- lot of space between the interstate and the railroad
13 track. That could put a whole lot of parking in there at very
14 minimal cost and (inaudible). So anyhow, with that said, I
15 would say we recommend -- we stay with recommendation A.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Can you put back on the
17 screen that (inaudible)?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman, I would just like
19 to ask before the Board makes any motions, Board Member Maxwell
20 has -- (inaudible) has been trying and waiting patiently to
21 speak. I would make sure you check with all of the board
22 members before the Board deliberates on an action. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Ted.

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

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

1 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Floyd. And I apologize
2 for not being there in person today.

3 I've got a couple questions that I'd like to
4 hear, but I understand Richard's concern completely. I
5 personally am leaning towards the draft, too, because I think
6 the trucking parking issue is something we're -- we continue to
7 kick the can and don't put money towards it. I understand
8 there's already 50 million there. It's going to be potential
9 problems.

10 I guess my question, Greg, is all the TIs that
11 we've got on there, and I know they're heavily used, and that's
12 one of the issues -- same thing with the Broadway Curve. I've
13 read ADOT's response to that -- but what is the impact if we --
14 and you said we're not really deferring the Cochise TI. So I'm
15 a little confused on that, how we can move money around and not
16 defer something, but I'd like to hear what the impact of not
17 doing that on the timeline we've currently got it would be, and
18 I'd also like to ask, there is a lot of grant money out there.
19 Where do you, Greg, believe we've got the best chance of being
20 successful for grant money? And if that was truck -- in a truck
21 parking aspect, then we maybe go that route hard, but if it's in
22 one of these other projects, I'm currently right now leaning
23 towards the draft -- recommendation number two, which is the
24 putting 75 million towards truck parking. So thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you very much, Ted.

1 Also, do we have anything from Jackie?

2 If not, Greg.

3 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Maxwell,
4 just for clarity, on the 191 TI, it is currently in the program.
5 It will remain in the program for construction in 2024. The
6 funding that's currently shown in the program is freight
7 dollars. That was taken and put in in the last program or the
8 last plan that we had initiated. So it's already funded with
9 that \$16 million worth of freight money. Any additional dollars
10 that goes towards that when we balance out and come up with
11 making that project whole, we would take and have to work to
12 make sure that whatever different color of money it is that goes
13 towards that if the project is fully funded. So we can't have a
14 project that's partially funded in the program.

15 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I would add to the question
16 also on grants. Remember that truck parking is a nationwide
17 issue, and all the states are (inaudible) competition for these
18 grants. So there really is no guarantee as to whether we will
19 receive grant money if we apply for it. So I just want to be
20 clear on that that, that yes, grants are a possibility, but as
21 we've seen with the MEGA grants and others, they are way
22 oversubscribed, which is contributing to the delay in getting
23 (inaudible) some of these grants.

24 MR. MAXWELL: And Director, that's -- appreciate
25 that response. And Mr. Chair, that's to -- that's to my point,

1 is there -- I know nationwide problems on the truck parking,
2 there's going to be a ton of folks going after money in that
3 respect to the grants. So I think if we look at it
4 holistically, we've got to consider what is the best chance that
5 we've got either to go to the Legislature or are some of the TIs
6 more liable for us to potentially be able to get some wins on --
7 I mean, this -- we're always going to be in a situation where
8 we're short on funding. We've got to figure out how we can
9 leverage what we've got and where we may be able to get some
10 support.

11 I really agree with a lot of Member Daniels'
12 comments on this one. I think we've got to get creative, and I
13 do believe that the responses we got to this freight plan made
14 it fairly clear that their -- one of their main priorities is
15 the safety, and that has to do a lot with truck parking.

16 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Yes. Thank you.

17 I would say, Board Member Maxwell, it's the
18 number one priority for the industry, and certainly in the
19 comments, which are well taken. You know, the department, the
20 FHWA, MAG, the Legislature, the industry, we all need to work
21 together to solve this problem.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Again, the priority is safety
23 for truck parking, and there are many other issues that
24 (inaudible) have said that (inaudible) agenda is (inaudible).

25 MS. DANIELS: Thank you, Chairman.

1 For \$17 million we're getting 49 parking spots.
2 That's \$349,000 and change for each spot. So if we spend all
3 \$50 million, we get 88 additional spots. Can we not build a
4 parking spot for way less than that? We've got to be able to do
5 it. And so I would just argue that we need to approve the
6 maximum amount of money that we can, and then as an ADOT body,
7 we need to figure out a more -- I understand that there's design
8 and construction and engineering. The industry, the economic
9 conditions of our state are really begging for a quick solution,
10 and not a \$349,000-per-spot solution. So let's do it more
11 efficiently. Let's start solving the problem with a lot less
12 money, and we can work through which areas need permanent spots
13 and others. I get that we're going to spend this and we're
14 going to improve existing rest areas. We've got to get a lot
15 more efficient with the rest of the money (inaudible) the full
16 75 million, especially (inaudible) not losing out on a
17 (inaudible) priority project.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I'd like to see that the
19 Board be united (inaudible) we move forward. I don't know if
20 you guys want to (inaudible) question now, or do you want to go
21 back to the drawing board for more discussion (inaudible). So I
22 don't know how you want to do it. What is your recommendation?

23 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, we're
24 running up against the deadline on trying to get this put
25 forward.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Uh-huh.

2 MR. BYRES: So I think we could probably work a
3 little bit of leeway with Federal Highway to get this done, but
4 the sooner we can get this in, the better off we would be. I
5 don't want to be in a situation where we're already at odds with
6 Federal Highway in putting this together.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Jenn.

8 MS. DANIELS: And respectfully, Board Member
9 Searle, what do you feel like we're losing by putting the
10 75 million towards truck? What are we losing? Like what's the
11 downside to putting 75 million if all of the projects are still
12 prioritized and funded?

13 MR. SEARLE: We're putting at risk the Cochise
14 project, because it has to be fully funded in 2024. If we can't
15 come up with the additional funding, it will get bounced down
16 the road, and so ultimately, that's it. And my concern with
17 going to the 74 million as opposed to the 50 million is we've
18 got -- if we say it was the 50 million, it's still \$32 million
19 to go towards truck parking issues. And to your point, I agree
20 100 percent, \$300,000 per parking spot is ridiculous, and it
21 should be able to be done a lot cheaper than that.

22 And so whether we increase the existing
23 facilities we have to accommodate 49 more spots or whether we
24 accommodate additional areas that will do it at a lesser cost,
25 that's a win either way we look at it.

1 My point is that we've got \$32 million that we
2 don't have allocated in here. We could have -- we could bump
3 that to 50 million unallocated. That doesn't mean we'll spend
4 it in the next five years. So I would say we have this funding.
5 Let's put in the project (inaudible) we know we have, the -- I
6 think \$32 million sitting in there in a fund to go towards
7 parking that is identified is -- should be sufficient for the
8 next (inaudible).

9 MS. DANIELS: May I offer a compromise?

10 MR. SEARLE: Certainly.

11 MS. DANIELS: Approve A as presented with the
12 caveat that we come back together as a board in the
13 January/February time frame to discuss an additional 25 million
14 towards freight parking with a concept and an idea of how we
15 would do this way more efficiently from a financial standpoint.

16 That would be my request. I recognize that we
17 are shuffling for next year's budget, but I do think that having
18 some additional time to study how best to spend any additional
19 dollars that we put into freight is not a bad thing, especially
20 if we're finding efficiencies through that process. And I don't
21 know if that's -- I think that sounds like a financial option as
22 far as how our budgets work, but I wanted to confirm.

23 MR. SEARLE: Would you like to make that in a
24 motion?

25 MS. DANIELS: I would. I'd like to make sure

1 financially we're allowed to do that. Could we -- could we move
2 the Cochise project in January or February or, you know, March
3 time frame -- I'm open to sort of first two quarters of next
4 year -- and make that short shift later? (Inaudible)
5 complicated federal dollar shuffling (inaudible) probably.

6 MS. WARD: Mr. Chair, Ms. Daniels, I -- what am I
7 questioning as I am sitting and listening to this is if there's
8 a possibility (inaudible) I'm hearing you say (inaudible) to get
9 the freight plan. I'm not fully abreast of this issue, and I
10 will question whether there's an -- --

11 MR. ROEHRICH: So for Mr. Chairman, Ms. Daniels,
12 here's what I would recommend. Because we're going through the
13 process of updating the five-year program, which we do every
14 year, and that's where we rebalance and study those financial
15 obligations, even if you approve this federal -- or the freight
16 plan today for the \$50 million for truck parking, we would still
17 study and look at having and adjusting the (inaudible) five-year
18 program and find other funds as we go through and rebalance the
19 whole program, and money can get added at another time.

20 Remember, we modify the five-year program every
21 month when we come through here. This issue does not have to
22 end today. What we're asking is to make a decision so we can
23 finish the freight plan and meet federal requirements, and then
24 we can continue the deliberation and discussion as we go through
25 the five-year program update and look for are there balanced

1 funds that could be applied, and they can be applied at any
2 time.

3 MS. DANIELS: I'm just looking for a commitment
4 from the Board to be willing to come back from a potential
5 \$25 million discussion on a freight plan. I would like to see
6 us have that plan have a much better use of every single dollar.
7 I'd like to see us get probably five -- five spots, at least,
8 for each of the 350,000 that we're paying for these first --
9 this first batch, at a minimum, if I think about how those
10 funding mechanisms work. However, I just want a commitment from
11 the Board that we're going to come back at a future date and
12 have that conversation, and I'm open to first or second quarter
13 of next year.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted? (Inaudible.)

15 MR. SEARLE: Just for clarification as well.
16 We've identified 49 spots in the grant -- in the freight plan,
17 but that doesn't necessarily mean that's the ones we're going to
18 be building. That's just what we've identified, and there might
19 be areas that we could do it a whole lot more economically,
20 getting back to your point. We have a plan. Plans are --
21 that's what it is. It's a plan. Plans can be changed. And if
22 we've identified \$50 million towards parking -- toward truck
23 parking, if we come up with more economical places to do it, we
24 may not be doing the 49 spots we identified. And just looking
25 at the Texas Canyon situation, that's an expensive one to do,

1 because it's -- you don't have a whole lot of space to work
2 with, where some of these other rest areas may have more
3 options.

4 MS. DANIELS: All I can go off is the information
5 they gave us about which spots we are planning on doing. So --

6 MR. SEARLE: Yeah.

7 MS. DANIELS: -- as long as they have, I think, a
8 commitment, I feel comfortable moving forward with your
9 suggestion today (inaudible).

10 MR. SEARLE: No, I -- I'm all for doing things as
11 economically as we can, and your point is well made that
12 17 million to get 49 parking spots is excessive.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible), Greg.
14 Discussion? Where are we at now on this?

15 MR. SEARLE: I would like to make a motion that
16 we accept plan A as presented.

17 MS. DANIELS: I would second that motion.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There is a motion to accept
19 plan A as presented, and the other issues as brought out will be
20 continued in the future.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman, Board Members, I
22 want to make sure that we clarify timing. Where (inaudible) is
23 motioning is that we will move forward with staff's
24 recommendation for \$50 million for truck parking, as well as all
25 the other project funding that was previously listed, to include

1 the 24 million or whatever it was for -- that I -- 191, I-10
2 project. So staff's (inaudible) recommendation of projects in
3 the State Freight Plan, as well as the State Freight Plan
4 itself.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Ted, do I hear a motion?

6 MR. SEARLE: Correct.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: And second. With that I'd
8 like to call on the board members to take action. All those in
9 favor say aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Floyd, roll call.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

13 MR. MECK: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you (inaudible) some
18 discussion, some guidance on direction. Do appreciate the
19 Board's involvement all of this. We've got it going.

20 So with that, we will now move on to Item 6.
21 Paul Patane, for information and discussion only. Again, thank
22 you, Board.

23 MR. PATANE: Good morning, Chairman Thompson,
24 Board Members. I'm Paul Patane, Multimodal Planning Division,
25 giving the update for this month.

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2 So the items I'll cover today are the tribal
3 transportation update and the little update to the AZ SMART Fund
4 program.

5 The first item on the tribal updates is related
6 to the Arizona Long-Range Transportation Plan. As you know, the
7 long-range plan is ongoing, and ADOT is currently conducting
8 project information presentations and consultations with the
9 tribes in Arizona.

10 During late October and early November, we
11 reached out to the Tonto Apache Tribe, along with the Tohono
12 O'Odham Nation and the Hopi Tribe. Meeting with the San Juan
13 Southern Paiute Tribe is scheduled for November -- next week,
14 later this month, and we'll keep our continuing outreach
15 relating to the long-range plan ongoing.

16 Next slide, please.

17 The next item has to do with the -- our FY '23
18 intertribal council liaison support. This project enables ADOT
19 to work with ITCA to conduct two to three workshop meetings for
20 ADOT to obtain (inaudible) technical assistance on tribal
21 issues. So the project was issued November 3rd. So we have
22 ongoing activities scheduled for later this month. December 15
23 will be our first (inaudible) our (inaudible) working group
24 meeting. And so this really facilitates our outreach with
25 the -- with all our tribes. ITCA will help provide assessment

1 and advisement ADOT (inaudible) optimizing the efforts
2 (inaudible) all parties without causing additional (inaudible)
3 our coordination agency with our tribal partners.

4 Next slide, please.

5 A little update on the SMART AZ program.

6 Yesterday we held an informational webinar (inaudible) agencies.
7 It was very well participated. We had over, I think, 70
8 participants at one point. And so the program's live, so we are
9 accepting applications, and so, you know, (inaudible) the
10 opportunities for locals to take advantage of those dollars that
11 were set aside for -- to provide grant assistance.

12 Any questions?

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Just a comment. I certainly
14 am very appreciative and (inaudible) meeting between Hopi
15 Tribes, particularly (inaudible) the Hopi Tribal Chairman being
16 there and also the ADOT's tribal liaison (inaudible) as well
17 (inaudible). That (inaudible) very promising. So again, thank
18 you for that.

19 MR. PATANE: That was a great success.
20 (Inaudible) Hopi Tribe, and we covered many areas within the
21 Multimodal Planning Division, as well as aeronautics, the
22 programming part of it, and so they felt -- everybody felt it
23 was a big success. So look forward to the future workshops like
24 that.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Does any board member have a

1 question for Paul?

2 Moving on. Let's move on to Item 7. PPAC items
3 for (inaudible) again. Paul.

4 MR. PATANE: Thank you, Chairman Thompson, Board
5 Members. Item 7 for your consideration, changes to the FY
6 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Facilities and Construction
7 Program, project modifications 7A to 7E.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to approve
9 project modifications, Items 7A through 7E as presented?

10 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved.

11 MR. STRATTON: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary and second by
13 Steve. Any discussion?

14 MR. SEARLE: Just a quick comment.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Richard.

16 MR. SEARLE: Both 7A and 7B and 7C and 7D are
17 removing funds, projects in my district, but on the flip side,
18 (inaudible) address how they're going to be -- the projects are
19 going to go forward. It's just reallocating the funds, and I
20 fully support it.

21 MR. PATANE: That's correct.

22 MR. SEARLE: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. PATANE: (Inaudible) ask the question and --

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, (Inaudible.)

25 MR. PATANE: (Inaudible) will advertise in FY '24

1 (inaudible) first quarter.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any further discussion?

3 (Inaudible) hearing none, all in favor say aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

6 Floyd, conduct roll call.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

8 MR. MECK: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

10 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

13 Moving forward to Item 7F and 7G. Paul.

14 MR. PATANE: Chairman Thompson and Board Members,
15 for your consideration, changes to the FY 2023-2027 Statewide
16 Transportation Facilities Construction Program. New projects
17 Items 7F and 7G for your consideration.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion?

19 MR. SEARLE: So moved.

20 MR. STRATTON: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Richard, motion, and Steve,
22 second. Any discussion?

23 All in favor say aye.

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

1 Floyd, conduct roll call.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

3 MR. MECK: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

5 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

8 Item -- Agenda Item 8. Paul.

9 MR. PATANE: Oh, Greg.

10 (Inaudible conversation.)

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Sorry, Greg. We --
12 the Director forgot to tell you that.

13 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, thank
14 you very much. For the engineer's report, we had 111 projects
15 under construction, worth \$2.2 billion. This past month, 15
16 projects were finalized, which is a big number. So we were able
17 to get quite a bit done. That's worth \$88.8 million. Fiscal
18 year to date, we have completed 25 projects for (inaudible).

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Steve.

20 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

21 Greg, I noticed on the project Highway 60, the
22 Superior to the Gold Canyon area, (inaudible) milled and filled
23 (inaudible). Can you tell me what's (inaudible)?

24 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Stratton,
25 on some of those projects we only hit the number two lane, which

1 is the outside line. That's the most heavily traveled lane. In
2 some -- several projects we've been doing just that. What we're
3 seeing is those are what we're calling life extension projects,
4 and so what we're trying to do is we're trying to hit those
5 pavements before they deteriorate to a point where we're looking
6 at reconstruction. So we're being very strategic on spending
7 the dollars that we have to get as many lane miles as we can.
8 So in some cases we're only hitting the most heavily traveled
9 lane rather than hitting both.

10 MR. STRATTON: So that project's complete?

11 MR. BYRES: That project -- I believe that -- if
12 it's the one I'm thinking of, yes, it is.

13 MR. STRATTON: Part of the confusion being is,
14 you know, they went through and did the (inaudible) stripes
15 (inaudible). There's a lot of (inaudible) stripe left. So it
16 leads to the belief that that's going to be also part of the
17 project, or if not, then all those additional stripes
18 (inaudible). It's somewhat confusing, even though they're side
19 by side.

20 MR. BYRES: If that particular project is double
21 striped, it -- we're hitting both lanes. So there's only
22 some -- there's only a couple of areas in through there that
23 we're only hitting the number two lane. So anywhere that we
24 have the double stripes, we're hitting both lanes. So if it's
25 double striped, we are getting the second lane.

1 MR. STRATTON: (Inaudible) mobilize on the
2 project (inaudible) my question.

3 MR. BYRES: So I'll have to find out, because one
4 of the issues that we've been having is we've got contractors
5 scattered everywhere. So they're trying to hit as much as they
6 can. I'll have to check on that, because we shouldn't have --
7 we may have run it outside of our pavement window. So I need to
8 find out whether or not we have or not. I would think that our
9 pavement (inaudible) would probably run a little bit later than
10 this part of the year but -- for that area, but --

11 MR. STRATTON: In that area (inaudible) the Globe
12 area, it cuts off about October 15th.

13 MR. BYRES: Right.

14 MR. STRATTON: (Inaudible.)

15 MR. BYRES: And they've also had some fairly cold
16 days. So the contractor sees a stretch that -- of colder
17 weather that they know they're not going to be able to get a
18 productive day out, they take and demobilize and then get them
19 back, so...

20 MR. STRATTON: If that is the case, could we
21 inform the cities and towns that are affected there and the --
22 and Freeport and the other mines in that area? Because it is --
23 everyone's somewhat anticipating (inaudible) traffic be delayed
24 (inaudible), and so it's a little bit confusing.

25 MR. BYRES: No problem. Chair, Board Member

1 Stratton, yes, I'll get with the RE on that or at least get the
2 information that we need to make sure (inaudible).

3 MR. STRATTON: Thank you. I appreciate it.

4 MS. DANIELS: I'll add the county supervisors to
5 your list (inaudible).

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I think it's always a good
7 idea to notify these type of information to the public and to
8 the stakeholders. Thank you very much.

9 (Inaudible.) Moving on to Item 9, construction
10 contracts. Greg.

11 MR. BYRES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.
12 And thank you for approving the Item 3G in the previous items.

13 We have four -- let's see. Yeah. We have four
14 projects that have been discussed this month that we're looking
15 for decisions on. We'll start off with Item 9A.

16 Thank you.

17 This one is I-10, Milepost 105.95, which is west
18 of Buckeye to the junction with SR-85. The project itself is a
19 rehabilitation project. The low bid was \$14,611,882. The
20 State's estimate was \$12,992,451, a difference of \$1,619,431, or
21 12.5 percent.

22 The differences that we had in this were there
23 was a -- a lot of existing concrete pavement that we were
24 looking at on this particular project that needed repair work
25 and (inaudible) the length of the project. So (inaudible)

1 trying to get in and do those repairs and so forth was a lot
2 more expensive than what we had anticipated because they're
3 having to do it piecemeal. So that was the main item that we're
4 looking at for the difference in cost.

5 The bid itself was a responsive and responsible
6 bid, and we recommend award to FNF Construction, Inc.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award
8 Item 9A to FNF Construction as presented?

9 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved.

10 MR. STRATTON: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary and second by
12 Steve. Any discussion?

13 All those in favor say aye.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

16 Floyd, conduct roll call.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

18 MR. MECK: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

20 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

23 Now going to Item 9B.

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

25 Item 9B is a project which is drainage

1 improvements. This is on SR-88 from Tomahawk Road to Buffalo
2 Road. If you'll recall earlier this summer, there was some
3 major flooding in this area up in Apache Junction. This is the
4 area that we're talking about on this roadway. The low bid was
5 \$1,673,587. The State's estimate was \$1,234,275, a difference
6 of \$439,313 dollars, or 35.6 percent.

7 The reason for the additional costs were, again,
8 this project has culverts that are stretched out through the
9 entire project length. So, again, this is a piecemeal project
10 as they go through and do it, but it is very doable.

11 And the project -- or the bid itself is a
12 responsive and responsible bid, and we recommend award to
13 Granite Construction Company.

14 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award
15 Item 9B to Granite Construction Company?

16 MR. STRATTON: Move to approve.

17 MR. SEARLE: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Steve and second by
19 Richard. Any discussion?

20 All in favor say aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

23 Floyd, conduct roll call.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

25 MR. MECK: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries.

5 Going to Item 9C.

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

7 9C, this is a project that has installing
8 shoulders and rumble strips. This is on multiple roadways, on
9 particularly Golf Course and Cottonwood Wash Road. The low bid
10 was \$1,698,863. The State's estimate was \$1,892,000. The
11 difference was \$193,137, for a difference of 10.2 percent.

12 One of the things where we saw some cost savings
13 from the low bidder was the cost of the traffic control,
14 particularly with truck-mounted attenuators, as well as the
15 pilot cars that are going back and forth. We had some much
16 longer durations figured for this than what the contractor put
17 together in his bid.

18 So with this, the bid was a responsive and
19 responsible bid, and we recommend award to Half Construction and
20 Paving, Inc.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to award
22 Item 9C to Half Construction and Paving, Inc., as presented?

23 Motion by Steve.

24 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Second by Gary. Any

1 discussion?

2 MR. SEARLE: Yes. Jesse, I've got --

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Richard.

4 MR. SEARLE: I've got some clarification on this
5 one, and I realize it's a local project. The DBE goal on this
6 was 14.44 percent, and your bidder came in at 9.39 percent,
7 which -- and you're making the recommendation to approve this.
8 Several years ago, and I think we had several instances where
9 we've had low bidders come in and then it would miss the DBE,
10 and you'd recommend not awarding it. Can you tell me why
11 there's an inconsistency on this?

12 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Searle,
13 when we went through the analysis for the DBE recommendation or
14 the paperwork that the contractor gave us, what we found is
15 there was some discrepancies in what they had proposed as far as
16 subcontractors go, and so when we went through and analyzed it,
17 the big thing is that there's no material difference in what we
18 saw with the DBE, and that's -- that material difference is
19 basically is there anything -- any major items within the
20 project itself that are affected with the DBE goal. And so at
21 this particular case, they were not. So therefore, it does not
22 become a material issue. So that's -- we have to go through
23 that analysis anytime we have a DBE discrepancy, so...

24 MR. SEARLE: Well, from the outside, it looks
25 very inconsistent, and I have, as you know, or you should know,

1 that the DBE is a goal, and so when we have a low bid that comes
2 in and even if they miss the DBE goal, I recommend we approve it
3 like we're doing in this case here. I'm just a little
4 frustrated that we haven't done it in the past. That's all.

5 MR. BYRES: Understood.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There's a motion by Steve and
7 a second by Gary. Any further discussion?

8 All in favor say aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

11 Floyd, conduct roll call.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

13 MR. MECK: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries.

18 With that, Greg, going to Item 9D.

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

20 Item 9D is the installation of roadway lining and
21 signage. This is in Bullhead City, particularly on Bullhead
22 Parkway and Silver Creek Road. The low bid was \$847,585. The
23 engineer's estimate was \$881,973, a difference of \$34,388, or
24 3.9 percent.

25 The city of -- or Bullhead City, when we

1 originally put this project together, we had estimated it at a
2 little over \$600,000. Bullhead City has set aside that amount
3 of money. With the escalation in construction costs that we've
4 seen here lately -- and by that I mean on almost a daily basis,
5 we've seen increases in construction costs -- what we have done
6 is we go through now, in order to make sure that our bids are as
7 representative as possible to reality, we take and re-estimate
8 our projects prior to them being advertised as close as we
9 possibly can.

10 So with that, cost of this project went from
11 about 600-and-some thousand dollars to the \$881,000 of our
12 engineer's estimate. So even though this bid came in under the
13 engineer's estimate, Bullhead City does not have total funds to
14 be able to do the project. So they have asked us to
15 (inaudible). So our recommendation at this point in time is to
16 reject all bids.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Is there a motion to reject
18 all bids for Item 9D as presented?

19 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: So moved, Mr. Chair. This is
20 my district, and if those (inaudible), then so be it. I'll move
21 to approve --

22 MR. STRATTON: Second.

23 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: -- reject all bids.

24 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: -- to reject all bids. So a
25 motion by Gary and a second by Steve. Any discussion?

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

2 MR. SEARLE: (Inaudible) question. When they put
3 this out to bid -- and I know the information's in here. I
4 just -- but, I mean, are the -- are the bidders aware that the
5 original budget amount was 600,000.

6 MR. BYRES: There is a listed budget when the
7 project is put out. That \$600,000 is a set-aside that Bullhead
8 had. So when we advertised, we advertised with an overall
9 budget, which is as close as we possibly can get.

10 MR. SEARLE: (Inaudible.)

11 MR. BYRES: -- necessarily given.

12 MR. SEARLE: Yes. I guess we probably should
13 never have put this out for bid in the first place.

14 MR. BYRES: So it was a gamble for the city to
15 see if by chance the bids would come in lower.

16 MR. SEARLE: Okay.

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

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Board Member Maxwell
19 is asking to speak.

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. You've got the floor.
21 Go ahead.

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

23 Greg, so I completely agree with Richard on this
24 one, and I want to get clarification. So did we leave the idea
25 of going back out to bid purely up to city to take a gamble and

1 see if somebody was going to come in 25 percent below the
2 anticipated cost and -- or where do we bring the cities and the
3 constituents that are putting this project forward into the
4 decision making process? Because, again, I think we've -- this
5 is an example of where we've wasted a lot of folks' time.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Greg.

7 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, Board Member
8 Maxwell, with the difference that we saw in -- from the original
9 cost to this, there's always a possibility of, one, the bid
10 coming in lower, two, the possibility that the city in this --
11 any kind of an (inaudible) can come up with additional funds to
12 cover the project. In this particular case, they were unable to
13 do that.

14 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any further discussion?
16 There is a motion by Gary and second by Steve to reject all
17 items.

18 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gary. Gary.

20 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: One more comment then. Did I
21 understand Bullhead City's position, you made them aware that
22 the State's estimate was well over the (inaudible) 600 and
23 change, and they (inaudible) considerable time lapsed between
24 when you put it out (inaudible)? So they wanted to try to use
25 that extra time?

1 In my opinion, what you said, then they were
2 going to use that extra time to try to come up with some
3 additional funding. That failed, so, I mean, (inaudible)
4 position, it was -- it does look like a waste of time, but if
5 they were able to come up with the additional funds, then
6 everything would have moved forward, and I think they deserve
7 the time to do that. So that's (inaudible). It's unfortunate
8 that they weren't able to get the funds. So try again when it
9 is.

10 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Jenn.

12 MS. DANIELS: I can't help but wonder if perhaps
13 we have a requirement that they have proof of funds before we go
14 out to bid, and I know -- that might be opening up a can of
15 worms, so it's sort of putting a pin in it for us to maybe
16 discuss and explore later, but I am sensitive to the time
17 constraints on the private sector as they respond to this and
18 the costly nature of just the response.

19 And I -- so perhaps we discuss that at a later
20 time, whether that becomes a Board policy or some sort of
21 (inaudible) percent of what the State's estimate is. I don't
22 know. I'm just throwing out ideas at this point, but... I'm
23 not sure if that would cause undue harm either. I'd like to
24 make sure to understand how unintended consequences (inaudible).

25 MR. BYRES: If I can address that real quick,

1 Mr. Chairman, Board Member Daniels, we have to have a JPA in
2 place prior to us proceeding with any projects.

3 MS. DANIELS: Sure.

4 MR. BYRES: In the JPA we come up with an
5 estimate for what those projects are going to cost. There's
6 also a -- there's a line item in there that any additional
7 funding over and above what that estimate is, it's the
8 responsibility of the entity, so...

9 MS. DANIELS: And I get that, but in this case it
10 came in lower. And so that's the part that I think is a little
11 bit -- it would -- if I were -- if I were an individual that
12 placed the bid from the private sector and found out that I came
13 in lower than the State's estimate and I was being rejected
14 because the entity didn't have the dollar amount, I would be
15 distrustful of the process moving forward, and I want to make
16 sure we're getting great bidders and great contributors for our
17 contractors, and I want them to be as transparent in their own
18 processes as they would expect us to be as well. So that's my
19 only -- and I don't know (inaudible).

20 MR. SEARLE: I fully agree with Board Member
21 Daniels on this, and that was my concern as well. We're --
22 you've got a contractor that -- or multiple contractors that
23 probably spent some funds coming up with a bid that, as she
24 said, came in under our estimate, and we're still rejecting it
25 because Bullhead City doesn't have the money. Understood.

1 And I'm just going to make a quick comment here
2 that on these local projects and local governments, and I saw
3 this repeatedly at Cochise County, you see that federal money
4 and you think (inaudible). We can do it. But it's amazing how
5 much more expensive it is when ADOT administers these projects.
6 It would be interesting to see if there was a way where these
7 local entities could administer the funds, because they might
8 could do it at a lesser cost. I'll leave it at that.

9 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So just a clarification,
10 Mr. Chairman. Mr. Searle, are you asking whether the locals
11 could administer their own federal projects?

12 MR. SEARLE: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: I think that we run into
14 some difficulty in that, you know, (inaudible) with it was
15 approved by the Obama administration brought this very issue to
16 the floor, and that is that many of the local entities,
17 especially the smaller ones, have great difficulty in meeting
18 all the federal certifications, and that's why they ask ADOT to
19 administer these projects. I think we only have seven entities
20 that are certified to administer their own projects using
21 federal funds, and that is a complex and costly process for
22 smaller cities and towns (inaudible).

23 MR. SEARLE: I understand, Director. Believe me,
24 I (inaudible) frustration (inaudible) the local government, when
25 you see that the price tag, and I'll just -- those box culverts

1 on the Gila River, for example. So anyway, I'll sit down and be
2 quiet.

3 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right. We have a motion
5 and a second to approve -- rejecting all bids, but is this
6 right, Board Member Jenn Daniels brought up, is this a policy
7 that could be reviewed later on when the time comes again?

8 MR. HALIKOWSKI: (Inaudible) --

9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Review (inaudible) the
10 policy?

11 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Board Member Daniels
12 brought up a very good point. Beware of unintended
13 consequences, and I think that we need to examine this closely,
14 because I will tell you once you put a policy in that says you
15 have to do X, someone will come to us with a situation that
16 says, but I need to do Y. Can you give me an exemption to the
17 policy? So we need to take a hard look at limiting people in
18 their ability to move forward, if there's a possibility, whether
19 it's through legislation or grant that those funds might be
20 forthcoming. So just need to study this more and make sure that
21 before you put a policy in, we understand the consequences.

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.

23 Greg, let me mention there is a motion by Board
24 Member Gary, second by Board Member Steve. Any further
25 discussion?

1 There being none, all in favor say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

4 MR. SEARLE: Just for fun, I'm going to oppose
5 this one.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

7 Floyd, conduct roll call.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

9 MR. MECK: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

11 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

13 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion carries.

14 Move on to Item 10, draft 2023 board meeting and
15 public hearing dates and locations. Floyd Roehrich, for
16 discussion and possible action only.

17 Floyd.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Board
19 Members.

20 What you see before you are the dates and the
21 locations that we are proposing for next year -- calendar year
22 2023 Transportation Board meetings. The statute does state that
23 the chairman for that year will set those dates, and these are
24 coordinated through Mr. Knight, the vice chairman, incoming
25 chair.

1 All of the locations here have been contacted and
2 have tentatively set those dates as available for their
3 facilities, and with the approval today, we'll move forward with
4 final coordination, as we do on all of our board meetings.

5 I do want to point out one other issue. If you
6 look at the August board meeting, it does set it as a virtual
7 meeting only at this time, but we've done that before, and the
8 Board has modified during the course of the year, and that's
9 something that, again, through the board -- incoming board
10 chairman could be evaluated and discussed as the year moves on.

11 So what you see before you are the proposed dates
12 and locations for the Transportation Board meetings next year,
13 as well as the study sessions that we coordinate around the
14 tentative program, and at this time we're presenting those to
15 the Board for approval.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: For the August meeting, are
17 you asking for an amendment or --

18 MR. ROEHRICH: No.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: -- (inaudible)?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, (inaudible). I just
21 wanted to point out that was a change, because we met in August
22 this year. Next year it's scheduled as a virtual meeting. I'm
23 just trying to point that out to the Board to -- so they
24 recognize that.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Again, I think last year we

1 did put in the schedule for Wickenburg, which is today, and I
2 believe it's going to happen again next year. So (inaudible).

3 So do I have a motion to approve the 2023 Board
4 meeting and public hearing dates and location as presented?

5 MS. DANIELS: Just one quick, Chair.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Jenn.

7 MS. DANIELS: Gilbert is cutting the ribbon on
8 their council chambers on December 17th. So they will be ready.

9 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: This year.

10 MS. DANIELS: In two weeks (inaudible) three
11 weeks.

12 MR. SEARLE: Now, Gary, you got two meetings in
13 Yuma.

14 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Yes, and I had nothing to do
15 with that. Absolutely nothing at all.

16 MS. DANIELS: Gary deserves to --

17 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: (Inaudible) Rural
18 Transportation Summit. It's YMPO's turn to hold it, and I had
19 nothing to do with that whatsoever.

20 MR. SEARLE: Are you going to be offended if we
21 all just Zoom in?

22 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Yeah.

23 MR. SEARLE: With that we can talk about the
24 state plan --

25 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Those were two that I did not

1 get to choose -- and they're were -- they're both in Yuma, but
2 they were the two that I had no choice.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any further discussion? Any
4 motion? Do I have a motion to approve the 2023 board meeting
5 and public hearing dates and locations as presented?

6 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Oh, come on. I have to make
7 the motion myself?

8 MS. DANIELS: (Inaudible) to.

9 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Huh?

10 MS. DANIELS: I thought you were supposed to make
11 it.

12 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: (Inaudible.)

13 MR. STRATTON: We're waiting on you, Gary.

14 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: I so move.

15 MR. STRATTON: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion by Gary and second by
17 Steve. Any discussion? Any further discussion?

18 MR. SEARLE: Yuma, here we come.

19 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All those in favor say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any opposed?

22 Floyd, conduct roll call.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

24 MR. MECK: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

1 MR. MAXWELL: Aye. And we'll be flying to Yuma.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: The motion carries.

4 Now moving on to Item 11.

5 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, I just have one
6 comment for Mr. Searle. I can guarantee you absolutely that
7 there will be no snow in Yuma in October or December.

8 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Can we take the 310 to
9 Yuma?

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Jenn?

11 MS. DANIELS: Thank you, Chairman.

12 I do have just a couple suggestions for future
13 agenda items. One is that we often have members of the public
14 travel a great distance to come to board meetings and to speak
15 during communications for citizens, and we don't -- find we are
16 not allowed to respond to them. However, I do want to make sure
17 they feel heard, and it's really hard that we can't have that
18 interaction. So my suggestion would be at the following board
19 meeting that each of the items that they brought up are
20 addressed in some way, shape or form, even if it's a written
21 document that we can pass around or post to the website or
22 something.

23 So today I heard the State Route 97 improvements,
24 the 347 needs safety improvements or some mechanisms in place,
25 the 191 from Navajo Nation, considered to be a smart highway,

1 which I think falls into the category of bringing broadband that
2 direction, and then the Flagstaff issues as it relates to the
3 flooding and some of the incredible weather phenomenon they have
4 happening in that part of our state.

5 So my suggestion would be that we have some sort
6 of public response at the following board meeting, even if it's
7 just a notification (inaudible) that project is in the five-year
8 plan (inaudible) in the five-year (inaudible) to address it. So
9 I just -- I want to -- I want to feel like we're being really
10 responsive to the public and -- because they travel sometimes
11 four, five, eight hours to get here.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Jenn. (Inaudible)
13 communication being transparent (inaudible) these projects. Is
14 there anything you can say to that?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman, Board Member
16 Daniels, on a lot of the comments that are made here, especially
17 if they're talking about a district project or a (inaudible)
18 project, the district engineer will follow back with them and
19 talk to them. So we've responded to a lot of that, but what we
20 haven't done, as Ms. Daniels had said, we haven't provided back
21 to the Board the actions that were taken.

22 So -- and what I'm hearing is all you would like
23 us to do is to take comments that were brought up in the call to
24 the public and document exactly -- either what the response is
25 or the actions that we've taken in response to that, and I don't

1 see that as an issue. I mean, that's appropriate to do that,
2 and then we'll bring it back to the next meeting.

3 I just want to know, do you want us to present
4 that publicly or just give each of the board members the
5 write-up or the status of what -- of what was (inaudible)?

6 MS. DANIELS: I think it's important for it to be
7 a public document. I don't want to belabor the work that we do
8 in these board meetings, but I think it's important that
9 whatever response the Board provided, it is considered part
10 (inaudible) every month.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: (Inaudible) agenda
12 (inaudible)?

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, that's what
14 the director just asked. So, I mean --

15 MS. DANIELS: (Inaudible) suggestion that this
16 would be a topic for a future agenda, to be clear.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Correct. So, I mean -- well,
18 we'll go back with staff and look at it, because I could see it
19 being different ways.

20 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So Mr. Chairman, you're
21 right. This has come up before, and we've sporadically followed
22 up on some of these in the director's report, but not
23 consistently. So we could either make it part of the director's
24 report next meeting or add the agenda item to respond, either
25 way.

1 MS. DANIELS: We'll figure it out.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: So we'll take today's
3 comments and questions and then report back to you separately.

4 MS. DANIELS: I didn't see one (inaudible) two
5 days ago (inaudible) program. That's 100,000 -- (inaudible)
6 100,000 (inaudible) 55 million square feet of commercial. I
7 know that from a planning perspective, that effort is really
8 done through the MPOs, but I would love for this board to be
9 made aware of bid projects, particularly because at some future
10 date we end up having conversations with San Tan Valley or
11 Maricopa or other areas of our state that are experiencing
12 substantial growth who are (inaudible) need of transportation,
13 roadways and systems, and then at some point that ends up coming
14 to this board. So I just look for us to (inaudible) stay where
15 the (inaudible) is going. I -- I'd love to have a -- sort of be
16 looking ahead that way with a longer term lens as a board.

17 MR. HALIKOWSKI: I would certainly echo that,
18 Mr. Chairman and Board Member Daniels. It would be wonderful if
19 they would consider transportation prior to approving these
20 developments, because very often we are the last person to know
21 that some huge development is going in, and by the way, can we
22 now have this access point and this access point and widening
23 and -- it is very frustrating. I know many hands (inaudible) in
24 the process, and that's -- that can be sort of --

25 MS. DANIELS: I've looked through those letters,

1 and that was (inaudible) --

2 MR. HALIKOWSKI: So --

3 MS. DANIELS: They think, too, if they build it,
4 we will come. ADOT will come if we build it.

5 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Exactly.

6 MS. DANIELS: And in many ways they're not wrong,
7 and yet we need to be looking at that (inaudible) longer lens.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Any other recommendations?
9 Richard.

10 MR. SEARLE: Not a recommendation, but before we
11 leave, I wanted to tell Ted that I'm really kind of envious with
12 his workload today. I'm wondering, does it go with the
13 location?

14 MR. MAXWELL: It actually does. So it's still
15 before eight o'clock in the morning where I'm at.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Smells like coconut though.

17 MR. MAXWELL: Yeah. That could be it.

18 MR. SEARLE: More power to you, Ted.

19 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Yeah. Ted, I was kind of
20 wondering, if you are in Hawaii, where's your lei? I
21 (inaudible) see you're wearing one around your neck, you know.
22 How do we know you're really in Hawaii?

23 MR. MAXWELL: Well, just -- I was trying to keep
24 that a little secret, but we're just out here, going to go to
25 the Maui Classic next week and watch the U of A basketball team

1 perform very well.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Enjoy your trip, Ted.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, everybody.

4 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Now on with action.

5 Can I as the chair just adjourn the meeting, or
6 do we need to take the motion and a second?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, if you have a motion
8 and a second, then you can gavel it.

9 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

10 MS. DANIELS: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR KNIGHT: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There's a motion by Steve and
13 second by Jenn to adjourn the meeting.

14 All those in favor say aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Meeting's adjourned.

17 (Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.)

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the November 18, 2022, State Transportation Board Meeting was made by Board Member Steve Stratton and seconded by Board Member Jenn Daniels. In a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. PST.

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State Transportation Board

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