

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING  
IN PERSON WITH OPTIONAL TELEPHONIC/WEBEX ATTENDANCE  
9:00am, July 21, 2023  
City of Show Low  
181 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Show Low, Arizona 85901**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Gary Knight 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 Gary Knight, Board Member Ted Maxwell, Board Member Jesse Thompson, Board Member Jenny Howard, and Board Member Jackie Meck. Vice Chairman Richard Searle participated virtually via WebEx. Board Member Jenn Daniels was absent. There were approximately 68 members of the public on-line and approximately 40 attendees in person.

**Opening Remarks**

Chairman Knight 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 Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Floyd, also reminded individuals to fill out survey cards, with the 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.

ARIZONA STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

BOARD MEETING

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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3 reported from electronic media by TERESA A. WATSON, Registered  
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5 Arizona.

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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Board Members:

9                   Gary Knight, Chairman  
10                  Richard Searle, Vice Chairman  
11                  Jackie Meck, Board Member  
12                  Ted Maxwell, Board Member  
13                  Jesse Thompson, Board Member  
14                  Jenny Howard, Board Member

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2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Moving on to call to the  
3 audience, telephonically and WebEx. Everyone will be muted when  
4 they call in to the meeting. When your name is called to  
5 provide your comments, you will indicate your presence by  
6 virtually raising your hand using your phone keypad, which when  
7 it works is star three, or through the WebEx application. The  
8 WebEx host will guide you through the unmuting and muting  
9 process following the instructions included with the meeting  
10 agenda.

11 In person, there is an opportunity for members of  
12 the public to discuss items of interest to the Board. Please  
13 fill out a Request For Public Input Form and give it to the  
14 board secretary, in this case, to Floyd, if you wish to address  
15 the Board.

16 In the interest of time, both  
17 telephonically/WebEx and in person, a three-minute limit will be  
18 imposed in order that we can move along in a timely manner.  
19 Please limit your remarks to three minutes.

20 So, Floyd, if you will call the first.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, our first speaker  
22 will be showing Show Low Mayor Leech.

23 MAYOR LEECH: Good morning. Like he said, my  
24 name is John Leech, Junior. I'm the mayor of Show Low. First  
25 of all, welcome you guys to beautiful Show Low, and we

1 appreciate it very much.

2 A little housekeeping. There's restrooms back  
3 there, for you people out there and anybody in the audience.  
4 You go out past the library. There's restrooms over there.

5 I'm really excited that you guys are up here, and  
6 I just want to thank you so much for what you've done up on the  
7 mountain so far. You've done a lot not just in our community,  
8 Pinetop-Lakeside and Show Low, but up on the rim for people  
9 coming up here. I'm sure you guys knew how dangerous it was up  
10 on the rim. I drove up there yesterday, and it looks amazing.  
11 So I know there's a lot of work to be done. I know you guys are  
12 playing catch-up. I get it. But I just appreciate everything  
13 you've done so far, and anytime you want to come up to the  
14 mountain, you're more than welcome.

15 And I know the comment earlier about how your  
16 community works together. I think Mr. Maxwell made that  
17 comment. Stephanie Irwin's going to talk as soon as I'm done,  
18 but we work great together. We do -- we do so many events up  
19 here on this mountain, we -- you know, Pinetop does theirs. We  
20 do ours. But when we talk to each other with mayor -- when --  
21 it's a community effort, and same with our roads. When they  
22 have bad roads, we go up there too.

23 But we definitely appreciate everything you're  
24 doing, and if you need anything, our city manager's in the back.  
25 He'll wave his hand. Unfortunately, I've got to take off here

1 in a little bit. I kind of had a rough night last night, so I'm  
2 going to probably take off here in a little bit, but thank you  
3 again for coming. If you need anything whatsoever, let us know  
4 that. Thank you again.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker will be Pinetop-  
7 Lakeside Mayor Stephanie Irwin.

8 MAYOR IRWIN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members  
9 of the Board, staff. I'm Stephanie Irwin, the Mayor of Pinetop-  
10 Lakeside, and I just would like to echo some of Mayor Leech's  
11 comments. We came to your meeting in May and presented our case  
12 to be implemented onto the five-year plan, and I think that  
13 you've definitely heard our voices, and we are so grateful for  
14 that, I can't even begin to tell, as well as the emergency road  
15 repairs that were made to Highway 260, which is our main street,  
16 White Mountain Boulevard. We have about 28,000 cars that travel  
17 through there, vehicles that travel through there on a daily  
18 basis, and our citizens are eternally grateful. As I was  
19 driving down this morning, it was a pleasure. I was able to  
20 keep my car in one lane without going off to the side or into  
21 the center lane to avoid the holes. So thank you very, very  
22 much for that. We appreciate it.

23 I would also like to invite you to possibly  
24 schedule a meeting maybe next summer in the Pinetop-Lakeside  
25 community. We would love to host you, and I hope we can make



1 that work.

2 Special thanks also to our district engineer, Ed  
3 Wilson, and our district representative Jesse Thompson, for  
4 helping to shepherd us through the process of getting back on  
5 the five-year plan as well as the emergency road repairs that  
6 are made.

7 So thank you, and I hope you enjoy your stay in  
8 our community. As Mayor Leech said, we are separate entities,  
9 but we all work together on a regional level, and we're all good  
10 friends. It's a healthy rivalry, much the same as you probably  
11 have with those other schools you might have mentioned earlier.  
12 Anyway, thank you again. Appreciate your time.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Mayor.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Jim  
15 Patterson.

16 MR. PATTERSON: Thank you. My name is Jim  
17 Patterson, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate it, and the board members  
18 and so on, and the Director and all the staff and the  
19 organization. One of the greatest, in my opinion, organizations  
20 in the State of Arizona, and probably one of the most important  
21 to everybody. And echo the comments of the mayors and so on. I  
22 spend most of all my summers up here, and the roads were  
23 atrocious, and they were causing a lot of problems. And as Bill  
24 Gibson told me from Charlie Clark's, that the police department  
25 weren't picking them up anymore for weaving around, you know,

1 even though they came out of Charlie Clark's. But I don't know  
2 what we're going to do now that the roads are fixed and they're  
3 straight.

4 But anyway, thank you very much for what you do,  
5 and I know that we all need to talk to our elected officials to  
6 get more money for transportation. I mean, it's vitally  
7 important across there, and then as the -- as the mileage goes  
8 up and so on, the needs are greater and greater. So on -- even  
9 though Jackie didn't want to say it, I met him before that, and  
10 he went -- came down to the University of Arizona. And he was  
11 in Buckeye. I was Chandler. But we've had a long, long  
12 relationship, and it's been wonderful. Good to see you. Thank  
13 you.

14 MR. MECK: Bear down.

15 MR. PATTERSON: Hunker down.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Craig  
17 Starkey. Mr. Craig Starkey.

18 MR. STARKEY: I'll pass.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Pass? You don't have to, you  
20 know. Our next speaker is --

21 MR. STARKEY: I'll just make one comment. How  
22 much you -- excuse me.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Please come up to the microphone.  
24 Thank you.

25 MR. STARKEY: How much you people are

1 appreciated. From church the other day, they were asking people  
2 if they had anything that they were thankful for, and the  
3 congregation of the whole -- all for ADOT and fixing our roads.  
4 So you are appreciated because they could get to church without  
5 blowing up a tire. Thanks for all your efforts.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you for your comment.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker's Mr. Dave  
8 Roberts.

9 MR. ROBERTS: Doug.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Doug Roberts. Thank you.

11 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Chairman and Members. I  
12 want to echo what Mayor Leech and Mayor Irwin have said and  
13 Mr. Patterson. As residents up here on the mountain,  
14 transportation is crucial and vital to us in a rural area. We  
15 can't get -- we can't -- all of our products and, you know, our  
16 lifeblood is the roads between here and the Valley and, you  
17 know, points.

18 And having those roads available, and oftentimes  
19 I think what you may always hear are all the complaints about  
20 the potholes and -- you know, we heard them all winter long. We  
21 recognize we had a very, very tough winter. You guys do a  
22 difficult task, and you tackle a difficult task. We appreciate  
23 your efforts, and we appreciate the efforts of the road workers,  
24 the snowplow drivers, the people that are out there filling the  
25 potholes.

1           We recognize that there are funding limitations.  
2 We would like to see that increase, obviously. We wonder what  
3 happens to the HURF funds. We understand some of those have  
4 been maybe applied differently than what we would like. So we  
5 would like to improve -- the state legislators to restore  
6 whatever funding there are or increase whatever funding you can  
7 get.

8           And again, I think it's mostly we recognize that  
9 you guys are doing a difficult job. We are grateful that you  
10 have these meetings in different areas of the state so that  
11 people can put in their public input. That's wonderful.

12           The bottom line is for what I hear from all of  
13 (indiscernible) citizens around here is we need more pothole  
14 maintenance. We need more passing lanes, because people get in  
15 a hurry, especially people that are coming up here to visit,  
16 and, you know, they -- and as a result they make dangerous,  
17 dangerous passing situations. We see them every day, on the 260  
18 and the 60, going from here to Springerville. There's some  
19 absolutely crazy people out there that -- passing in no passing  
20 zones, and we need more passing lanes and probably more DPS  
21 enforcement to try to target those particularly bad drivers.

22           But mostly I just wanted to say thanks for what  
23 you do. We recognize it. We just -- we would appreciate more  
24 money and more roads. Thank you very much.

25           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you for your comments.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Michael  
2 Lomayaktewa.

3 MR. LOMAYAKTEWA: Good morning, Chair and members  
4 of the State Transportation Board. Appreciate you having me  
5 come back and provide testimony to the -- to the Board.

6 Our request is like anyone else. It's nice --  
7 because I too am a resident of the White Mountains. So the  
8 improvement on the White Mountains have been really nice to  
9 travel these roadways. And so you -- on my weekly commute, and  
10 even (indiscernible) it's an awesome drive, (indiscernible)  
11 improve roadways. And then you get into Hopi. Then you're also  
12 encountering situations of what the White Mountains have  
13 encountered, but ours have been long standing for quite some  
14 time. So we wanted to make, again, a repeated request to take  
15 into consideration, keep us in mind, our improvement need that  
16 we have on Hopi.

17 The other is support us with our NACOG regional  
18 priority list. Yes, we have a few projects that are on this  
19 list. The HIR Loop road, Kachina Road is what we refer to as  
20 well. It's the northeastern connection between our communities  
21 and Flagstaff and the other towns and cities.

22 The second is the (inaudible) School Road.  
23 That's also on the priority list, and that's very important to  
24 us, because it supports our education need for the area.

25 And the other is the HIR 60. Had an interesting

1 discussion with one of our state legislators that are supporting  
2 us in that. So we want to also provide that just to keep in  
3 mind.

4 And last is our block (inaudible) airport that we  
5 are venturing into, hopefully have improvement, as that is also  
6 beyond repair.

7 We appreciate our Northeast District engineer, Ed  
8 Wilson. He's been very supportive, and we appreciate all that  
9 you have done for our communities within the state. So it's a  
10 pleasure of having come before the State Transportation Board.  
11 Thank you very much. (Inaudible.) Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you for your comments.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Leonard  
14 Scott.

15 MR. SCOTT: Good morning, Chair and Board  
16 Members. (Inaudible) speak a little bit. I work for the Hopi  
17 Department of Transportation. I'm a civil engineer technician  
18 and (inaudible) projects, and our -- our director just spoke  
19 that we have several projects that we're trying to seek funding  
20 for.

21 First one is the Kachina Point Road, which serves  
22 both Navajo/Hopi communities, and the outlying towns of  
23 Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix. This road is in need of  
24 rehabilitation. So we currently have some funds available to  
25 get the road ready for construction, which we hope is

1 (inaudible). This road sometimes serves as an alternate route  
2 as well when Arizona State Highway 89 northbound gets closed.  
3 So (inaudible) outlining cities that provide services to towns  
4 like Page and up further north.

5           The other one is the old (inaudible) School Road  
6 That road has been there for I don't know how many years, but  
7 it's in dire need of rehabilitation, as it serves the school,  
8 the village, the post office, the community building there, and  
9 then, like, villages that -- and communities that come visit the  
10 village as well.

11           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Could you stand just a little  
12 closer to the mic?

13           MR. SCOTT: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

14           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: They're recording this, and I'm  
15 not sure --

16           MR. SCOTT: Oh, okay.

17           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- they're getting -- not sure  
18 they're getting --

19           MR. SCOTT: Sorry about that.

20           Other than that, you, know, that's just made the  
21 NACOG Regional priority projects list last year, but  
22 unfortunately, we didn't make the same project, so we're going  
23 to try to get that back on this list, along with the other rural  
24 communities' projects that didn't make the list. So I'm just  
25 trying to advocate for some of our projects. Thank you.

1                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. Thank you for your  
2 comments.

3                   MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Mill --  
4 excuse me -- Mr. Bill Best.

5                   MR. BEST: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Board  
6 Members. Just glad to see some familiar faces here on the Board  
7 I'm the county engineer from Navajo County, and we definitely  
8 appreciate the partnership that Navajo County has with the  
9 Northeast District. Got Northeast District and it's a good one.  
10 Thank you very much.

11                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. Thank you for your  
12 comments.

13                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Still the best.

14                  MR. ROEHRICH: You had the best comment so far.  
15 Thank you.

16                  Our next speaker is Mr. Curt Fernau. I apologize  
17 for that last name. Excuse me.

18                  MR. FERNAU: You got it. You aced it.

19                  Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I appreciate  
20 you guys being here, and I don't blame you being here this time  
21 of year, especially on Friday. Hopefully you have Saturday and  
22 this weekend you can enjoy some of the things we have up here,  
23 maybe take a ride up to Sunrise and take the ski lift, and it  
24 goes up at the top. They have hamburgers and hot dogs you can  
25 eat there, and you have a beautiful, beautiful view.



1                   And I want to compliment you also on the job  
2 that's being done. No longer do I have to run down to the  
3 Valley and make sure I come back when it's still daylight so I  
4 don't have a blowout hitting some big potholes, and it's really,  
5 really nice.

6                   We have a very heavily traveled Highway 260 in  
7 this town. Forty years ago, it was the most heavily traveled  
8 rural highway in the state. I believe the Super Walmart here is  
9 the first one built in the state, right here in Show Low. So we  
10 have an awful lot of traffic, people coming from New Mexico. So  
11 we really appreciate the good roads.

12                   One of the businesses I was in was a small  
13 trucking business, and as you travel into town, and this is  
14 something that really concerns me, because it's almost been  
15 crushed a few times, you come in from Payson on Highway 260,  
16 where you meet Highway 60 with the Circle K and that Victorian  
17 building on the two corners. They've done a beautiful job and  
18 striping. They've taken a long time striping that road, but  
19 they neglected to put the hash marks for the left-hand turn lane  
20 on the outside where you're driving in from Highway 260 to 60.  
21 Continually, they don't know where to pull in, especially the  
22 long trucks. I've had to jam on my brakes a couple times, even  
23 with people pulling shorter trailers, but particularly the long  
24 53-foot trailers. They'll make a short turn, and it completely  
25 cuts off the inner automobile.

1           It needs to be striped. It really is a serious  
2 problem. Somebody's going to get hurt there. I've been -- I've  
3 got over 3 million miles under my belt from driving, and I  
4 understand how this corner's really, really important, and I  
5 think it would be advisable having the left-hand turn lane on  
6 Highway 60, Deuce of Clubs, that is going west, to have that  
7 moved back a little bit for the short corners.

8           So again, welcome to our city. We have a  
9 wonderful one here. Back in the '80s, this was one of the best  
10 kept secrets, but now Show Low is growing so fast, and I don't  
11 blame you for being here at all. Welcome and come again. Thank  
12 you.

13           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

14           MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that's all the  
15 requests to speak we have for in person. I now look to the ones  
16 who are online. And a reminder, when I call your name, please  
17 raise your hand through the WebEx, or if you're on the phone,  
18 through star three, and the WebEx host will unmute your line or  
19 let you unmute your line.

20           Our first online speaker is Ms. Liz Boudreau.  
21 Ms. Boudreau, please raise your hand. Ms. Boudreau, please  
22 raise your hand.

23           WEBEX HOST: Your line is unmuted, Ms. Boudreau.

24           MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Boudreau, if you're speaking,  
25 we cannot hear you.

1                   WEBEX HOST: We may be having some audio issues  
2 with Ms. Boudreau. I don't see her mic working.

3                   MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Why don't we come back and  
4 try that again?

5                   Our next speaker is Ms. Lucinda Andreani.  
6 Ms. Andreani, please raise your hand.

7                   WEBEX HOST: You're unmuted at this time.

8                   MS. ANDREANI: Good morning. Thank you very  
9 much. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today. My  
10 name is Lucinda Andreani. I serve as the Deputy County Manager  
11 and Flood Control District Administrator for Coconino County,  
12 and we too appreciate a long and very positive relationship with  
13 ADOT and have worked very closely over many years with the  
14 Board, and certainly Mr. Thompson, and he served as a supervisor  
15 for many years. So thank you for the opportunity.

16                   I wanted to speak today through a request for  
17 funding to the AZ SMART program that we have submitted and in  
18 working with our MetroPlan organization here in the Flagstaff  
19 area. This relates to the disaster --

20                   MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Andreani, your audio quit.  
21 Are you still there? Sounds like our audios --

22                   MS. ANDREANI: -- flooding. We experienced 45  
23 major flood events in this area last year, which caused nine  
24 full closures to Highway 89 that you're probably aware runs  
25 north from Flagstaff into Utah, Colorado, very importantly, the

1 Navajo Nation, Hopi tribal area and several other tribal areas.  
2 And we had nine full closures and numerous partial closures  
3 throughout the summer last year. It was just a devastating  
4 impact to not only the local residents.

5           We have about 1,000 homes that are impacted, but  
6 given the highway impacts, the impacts go much, much beyond  
7 impacts to people's daily lives. Accessing medical care,  
8 accessing services, accessing employment, our economy. This is  
9 obviously a crucial corridor for access to the Grand Canyon and  
10 many of the other national parks and monuments that we have in  
11 Northern Arizona and the Page area.

12           And so we are working very closely with ADOT. We  
13 met with State Director Toth recently and discussed this  
14 situation, and it's resulted in this request for funding.  
15 Overall, what we're trying to accomplish is to secure a PROTECT  
16 grant from federal DOT that could allow us to expand a facility  
17 that was constructed post-Schultz fire back in 2015, as well as  
18 a crossing that has been impacted by the flooding.

19           We will -- we are investing -- we, the flood  
20 control district --

21           MR. ROEHRICH: Excuse me, Ms. Andreani. Your  
22 time is up, please. Could you finish your comments?

23           MS. ANDREANI: I'll say we're investing over,  
24 with federal and district funds, about 125 million. And again,  
25 we would really appreciate the partnership to have a positive

1 impact on this critical state highway. Thank you.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

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

6 MR. VASQUEZ: Good morning, everyone. Can you  
7 hear me?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Please make your  
9 comments.

10 MR. VASQUEZ: Thank you.

11 Mr. Chair and members of the State Transportation  
12 Board, my name is Jeronimo Vasquez and I serve on the Coconino  
13 County Board of Supervisors, District 2, and as the Vice Chair  
14 of MetroPlan, the metropolitan planning organization in the  
15 greater region -- Flagstaff Region.

16 I'm here to seek your approval for the 3.7  
17 million AZ SMART Fund request for the PROTECT grant application  
18 for matching funds for the Highway 89 flood mitigation project.  
19 Last year, the Tunnel and Pipe Fires burned almost 50,000 acres  
20 in the Coconino National Forest and caused 45 major flooding  
21 events that devastated local communities and shut down parts of  
22 Highway 89 with full or partial closures 13 times.

23 I'd like to share two stories from community  
24 members about their experiences with post-wildfire flooding  
25 along Highway 89. As you will hear, this is truly a life/death

1 and livelihood issue for the communities and travelers along the  
2 highway.

3           From the first community member: Every time it  
4 rains on the burn scar above Government Tank, we have a  
5 devastating flow of black sludge and debris crashing into our  
6 property. We have been hit seven times and fear losing our  
7 barn. The flow keeps getting bigger. After the Schultz fire,  
8 we lost fence lines. I purchased a flood policy, and they are  
9 not covering anything because we were able to keep floodwater  
10 out of the house. My adult son tried to cut a fence line before  
11 the fence collapsed and went into the black flow, and he almost  
12 drowned. This has become a very dangerous situation and is  
13 probably five times worse than the Schultz fire aftermath. It's  
14 running through our property, anywhere between five and eight  
15 feet deep.

16           Another community member speaks of the impact of  
17 the highway shutting down on his family: When the highway shuts  
18 down, there is not an alternative way for us to get between our  
19 home and town, and I have been on the wrong end of the highway  
20 several times, waiting -- having to wait for hours to get home.  
21 Our largest problem is daycare. When the rains start, we have  
22 to pick up our daughter earlier. She could be stranded away  
23 from us, which is very frightening. There was an occasion when  
24 the road closed before we were able to get to her, and a friend  
25 had to pick her up and keep her on the south side of the closure

1 until the highway reopened. Without our friend, I don't know  
2 what we would have done.

3 Highway 89 connects tribal lands to Flagstaff,  
4 and tribal communities suffered repeated elimination of access  
5 to jobs, schools, healthcare and commerce. When the highway  
6 closes, oversized vehicle traffic poses hazards on tribal roads  
7 and may cause erosion of the shoulder and destruction of  
8 guardrails, strain on bridges and Navajo Department of  
9 Transportation safety staff of four to deal with the detour  
10 issues on tribal roads. This includes speeding adjacent to Hopi  
11 villages and places a strain on tribal law enforcement.

12 Highway 89 closures affect tourism to notable  
13 national parks like the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell and Horseshoe  
14 Bend, which contribute to Arizona's economy.

15 A match award from the AZ SMART Fund will enable  
16 Coconino County to seek funding for the third portion of an  
17 interconnected system of on-forest watershed restoration in  
18 neighborhood flood mitigation, and thirdly --

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Excuse me, Mr. Vasquez, but that  
20 is your three minutes. Could you please complete your comments?

21 MR. VASQUEZ: A highway drainage project for the  
22 Government Tank and Copeland Basin, this project is being  
23 proposed in the PROTECT grant. On behalf of Coconino County and  
24 MetroPlan, I strongly support this Smart Fund request to fund  
25 the PROTECT match of Highway 89 flood mitigation that has

1 several multiple benefits for people across Arizona.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Vasquez.

3 MR. VASQUEZ: Thank you.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Ms. Sandra  
5 Tavel. Ms. Tavel, please raise your hand.

6 WEBEX HOST: You are now unmuted.

7 MS. TAVEL: Mr. Chair and members of the State  
8 Transportation Board, my name is Sandra Travel, and I'm a  
9 transportation planner with MetroPlan, the Metropolitan Planning  
10 Organization in the greater Flagstaff region. I am here to  
11 advocate on behalf of Coconino County's \$3.7 million Arizona  
12 SMART fund request for matching funds for the PROTECT grant  
13 application for Highway 89 flood mitigation.

14 This highway drainage project for the Government  
15 Tank culverts and Copeland Basin is a crucial aspect of a large,  
16 interconnected system designed to achieve long-term resilience  
17 for flood mitigation on Highway 89, which is an ADOT facility.  
18 This project has partners who are deeply invested, such as the  
19 US Forest Service at 42.3 million for on-forest watershed  
20 restoration, Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS, which  
21 is part of the United States Department of Agriculture, at  
22 49.5 million for in neighborhood flood mitigation, and the  
23 Department of Forestry and Fire Management, an Arizona State  
24 agency, has contributed 12.1 million, and Coconino County is  
25 contributing 13.2 million of its own funds toward the project,



1 for a total project value of 11 -- I'm sorry -- \$117.2 million.

2 Coconino County is seeking federal PROTECT  
3 funding, and in turn, Arizona SMART fund for the match for  
4 highway drainage improvements between Cinder Lake Landfill Road  
5 and Copeland Lane along Highway 89. All these pieces must work  
6 together to resolve flooding issues which shut down the highway  
7 13 times last year alone. The number of partners and scale of  
8 their investment demonstrates the earnestness and belief for the  
9 need for this project and commitment to get it done.

10 The highway drainage project at Government Tank  
11 and Copeland Basin seeks to fund two new box culverts, two  
12 concrete channels and upsizing the Copeland Basin upstream of  
13 the highway, all designed to withstand a 25-year rainfall event,  
14 or two inches in 45 minutes. Currently, the highway floods with  
15 a two-year rainfall event.

16 As you heard from Supervisor Vasquez's accounts  
17 from two community members, flooding along the Highway 89  
18 corridor causes destruction of property and livelihoods for  
19 adjacent residents and travelers, safety risks and even death.  
20 A 12-year-old girl died in the floods in 2022 after the Pipeline  
21 Fire.

22 Detours last up to two hours that interrupt  
23 access to commerce, recreation, education, healthcare and jobs  
24 and cause road damage and staff strain on tribal lands when  
25 oversized vehicles take detours on tribal roads and bridges.

1           Additionally, when road damage occurs because of  
2 these detours on tribal lands, funding the repairs has  
3 jurisdictional barriers. Highway 89 is the only corridor to  
4 Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Northern Arizona. Highway 89 is a  
5 state-owned facility, and the County is working closely with  
6 ADOT to address flooding. In addition to ADOT partnership, the  
7 County has meaningful and robust investment from other federal  
8 and state agencies.

9           Lastly, Highway 89 is an important corridor that  
10 enables the economy in Northern as well as Greater Arizona. On  
11 behalf of MetroPlan, we'd like to thank the State Board for your  
12 consideration.

13           MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Kee Allen  
14 Begay. Mr. Begay, please raise your hand.

15           WEBEX HOST: I do not have any raised hands at  
16 the moment.

17           MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. We'll come back.

18           Our next speaker is Ms. Jennifer Thompson.  
19 Ms. Thompson, please raise your hand.

20           WEBEX HOST: Ms. Thompson, you are unmuted.

21           MS. THOMPSON: Great. Can you guys hear me?

22           MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, ma'am. Please go ahead and  
23 make your comments.

24           MS. THOMPSON: Okay. Good morning, Chairman  
25 Knight and members of the Board. I'm Jennifer Thompson, and I'm

1 the controller and townsite utilities manager for the Freeport-  
2 McMoRan mine in Bagdad. This is located in Yavapai County.

3 US-93 and State Route 97 are used by several  
4 hundred private vehicles and commercial freight trucks daily. I  
5 want to start off by thanking ADOT for the progress in widening  
6 the US-93 near Wickenburg. This is important progress and  
7 widening a very dangerous road that continues to experience  
8 fatalities, serious injuries and extensive personal and business  
9 interruptions.

10 Unfortunately, we were not awarded the RAISE  
11 grant for the State Route 97 reconstruction, so we are working  
12 to submit our application for the rural grant due in August.  
13 This will provide safer access to and from our mine site for the  
14 hundreds of commercial and private vehicles that use it every  
15 day. This will also facilitate better access and readiness for  
16 first responders who also use this road to reach emergencies on  
17 US-93.

18 As you know, I've talked about before, we're  
19 looking into -- we're doing a feasibility study on a potential  
20 expansion for the Baghdad operations to provide copper as we  
21 work towards the net zero emissions energy transition plan.  
22 This potential expansion would double the current production,  
23 bringing us to 400 trucks per day for copper and commercial  
24 freight, and add 600 employees plus 150 contractors, all using  
25 State Route 97.

1 I'd like to thank you, Mr. Chairman and members  
2 of the Board, for the opportunity to speak, and many thanks to  
3 Director Toth and the ADOT team for all the hard work you do,  
4 and we will continue to partner with ADOT as we move forward  
5 with this next grant submission. Wishing you all a happy  
6 weekend and cool weather over there in Show Low. Wish I was  
7 there. Thank you.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Kevin  
9 Biesty. Mr. Biesty, please raise your hand.

10 WEBEX HOST: Mr. Biesty, your line is now  
11 unmuted. If you are speaking, we are unable to hear you at this  
12 time.

13 MR. BIESTY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Can you  
14 hear me?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Sir. Please make your  
16 comments.

17 MR. BIESTY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members  
18 of the Board, Director Toth. My name is Kevin Biesty, and I'm  
19 here today on behalf of Freeport-McMoRan Bagdad and would like  
20 to give you a brief update on our partnership with ADOT to  
21 improve SR-97.

22 As you may recall, the FY 2023 budget, the  
23 Legislature appropriated \$10 million to ADOT from the General  
24 Fund in FY 2024 to make improvements to State Route 97 near  
25 Bagdad. The language stipulated that this appropriation will

1 revert back to the General Fund on June 30th, 2025, if ADOT does  
2 not secure federal funding on or before June 30th of 2025.

3 In addition to the \$10 million appropriation,  
4 Freeport has committed to a minimum of \$10 million towards the  
5 necessary improvements, and as Ms. Thompson just briefed you,  
6 Yavapai County submitted the RAISE grant earlier this year, but  
7 unfortunately, it was not successful. But we would like to  
8 thank Roger McCormick and his team at Yavapai County Public  
9 Works and Yavapai County for submitting the grant application  
10 and their continued support for this important project.

11 So moving forward, in an effort not to lose the  
12 state and private investment that is already on the table, we'll  
13 continue working with Yavapai County and the ADOT team to pursue  
14 another round of grant opportunities in the recently announced  
15 MPDG grant. As mentioned by Ms. Thompson, that submission  
16 deadline is August 21st. So we will plan on providing you an  
17 update at this -- at the next board meeting.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to address you this  
19 morning, and I would like to close by publicly thanking all the  
20 ADOPT personnel that regardless of the temperature or the  
21 weather conditions, they're out on our roadways ensuring people  
22 have a safe and reliable transportation system. So let's do our  
23 part by driving responsibly and respectfully. Thank you and  
24 have a great weekend.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Kevin, for your

1 comments.

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

4 WEBEX HOST: Mr. Pruitt, your line is now  
5 unmuted.

6 MR. PRUITT: Hello? Can you hear me okay?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Pruitt. Please make  
8 your comments.

9 MR. PRUITT: Thank you. I appreciate the  
10 opportunity to speak this morning, and good morning to the  
11 members of the Board.

12 Also, I wanted to take a moment just to express  
13 our support for a couple of items that are on your agenda this  
14 morning and then also provide some additional information on  
15 them.

16 The first item I wanted to mention was Item  
17 Number 3 (inaudible). This is the paving project scheduled for  
18 Bullhead City, Kingman Highway 68. This is a critical project.  
19 That highway links to several important businesses that are  
20 along that line there, one of them being Dot Foods, which is a  
21 huge food distributor. So it's important that that highway  
22 remains safe and useful to keep that distributor here. It's a  
23 huge employer for the community, as well as several other  
24 businesses along that connect to that highway.

25 The other piece of it is Bullhead City is

1 starting to grow and be a significant economic center for the  
2 region. So we are connecting -- that highway connects us to  
3 people that are in the Golden Valley area, as well as Kingman.  
4 So it's important that those people can reach us, come in, do  
5 shopping and things like that and help to strengthen and build  
6 the economic vitality throughout our community.

7           So one, we just wanted to thank you for your  
8 consideration of that project this morning. Looks like it came  
9 in under bid, so that was good, and we appreciate your support  
10 and consideration for that project.

11           The other project that's being considered is --  
12 it's listed as Silver Creek Road, again, in Bullhead City. This  
13 is a median, center median project and lighting project. Also  
14 important. It's right on our Bullhead City Parkway.

15           So we have two important roadways, Highway 95 and  
16 the Bullhead City Parkway. That Parkway, again, is important to  
17 a lot of businesses. One, again, the Dot Foods, food  
18 distributor, which is a huge employer in our community, but also  
19 that is kind of our emergency exit route, and it alleviates a  
20 lot of traffic flow that backs up on Highway 95.

21           So again, an important roadway, and we appreciate  
22 your consideration for this project. So I just wanted to  
23 express our support, and then also hopefully it'll pass with no  
24 problem, but I am available for any questions that anyone may  
25 have. So thank you again. I appreciate the time this morning.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Travis.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, I do want to go  
3 back to the two speakers to see if we were able to make a  
4 connection with them.

5 Ms. Liz Boudreau. Boudreau, are you there?  
6 Please raise your hand.

7 WEBEX HOST: Ms. Boudreau, if you hit star six on  
8 your phone, you should be able to unmute.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Boudreau, if you're speaking,  
10 we cannot hear you.

11 WEBEX HOST: Does not look like she is unmuted  
12 yet.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Thanks, Randy. How about -- go  
14 ahead.

15 WEBEX HOST: I was just going to say, once again,  
16 if you want to unmute, hit star six, but we can come back.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: And Mr. Kee Allen Begay.  
18 Mr. Begay, are you there? Please raise your hand.

19 WEBEX HOST: I do not see Mr. Begay in the  
20 meeting.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. We seem  
22 to have difficulty with the audio connection for Ms. Boudreau,  
23 but if we cannot make that connection, that is all the requests  
24 to speak.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.



1                   We'll now move on to Item Number 1, which is the  
2 director's report.

3                   MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

4                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah, Jesse.

5                   MR. THOMPSON: Can we come back to them if  
6 they're available, become available to speak, Kee Allen Begay  
7 and other individual as well?

8                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Sure, if they -- if they  
9 come -- if they come back --

10                  MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, you can open up call  
11 to the audience at anytime if you choose to.

12                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Sure.

13                  MR. ROEHRICH: I would recommend, since it has  
14 been almost -- quite a bit, try to get through a lot of the  
15 agenda. Then maybe we can try it towards the end of the  
16 meeting.

17                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Exactly. Exactly. But if they  
18 do come back on so that we know they're there, just let us know  
19 so we can put them on at the end.

20                  MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

21                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

22                  Director.

23                  DIRECTOR TOTH: Good morning. Thank you to Show  
24 Low, Pinetop-Lakeside and the County for their hospitality this  
25 morning. We are happy to be in Show Low this morning. I was

1 fortunate enough to be able to be up here most of the week  
2 visiting with our staff and enjoying the community.

3 I'll get started by sharing a few ADOT updates.  
4 First, if I can have the next slide, I want to give you a look  
5 at the pavement repair projects currently underway. From the  
6 map, you can see that the pavement repairs are taking place in  
7 critical areas around the state. The sections shown in green  
8 represent the projects that are either currently underway right  
9 now or are scheduled to start throughout this summer. The areas  
10 in orange show the projects that were scheduled -- that are  
11 scheduled for this current fiscal year.

12 As I mentioned at last month's meeting, we have a  
13 great website up and running. It's at [azdot.gov/pavingrepairs](http://azdot.gov/pavingrepairs).  
14 That site actually has an interactive map, an interactive  
15 version of this map, so visitors to the site can actually hone  
16 in on project schedules and detailed information about the  
17 repair projects that you see up here today.

18 I want to again give a big thanks to the State  
19 Transportation Board for approving these projects, to the  
20 amazing staff that we have that works so quickly to get these  
21 projects moving, and to the industry for being so responsive to  
22 all these projects being released, along with those that were  
23 already in the five-year program.

24 Next, I'd like to share a few safety-related  
25 updates. As you all are very well aware, we're right in the

1 middle of Arizona's wildfire season. Just earlier this month,  
2 we had to close US-60 in both directions north of Globe because  
3 of a brush fire. Our crews are often asked to provide much  
4 needed assistance during a wildfire incident. They respond and  
5 coordinate with emergency services and other state and local and  
6 federal agencies, especially when road closures are necessary.  
7 I'm very proud of their efforts, but obviously hope that there  
8 would rather be no fires.

9           As a public safety announcement, in order to  
10 prevent fires, we do encourage motorists to use extra care to  
11 reduce the chance that vehicles ignite a fire. To prevent  
12 sparks, we remind people to make sure that nothing is hanging  
13 underneath their vehicle or dragging on the pavement, and if you  
14 pull off the road, your vehicle is hot. If you're in the grass,  
15 it can create a fire from the bottom of the vehicle.

16           Which also brings me to the next big safety topic  
17 this time of the year: Our extreme heat. Our crews are out  
18 there almost every day in the summer, and we do take precautions  
19 in order to protect them with these rising temperature, and  
20 obviously that includes a focus on water, shade and also rest.  
21 And I do want to give a shoutout to all of our crews for being  
22 safe to protecting themselves from the heat as they work so  
23 diligently on the projects throughout the state.

24           On another note of safety, we're always on the  
25 lookout for ways to get the public involved. One very

1 successful campaign has been our annual safety message contest,  
2 and I'm happy to report that the contest is back for its seventh  
3 year. Right now we're accepting entries for creative and  
4 engaging traffic safety messages that will be displayed on the  
5 overhead message boards. Last year we received more than 3,000  
6 entries, so this is -- you can go onto our website,  
7 [azdot.gov/signcontest](http://azdot.gov/signcontest) to enter your creative messages. And then  
8 starting on August 9th, you can log back in and come to the --  
9 to the site to vote for your favorite message. We're very  
10 excited to have that happening once again this year.

11           Quickly, I want to let you know that our teams  
12 are preparing notices to inform the public of the upcoming  
13 45-day comment period on the Long Range Transportation Plan,  
14 which you heard about at the last board meeting. The draft plan  
15 is scheduled to be released for comment on Monday, July 24th.

16           And finally, I want to share a bit of good news  
17 for travelers on Interstate 17. The Sunset Point rest area is  
18 open again. Upgrades to the restrooms along with the water and  
19 the septic system are complete, and it's really enhanced the  
20 rest area's capacity and accessibility.

21           So today there is no legislative report. The  
22 Legislature is in recess, but we will keep you updated on any  
23 changes. That's the end of my report. Thank you.

24           Thank you, Director. No Last minute items report  
25 then?

1 DIRECTOR TOTH: No, sir. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I apologize, but I'm  
4 going to interrupt you real quick.

5 Randy, could you move Mr. Searle from participant  
6 to a panelist? I see he is also logged in as a participant.  
7 Let's see if that helps with our connection with Mr. Searle.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Randy, are you able to find his  
10 name there? Richard Searle?

11 WEBEX HOST: Yep. I'm doing it right now.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

13 WEBEX HOST: He does not show up in the attendees  
14 list. Is he on his telephone?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: I don't know. I thought I looked  
16 at the participant list and I saw Richard Searle.

17 WEBEX HOST: If he was there, he might have  
18 dropped off.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: He said he was trying multiple  
20 ways to get -- to get on, so...

21 MR. ROEHRICH: I see he's listed --

22 WEBEX HOST: Okay.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: -- on the attendants. I see a  
24 Richard Searle.

25 WEBEX HOST: Yes. He should -- he should be a

1 panelist now.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, I just want to check  
3 if you have audio now. Are you -- are you able to speak to us?  
4 Can you hear us?

5 Randy, if you could work with Mr. Searle to see  
6 if you can try to make that audio work, if there's a way he can  
7 unmute himself now.

8 WEBEX HOST: Yes. I will reach out to him.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I apologize, but if you  
12 want to move on, you can.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Pardon?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: I apologize for interrupting, but  
15 if you want to go to the next item.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Oh, no problem. No problem.

17 We'll now move on to Item 2, the district report.  
18 Mr. Wilson's up with our district report.

19 MR. WILSON: Good morning. I'd like to welcome  
20 everybody to Show Low. For me it seems like it's really warm,  
21 but I know for a lot of people it's not really -- it's really  
22 not, so... We really want to welcome you here, and I'd like to  
23 thank the City of Show Low for hosting. So they had a really  
24 nice thing this morning, so it's greatly appreciated, so...

25 (Inaudible)

1                   Next slide.

2                   So you've heard a lot today about our urgent  
3 repairs, and I just wanted to kind of cover it real briefly.  
4 This slide is showing how Mother Nature really just kind of  
5 swept us off the roads in some places. So up on the -- up on  
6 the mountain (inaudible) particularly, you know, in 191, south  
7 of Alpine, you know, we had a lot of digging to get those back  
8 open, 260 from Horseshoe Lake, all the way over the top of the  
9 mountain, and on 273. The picture there with the trucks in it,  
10 those trucks, that's when we got back to them the day before.  
11 So we have two trucks that are running together so that if one  
12 gets stuck, the other one can pull it out, but sometimes they're  
13 overwhelmed with the 80-mile-an-hour winds and blowing snow.

14                   So the next slide, please.

15                   Is -- you know, you've seen a lot of these  
16 pictures over time and just on the road damage here in Pinetop  
17 and on 60 and on I-40. So, you know, the city of Pinetop or  
18 Lakeside, the -- it was about 30 miles, 30 lane miles that  
19 looked like that. You know, we -- I apologize for saying lane  
20 miles, because we -- a lane mile is a 12-foot strip of pavement  
21 a mile long. So I apologize for saying that.

22                   Go ahead. Next slide.

23                   So anyhow, the urgent repairs team, and they've  
24 been really, really appreciated by the -- by the local  
25 communities. So one thing that I'd really like to take time is

1 to thank the local communities for all the support that we've  
2 had from them. So whenever we had those -- the pictures that  
3 you saw before of all the potholes and all those things, they  
4 don't just call ADOT. The local communities up here, they get  
5 hundreds and hundreds of phone calls and interaction with their  
6 constituents that are our constituents also, because people  
7 don't always know exactly where to go. So -- and they really --  
8 the local community really helped support everything that we did  
9 and came together behind us. So I really want to thank them for  
10 all their support.

11 Next slide.

12 So the first project we have here is US-60 right  
13 here in Show Low, and the US-60 and 260, both the -- both the  
14 main routes through town, and Sunland Asphalt and Construction  
15 is the contractor. It's a \$16.6 million project that is  
16 primarily a pavement preservation project with a lot of ADA  
17 repairs that go with it and some and reconstructing the  
18 intersection of Show Low Lake and Cub Lake Roads off of 260.

19 So this project is really way overdue. So  
20 they're -- you know, the contractor's out of time. We're  
21 starting our third -- our third year on this project that  
22 they -- you know, they have a plan together, and they are  
23 getting to the end, and there will be a seal coat coming here in  
24 the next couple of weeks and the permanent ground-in striping  
25 will be shortly after that. So once that (inaudible). It is --



1 it is moving forward.

2 So next slide.

3 This -- the next project is on US-191 between  
4 Chinle and Black Mountain Wash, in that Chinle to Many Farms  
5 section. So Fann Contracting is the contractor. It's a \$13.8  
6 million project. So this project really is for a shoulder  
7 widening. It's really three projects that are HSIP, Highway  
8 Safety Improvement Projects, that are kind of lumped into one  
9 bigger project, and it's really justified by all the crashes  
10 that we were having up there to add the five-foot shoulder. So  
11 Fann really -- they went in last year and they completed about  
12 90 percent of the work in about 50 percent of the time. So they  
13 knocked out everything except for the seeding and the chipseal,  
14 and the seeding is underway right now, and the chipseal will be  
15 in a couple of weeks and this project will be wrapped up here  
16 pretty quickly, so...

17 Next slide.

18 So this project is the intersection of 264 and  
19 IR4, is on the Hopi lands. Is -- it is being constructed by  
20 Show Low Construction, and it's a \$775,000 project, which is  
21 going to construct the -- this walking path and lighting on the  
22 walking path, as well as to light up an intersection that's  
23 right there. So it is also Highway Safety Improvement Fund, and  
24 one of the things about this area is we don't get a lot of  
25 accident data. So we're working with the tribe right now to get

1 more through our partnership, but it takes that data to obtain  
2 the Highway Safety Improvement Funds. So that's a pretty neat  
3 project for that community.

4 Next slide, please.

5 So this next slide is on 264, from the --  
6 approximately the Coconino/Navajo County line to BIA 503. So  
7 this is a one-inch bond running course. It's a life extension  
8 project. So this pavement was -- is pretty rough, but it was a  
9 pretty sound pavement, and so the one-inch bearing course,  
10 we're -- we'll get a lot more years out of that road. And it's  
11 also being contracted by Sunland Asphalt, and it was about  
12 \$4.25 million.

13 So next slide, please.

14 So the next project is on I-40 from Joseph City  
15 to Perkins Valley. So it's being constructed by F&F  
16 Construction at \$10.7 million, and it's a pavement preservation  
17 project, and this is another one of those projects, it wasn't  
18 really -- it wasn't an urgent repair, but it really was an  
19 urgent repair, because it was in pretty rough shape by the time  
20 that this project happened, so...

21 Next slide, please.

22 All right. The -- this project is on State  
23 Route 87 at Teesto Wash, so it's a full bridge replacement  
24 project. It's a \$6.9 million project being constructed by SEMA  
25 Construction. So right now they're at the stage where they

1 have -- they really just poured the pier cap and the last  
2 abutment, so they're -- will be setting girders here in a couple  
3 weeks, and in about three months we'll be driving on it,  
4 hopefully, so...

5 Next slide, please.

6 This project is kind of interesting, because it's  
7 a Central Federal Lands project that's on 261. It's from Eager  
8 to Crescent Lake. It's right through the National Forest. It  
9 serves the -- a lot of high recreation area up on the National  
10 Forest that goes up to Big Lake for the people that like to go  
11 (inaudible) Big Lake. So -- and it is a -- it's a \$13.35  
12 million project. It's being constructed by Hatch Construction,  
13 but it is being managed through the Central Federal Lands. So  
14 we're actually not constructing that ourselves. Central Federal  
15 Lands is constructing that as part of their federal lands access  
16 program. So that's -- it's a pretty neat project for us.

17 Next slide, please.

18 So this is a -- these projects kind of throughout  
19 the district are state line item funded projects, so this slide  
20 shows some fog coats that we're doing all around the district  
21 from, you know, Burnside Junction to Ganado on 264, on State  
22 Route 87, from Tes Toh Wash to Snake Butte, on US-180, the  
23 Beaver Dam Wash to Ellsworth Road, and State Route 77,  
24 Cottonwood Wash to 14 Mile Hill, and US-60 to Salt River Canyon  
25 to Carrizo. So we're going to be fog coating a total of about

1 138 lane miles for this project. So it's a -- these seal coats  
2 will really help us withstand some more of these winter  
3 conditions, so...

4 And the next slide.

5 So these chipseal projects are also FY '24, state  
6 line item funded projects. So we have three of those, all of  
7 163, from Kayenta all the way to the Utah state line; on US-191,  
8 starting at I-40, going north to Milepost 385; and on 277,  
9 which -- from Papermill Road into Snowflake itself. And we will  
10 seal coat another 105 miles of chipseal with this project, so...

11 Next slide.

12 So really, that's all I've got. Anybody have any  
13 questions?

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from anybody  
15 on -- any board members?

16 I did get a text from Mr. Searle. He says he's  
17 on WebEx now. He can see -- he can see the meeting, I hope.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, if you're there, let's  
19 check your audio real quick. Could you please unmute your  
20 yourself? We'll check your audio.

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: How about that? Can you hear  
22 me now?

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Success.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Fantastic.

1                   VICE CHAIR SEARLE: This has been an experience,  
2 I'll say, if nothing else.

3                   MR. ROEHRICH: I'm sorry about that, but you came  
4 in just the perfect time to check Mr. Wilson, see if you got any  
5 questions for him.

6                   VICE CHAIR SEARLE: No questions. Thank you.  
7 I'm going to go back on mute.

8                   MR. ROEHRICH: No, no, don't. I don't want a  
9 problem.

10                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Member Thompson.

11                  MR. THOMPSON: Yes. I do appreciate, you know,  
12 all the work you have been doing out there, because those  
13 projects are visible anywhere you go, whichever way. There's  
14 always projects going, and that the Hopi tribes are  
15 representing, Mike said, you know, that's very visible. It's  
16 noticeable that something good is happening there. So thank you  
17 very much, Ed.

18                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions for Ed?

19                  MS. HOWARD: I do have a question.

20                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Jenny.

21                  MS. HOWARD: Mr. Wilson, so these emergency  
22 repairs that the director spoke of earlier, these are all done  
23 with in-house forces, with the district forces, or are they  
24 contracted out or...

25                  DIRECTOR TOTH: So the urgent projects, the map

1 that you saw up there, all of those projects are contracted out.

2 MS. HOWARD: Okay.

3 DIRECTOR TOTH: Some of the projects that Ed  
4 covered, specifically the fog coat and the chipseal, those are  
5 done by either our maintenance staff or through contracted  
6 methods.

7 MS. HOWARD: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions?

9 Guess not, Ed. Thank you. Thank you for your  
10 report.

11 And now we will move on to the consent agenda,  
12 Item Number 3. Does any member want any of the items removed  
13 for separate consideration or discussion?

14 Then I will entertain a motion to approve the  
15 consent agenda as presented.

16 MS. HOWARD: So moved.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. I have a motion by  
20 Member Howard and a second by Member Maxwell or Member Thompson?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Member Thompson.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT. Member Thompson. He came from  
23 over there, so I couldn't tell who it was. Member Thompson,  
24 just -- the second from Member Thompson.

25 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

1 BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

3 And would you -- Floyd, would you poll the  
4 virtual members?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

6 Board Member Searle.

7 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: And, Mr. Chairman, Board Member  
9 Daniels has not logged in yet, so she is --

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: -- not available.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

13 We'll move on to the financial report, Agenda  
14 Item 4, with Kristine.

15 MS. WARD: Good morning, Board Members. I  
16 sincerely regret that I cannot be up there with you and out of  
17 the Valley. It is a warm experience down here.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I'll bet it's cooler here than  
19 there. Yes.

20 MS. WARD: Yes. So, Mr. Maxwell, hopefully I  
21 will be able to provide you an exciting report, even more  
22 exciting than the snow plow pictures, the road damage pictures  
23 and the elk that Mr. Wilson was able to provide you. I am sure  
24 a chart will help keep things exciting.

25 MR. MAXWELL: It's all about the numbers.

1 MS. WARD: If we can go to the first slide, I  
2 would appreciate it. Very good.

3 Okay. So reporting out on the Highway User  
4 Revenue Fund, we have closed out the year, and this is the final  
5 report for FY '23, and if you look there, you'll see at the  
6 very -- and you squint at June, you will see zero percent. I  
7 will tell you what that -- well, what that represents is a zero  
8 percent variance from forecast. We have some very giddy  
9 economists right now, because they only had an \$800,000  
10 variation on their forecast from actuals this year. So we're --  
11 I've not got a lot to report other than a lot of happiness at  
12 this point.

13 Gas tax revenues, just a little below -- just a  
14 little above forecast, and what's interesting is about .9  
15 percent above last year. So it was pretty flat. Diesel, we ran  
16 below forecast, and VLT is close, about 4.5 percent last year,  
17 above last year. So that's how things got balanced off.

18 If we go to the next slide, please.

19 This shows you the individual categories and you  
20 can -- for the month of June, you can see that we were a little  
21 below forecast in that final month.

22 Next slide.

23 So for the Regional Area Road Fund, we've got --  
24 we've got -- these reflect the month of -- year to date through  
25 May. We've got one more month to go to finalize Regional Area



1 Road Fund. We don't get that data until a month later. It  
2 always lags behind. But as you can see, we're within forecast  
3 range, and year to date we've collected about \$660 million worth  
4 of revenues, and it runs about 8.8 percent above last year at  
5 this time.

6 If we can go to the next slide.

7 So this will give you the individual categories  
8 for May, for the actual month, for the individual month. We  
9 were above last year by 1.2 percent, but a little bit -- about  
10 5.5 percent behind our forecast.

11 So if we can go to the next slide.

12 So, Mr. Chair, that concludes the financial  
13 report portion of the agenda items, but you'll see on the Agenda  
14 Item -- we now have Agenda Item 5 and 6 that I'm ready to move  
15 on to when -- if there aren't any questions.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. Are there any questions  
17 from any board member on what Kristine has covered so far?

18 Kristine, we're ready to proceed with Item 5.

19 MS. WARD: Thank you.

20 So I think it was about two months ago I  
21 mentioned to the Board that I would be coming to the Board and  
22 requesting your approval to conduct a new bond issue. So we've  
23 been working with our financial advisors, RBC Capital Markets,  
24 Kurt Freund and Tom Carlson, and identified an opportunity to  
25 pay off some higher interest rate HURF bonds and replace them

1 with lower interest debt, lower interest rate debt.

2           So this is very much like when you refinance your  
3 home and you are able to get a lower interest rate, and that  
4 results in you having lower mortgage payments.

5           So we'll accomplish this in three steps. So  
6 you'll see on -- Mr. Chair, that with this is broken down into  
7 Item 5 and Item 6 on the agenda, but as I tell the -- relay  
8 what's going on, I'm going to relay it, tell the story all in --  
9 all right now, and then we'll break it down to the agenda items.

10           So we'll accomplish this refinancing, refunding  
11 in three steps. So the first thing that we're going to do is we  
12 are seeking the approval to prepay to defease some HURF bonds  
13 that we issued back in 2015. So we're going to pay these bonds  
14 off. It will cost us about \$310 million. That three -- and we  
15 will use state highway funds to pay or defease these bonds.  
16 We're currently paying a 5 percent interest rate on these bonds,  
17 and we will be able to pay them off and reissue new bonds to --  
18 at a lower interest rate.

19           The second step is that we will offer to buy back  
20 some HURF bonds. When we buy back bonds, it's known as a  
21 tender, and those bonds -- these are bonds that we issued in  
22 2020. In the current market, the bonds are worth less than  
23 their face value, and if we offer investors a slight premium, a  
24 slightly higher price, they might be willing to sell some of  
25 those back. Those first two items are Agenda Items Number 5.

1 Both associated with Agenda Items Number 5.

2           The third step is that we will issue new lower  
3 cost bonds to replace the cash that we use to pay off the 2015  
4 bonds and to pay for the HURF 2020 bonds that we buy back from  
5 investors. So like I said, we're currently paying 5 percent  
6 interest on the 2015 bonds. We estimate that in issuing the new  
7 bonds, the interest cost on those new bonds will be  
8 approximately 2.71 percent. The decreased interest costs are  
9 estimated to result in net present value savings of  
10 approximately \$31 million associated with paying the 20- --  
11 paying off the 2015 bond, refinancing the 2015 bonds and  
12 3.4 million net present value savings from buying back bonds  
13 from the 2020 issue, for a total savings of about \$34 million.

14           So if the Board approves, the next steps would be  
15 that Chairman Knight and Director Toth will sign the defeasance  
16 document as well -- that allows the department to prepay the  
17 2015 bonds, and you will sign a bond resolution that allows the  
18 department to issue the new bonds. We would then subsequently,  
19 in the next couple of weeks, like the week of the 31st, we would  
20 meet with rating agencies. And currently, we have -- if you're  
21 interested, we have bond ratings. We expect those ratings to be  
22 AA plus for S&P, AA1 for Moody's. And so we would go through  
23 those rating calls the week of the 31st. We would anticipate  
24 selling the bonds in late August, early September, and closing  
25 on the issue not long after the sale. And Chairman Knight, that

1 is when you and the Director would get writing -- writer's cramp  
2 from signing a plethora of documents.

3 So what we are seeking is your approval to  
4 proceed with the -- your Agenda Item Number 5, the prepayment of  
5 outstanding HURF bonds. And I'm not sure how this is best  
6 handled, Floyd, but we will also be seeking adoption of the  
7 authorizing resolution associated with Agenda Item Number 6.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman --

9 MS. WARD: I would be happy to take any  
10 questions.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Sorry. I was just going to  
12 say that it is two motions, and when you're ready for the  
13 motions, I have the motions written out, Kristine, based upon  
14 the language that we got, and so I could be ready to read those.  
15 But I think, as Kristine said, let's first see if there are any  
16 questions.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Are there any questions  
18 from the Board for Kristine? Mr. Maxwell.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Kristine,  
20 thanks. And yeah, your slides were fascinating. It's -- I'll  
21 tell you, just don't get the -- your economists used to nailing  
22 the number every time or we're going to start to come to expect  
23 it, and they could be -- they could be in trouble.

24 So I do have a couple of questions. It's -- the  
25 bond authorization's for 310 million, and based on what you've

1 described, the intent is to issue all of those bonds because we  
2 believe we'll be able to use all those to either pay down the  
3 interest rate on the 2015 bonds or buy back those 2020 bonds.  
4 So if we authorize the 310, you anticipate using all of it?

5 MS. WARD: Mr. Chair, Mr. Maxwell, yes, that is  
6 correct.

7 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. On that, what -- how much of  
8 the breakdown of that 310 million is going to go to attaining  
9 the lower interest rate on the 2015 bonds versus the buying back  
10 on the 2020 bonds?

11 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, that's a --  
12 that's a good question. It will be highly dependent upon -- so  
13 the 310 -- let me start there. The 310 represents the --  
14 exclusively the amount of the 2015 bonds --

15 MR. MAXWELL: Okay.

16 MS. WARD: -- to defease those 2015 -- the  
17 replenishment of the State Highway Fund that will be used to  
18 defease the 2015 bonds.

19 With regards to the tender, where we are going to  
20 offer to ask investors if they would like to sell their bonds  
21 back to us, for that it -- we haven't -- it's an estimate. It's  
22 all based on estimates, and it's based on estimates because most  
23 of the -- the variable that is most in question is how many  
24 investors will actually want to sell their bonds. So we will  
25 adjust the new issuance, the 2023 issuance based on what we --

1 the receptivity we get by investors to sell their bonds. Does  
2 that -- does that help?

3 MR. MAXWELL: It does, Kristine. I guess the  
4 question would be so the 310 that you're getting authorization  
5 for, could it be more if we get a -- let's -- everybody  
6 (inaudible) wants to sell back their 2020 bonds, so we could end  
7 up issuing more 2023 bonds than the 310 million?

8 MS. WARD: Yes. I believe -- yes. Technically,  
9 yes, that is correct. So we will -- if -- if so right now I  
10 think on the 2020 bonds we have, we are estimating that about 30  
11 percent of the investors -- the estimates that I provided you  
12 are based on 30 percent of the investors purchasing, being  
13 willing to sell their bonds. Excuse me.

14 MR. MAXWELL: And then the final question on --  
15 so obviously the maturity dates and the -- you know, the payoff  
16 dates for us change on those bonds as we reissue them. How much  
17 further out will the 2023 bonds go than either the maturity date  
18 on the 2015 or the payoff of the 2020? Really on the 2015 ones,  
19 how much longer will we have those bonds is basically my  
20 question?

21 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, the  
22 maturity dates will be aligned with the present maturity dates  
23 of 2015, and they will align with the maturity dates on the  
24 2020s. We are not extending these maturities.

25 MR. MAXWELL: Perfect. I appreciate that answer.

1 Thank you, and thank you, Mr. Chair. That's all the questions  
2 I've got.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions? Yes.  
4 (Inaudible.)

5 MR. MECK: Mr. Chairman, Kristine, in the  
6 resolution there are several bonds that have been issued, the  
7 2015, refers to 1980, all the way through 2019. What is the  
8 total bond indebtedness before any of this happens, all of those  
9 together that we have?

10 MS. WARD: Mr. Chair, Mr. Meck, we have  
11 outstanding bonds of I believe it's around \$1.9 billion in HURF  
12 bonds.

13 MR. MECK: That would be -- would that include  
14 the payoff and the initiation of these new bonds?

15 MS. WARD: Essentially, yes, because you will  
16 be -- we will be paying some bonds off, and we will be reissuing  
17 in amounts of similar -- the same amount. So we will not be  
18 issuing additional debt.

19 MR. MECK: Some of the new bonds, as I think I  
20 read, that -- could be 6 percent, is that -- does that apply to  
21 any of these monies?

22 MS. WARD: No. The 6 -- the 6 percent is an  
23 outside interest rate. The actual rate that we're anticipating  
24 is about 2.7 percent, and that's associated with the term of  
25 these bonds, the -- that are being paid off. The term that

1 Mr. Maxwell was referring to, it's about six years. So we're in  
2 the early -- it's essentially short-term debt. Think of it that  
3 way, I think, is the easiest way to put it.

4 MR. MECK: And some of these bonds were due  
5 during the pandemic. Did we -- were we current? I'm the new  
6 kid on the block, so I don't know, but were we current? With  
7 the payments there look like they're all 30-day payments over  
8 the 12 months?

9 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Meck, if we weren't,  
10 current, Director Toth would be throwing me out of the door.  
11 Yes, sir. We have always been prompt and timely with our debt  
12 service payments.

13 MR. MECK: Okay. Then my question, maybe I  
14 didn't clarify that, it was during the pandemic. Did we or was  
15 the Board, ADOT, current during the pandemic on all the bonds,  
16 payments?

17 MS. WARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Meck, yes.

18 MR. MECK: That was reassuring. Thank you.  
19 Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions from the  
21 Board? Mr. Searle?

22 Hearing nothing, I assume no questions.

23 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Did you -- did you ask for  
24 me, Gary?

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: No. It's just whether you had



1 any questions or not, Richard.

2 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: No questions. Not at this  
3 time.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

5 In that case --

6 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, then we are  
7 asking for a motion to approve the adoption of authorizing  
8 resolution and repayment of outstanding HURF bonds as presented.

9 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

10 MS. HOWARD: I'll second.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from  
12 Mr. Maxwell and a second from Board Member Howard.

13 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

16 Would you poll --

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, how was your vote?

18 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: And Ms. Daniels is still absent.  
20 So your -- the motion did carry, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. We'll move on to Item --  
22 Agenda Item 6, and I believe you have a motion --

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Now, the second motion, as  
24 Kristine had mentioned, the second motion, which completes all  
25 three actions necessary as she's presented today, is this is a

1 motion to approve the adoption of authorizing resolution for  
2 HURF 2023 bonds as presented.

3 MR. MECK: I'll make a motion.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board  
5 Member Meck.

6 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And a second from Board Member  
8 Thompson to approve as stated.

9 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

12 Hearing none. Would you poll Mr. Searle?

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, and your vote, sir?

14 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

16 Mr. Chairman, again, that's six ayes, and  
17 Ms. Daniels is absent. The motion carries.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Great. Thank you.

19 We'll now move on -- and that's all the -- that's  
20 all the motions we have for the bonds correct?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that completes the  
22 financial report unless you have more questions for Kristine.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Does any board member have any  
24 other questions or Kristine at this time?

25 Thank you, Kristine. You did a great job.

1 MS. WARD: Thank you. Have a good day.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Now we'll move on to Agenda  
3 Item Number 7, with Paul Patane, for the Multimodal Planning  
4 Division Report. For Paul, it's -- the floor is yours.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I think you will see  
6 that --

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: -- Mr. Patane unfortunately got  
9 selected for jury duty, and he's in the middle of a trial. He  
10 is observing, but Mr. Clem Ligocki will be presenting the MPD  
11 report, feedback report and the AZ SMART.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Great. I could see Paul on the  
13 screen, so I didn't know whether he was going to do it virtually  
14 or not. Thank you.

15 MR. LIGOCKI: Okay. Mr. Chairman and members of  
16 the Board, I'm not as good looking as Paul. I will -- I will do  
17 my very best, but he is there in case he wants to add anything,  
18 improve on what I'm presenting here today.

19 So real quickly, on the Multimodal Planning  
20 Division report -- if we go to the next slide, please.

21 We have four items, the tribal transportation  
22 update, as we normally do. Looking at the P2P, Planning to  
23 Programming process and where we're at with that right now, and  
24 then State Route 88, the Apache Trail project, the update on  
25 that one, and then some information on bridge and pavement

1 preservation briefly.

2 Next slide, please.

3 So we're really excited about the Tribal  
4 Transportation Safety and Injury Prevention Summit. That is  
5 coming up on August 9th and 10th. That will be in Phoenix at  
6 the Desert Willow Conference Center. I think you've received  
7 invitations to that. If you need more information on that, just  
8 let me know and we'll get that back out to you. Okay? You can  
9 see that there are other hosts there involved, Federal Highway  
10 Administration, NHTSA and other state agencies, the Governor's  
11 Office of Highway Safety and some important tribal organizations  
12 there with us.

13 I'm happy to say that we've got 13 tribes already  
14 registered for that event, and that's great. And then also it's  
15 exciting that we have at this -- I'll just say at this time,  
16 confirmed for a keynote address appearances of Governor Katie  
17 Hobbs and Arlando Teller, who you know is a former board member  
18 as well, but is assistant secretary for tribal government  
19 affairs right now. At this time, they're confirmed to present.  
20 Nice place.

21 So more tribal transportation updates. First,  
22 looking at some statewide activity. The electric vehicle plan.  
23 As you know, for 2022, we completed the first EV plan  
24 successfully, and now we're working on updating that one to a  
25 2023 plan update, and that has an August 1st deadline. Staff is

1 working really hard on that.

2 One thing in that plan that is provided, amongst  
3 many other things, is recommendations for possible charging  
4 locations on these seven additional corridors that you see here.  
5 The change here is that previously only interstate highways were  
6 eligible to apply for the NEVI funding, but now they've added  
7 just the national highway system, and that's important, because  
8 it doesn't go beyond that to the other state highways that are  
9 also important, but we're not at that step at this time.

10 So these are all national highway system routes.  
11 We used a rating factor internally to look at which ones were  
12 important, the best to nominate, things like access to important  
13 federal offices, attractions, forests and such, traffic levels,  
14 underserved areas. And each of these routes, more than 50  
15 percent of each of these routes serves underserved areas. In  
16 most cases, over 80 percent. So those are some of the factors  
17 we used.

18 Then I would note we are doing a lot of tribal  
19 outreach on this, and there was a meeting held July 12th with  
20 representation there from Gila River Indian Community, Hualapai  
21 Tribe and Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, and then an  
22 additional meeting July 19th as a virtual public meeting. And  
23 we've gained a lot of valuable input from that.

24 Next, please.

25 More statewide activity. It was mentioned

1 earlier by Ed Wilson that we're working on data real hard with  
2 the tribes, and this is another one, traffic count. So our MPD  
3 staff is working on improving our traffic count program and our  
4 cooperation with the tribes on that. So that will continue, and  
5 there's a meeting on July 28th on that in Phoenix to work on  
6 that.

7           And now the southern region. The State Road 86  
8 Wildlife Crossing project is ongoing. We've reported briefly on  
9 that -- briefly on that before, but we have some new meetings  
10 where, on April 8th, district council recommendation that the  
11 district communities be involved. So that is ongoing, and we  
12 have Don Sneed, our southern region tribal planner, is helping  
13 to coordinate that. So that will be important, and looking  
14 forward to that.

15           Next, please.

16           Here's our outline of our Planning to Programming  
17 Process. You see it's pretty much year-round activity now.  
18 Once we're done with one program, we start with the next. So  
19 we -- we've got an earlier start now to make things flow better.  
20 You can see starting, you know, even as early as February and in  
21 through May, and you see each of the steps here.

22           If we can go next, I'll show you where we're at  
23 right now.

24           We've completed the project nominations coming  
25 through from district engineers, our project managers and

1 anything that we received, you know, from the Board, our tribal  
2 partners, COGs, Metropolitan Planning Organizations as well.  
3 And then in the April, May time period, we did something a  
4 little new, although it's been done before in the past. We did  
5 district tours. So our districts were really extremely helpful  
6 and welcoming us in and driving with us on the roads to get a  
7 really firsthand look and focusing on things that likely are to  
8 be recommended as projects for P2P. So we got -- we got some  
9 really expert thoughts on that and our pavement. Staff also  
10 came along with us on that. So that was really, really special  
11 there.

12                   And then project nominations in June from the  
13 technical groups.

14                   So what's left is we're currently working on  
15 ranking the projects. So that hard work is going on right now.  
16 You saw Jason James here last month. He's also key on this P2P  
17 process, and the ranking and driving that with our consultant.  
18 So that is ongoing. We have district workshops moved up to  
19 September now. You may have already received invitations to  
20 those. If you have not, you will soon. You have got those. We  
21 hope that you'll join us. You have been helpful in those in the  
22 past, so we're looking forward to that.

23                   And then October is when we finalize the rankings  
24 and get those over to our programming staff, Lisa Danka and her  
25 team, and also to our planning level scoping team to start

1 working out the scope, schedule and budget. So better to get  
2 things in the program better from the start. That's kind of  
3 what we're doing there.

4 So next.

5 State Route 88, Apache Trail. You'll see the  
6 graphic that we've shown before. Fish Creek Hill Overlook Rest  
7 Area to Apache Lake Marina Road. Study area is a seven-mile  
8 segment that's shown there in red.

9 Next, please.

10 So, again, we're -- we have a seven-mile segment  
11 that we're conducting this study between those points that I  
12 mentioned earlier, and so that's Milepost 222 to 229. That's  
13 remaining closed to traffic now, of course, because of the  
14 extensive damage that came from wildfire and the large storm  
15 events that we had. So the purpose of this study is to  
16 determine the feasibility of reopening State Route 88 to  
17 vehicles, identifying potential improvements, and the cost to  
18 improve the areas of resilience, to improve resilience in the  
19 roadway environment. And then, you know, considering future  
20 storm events, you know, how we can prepare.

21 So the design concept report is ongoing to look  
22 at the potential improvements and to conduct the environmental  
23 review, which is required and important there. The US Forest  
24 Service lands that are managed by the Tonto National Forest,  
25 and, you know, again, it's a historic and scenic road as well,



1 and -- National Forest Scenic Byway.

2           So that's all ongoing. And then the deliverables  
3 are that that design concept report and the environmental  
4 overview, we're looking at five alternatives. Don't have a lot  
5 of information on that right now, but we do have some  
6 alternative bids that we're looking at.

7           Public meeting coming up August 16th from 5:30 to  
8 7:30 at Apache Junction Multi-Generational Center. They're on  
9 Idaho Road. The schedule has at this point in time looking at  
10 completion in the fall of 2023. So that's what I have on that  
11 particular subject.

12           And then last slide, if you can advance, this is  
13 a slide that we've shown you before in the context of our five-  
14 year program presentation. In the bottom there, highlighted in  
15 yellow, to bring the system roadways into good condition would  
16 cost about \$5.8 billion by our estimates. And the reason we  
17 bring this up is I think at the last board meeting, Board Member  
18 Howard had some thoughts about that and wanted to see the  
19 figures. We're not sure if that's the exact number you were  
20 looking for, but if it is, there it is again with that slide so  
21 you have it for your reference.

22           MS. HOWARD: Thank you.

23           MR. LIGOCKI: Okay. Thank you very much.

24           And then are there any questions on what I  
25 presented here so far?

1                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from the Board?  
2 Member Searle?

3                   MS. HOWARD: I do have a question --

4                   VICE CHAIR SEARLE: No questions.

5                   MS. HOWARD: -- if I could.

6                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Member Howard.

7                   MS. HOWARD: I'm excited to see the summit that  
8 we have coming up. You know, we talk about the communities that  
9 work together in the small municipalities to get things done,  
10 and just since I've joined the Board, I've seen much progress in  
11 the way with the tribes and ADOT to get things done, and I think  
12 we're moving closer. So many projects are driven by statistics,  
13 and if we don't have the right information from both sides,  
14 sometimes we can't justify doing some of the work that needs to  
15 be done. So it's a great thing, and I definitely noticed the  
16 progress just over the past few months, so -- when you're  
17 reporting, so...

18                   MR. LIGOCKI: Thank you.

19                   MS. HOWARD: Thank you.

20                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

21                   Any --

22                   MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

23                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

24                   MR. THOMPSON: Floyd, was there a reason why the  
25 hard copies were not provided to us? Always like to refer to

1 that when I'm way out there on the rural area.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman, Board Member  
3 Thompson, the board secretary failed to make your copy for that  
4 item.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Then Clem, can you get a  
6 copy?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Well, that's me. I did it. I  
8 must have missed it. I was printing out all the presentations.  
9 I apologize. It looks as if I missed that one.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: It was not done on purpose. It  
12 was done by the board secretary's fatal error in competency. I  
13 tell you, Sherry left and it's gone to hell. I apologize.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That's probably why we're  
15 looking for a new secretary.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: You'll be looking more for the  
18 secretary after this meeting. I think the Director has about  
19 had it.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I had my extra copy just  
21 in case.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. Thank you.

23 DIRECTOR TOTH: We'll make sure we provide that  
24 to you all.

25 (Speaking simultaneously.)

1                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I don't like paper. I like --  
2 I like the electronic --

3                   MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.) Mr. Thompson always  
4 asks for a hard copy of everything that we do, and that's what I  
5 bring. Everybody else is actually electronic.

6                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I don't know where he stores it  
7 all.

8                   MR. MAXWELL: Yeah.

9                   Mr. Chair, I just wanted to let you know, Member  
10 Daniels is going to be unable to join us today. Connectivity  
11 problems make it impossible for her really to join and be an  
12 active participant in the discussion or the votes. So she's not  
13 going to join us today.

14                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

15                   MR. LIGOCKI: Chairman, if there are no more  
16 questions, I have one more one minute thing that I would like to  
17 do.

18                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Fine. It's yours.

19                   MR. LIGOCKI: So today is July 21st, is the 26th  
20 year anniversary of one of our employees, and that's Lynn  
21 Sugiyama. He's an honored -- honorable, just dedicated  
22 employee. When he comes to work in the morning, it's all about  
23 public service, and you don't see him a lot. Maybe you saw him  
24 in some previous times and years, but a lot of the behind-the-  
25 scenes stuff you see, particularly on the PPAC and the board

1 material stuff that you see today and lots of other work in that  
2 group, he does a ton there, and he's just really a dedicated  
3 guy. 26 years for him today. 26 years, so --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Clem.

5 MR. LIGOCKI: I want to recognize Lynn. He might  
6 be online. Lynn, if you're there, thank you very much.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And congratulations if he is.  
8 We appreciate his work. Thank you.

9 MR. LIGOCKI: I'm here for the next item when  
10 you're ready, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. We're ready.

12 MR. LIGOCKI: Okay. So we have the PPAC  
13 recommendations, and it's a short list today, which makes up  
14 maybe just a little bit for last time. So we have only two  
15 project modifications, one new project and one airport project,  
16 and so the two project modifications are Items 8A and 8B. We'd  
17 like to ask your approval of those two items.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Are there any questions on  
19 those two items from the Board? Does Mr. Searle have any  
20 questions?

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: None. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: In that case, is there a motion  
23 to approve the PPAC project modifications, Items 8A and 8B as  
24 presented?

25 MR. MECK: I make a motion.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board  
2 Member Meck.

3 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And a second from Board Member  
5 Thompson.

6 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed? Motion passes.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, could I get  
10 Mr. Searle's vote?

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I'm sorry.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: No, sir.

13 Mr. Searle, could I have your -- please provide  
14 your vote on PPAC Items A and B?

15 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir. The motion  
17 carries.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Sorry, Richard.

19 MR. LIGOCKI: Thank you.

20 Mr. Chairman, if we could move to the next slide  
21 that shows 8C. Thank you.

22 So there's only one new project. That is  
23 Item 8C. It is a local project, and we'd ask your approval of  
24 Item 8C.

25 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

1 MS. HOWARD: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion for -- if  
3 there's no questions or discussion from the Board, I have a  
4 motion from Board Member Maxwell and a second from Board Member  
5 Howard to approve Item 8C as presented.

6 Would you please -- that being said, all those in  
7 favor signify by saying aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?  
10 Would you poll Mr. Searle?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle.

12 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir. The motion  
14 carries.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

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

17 We have one more, which is the airport project.  
18 That is Item 8D. Apologies to Bagdad. It's Bagdad without the  
19 H, and we ask your approval of Item 8D, please.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is there any discussion or  
21 questions from the Board? In that case, I will entertain a  
22 motion to approve Airport Development Program Item 8D as  
23 presented.

24 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

25 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

1                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board  
2 Member Maxwell, a second from Board Member Thompson for -- to  
3 approve Item 8D.

4                   All those in favor signify by saying aye.

5                   BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

7                   Please poll Board Member Searle.

8                   MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, your vote, please.

9                   VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

10                  MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir. The motion  
11 carries.

12                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

13                  We will now move on to Agenda Item Number 9.  
14 You're going be standing there a while. Paul's going to owe  
15 you.

16                  MR. LIGOCKI: Maybe not. We'll see.

17                  Mr. Chairman, thank you, Board Members.

18                  If you'll go to the next slide, please.

19                  So just to refresh our memory is the eligible  
20 uses again are listed here on the slide, as we normally show.  
21 Up to 50 percent reimbursement of grant development and  
22 submission costs are limited to those smaller counties and  
23 smaller cities you see in the list there.

24                  Also, the funds can be used to match a federal  
25 grant or surface transportation, and also reimbursement for



1 design and other engineering services is provided there as well  
2 for eligible projects.

3 And who's eligible right now, and I'll get to  
4 more on this is, it is ADOT cities and towns and counties except  
5 for those two listed there as we provided before. There's more  
6 information on that I'll have shortly in another slide.

7 If we can go to the next.

8 So today we have just one application before the  
9 Board, and it deals with the PROTECT grant program, which again,  
10 deals with resilience related to weather events, natural  
11 disasters, et cetera, primarily. So you see the information  
12 there. That notice of federal opportunity, that notice of  
13 funding opportunity, I should say, has been released, and it's  
14 August 18th that that closes. So we have some action there now.

15 If we move to the next slide, please.

16 So there's been some -- there's been some  
17 legislative action, so we wanted to summarize that for you  
18 briefly. So there were two bills that were passed.

19 Senate Bill 1722, which appropriated another  
20 \$12.5 million to the SMART Fund to go into the fiscal year 2024  
21 budget. But, of course, it does not expire. That added \$2.5  
22 million to each of the five pots that we have. That became  
23 effective July 1st, so we have that money at this point. So  
24 that's -- that is effective, and that's official. You'll see  
25 that in the table that we're updating here shortly.

1           Then we had Senate Bill 1735, which made a number  
2 of changes but is not yet in effect. So what this did is  
3 previously we had the statute defining -- or currently, I should  
4 say, defining eligible applicants by excluding those that are  
5 partially or entirely located in an urbanized area of a large  
6 county, which in this case is Maricopa County. And so what they  
7 did there is amend that law to change it to say now those are  
8 excluded are those which are partially or entirely. Before it  
9 was they had to be entirely. Now it's partially and entirely.  
10 So that's been changed. It's both now. So what that does is  
11 effectively, you know, exclude the rest of those communities in  
12 Maricopa County, in addition to the county itself. So when that  
13 takes place, that will change the -- when that becomes  
14 effective, it will change the eligibilities. There was another  
15 minor technical correction.

16           So since the Legislature is still out there and  
17 hasn't adjourned yet, if they come back in late July, we have to  
18 update the date that I have in the slide there, which is  
19 September 13th. It'll be, you know, late October at the soonest  
20 that this will become effective. So it's a general effective  
21 date, which is the 91st day after the end of the sine die  
22 adjournment of the Legislature. So when that happens, we'll  
23 find out. There will probably be a few celebrations amongst our  
24 legislative staff. And so, of course --

25           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a question.

1 MR. LIGOCKI: -- that will come up then.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I've got one question on that.  
3 You -- I may have misheard you, but did you say that when they  
4 changed it, partially or entirely located, it was originally  
5 entirely, and they added the partially?

6 MR. LIGOCKI: Correct. I may have had that  
7 reversed. Yes. That's correct.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: So if it was entirely located  
9 in Maricopa County, it was not eligible, but they added the  
10 partially to that statement?

11 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, that's really close.  
12 It goes to the urbanized area. So some of the cities and towns  
13 were partially located in the urbanized area, but not --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not entirely.

15 MR. LIGOCKI: -- not entirely. But that list  
16 that we showed in the earlier slide, those were the ones.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: What do they -- what do they --  
18 what are the boundaries of the urbanized area?

19 MR. LIGOCKI: Well, it's -- Mr. Chairman, it's --  
20 it is confusing for all of us that work with these multiple  
21 jurisdictions in the county. There's a lot of county islands.  
22 There's also some public lands. There are things that are  
23 rivers, may not be considered as well. So in those cases, there  
24 are gaps that -- you know, that are located there.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: So let me get this straight.

1 For future reference, the City of Phoenix is not entirely  
2 located in the urbanized area? It's just partially located in  
3 the urbanized area? I (indiscernible) --

4 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, that is correct.  
5 They have (indiscernible) --

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Difficult to fathom that the  
7 City of Phoenix is not entirely in the urbanized area, but  
8 that's -- if that's the case, that's the case.

9 MR. LIGOCKI: Yes, Mr. Chairman. That's the way  
10 it is, because it goes to, you know, densities of population,  
11 and portions of the city are outside the urbanized areas.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

13 DIRECTOR TOTH: Mr. Chairman, we can provide a  
14 map of the urbanized areas and send that on to you.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Probably when we have to  
16 finally make a decision on that, it would be -- I need to have  
17 that. Thank you.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

20 MR. MAXWELL: This is -- so I wanted to clarify  
21 it as well, and I would appreciate seeing the map, because  
22 (indiscernible) comes back, obviously that's -- you know, we've  
23 got a SMART fund application out there from Phoenix that we're  
24 considering. So I think that will be extremely helpful.

25 And so when you mentioned, say, it's Maricopa

1 County, it's because the -- as I understand, the reason it  
2 doesn't impact Pima County cities is because the urbanized area  
3 of Pima County is not in excess of a million people. The county  
4 is, but the urbanized area is not. So it's really that  
5 1 million people is referencing the urbanized area population?

6 MR. LIGOCKI: There is actually -- south Tucson  
7 is affected.

8 MR. MAXWELL: So there -- so it's not 1 million  
9 in the urbanized area. It's in a county with a population --

10 MR. ROEHRICH: In the county of population of  
11 1 million.

12 MR. MAXWELL: -- of 1 million.

13 MR. LIGOCKI: Yes.

14 MR. MAXWELL: So it does impact Pima County as  
15 well, not just Maricopa County?

16 MR. LIGOCKI: That is correct.

17 MR. MAXWELL: I'm not saying that is a good  
18 thing, because, you know, it'd be better for the cities down  
19 there for it not to be (inaudible), but it is clarification, and  
20 there's -- south Tucson is the only one that's currently on the  
21 list that's impacted.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, in addition to the  
23 county itself.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

25 MR. MAXWELL: So will the partial impact the city

1 of Tucson then as well? I'm pretty sure it will, because  
2 there's several -- you know, it's -- there may even be another  
3 one. Marana may come down far enough into the urbanized area,  
4 I'm not sure, but it -- this -- if we could get a list of the  
5 cities that will change, because there's maybe some  
6 opportunities for SMART fund applications from Pima that the  
7 cities are -- or the municipalities may not even be aware they  
8 will no longer be eligible 90 days past sine die.

9 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman --

10 DIRECTOR TOTH: We'll make sure to get you the  
11 map and those -- the list of the cities that are ineligible.

12 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Director. Thank you,  
13 Mr. Chair.

14 DIRECTOR TOTH: Cities and counties.

15 MR. LIGOCKI: We'll communicate that well.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: If there's no further  
17 questions, go ahead and continue.

18 Will do. Okay. So that is it for the  
19 legislation. If we go to the next slide that has the map --  
20 there we go.

21 So this is the one application we have today.  
22 You heard Deputy County Manager Andreani, Supervisor Vasquez and  
23 Sandra Tavel from MetroPlan all talk about this one earlier in  
24 the comments. It's the State Route 89 flood mitigation. The  
25 request is for match in the amount of \$3,705,842 for their

1 PROTECT grant, and the work includes the watershed restoration,  
2 neighborhood flood mitigation, as you see there, highway  
3 drainage improvement and upsizing existing detention facilities.  
4 We heard quite a bit of detail on that earlier. So the numbers  
5 are there. And again, they will intend to be a direct  
6 recipient, if awarded this PROTECT funding.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman, if I could. I  
8 have one additional point that I was asked to make.

9 When the application from Coconino County was  
10 submitted, Governor Hobbs did write a personal letter signed by  
11 her to add to the application, putting the Arizona support  
12 behind the application as well. So that was not in the original  
13 packet, and I was asked to convey that to the Board.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

15 MR. LIGOCKI: Okay. Next slide, please.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. Next.

17 MR. LIGOCKI: So in summary there, we've done all  
18 of our statutory checks that it's all eligible, eligible  
19 applicant, eligible projects. PPAC did do the approval to  
20 forward here. The request is for the match in the amount that  
21 you see. And there were no other requests there. And, of  
22 course, the Board's options will be to approve, modify, deny or  
23 request more information.

24 So next slide, please.

25 This is an enhanced table that you had requested.

1 So I'll go through this, not too quickly, so that we can catch  
2 the details that change.

3 Across the top of the table are the five eligible  
4 applicants. You see again ADOT, the municipalities under 10,000  
5 population, those over 10,000 population, and the counties under  
6 100,000 and counties over 100,000.

7 The revenues there, as you see in that top band,  
8 have grown. And so it's now 12.5 total appropriation, and along  
9 with the interest, you see those amounts are over 12 -- excuse  
10 me -- 12,700,000 in each category to start. So -- but some  
11 things have happened then. Since the last time we met, you  
12 recall at the last meeting there were applications approved in  
13 the amount of \$3 million for Bullhead City in SMART -- AZ SMART  
14 funds, and the -- see if I get this right -- I think it's these  
15 \$277,008 was for Gilbert, which is a partial award at that time,  
16 but they were not successful in getting their grants. And since  
17 those were match awards, that money gets returned to that pot of  
18 the large cities. Okay? So keep that in mind.

19 If we go down to the highlighted in yellow area,  
20 you'll see now then the available for awards in each category,  
21 and for the larger cities, that number is back up to  
22 \$5.8 million now. And you mentioned earlier the pending  
23 requests is City of Phoenix is there for that 3.4. So you can  
24 see what the balances are in determining your decision at some  
25 point in the future. As you come in with new, larger cities,



1 you'll know what those numbers are.

2           And then for today, we're focusing on the county  
3 application. And so you see the amount there available for  
4 award is 11.4 million, approximately, and the request today is  
5 for that \$3,705,842. And so you see the total there, and if you  
6 approve this application, you will still remain about  
7 7.8 million in that large counties pot.

8           So that's the summary there. I don't know if  
9 there are any questions.

10           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from the Board?

11           MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson.

12           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Mr. Thompson.

13           MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, if you're ready to  
14 take action on this?

15           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

16           MR. THOMPSON: I'd like to request the support of  
17 the Board. I've been part of the MetroPlan for several years,  
18 and there's been a lot of efforts working together with the  
19 Native American tribes, with the City, with the County and, of  
20 course, with us as well. So the funding is there. (Inaudible)  
21 the justification, and as we heard earlier from some of the  
22 speakers, you know, that this is definitely a need to get it  
23 done, because this is kind of like an isolated road that's  
24 going, you know, up north. So with that, I'd like to move that  
25 we approve the amount requested by MetroPlan.

1                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion.

2                   I would like to say that in this particular  
3 case -- and we have to take each one of them individually -- I  
4 think this is a very good application for the SMART fund. It's  
5 going to bring a lot --

6                   MR. THOMPSON: Uh-huh.

7                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- of outside dollars, federal  
8 dollars into the state that without the matching funds that  
9 might not happen, and I think it's a good thing, and it has my  
10 support as well.

11                   So I have a motion from Board Member Thompson.  
12 Do I have a second?

13                   MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I need to go back.  
14 On his motion, he said MetroPlan, but the applicant is Coconino  
15 County.

16                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

17                   MR. ROEHRICH: So may I read the motion first?

18                   MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

19                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. Read the motion or I'll  
20 read the motion, either one. Doesn't matter.

21                   MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. We're asking for a motion  
22 to approve the Arizona SMART Fund application from Coconino  
23 County in the amount requested as presented to the Board.

24                   MR. THOMPSON: Yes, that is my motion.

25                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And I have a motion to that

1 effect from Member Thompson. Do I have a second?

2 MR. MECK: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a second from Member  
4 Meck.

5 All those in favor --

6 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

8 MR. MAXWELL: I've got a question.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

10 MR. MAXWELL: Discussion. So we've established  
11 Maricopa County is ineligible for these funds. Pima County's  
12 ineligible for these funds. So we've got two county buckets,  
13 and I don't know the answer, so I'm going to ask the question.  
14 How many of the counties fit the greater than 100,000 population  
15 and how many counties fit in the less than \$100,000 -- 100,000  
16 number population?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Maxwell, off the  
18 top of my head, I do not know that. So if you've got the county  
19 population numbers, we can provide that.

20 MR. MAXWELL: I just looked up Show Low and  
21 Pinetop, and I'll get to that comment after this, but I think  
22 it's important to know. I'm not saying it's going to change my  
23 vote. I'm supportive of this as well, but as we go forward, I  
24 mean, if Coconino was the only one in that category, then they  
25 really -- that's -- if they come to projects with this, they've

1 probably got smooth sailing, but that means we've got all the  
2 other counties in the -- in the other category. It would be  
3 good to know and --

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I can see. I can see --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- Yuma County is more than  
7 100,000.

8 MR. MAXWELL: 100,000 as well.

9 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman --

10 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Chairman Knight.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle. Yes, sir.

12 Mr. Searle, please make your comment.

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Yes. To answer Ted's  
14 question, there's at least five or six counties that are over  
15 the 100,000 mark.

16 MR. MAXWELL: Okay.

17 MR. LIGOCKI: And Mr. Chairman, we can --

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah, it would be nice to have  
19 that for the next -- by the next meeting or when -- before we --  
20 by the time we have to approve another out of that pot. It  
21 would be nice to have that information. I know Yuma County --  
22 that's my county. I know that it's got more than -- it's about  
23 200,000, so...

24 MR. MAXWELL: And Mr. Chair, you know, I just  
25 want -- it's a thought process, we're about to approve a third

1 of the funding available to a single county, and again, I --  
2 like I said, I personally am supportive of this usage of the  
3 money because of the amount of federal dollars, you know, but  
4 it's good for us to be able to balance the -- how much we're  
5 going to get in response to the match amount we support, but  
6 it's also good to know, and right now we haven't seen -- I'll  
7 give Coconino County and the Flagstaff area a lot of credit.  
8 They've been very good at trying to take -- you know, to  
9 leverage these SMART fund accounts, but I think to my point in  
10 the conversation we had this morning, it really is important for  
11 the other counties to realize this money's here, especially the  
12 smaller ones, which might need some help in the grants. They  
13 may not have as big a staff. But that -- you know, what we  
14 don't want is six years from now, this money still sitting there  
15 and nobody's taken it back -- you know, been able to leverage  
16 it, I should say.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And I too agree. I think that  
18 when we do consider each one of these, as we have here, we need  
19 to consider the additional funds that are coming into the  
20 projects, what this is a match for, and actually, that even  
21 though the 3.7 million is about a third of the pot, in this  
22 case, it's a very small percentage of the total dollars that --  
23 for the project. So I think that's one of the things we have to  
24 consider, one of the parameters that we have to consider going  
25 forward, so that that's what makes each one of these individual

1 awards kind of separate, consider each one on their own merits.  
2 And in this particular one, it's much needed, and it is going to  
3 bring in a lot of federal dollars to the state.

4 DIRECTOR TOTH: Mr. Chairman, if I could.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR TOTH: Thanks to my amazing staff that  
7 are back at the office, Cochise, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo,  
8 Yavapai, Yuma and Pinal County are all over 100,000.

9 MR. MAXWELL: A lot.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. But I think as I did  
11 mention, and as you mentioned, I think that we -- as one of the  
12 parameters when we're considering these awards, we have to look  
13 at how many -- how many federal dollars or how many outside  
14 dollars these matches are bringing into the state, and when we  
15 consider it and make our decision.

16 Did you have a comment, Mr. Thompson?

17 MR. THOMPSON: I do. This is actually -- yeah,  
18 it's a request from the county. All I'm saying about MetroPlan  
19 is there's this group that's working together very closely to  
20 make these kind of projects happen. So with that, I do  
21 appreciate your thoughts, and I definitely -- you know, having  
22 been part of them and talking with them over the several weeks,  
23 I do appreciate your thoughts again, but, you know, you support.  
24 Let's move forward with this. Really appreciate it.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Any other comments or

1 questions from the Board?

2           The only comment I would have in addition would  
3 be that since we're going -- we're going to have to consider  
4 each one of these applications on its own merit, so I don't  
5 really want this to set a precedent that we have to follow. It  
6 just -- this -- in this particular instance, the outside  
7 dollars, and it's a small match compared to the outside dollars  
8 that it brings in, and that weighs heavily on my consideration.

9           So in that case, we have a motion from Board  
10 Member Thompson and a second from Board Member Meck. All those  
11 in favor -- all those in favor signify by saying aye.

12           BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

14           Would you poll Board Member Searle?

15           MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, your vote, please?

16           VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I vote aye.

17           MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir. The motion  
18 carries.

19           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

20           MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair.

21           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

22           MR. MAXWELL: Before we move on, could I just  
23 have a second to talk about this --

24           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Absolutely.

25           MR. MAXWELL: -- this thing?

1           This chart, I appreciate this chart being up  
2 here, because it shows a lot, and it would -- today at the  
3 meeting we had with the communities beforehand, we talked a lot  
4 about the challenges of SMART fund apps. You know, a lot of  
5 these communities have a single point of -- single individual  
6 that works all their DOT issues and their transportation issues,  
7 and so it's not as easy for them to put together an application.  
8 That's why you're seeing a lot of the larger communities,  
9 because they've got deeper staffs.

10           Interesting enough, based on the Google's  
11 information, Show Low would be in the -- in the greater than  
12 10,000 category, which is the biggest category where there's a  
13 lot of -- lot of challenges in there, so -- but Pinetop-Lakeside  
14 would still be under the 10,000 muni side of it.

15           And the other thing I didn't -- had not thought  
16 about prior, ADOT obviously has our own ability in there, and so  
17 far we have not leveraged that either. So at some point I'd  
18 like us to consider and talk about what we're looking at for  
19 possible projects out there that we could get some leverage to  
20 SMART funds for the match, if appropriate, because those things  
21 are there. But I would absolutely encourage the counties,  
22 especially the counties under 100,000, because that full bucket  
23 is still available. You know, the majority of the  
24 municipalities under 10,000, that full bucket's available -- or  
25 most of that bucket's available too.



1           So this is a great opportunity to do what you  
2 heard so many of us talk about today, and that is the leverage  
3 outside dollars. You know, infrastructure funding, it's very  
4 difficult to attain. So anytime we can get somebody from  
5 outside our region that wants to put money into our state, that  
6 is something I think we should continue to pursue. So I'd  
7 encourage all those folks in those categories to start taking a  
8 look, and if they need help, they can reach out to ADOT and see  
9 if ADOT can supply them some help.

10           For the record, there's -- on the application,  
11 there's 29 different federal grants. So it's -- you know, a lot  
12 of times we hear about the RAISE and the PROTECT and the big  
13 ones that everybody knows about, but there's a lot of federal  
14 grants in here you can use, including the 30th category, which  
15 is other. So if there's a federal grant you know of that may  
16 not be on this, it doesn't prevent you from applying for these  
17 SMART funds to help you pursue that grant as well.

18           Thank you for the time, Mr. Chair.

19           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: You bet. And I would like to  
20 add that as you mentioned, Show Low's in the over -- in the pot  
21 that's fairly depleted.

22           MR. MAXWELL: Yes.

23           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: But you have to remember this.  
24 You can partner with your county, and if you -- if the -- if the  
25 pot for the city is not contained enough -- if we -- if it

1 finally becomes depleted, reach out to the county, your county  
2 supervisors, and in most cases they're going to be willing to  
3 partner with the community to keep that money in the county.  
4 That's the way Yuma County looks at it, because I've talked to  
5 their board of supervisors, and they're more than willing to  
6 work with the cities and towns within Yuma County where the  
7 funds for those particular cities or counties have been  
8 depleted. So don't be afraid to reach out to your county and  
9 partner with the county to get the SMART funds that you -- that  
10 you might need. They would have to fill out the application,  
11 but it's all in the county. So you can make that work as well.

12 MR. THOMPSON: (Inaudible.) You know,  
13 particularly those in the rural, remote areas, I don't know how  
14 much information we're getting out there, but most of the time  
15 when I visit those remote areas, they don't -- they have very  
16 little knowledge about it. So much of it, you know, have to  
17 talk to the county officials that they need to work with those  
18 (inaudible), and that's (inaudible) make an effort on my part,  
19 and I'm sure the cities, and they all fall, and they want to be  
20 part of this, and like you both said, that we need to let them  
21 more -- let them know more about, you know, what our discussion's  
22 about here and how we're -- like to move forward (inaudible)  
23 money out there.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

25 Any other comments from the Board? Yes. Go

1 ahead.

2 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, just to follow up on  
3 that, I might add, we did, you know, blast out in the beginning  
4 a lot of information. If it would be helpful, you know, Lisa  
5 Danka has got all this stuff moving, and we'd be happy to --  
6 maybe it would be appropriate to send out another message to  
7 remind people this is viable and it's still out there and  
8 refresh their memories. Be happy to do that.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Very good.

11 MR. LIGOCKI: Mr. Chairman, Board, thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

13 We'll move on to Agenda Item Number 10, which is  
14 the state engineer's report, with Mr. Greg Byers.

15 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Board  
16 members. I would kind of like to revert back to the past item.

17 ADOT has a very robust planning program. We have  
18 some really good individuals that work in our planning group.  
19 Any entity that wants to work on a SMART fund application, we  
20 are more than willing to help him out. So the application  
21 itself is fairly simple, but we can certainly help them and  
22 guide them in trying to put together any kind of application to  
23 help that out. So in that blast that Clem was just talking  
24 about, we need to make sure that that invitation goes out as  
25 well.

1                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

2                   MR. BYRES: So, Mr. Chairman, Item 10, this is  
3 the state engineer's report. We currently have 100 projects  
4 under construction worth \$2.2 billion. Four projects were  
5 finalized in June, worth \$2.2 million. Fiscal year to date, we  
6 have 70 projects finalized. That 100 projects that we currently  
7 have out worth the \$2.2 billion is a substantial amount of work.  
8 So with that, I just kind of -- I'm going stand up here and give  
9 my little piece here.

10                   Safety is paramount on our roadways. We have a  
11 lot of construction going on across the state. Anybody that  
12 came up 60 saw some of that, but that isn't just on 60. It's on  
13 numerous roadways across the state. So I've got a chance here  
14 to push safety, and I'm going to, because that truly is  
15 paramount for ADOT. We have employees out on those roadways.  
16 The contractors have employees out on those roadways. The  
17 public that is traveling on those roadways has to take and work  
18 through our work zones. So with that, we really need to push  
19 out that in those work zones, there's direction given for slower  
20 speeds, what to do if there's detours, if we have pilot lanes  
21 working. It is paramount that everybody just slow down, pay  
22 attention and read the directions that are necessary on the  
23 signage that we put out for all of our work selves (phonetic).  
24 It is huge, and right now it is everywhere. So it's a big deal  
25 right now.

1           The other thing I'd like to say is with the  
2 number of projects that we have, the construction industry  
3 within the state of Arizona right now is extremely busy. They  
4 are maxed out, and they're doing everything they can to expedite  
5 work, but there's a lot going on. So patience is paramount. So  
6 just wanted to push that out.

7           So thank you very much. That's all I have for  
8 Item 10.

9           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

10           Then we'll move on to Agenda Item Number 11, and  
11 you're still up.

12           VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Chairman Knight.

13           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Richard.

14           VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I've got a -- I've got a  
15 question for Greg.

16           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Continue.

17           VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Okay. Greg, speaking of  
18 patience, back in May that -- I believe it was the 331 exit on  
19 10, 191 south was damaged by that semi fire, and both the  
20 southbound 191 and westbound 10 or one -- westbound off of 191  
21 has been affected and are detoured on county roads. I keep on  
22 looking for the contract for that emergency repair. Can you  
23 tell me where we're at with that?

24           MR. BYRES: So, Mr. Chairman, Board Member  
25 Searle, you've got about another six weeks before you're

1 actually going to see this happen, but you will not see an  
2 advertisement. This is going to go through a different  
3 procurement for us to get this done. We've got design coming  
4 up. We've got -- the design is almost completed. We've got  
5 contractors that are looking at this to get it done.

6 One thing for you that you had brought up before  
7 was a route coming around for access, a ramp access on -- coming  
8 off of I-10 and for 191. That is going to be part of the  
9 project that is currently being designed, but it will not be --  
10 it'll be temporary for a detour during construction of the  
11 bridge, but it will remain in place, but we're going to gate it  
12 off. And the whole purpose of that is when we have large loads  
13 coming through, instead of having to detour them around, there  
14 will now be a means to be able to come around the bridge and  
15 make that detour without having to get off of I-10. So that is  
16 going to be part of the project.

17 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Sounds good. Appreciate it.  
18 Right now that the detour is putting quite a bit of traffic on  
19 county roads that have weight limits on it, and the semi traffic  
20 is -- Cochise County's taking the brunt of this right now, so  
21 glad to see it's moving forward.

22 MR. BYRES: No problem.

23 As far as Item Number 11, new construction  
24 contracts. We had several contracts going out. The --  
25 currently, we're at -- for end of year, we came out at 2 percent

1 over our total budgeted amounts. Our total amount for FY '23  
2 came out to be \$707 million, 800 and -- \$707,839,343.90. Now,  
3 this is just construction costs. There's a lot more in project  
4 development that goes with this, which is well over a billion  
5 dollars. So extreme amount that we actually put out the door  
6 this past year. So with that, though, one thing to look at is  
7 that we were only 2 percent over in our total costs of that  
8 entire program. So we were fairly accurate within all of our  
9 estimating. We were off -- it seems like a big number, but for  
10 a program the size that we have, it's not too bad. We were off  
11 \$14,018,073.23 for the year, so...

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: 2 percent. 2 percent. That's  
13 not bad.

14 MR. BYRES: No, no, within 2 percent is pretty  
15 good.

16 So the first project that we have, Item 11A.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Next slide.

18 MR. BYRES: Thank you. Next slide.

19 This is Item 11A. This is a pavement rehab  
20 project. This is on 10B, Arizona Avenue, Rex Allen Drive. The  
21 low bid was \$3,892,698. The State's estimate was \$3,200,387, a  
22 difference of \$692,311, or 21.6 percent.

23 One of the biggest changes that we had in this  
24 was there's a longer haul that's going to be necessary for  
25 asphalt materials, and with that, there's slower production

1 rates that were -- than what were estimated by the State. But  
2 after analysis of the low bid, it was determined that the bid is  
3 responsive and responsible, and we recommend award to Granite  
4 Construction Company.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Very well. Are there any  
6 questions from anyone on the Board?

7 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'd like to make a motion to  
8 approve --

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from you,  
10 Mr. Searle?

11 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: No. I'd like to make the  
12 motion to approve.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: It is in your district.

14 I have a motion from Board Member Searle to  
15 approve the award of Item 11A to Granite Construction Company.  
16 Do I have a second?

17 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a second from Member  
19 Maxwell.

20 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

23 Would you poll Board Member Searle?

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, your vote, please?

25 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.



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

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

3 MR. BYRES: Next item we have is 11B. This is a  
4 rest area rehabilitation project. This is on I-17, McGuireville  
5 Rest Area. The low bid was \$6,052,750. State's estimate was  
6 \$3,343,686, a difference of \$2,709,064, or 81 percent over the  
7 State's estimate.

8 We had some substantially higher costs than what  
9 we had anticipated on the sewer system, the restroom  
10 renovations, lift station and then mobilization costs itself.  
11 ADOT does really good on roadways, so sometimes we don't do so  
12 good on other facilities. With the low bid being significantly  
13 higher than the State's estimate, our ADOT facilities group took  
14 and re-evaluated the project and decided to rescope the project.  
15 The rescope project will be completed through a different  
16 procurement process than this. We're having people do this that  
17 are much better at it. With that, we recommend rejection of all  
18 bids.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from the Board?

20 MR. MAXWELL: Chair, what's the -- what are you  
21 anticipating the cost of the rescope project is going to be?

22 MR. BYRES: At this point -- at this point, we're  
23 not sure. Facilities is going back and taking a look at it.

24 MR. MAXWELL: So are -- so you're going to reduce  
25 some of the improvements -- I mean, I'm assuming because you're

1 scoping it, you had this vision and now it's going to be a  
2 little bit less. Is that how you're going to get back within  
3 the cost? I guess -- because what I'm trying to get at is you  
4 were very surprised by the rehabilitation cost. That's  
5 understandable. Things -- you know, it's a different world  
6 we're playing in right now, but did you -- normally with that  
7 sometimes here, we'll hear you say that you -- after review,  
8 they think they're reasonable. So is this an issue of it's just  
9 too much to pay and just going to rescope the requirements down,  
10 or was it you think you can get somebody that's going to do it  
11 for less?

12 MR. BYRES: It was too much, and one of the big  
13 things is we try to not only take care of the issues that we  
14 have, but look out into the future. So we did more of an  
15 ultimate kind of design than what we -- than what's necessary.  
16 There's some that have to be done, particularly the water  
17 system, wastewater system have to be improved, but we kind of  
18 scale those back a little bit to make it much more palatable for  
19 funding-wise.

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

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is there any other thing that  
22 could be done in house?

23 MR. BYRES: There's some that can, but it would  
24 be probably much more efficient and effective for a -- for  
25 (inaudible).

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Just a question.

2 Any other questions?

3 In that case, that's in my district. I will move  
4 to reject all bids as represented -- as presented.

5 MR. MECK: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And I have a second from Board  
7 Member Meck.

8 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And any opposed?

11 Would you poll Board Member Searle?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle, your vote, please?

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

15 Chairman, the motion carries.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

17 MR. BYRES: The next item we have is Item 11C.

18 This is a scour retrofit on US-60. These were the wash bridges.

19 The low bid was \$1,900,000. The States's estimate was

20 \$1,035,639, a difference of \$864,361, or 83.5 percent.

21 There we have three bidders on this project. One  
22 of the bridges that's on this particular project only has a  
23 clearance of 4 feet underneath it. When the State put together  
24 its estimate, it did not take that low clearance into  
25 consideration. So consequently, after speaking with the low

1 bidder on this, he's going to have to use remote-operated  
2 equipment in order to get under that bridge to do the excavation  
3 that's necessary for the project, which is going to be an  
4 extremely costly means, because it really reduces the production  
5 rates for the excavation. Then once the excavation is  
6 completed, we've got to go back in with material for the scour  
7 retrofit itself, which is also going to have to be done either  
8 by hand or with specialized equipment. So there's an added cost  
9 to that.

10 One of the other things is we did underestimate  
11 the bridge rails themselves -- or barrier is what I mean. With  
12 that, with the cost of concrete and forming of the specialized  
13 barriers, we did not take all that into account. There's --  
14 there was additional cost on that.

15 But after analysis of the low bid, it was  
16 determined the bid is a responsive and responsible bid. We  
17 recommend award to KAZ Construction, Inc.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

19 Are there any questions or discussions from the  
20 Board?

21 Then it's in district -- it's in my district, so  
22 I will move to award Item 11C to KAZ Construction, Inc.

23 MS. HOWARD: I'll second.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And I have a second from Board  
25 Member Howard.

1 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

4 Would you poll Board Member Searle?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle, your vote?

6 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

8 The motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

10 MR. BYRES: The next item we have is Item 11D.

11 This is a multi-use path improvement for the City of Peoria.

12 The low bid was \$2,953,610. The State's estimate was

13 \$2,601,026, a difference of \$352,584, or 13.6 percent.

14 One of the cost differences that we did see was  
15 the cost of metal handrail that extends through a portion of the  
16 path improvements. Costs were higher than what was estimated by  
17 the State. The other item was the single standing curb that  
18 goes with the pathway itself. The curb is going to have to be  
19 hand formed because the anchoring system for the handrails is  
20 embedded in it. We did not look at the production rate, so hand  
21 formed curb for that, so consequently, the costs go higher.  
22 After analysis of the bid, it appears the bid is a responsive  
23 and responsible bid and we recommend award to Meridian  
24 Engineering Company.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions or discussion?

1                   In that case, I will look for a motion to award  
2 Item 11D to Meridian Engineering Company and -- Board Member  
3 Meck.

4                   MR. MECK: I will make the motion.

5                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from -- --

6                   MR. THOMPSON: Second.

7                   CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- Board Member Meck. I have a  
8 second from Board Member Thompson.

9                   All those in favor signify by saying aye.

10                  BOARD MEMBERS. Aye.

11                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed.

12                  Would you poll Board Member Searle?

13                  MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle?

14                  VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

15                  MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

16                  CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

17                  MR. BYRES: Next item we have is Item 11E. This  
18 is installation of roadway lighting in Bullhead City. The low  
19 bid was \$415,338. The State's estimate was \$591,209, a  
20 difference of \$175,871 under the State's estimate, or 29.7  
21 percent.

22                  The biggest item that we saw in the difference  
23 in cost was the contractor was able to get the poles and mast  
24 arms at a much cheaper rate than what we had anticipated. We  
25 also saw that the cost of PVC conduit was less, as well as the

1 installation for directional drilling. With that, after  
2 analysis of the bid, it was determined that the bid is a  
3 responsible and responsive bid, and recommend award to Michiana  
4 Contracting, Inc.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from the Board?

6 Well, it's in my district, so I will move to  
7 award Item 11E to Michiana Contracting, Inc., as presented. Do  
8 I have a second?

9 MR. MECK: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a second from Board  
11 Member Meck.

12 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed? Would you poll  
15 Board Member Searle?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle, vote?

17 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries.

21 MR. BYRES: The last item that we have is  
22 Item 11F. This is the installation of rectangular flashing  
23 beacons in Pinal County. The low bid was \$205,555. The State's  
24 estimate was \$125,422. The difference was \$80,133, or 63.9  
25 percent over the State's estimate.

1           There were four bidders on this project. The two  
2 lowest bidders were not timely in their responses and submittals  
3 for the requirement of DBE forms. The third bidder was  
4 responsive. However, the bid was substantially higher than that  
5 of the State's estimate, and the local public agency was not  
6 willing to fund the project for that cost. We recommend  
7 rejection of all bids.

8           MS. HOWARD: I have a question, Chair.

9           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions by the Board?

10          MS. HOWARD: I do.

11          Do you anticipate a rebid?

12          MR. BYRES: At this point, more than likely we  
13 will.

14          MS. HOWARD: Okay.

15          MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I've got another  
16 (inaudible). Is this not already -- I think we've seen this  
17 project before. Was it a rebid effort already on this one?

18          MR. BYRES: For this one, no, this one isn't.  
19 This is -- this is one that -- the one that you're thinking of  
20 (inaudible) --

21          MR. MAXWELL: Yeah, there's (inaudible) been a  
22 couple. I mean, I know Gold Canyon's been --

23          MR. BYRES: Yeah.

24          MR. MAXWELL: -- having a rough time at this  
25 Board level, so it's -- all right. Thank you.



1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any --

2 MR. MAXWELL: And it is a significant increase  
3 from the lowest bidder to --

4 MR. BYRES: Yeah.

5 MR. MAXWELL: -- to the third.

6 MR. BYRES: Yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions by the  
8 Board? Then I will entertain a motion to reject all bids --

9 MS. HOWARD: So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- in Item 11F as presented.

11 I have a motion from Board Member Howard.

12 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: A second from Board Member  
14 Maxwell.

15 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

18 Would you please poll Board Member Searle?

19 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

21 MR. BYRES: Thank you very much.

22 MR. MAXWELL: (Inaudible.)

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: We'll move on now to Agenda  
24 Item Number 12. Floyd.

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

1           So this is on here just to get the board members  
2 and staff to start looking over the Board policies. By statute,  
3 every two years the Board is supposed to review their policies  
4 and modify and remove, add, edit, whatever's necessary then  
5 re-adopt them. And that would be then the driving policies for  
6 the Board and for ADOT for the next two years until we  
7 re-evaluate them again.

8           So I just wanted to remind the Board and staff.  
9 I put the link there. The policy's are on the Board's website,  
10 and I would ask that board members or staff, if you have policy  
11 recommendations, editing an existing policy, expand an existing  
12 policy, remove one or add a new one, please send those to me so  
13 we can start staffing them.

14           My goal would be -- is to collect those policies  
15 over the next month, those recommendations over the next month,  
16 say by the August board meeting. Staff will work them in  
17 preparation for the September board meeting. We will bring them  
18 back in draft, start the deliberation with the Board, and  
19 through September, October, November, however long it takes to  
20 work our way through the policies, finalize what will be the  
21 Board policies that will be presented for approval, and my goal  
22 would be at the November time frame -- and that's traditionally  
23 how we've done it, late in the year, that November time frame,  
24 ask the Board to adopt the policies. But if we can start  
25 looking at them now, I can start gathering the information from

1 board members and staff that we can started putting it together.

2           And as I said, schedule-wise, my goal would be to  
3 collect those over the next month. Staff would look at them.  
4 At the September meeting, we will bring you a draft to start the  
5 deliberation, and that would give us October and into November  
6 if there's more questions and follow-up from board members, and  
7 then hopefully that November time adopt the board policies, and  
8 then that will be our guiding policies moving forward again for  
9 that next two-year period. So that's all. I just wanted to get  
10 staff moving forward with it and board members thinking about  
11 it.

12           CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you Floyd.

13           Are there any questions? Member Maxwell?

14           MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Floyd, greatly  
15 appreciate getting this -- an early start on this, and it would  
16 be incredibly helpful if perhaps you could send that link in an  
17 email reminder to the members of the Board so that one-stop  
18 shopping, we'll just print it out and get started.

19           MR. ROEHRICH: Absolutely. I will do that. And  
20 as a reminder to staff as well, because I know a lot of them  
21 don't have those, like, on their desktop. They kind of rely on  
22 myself or the board secretary. I will send a reminder out by  
23 separate email with the link to all the board members and senior  
24 staff so we can get the discussion started. Thank you.

25           MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Floyd. Thank you,

1 Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions from the  
3 Board?

4 Move on Agenda Item Number 13, which is  
5 suggestions. Are there any suggestions from the board members  
6 for future agenda items?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, if I could, before  
8 getting to those suggestions, as Mr. Thompson had asked, would  
9 you be willing to open up call to the audience and to see if  
10 Ms. Boudreau or Mr. Kee Allen Begay is still on and able to make  
11 their comments?

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Absolutely. We can do that.  
13 I'm glad you reminded me, because I did forget. We're running  
14 on to close to noon now, so I kind of forgot about it.

15 I do have one quick question before we do that  
16 came to mind when I -- I've read that the new Sunset Point Rest  
17 Area is open, and that's good news. It looks like it's -- from  
18 the pictures, looks like it's great. They're closing the -- the  
19 one that they -- there was some (inaudible) that they were using  
20 prior to --

21 MR. ROEHRICH: The temporary one, that was  
22 something at Badger Springs TI, which is south of there. That  
23 is closed, and we're going to rehabilitate that site and put it  
24 back. We're going to move out all the temporary --

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: -- (inaudible).

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Because I was going to suggest  
3 we could at least use that one for our trucking, for trucks to  
4 stop at.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. I understand.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Exactly. We can give an update on  
8 the truck parking (inaudible) move forward, because we are in  
9 the process of developing that. So we'll put that on the next  
10 agenda. Oh, I'm sorry.

11 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, we actually had -- we  
12 went through BLM to get this as a special use for the temporary  
13 rest area, so it -- they were very gracious to be able to allow  
14 us there. They're the underlying landowner. It is within ADOT  
15 right-of-way, but they are the underlying landowner. So  
16 consequently, there's -- for us to utilize it for anything other  
17 than this special use, we would have to go back to BLM to see if  
18 we could do it.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: It's just a thought, because I  
20 know we're looking for more places for our truckers to park  
21 their rigs, so I was just thinking maybe use that for that.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

23 At this point, since the Chair did open up call  
24 to the audience, I would ask if Liz Boudreau, Ms. Boudreau, are  
25 you there? Please raise your hand.

1 WEBEX HOST: Go ahead and hit star six to unmute  
2 your line.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Boudreau, if you're talking,  
4 we are not hearing you.

5 WEBEX HOST: Ms. Boudreau, now go ahead and hit  
6 star six. It does not look like her line is being unmuted.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Randy.

8 I'll go on. The other gentleman, Ms. -- Mr. Kee  
9 Allen Begay, Junior. Mr. Begay, are you there? Please raise  
10 your hand.

11 WEBEX HOST: I do not see any hands.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Randy.

13 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It does not look as if  
14 we're able to continue with those requests.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That being said, and having  
16 covered all of the agenda items on this agenda, this meeting's  
17 adjourned.

18 (Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.)

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**Adjournment**

***Chairman Gary Knight adjourned the State Transportation Board Meeting on July 21, 2023.***

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