

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
VIRTUAL ONLY/WEBEX ATTENDANCE**

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, Linda Hogan

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. Chairman Gary Knight, Vice Chairman Richard Searle, Board Member Ted Maxwell, Board Member Jenn Daniels, Board Member Jesse Thompson, Board Member Jenny Howard, and Board Member Jackie Meck. There were approximately 57 members of the public on-line and approximately 11 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

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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 Jenn Daniels, Board Member
13 Ted Maxwell, Board Member
14 Jesse Thompson, Board Member
15 Jenny Howard, Board Member

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: We'll move 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 -- please provide your -- in order to provide your
6 comments, you will indicate your presence by virtually raising
7 your hand using your phone keypad or through the WebEx
8 application. I think with the phone keypad it's star three.
9 The WebEx host will guide you through the unmuting and muting
10 process following the instructions included with the meeting
11 agenda.

12 There will be -- there will be a three minute
13 limit imposed, so please keep your comments to the three minute
14 time period so that everybody will have a turn, and we can move
15 on through the meeting efficiently.

16 Floyd, would you call the first?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir, Mr. Knight.

18 First, so I want to make sure. We have a call-in
19 user. I don't know the number. I just want to make sure,
20 Bryce, that that is a panelist.

21 WEBEX HOST: Yes. I have muted them, but I am
22 unable to see who that is. So I can just -- I can move them to
23 an attendee.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Well, let's hold off in case
25 that's Stacy. I know Stacy was going to come in as a panelist.

1 I don't see her yet, so maybe that's what she's doing is calling
2 in.

3 WEBEX HOST: Okay.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Let's see if we get more feedback
5 from them. For now, we'll go ahead and move forward with call
6 to the audience. I do have a few calls to the audiences. I
7 will please call your name. The WebEx host will talk you
8 through the unmuting process, and as the Chairman said, you'll
9 have three minutes to make your comments.

10 Our first speaker is a Mayor John Leech. Mayor
11 Leech, please raise your hand.

12 WEBEX HOST: A reminder, please press star three
13 on your line. I see that they popped up. I have requested to
14 unmute your line. You are now unmuted.

15 MAYOR LEECH: Am I unmuted?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Mayor Leach, we could
17 hear you. Please make your comments.

18 MAYOR LEECH: Good morning. Thank you guys for
19 letting me address you this morning. Just a -- just a quick --
20 Show Low's the fastest growing community in the -- eastern
21 central Arizona, and the bridge crossing over Show Low Creek is
22 a -- is a key to satisfy several local and regional
23 transportation and economical needs, increase the region's
24 transportation network with construction of a bridge to connect
25 SR-260 and Penrod Road, improve traffic conditions on SR-260 and

1 reduce carbon emissions, improve accessibility to the business
2 corridor off of Penrod, creating an alternate route for EMS
3 personnel and residential evacuations. Complete the design and
4 engineering for Scott Ranch Road infrastructure expansion
5 project will make the project more competitive for federal
6 Department of Transportation funding.

7 The City will apply for applicable funding
8 sources, including RAISE project -- or RAISE grant project and
9 MPD grants. The project will bring an estimated 23 million to
10 eastern Arizona.

11 I can tell you that one of the things that we're
12 asking for, the design grant to design the project and the
13 estimate of about 2.4 million. I'm a retired firefighter, and I
14 could tell you the eastern part of Arizona in Apache County
15 would greatly like this road, as well as Pinetop-Lakeside,
16 Snowflake, Taylor. The reason being is this time of the year
17 Show Low is very busy, and running emergency personnel through
18 the middle of Show Low is a tragedy in itself, and with this
19 extension project moving forward, they can all benefit from this
20 road off of Penrod.

21 So we just ask for your continued support in this
22 project. I know I've talked to our senators, and it was one of
23 their high priorities as well. So I would appreciate your
24 support. I know Pinetop-Lakeside, Snowflake, Taylor, and also
25 Apache County would greatly appreciate this extension to divert

1 the traffic off of -- in the middle of Show Low, which is -- I
2 think a lot of you were up here -- most of you were up here a
3 month ago for the meeting, and our traffic up here this time of
4 year is very busy. I mean, we triple in traffic going down the
5 Deuce of Clubs and also 260, going up to Pinetop.

6 So this would -- this would help evacuation
7 purposes. As you know, the fire season, it would help us
8 evacuate our community to Penrod. Like I said, it's a huge
9 asset to our community. We've been working on this project for
10 well over, I think, 15, 16 years, and I've been involved in it
11 for the past -- as a council member, for the past twelve.

12 So we just -- I'm just here asking for your
13 support, and again, thank you guys for coming up here last
14 month. And sorry I had to leave early, but I'm feeling better
15 now and ready to move forward. So appreciate the time and thank
16 you, Chairman. That's all I've got for now.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mayor Leech.

18 Our next speaker is Mr. Michael Huff. Mr. Huff,
19 please raise your hand.

20 WEBEX HOST: Mr. Huff, I have requested to unmute
21 your line. You are now unmuted. You may speak.

22 MR. HUFF: Are you able to hear me?

23 WEBEX HOST: We can hear you.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Mr. Huff, we could hear
25 you. Please make your comments.

1 MR. HUFF: Excellent. Good morning, Chairman,
2 Knight, members of the Board. My name is Michael Huff. I'm a
3 transportation planner and GIS analyst with Northern Arizona
4 Council of Governments, or NAGOG. I want to thank you for the
5 opportunity to speak today.

6 My comment serves to speak on the Arizona SMART
7 Fund items for your consideration today, specifically to offer
8 NACOG's full support and prioritization of the Yavapai County
9 Arizona SMART Fund application on Item 7 on the agenda.

10 I want to give some context to that application.
11 NACOG has been working with its peers, Central Yavapai MPO and
12 MetroPlan Flagstaff, to develop a regional transportation safety
13 plan over the past year or so, really aiming to address roadway
14 safety issues and identify the most severe hazards, cull out
15 projects and really serve to pave the path to improve roadway
16 safety in Northern Arizona in a -- in a systemic, data-driven
17 way.

18 So we've been working with our consultants over
19 the past year to provide both a network-wide roadway safety
20 analysis, as well as look at local roadway segments and
21 intersections.

22 So at the local jurisdiction level, we've found
23 that the Verde Valley area, including Sedona, Camp Verde,
24 Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Jerome and the Yavapai Apache Nation has
25 produced the most severe injury and fatal roadway crash rates in

1 the most recent years of data from ADOT. And so that's all just
2 to say that the Verde Valley is a hotspot in Northern Arizona
3 for dangerous crashes, and it is very much a priority area for
4 improvement.

5 And so those results have driven Yavapai County,
6 NACOG and those mentioned, Verde Valley cities and towns to
7 fully support and collaboratively seek funding for a
8 transportation safety plan specifically for the Verde Valley
9 area to provide more tailored safety policy recommendations,
10 emphasis areas, higher resolution data analysis, and to identify
11 further and more comprehensively roadway safety improvement
12 projects to a level of detail that isn't possible in the full
13 Northern Arizona safety plan.

14 So these Verde Valley local agencies have already
15 started bringing local sheriffs, police departments and fire
16 chiefs into these conversations to make sure that we're starting
17 to pinpoint those areas of emphasis and most prioritized safety
18 issues before we even begin the project.

19 So we, NACOG, has worked with Yavapai County
20 Public Works to submit both the Safe Streets for all application
21 for the plan as well as an Arizona SMART Fund application for
22 the local match portion of that plan.

23 Roger McCormick with Yavapai County Public Works
24 is also in attendance today in support of the project, and the
25 Arizona SMART fund application up for your approval today would

1 cover that local match portion, which is truly a pivotal piece
2 of funding for a very high priority planning effort benefiting
3 all residents of the Verde Valley jurisdictions, Yavapai County
4 as well as travelers through the Verde Valley and Yavapai
5 County.

6 So on behalf of NACOG, I want to thank you for
7 your time and consideration of that application. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. Thank you for your
9 comments.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Kini
11 Knudson. Mr. Knudson, I see your hand is raised. Bryce, could
12 you please send the request to unmute?

13 WEBEX HOST: I've requested to unmute your line,
14 Mr. Knudson. You are now unmuted. You may speak.

15 MR. KNUDSON: -- hear me. Thank you for the
16 opportunity to speak this morning. I'm Kini Knudson. I'm the
17 street transportation director for the City of Phoenix. I'm
18 speaking on Agenda Item Number 7, which is Phoenix's application
19 for the AZ SMART fund program.

20 Phoenix originally became aware of this program
21 and funding opportunity in January after a presentation by ADOT
22 staff to the MAG Transportation Review Committee. Once we were
23 informed that we, as a -- Phoenix were qualified and eligible
24 for this, we submitted an application as required.

25 Our \$3.4 million funding request was to support

1 the implementation of our 2022 RAISE grant award for our Rio
2 Salado bike/ped bridge project. Our application was heard at
3 the February PPAC meeting and moved forward for approval. At
4 that time, Phoenix and San Luis were the first two cities to
5 request funding through that -- this portion of the program
6 that's focused on cities greater than 10,000 in population.

7 As the board members may remember, our request on
8 the board agenda for its March meeting was on there. It was
9 withdrawn based on concerns about Phoenix's eligibility for the
10 program. Since then, it has been confirmed that Phoenix is
11 currently eligible for funding under the AZ SMART program.

12 Our application has kind of been in a state of
13 limbo for five months. During that time, funding applications
14 from San Luis, Camp Verde, Flagstaff, Sierra Vista, Gilbert,
15 Bullhead City have been heard by the Board. Phoenix has
16 concerns that this program is set up as a first come, first
17 heard kind -- as the program funding is limited. It began with
18 \$10 million funded, programmed for cities over 10,000. With the
19 \$2 million, \$2.5 million of additional appropriations and
20 accrued interest and accounting for other applications that have
21 been approved by the Board for funding, there is \$5.8 million
22 funding currently available.

23 I would like to note that unlike most of the
24 funding requests under the AZ SMART fund program, Phoenix has a
25 project that has been awarded federal funds and is ready to move

1 forward right now. With respect to our \$3.4 million funding
2 request, this bike/ped bridge project over the Salt River is a
3 key regional project that supports the goals and visions of the
4 Rio Reimagined Project that was championed by the late Senator
5 John McCain, and also has the support of Governor Hobbs.

6 Key transportation -- this key transportation
7 link is focused on bicycles -- bicyclists and pedestrians, our
8 most vulnerable road users, and also provides a connection to a
9 traditionally underserved community. It is the only -- and if
10 it is -- but when it's built, it'll be the only dedicated active
11 transportation crossing of the Salt River in the City of
12 Phoenix.

13 Our project is not fully funded by the RAISE
14 grant. I wanted to point that out. We are still seeking
15 funding to help us fund the remaining portion of the project.
16 If the Board were to award us the funding -- requested funding,
17 we would utilize the funding to help us pursue the funding of
18 the remainder of this important project.

19 In closing, I would like to reiterate that our
20 funding request supports an incredibly necessary project that
21 Phoenix is eligible for funding under the AZ SMART program. We
22 have been anxiously anticipating Board action on our request for
23 five months, and we would hope that a favorable result results
24 in this morning's meeting. I want to thank the Board for your
25 time, and I'll be staying online to answer any questions the

1 board members may have about our application or request. Thank
2 you.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you for your comments.

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

6 WEBEX HOST: I've requested to unmute your line.
7 You are now unmuted. You may speak.

8 MS. FIGUEROA: Good morning, Mr. Chairman Knight,
9 members of the Board. I'm Crystal Figueroa, the Executive
10 Director of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization. I'm
11 speaking today in support of the ADOT AZ SMART fund application
12 for US-95 improvements.

13 In collaboration and partnership with ADOT, YMPO
14 has taken a proactive approach to seek grant funding
15 opportunities. Most recently, YMPO was the recipient of a 2023
16 RAISE grant for \$8.5 million for US Highway 95 planning project
17 that will complete the final design and environmental clearance
18 for approximately nine miles. Apart from the RAISE grant
19 funding, 3.75 million is still needed to fully cover the total
20 planning project cost. The total is -- the total -- I'm sorry.
21 The goal is to design the nine remaining miles and make the
22 project shovel ready for construction funding. Safety
23 improvements are of critical importance to our community, as
24 this busy two-lane highway has experienced numerous fatal
25 crashes in recent years. Also, it directly serves our region's

1 two largest economic generators, the agriculture industry and
2 the US Army Proving Ground, which plays a vital role in the
3 nation's defense.

4 The US-95 project is recognized as the highest
5 priority for the Yuma region, and YMPO will continue to apply
6 for grant funding opportunities and advocate for programming in
7 the ADOT Five-Year Facilities Construction Plan.

8 The collaboration with ADOT to leverage the AZ
9 SMART fund currently available for the project can help maximize
10 the construction funds.

11 Thank you for your partnership in helping
12 securing additional funding for US-95 improvements.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Crystal, for your
14 comments.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Ms. Jennifer
16 Thompson. Ms. Thompson, please raise your hand.

17 WEBEX HOST: You are now unmuted.

18 MS. THOMPSON: Can you hear me?

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, ma'am. We can. Please make
20 your comments.

21 MS. THOMPSON: Okay. All right. Good morning.
22 Good morning, Chairman Knight, members of the Board. I've been
23 on here several times. Reminder that I'm the controller and
24 townsite utilities manager for the Freeport-McMoRan mine in
25 Bagdad, located in Yavapai County.

1 I want to take this opportunity today to just
2 truly thank you for the continued support and your partnership
3 with us as well as Yavapai County. We've been working together
4 to complete the rural grant application for the State Route 97
5 corridor realignment and modernization, and this has created a
6 stronger and more well-rounded application.

7 We also were able to receive a debrief on our
8 unsuccessful RAISE grant application from USDOT yesterday that
9 gave us insight to its strengths and weaknesses. We were able
10 to use that information. It was timely to better our current
11 application for the rural grant, which we'll be submitting
12 today.

13 Many thanks to KK (phonetic), Rebecca Shone
14 (phonetic), District Administrator Brozich and the Northwest
15 District staff for their time and support. You know, they've
16 not missed a meeting. They've reviewed everything timely, given
17 great feedback, and those are long documents to go through. So
18 I want to thank you all for your time and support. We look
19 forward to working more with you, hopefully this -- we're
20 awarded this grant.

21 And I hope you guys have a -- have a great
22 weekend. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak today.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. Thank you for your
24 comments.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, those are the

1 requests that have been formally submitted to speak at call to
2 the public.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Very well, Floyd. We'll move
4 on to Item Number 1 on the agenda, which is the director's
5 report.

6 DIRECTOR TOTH: Good morning, Chairman Knight and
7 Board members. I have a few updates to share with you this
8 month.

9 Since last month's board meeting, ADOT released
10 its 2022 Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts Report. That report
11 is focused on traffic-related crashes and injuries that happen
12 on all roads across the state, and that includes the state
13 highway system as well as all local roads. Unfortunately, in
14 2022, there were 1,294 traffic fatalities reported across
15 Arizona, and that was an increase of 8.6 percent from 2021.

16 The report also shows what we already know, the
17 fact of traffic-related injuries, fatalities are for the most
18 part due to driver behavior, and that includes speeding,
19 impairment and the failure to use seat belts and helmets.

20 On the subject of driver safety, I was very much
21 encouraged when I spoke just last week at the Arizona Tribal
22 Transportation Safety and Injury Prevention Summit. There I was
23 able to share some of those statistics from the crash facts
24 report, and I talked about how ADOT is committed to working with
25 our partners to make our roads safer for everyone.

1 The Summit drew 130 attendees representing 13
2 sovereign nations in Arizona. The summit sponsors included ADOT,
3 the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Department of
4 Public Safety, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the
5 Intertribal Council of Arizona, Federal Highway Administration
6 and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

7 Information was presented about Traffic Safety,
8 traffic injury prevention, the importance of the crash data and
9 funding opportunities that will no doubt lead to continued
10 collaboration and information sharing for tribal agencies as
11 well as our communities.

12 I want to thank Chairman Knight and Board Member
13 Thompson for attending the summit. By all accounts, the summit
14 was a success, and it lived up to the theme of partnering across
15 agencies.

16 Another safety reminder about the dangers of
17 wildfire season. Earlier this month we had closures on US-191
18 near Hannagan Meadow due to the Willow Fire. Our ADOT crews
19 often provide assistance during these wildfire incidents, and I
20 want to thank them for their response and the coordination
21 efforts with the local agencies.

22 Like last month, I want to share that ADOT
23 encourages motorists to use extreme care in order to reduce
24 sparks that cause those fires. We remind drivers to make sure
25 that nothing is hanging under their vehicles or dragging on the

1 pavement, and also caution if you have to pull off the road with
2 hot vehicles near tall grass or vegetation.

3 Lastly, I'll wrap up with an update on the work
4 that's happening behind the scenes to repair the overpass at
5 US-191 and I-10. You may remember in May a semi tractor-trailer
6 crash caused significant damage to the support structure of
7 US-191 bridge over the westbound I-10 just west of Willcox. Two
8 days later, we were able to reopen I-10 westbound lanes using
9 temporary supports. However, the overpasses itself still
10 remains closed. We're moving forward with design and
11 construction through the emergency relief reimbursement process,
12 and right now we have a consultant on board who has worked
13 closely with our bridge group for design of the repairs.

14 In addition, we've engaged with four contractors
15 who have expressed interest in the project, and the goal is to
16 be able to provide those contractors the plans by the end of
17 this month for their review, and we hope that by early September
18 we'd be ready to request bids. Ultimately, our goal is to start
19 construction this fall and to finish in the spring of 2024, and
20 we're looking at a cost estimate of about 10 million for
21 construction.

22 I do want to emphasize how responsive ADOT teams
23 have been since the crash damage to the structure. It really
24 took a tremendous effort from our maintenance staff, our bridge
25 groups, numerous other technical teams within ADOT to reopen

1 I-10 so quickly. We've had a great deal of cooperation from the
2 contractor community as well, and they worked with us to quickly
3 mobilize and build that temporary shoring structure.

4 I do want to point out that we understand the
5 closure of the overpass is challenging the residents in the
6 area. This project is a high priority for us. We're working
7 hard to let drivers in the area and other stakeholders know
8 about progress updates, and we'll continue to keep them updated
9 on any future closures or detours.

10 With that, I'll turn it over to Stacy for the
11 legislative report.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Director, and it was
13 great that Board Member Thompson and I could attend that Tribal
14 Transportation Summit. We both sort of thoroughly enjoyed it.
15 It was a -- it was a great event, and I hope they continue to
16 have those in the years to come.

17 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Gary.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

19 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: This is Richard.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah, Richard.

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Director, thank you for the
22 update on the 191 overpass on I-10. I appreciate it, and it's
23 good to hear that it's moving forward. Thank you.

24 DIRECTOR TOTH: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other comments from Board

1 Members?

2 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Is that Jesse?

4 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. Go ahead.

6 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman and Board Members, I'd
7 also like to say thank you, and I'm grateful that our Director
8 Toth and the administration, the staff were able to put on this
9 very successful summit.

10 One thing that I've come away with was that
11 certainly I'm very happy that there's a negotiation going on
12 sharing -- the tribe sharing of the crash data with our staff.
13 So I think that's a big step. That's one thing that has been an
14 obstacle all these years trying to share that information, but I
15 felt very comfortable that things were happening at this point.
16 So again, thank you very much, Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. Thank you, Member
18 Thompson.

19 Any other comments from the Board?

20 Then I guess we'll move on --

21 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair --

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- we'll move on to the state
23 and federal legislative report.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Stacy, are you able to unmute your
25 phone? So she's a panelist. She should be able to unmute her

1 phone, right, Bryce?

2 MS. GUILLEN: Good morning. Can you -- can you
3 hear me?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, we can.

5 MS. GUILLEN: Got it.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: You have three minutes.

7 MS. GUILLEN: Sorry for -- I'm so sorry. Sorry
8 for appearing on the phone. I was having trouble logging in,
9 and I'm sure it's operator error, but as a participant, I was
10 having trouble logging in, so I'm trying it from my phone.

11 My name is Stacy Guillen. Good morning,
12 Mr. Chairman and members. I am ADOT's law and policy director.
13 You're usually used, I think, to hearing this update from
14 Anthony Casselman, but I'm filling in for him today as he's at a
15 different event.

16 The legislative session, I'm sure you are well
17 aware, reconvened for one day on July 31st, and after finishing
18 up a few pieces of business, they adjourned sine die shortly
19 after 5:00 p.m., marking the end of what is a record-setting
20 204-day session. The lateness of the sine die makes the general
21 effective date for legislation August 3- -- or sorry -- October
22 30th.

23 I'm sure you are well aware that part of the work
24 that they did on that day was to pass the Prop 400 extension.
25 Both the House and the Senate pushed forward on Senate Bill

1 1102, which authorizes Maricopa County to establish a ballot
2 proposition to extend the current half cent sales tax for 20
3 years, and that bill was signed the next day, on August 1st, by
4 Governor Hobbs.

5 The allocation of funding was a big topic of
6 discussion and negotiation all session long. The final version
7 of the bill allocates the funding to 40.5 percent for freeways,
8 22.5 percent for arterials and 37 percent for transit. That is
9 the main thing that occurred at the end of session, and within
10 that bill there were a few pieces of statutory changes that
11 don't necessarily directly apply to the Prop 400 piece but were
12 part of that overall negotiation.

13 The other statewide legislative issue that the
14 agency is working on right now is our sunset audit. Our agency
15 is set to sunset, and we are going through the process of going
16 through audits to renew our agency's ability to operate for
17 however long the Legislature deems appropriate.

18 The Legislature has been -- through the Auditor
19 General's office has been working very closely with ADOT to
20 focus on the sunset audit. It is -- the Auditor General's
21 office is currently wrapping up the audit and will appear before
22 a legislative committee of reference, which we also refer to as
23 a COR, sometime later this year or early next year, where they
24 will recommend whether to extend or sunset the agency or combine
25 it with another agency. And once that recommendation has been

1 made, ADOT will need to seek legislation to codify the COR's
2 recommendation and statutorily extend the agency.

3 All of that ideally should take place next
4 legislative session, and whatever recommendations that the
5 Auditor General has for us may take -- may occur in the form of
6 a bill, or they could just be things that ADOT works on in the
7 future and then works with the Auditor General on to ensure that
8 ADOT is following their recommendations.

9 And with that, I'd be happy to answer any
10 questions.

11 I'm sorry. Mr. Chairman, I believe you're muted.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: You're muted, Mr. Chairman. Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: You're right. Sorry about
14 that.

15 Thank you very much for your report.

16 Do any of the board members have a question for
17 Stacy, I believe? Hearing none.

18 Do we have any last minute items to report?

19 DIRECTOR TOTH: No, sir. We don't.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Before we move on to
21 Item Number 2, Floyd has indicated that we have a couple of
22 callers that got in late that would like to speak, so I'm going
23 to allow them to speak now.

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

25 Our next speaker will be Ms. Nancy Campbell.

1 Ms. Campbell, I believe you raised your hand. Bryce, would you
2 please unmute her?

3 WEBEX HOST: Ms. Campbell, I have requested to
4 unmute your line. You are now unmuted. You may speak.

5 MS. CAMPBELL: Okay. Hello. (Inaudible.) I am
6 Nancy Campbell. Good morning, Chairman, Knight and Council. I
7 am the vice chair of RTAC board, the treasurer and secretary of
8 the Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization, along with
9 the Lake Havasu City Council. And after a lot of consideration,
10 I wanted to announce that I will be applying for the upcoming
11 District 6 seat for 2024. It is sad to announce that Chairman
12 Knight will be terming out, and after a long discussion with
13 him, I look forward to being a positive addition to your board
14 with all my asphalt and concrete, manufacturing and rural mining
15 experience.

16 Thank you for allowing me to take this time to
17 speak to all of you, and if anybody would like to reach out to
18 ask me any questions, please do. My phone number is
19 928-486-5727. I'll also put that in the message. And thank you
20 for all your support and your time, and I look forward to
21 learning more about everything you do.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Nancy.

23 Floyd, would you call the next speaker?

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Daryl
25 Seymore, and I see Mr. Seymore has raised his hand. Bryce,

1 please unmute him.

2 WEBEX HOST: I have requested to unmute your
3 line. You are now unmuted. You may speak.

4 MR. SEYMORE: Thank you, Chairman. Can you hear
5 me?

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Seymore, we can.

7 MR. SEYMORE: Thank you. I'm Daryl Seymore. I'm
8 a member of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors, and I come
9 before you today to talk about the item that's on 7D, Scott
10 Ranch Road, but more importantly for the City of Show Low to be
11 able to apply for the SMART grant, SMART fund that they have --
12 that you're offering to be able to work towards the Scott Ranch
13 project.

14 This is the project that the City of Show Low has
15 tried to get approved for the past 15 years, and what we find
16 with our Federal Legislature, more and more of the projects need
17 to be shovel ready in order to get some of these funds, for
18 federal dollars. So my -- receiving this grant would be able to
19 do some of those things to get this project more ready. It
20 would give us a supplemental mapping for the right-of-ways.
21 We'd would able to do our environmental clearances with the
22 Forest Service easement process, the geotechnical evaluations,
23 the drainage evaluations. We'd be able to get our bridge plans,
24 the 60 percent, the 95 and the 100 percent submittals and would
25 be able to work with the utility coordination.

1 We have preliminary construction specifications,
2 final construction specifications for the final bid. It would
3 also help pay for the ADOT review and coordination and project
4 design fees.

5 Show Low's growing very rapidly, and this is a
6 project that would definitely help with the transportation
7 problems we have in the area, along bridging a gap between 260
8 and Penrod Road. It would also improve the congestion on
9 Highway 260, and it would improve the accessibility to the
10 business corridor on Penrod Road. And most importantly, it
11 would also be another route for EMS and personal and resident
12 evacuations if we were in that, because we are in a very high
13 risk area.

14 I believe Board Member Jesse Thompson's aware of
15 this project a little bit more than some of the others. You
16 were recently up to our area, and we appreciate that. You came
17 and visited, but I think you've told us to be squeaky. So we're
18 being squeaky and letting you know that we'd really appreciate
19 to be highly considered for this SMART grant.

20 And I'm open for any questions you may have.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Daryl, for your
23 comments.

24 MR. SEYMORE: Thank you for your time. I
25 appreciate it.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Does that conclude our late
2 comers, Floyd?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes sir. That is -- that is all
4 the requests.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Then we'll move on to Item
6 Number 2, and I guess -- according to my agenda, due to the --
7 being a virtual meeting, there will not be a district report for
8 this month; is that correct?

9 MR. ROEHRICH: That is correct, Mr. Knight.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Then we'll move on to Agenda
11 Item Number 3, the consent agenda. Does any board member have
12 an item on the consent agenda that they would like to remove for
13 separate discussion? Hearing none.

14 Do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda
15 as presented?

16 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Second. Board Member Thompson.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. I've got a -- I've got a
19 motion from Board Member Maxwell --

20 MR. MAXWELL: Maxwell.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- and a second from Board
22 Member Thompson; is that correct?

23 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: All those in favor signify by
25 saying aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

3 Floyd, we're all virtual. Do you need to take a
4 roll call vote?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes sir. That's my mistake.
6 Because we're all virtual, I've been asked to make sure we take
7 a roll call vote. So please, moving forward on actions, we
8 should just fall right to the roll call vote to make sure we
9 have it properly recorded. Okay?

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Go ahead.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: I'll start with Vice Chairman
12 Searle.

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

15 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

17 MR. MECK: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Thompson.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard.

23 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chairman Knight?

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: All right. Motion carries, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: We'll move on to Agenda Item
3 Number 4, which is the financial report, and I believe we have
4 somebody that's going to give it to us in Kristine's place; is
5 that correct?

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that is correct.
7 I'm just waiting. This is Floyd. I'm just waiting for a minute
8 so I can share my screen. It's telling me that it has to
9 connect. Okay. And (inaudible), that ain't working.

10 One second, Mr. Chairman. We're doing some
11 checks here.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: No problem.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: There we go. Thank you, sir.

14 We'll go ahead and get started. I'm just going
15 to give a quick overview. Kristine Ward does -- sends her
16 apologies. She had an issue come up that she was not able to
17 reschedule, Mr. Chairman. So I'm just going to give a quick
18 overview. We're going to just hit the highlights. She said
19 that she will have a more in-depth discussion next month.

20 Since we're just starting the start of the fiscal
21 year, you can see that the Highway User Revenue Funds, we're a
22 little bit above her forecast, 2.1 percent. So that's pretty
23 good. The only real declines she's seen is in diesel fuel.
24 They're looking into what may have caused that, but everything
25 else is showing pretty good growth, either moderate to strong

1 growth. So that is helping out the HURF fund as we start the --
2 start of this fiscal year.

3 Here are the numbers, as you can see, compared to
4 last year, from 40 million that first month to 44 million. So
5 again, we're a little ahead of that, which shows that percentage
6 of increase that said the 2.1 percent... Regional Area Road
7 Fund, you can see that it's a little bit behind the reporting.
8 So we are just closing out the fiscal year on that fund this
9 month. So you can see for the year it's held pretty steady,
10 just above forecast. June's was .3 percent above forecast.
11 Total numbers for that period show that that's 2. -- at that .2
12 percent. So it's better than being under forecast.

13 The last item she did say is last month the Board
14 did approve the bond (inaudible) the State Highway Fund bonds.
15 That is in process. She will have an update on that next month.

16 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I am done fumbling
17 through the financial report. We have money in the bank.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do any board members have a
19 question for Floyd? You're going to make it easy for him.
20 Okay.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. Greatly appreciate it.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Then we'll move on to Agenda
23 Item Number 5 with Paul Patane. This is for information and
24 discussion only. The Multimodal Planning Division report.

25 MR. PATANE: Good morning, Chairman Knight, Board

1 Members. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present
2 today. So today on the Multimodal Planning Division report
3 we'll be providing updates on -- next slide, please.

4 We'll have the tribal transportation update.
5 We'll give you an update on the I-10 project, the I-10 Gap
6 Project, the 202, 387 update, another update on the truck
7 parking planning, our moving forward, and also provide
8 (inaudible) information related to some ongoing discussion
9 related to potential route transfer to SR-95 in Bullhead City.

10 Next slide, please.

11 You've heard Director Toth gave a great update
12 related to the tribal summit, and just wanted to add to it. You
13 know, we're truly grateful for all the outpouring support we
14 have received, especially from Governor Hobbs, our tribal
15 partners and ADOT leadership as well as USDOT and FHWA
16 administration. And there was many of those of the staff who we
17 want to say thank you for contributing to the success of the
18 summit. And, you know, the summit was very successful, but one
19 of my big take-aways was that we still have a lot of work to do,
20 because currently there's only two tribes that report their
21 crash data, electronic -- electronically into the system. And
22 so it's important that we work with our other tribes and get
23 their buy-in to use in the system, that way when we do the
24 research related to crash data, that information is available.

25 Next slide, please.

1 So some other ongoing activities. Recently the
2 Navajo DOT hosted the national meeting on July 25th and 27th at
3 the ADOT Central District Office. The Tribal Transportation
4 Program is a major source of funding for the 574 tribes across
5 the country. The Coordinating Committee provides input and
6 recommendations to the BIA, FHWA and developing regulations,
7 policies and procedures. The committee consists of tribal
8 representatives from the 12 BIA regions, and recently,
9 Mr. Chandler Willie was introduced as the new Navajo DOT
10 Division Director, replacing Mr. Garrett Silversmith.

11 Next slide, please.

12 Some other ongoing activity with the Hopi Tribe
13 related to a 264 grant application, Highway 264. The MPD staff
14 collaborated with the Hopi DOT to develop and submit a grant
15 application under the recently announced Rural and Tribal
16 Assistance Pilot Program. The project is to develop a SR-264
17 corridor preliminary engineering scoping document that will
18 address transportation safety improvements on the Hopi
19 Reservation. The project will -- it runs from BIA Route 2 to
20 SR-87. This effort is in consideration of several meetings,
21 including two Arizona State Transportation Board meetings where
22 Hopi tribe officials commented on the 264 issues and some other
23 concerns. So this was a great win for us where we worked with
24 the Hopi tribe on submitting this grant application. So it was
25 just initial more like application of intent to be followed up

1 if they were selected with a more detailed application.

2 Next slide, please, is the update to the I-10 Gap
3 Project. It goes from Loop 202 to SR-387. Just want to share
4 with you the most current implementation plan. While there's
5 been several meetings with our -- with the community, our
6 partners in this, and they've come up with a sound plan moving
7 forward that (inaudible) kind of share with you today. We are
8 starting on the north end and working southerly to the 387 Casa
9 Grande area. And currently, you know, not all the project is
10 funded. We are currently, probably later today, submitting for
11 the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant, the MPDG grant.
12 We'll be applying for all three sections of the grant, OMEGA,
13 INFRA and Rural. And the grant application is requesting
14 95 million for -- complete the funding of the project. And so
15 things are definitely moving in the positive direction, and the
16 grant application was developed real closely with the Colorado
17 River Indian Community, and we look forward to the actual
18 submittal today.

19 Next slide, please.

20 This new update on the truck parking plan. We're
21 nearing completion, and the Board should be seen a draft of the
22 truck parking plan over the next month or early October, and we
23 look to complete the plan later -- later in October. We do
24 have -- we have started the procurement process of obtaining a
25 consultant to begin design for the rest areas that are listed in

1 the program. So all that, the project development phase is
2 active and moving forward. We do have the meeting scheduled
3 next week with the Arizona Trucking Association, Mr. Tony
4 Bradley, to give him that input and where we're at and the
5 direction we're going to make sure that one of our key
6 stakeholders has buy-in to this process.

7 Next slide, please.

8 Just wanted to share with you some ongoing
9 negotiations and discussions that we're having with SR95 with
10 the -- with the Bullhead City. This process is moving quite
11 rapidly for our route transfer, and so I wanted to make sure
12 that the Board was up to date on how things are moving forward.

13 Next slide, please.

14 So we've been approached by Bullhead City. They
15 have interest in taking over the jurisdiction of approximately
16 10 miles of State Route 95 within the Bullhead City limits. You
17 know, there's always ongoing discussions and concerns
18 (inaudible) when developers come in and we have that different
19 jurisdictional environments associated with new developers, and
20 so that continues to be a conflict, but, you know, one of the
21 ways that, you know, this may solve some of those problems is
22 (inaudible) with the route transfer.

23 So next slide, please.

24 So Northwest District staff has been taking the
25 lead and moving -- and executing this route transfer, and these

1 are some of the items as far as progress to date. And we have
2 met several times with the department officials and within the
3 city of Bullhead. We're looking to -- during July 18th, the
4 Bullhead City Mayor and City Council passed an adoption,
5 adopting a resolution supporting the route transfer, State
6 Route 95. Later that week, Bullhead City letter of intent was
7 sent to the department, and there's been ongoing meetings with
8 the Mayor and the City Manager as we begin to draft the
9 intergovernmental agreement that's required for the -- for the
10 route transfer. Eventually, as this process moves forward, the
11 route transfer would need the Board approval.

12 Next slide, please.

13 Any questions?

14 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Gary.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight, I think you're muted.

16 Okay. Go ahead, Richard. I'm sorry.

17 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Yeah. Paul, thank you for
18 the update, and kind of in line of the request on Bullhead City
19 and 95, do you have any idea what the status is on that Naco
20 Highway question that was brought up earlier this spring?

21 MR. PATANE: No. It was my recollection that the
22 last -- where we left off on that was the -- I believe the
23 County was going to write a letter to ADOT kind of initiating
24 the process. To my knowledge, to date, we have not received
25 that letter.

1 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Well, it's -- I'll double-
2 check, but that's -- I've talked to two different people down at
3 the County, and they said they would do that. So let me see
4 where that's at.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions for Paul?

6 MR. MAXWELL: Chairman Knight.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

8 MR. MAXWELL: I've got -- I've got a question for
9 Paul, so appreciate it.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

11 MR. MAXWELL: So, Paul, can you just give a
12 little detail -- obviously we've talked a lot about looking at
13 some of the state routes that municipalities or cities may want
14 to take back in, as Board Member Searle just brought up.
15 There's some that we're looking at taking in to the state route
16 system. So if this is to transfer the authority and control
17 back to the city, Bullhead City, does it -- does it change the
18 designation at all? What impacts and responsibilities does ADOT
19 then still have for maintenance and oversight of it? Or I guess
20 I'm looking for a little bit more detail on what roles we will
21 retain and what roles we won't.

22 MR. PATANE: As far as operations and
23 maintenance, that will be the responsibility of the -- Bullhead
24 City. You know, with the turnback, one of the big items that we
25 tried to achieve in the turnback is relieving our responsibility

1 of jurisdictional operation and maintenance of that portion of
2 highway.

3 As far as route designation, I know when we did
4 the turnbacks in the Yuma area, we left the routes designated as
5 currently they are, because that's kind of what people are used
6 to, and it would be appropriate to still designate it as the
7 State Route 95, sir.

8 MR. MAXWELL: Paul, just a quick follow-up to
9 that. So when those changeovers, as it did in Yuma, occur, what
10 kind of, I guess, public campaign or announcements are there to
11 let the citizens, particularly those who are going to be most
12 involved, understand that the state route -- well, if I see a
13 state route, I assume that falls under ADOT's responsibility,
14 but how will they know who to go for -- to ask for improvements
15 or to complain about the current road conditions?

16 MR. PATANE: What -- we'll have to work with our
17 communication sections on developing some outreach, you know,
18 outreach with -- efforts (inaudible) include working with
19 Bullhead City and, you know, through their public involvement,
20 and we could probably, you know, make sure (inaudible) take care
21 of that, sir.

22 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you. I may have some
23 more follow-up at the next meeting or offline on how that
24 process really works, because I think -- I understand it makes
25 sense to keep them designated as state routes for simplicity,

1 for maps, for everything else, but at the same time, I think you
2 know, I'd like to take a look at some of our documentation and
3 see what -- how it's stated in our board's responsibilities and
4 ADOT's responsibilities for the state route system in the --
5 throughout the state. So appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Who was -- is that Jesse?

9 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Go ahead.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Once again, I'd just like to ask
12 Paul if he can extend our thank yous again to all the ADOT staff
13 and all those people that were involved in 2023 Arizona Tribal
14 Transportation Safety and Injury Prevention Summit.

15 Again, I think you did a really good job, and I
16 know that the tribal liaisons, Don Sneed, Paula Brown and
17 (inaudible), they're even doing it today, reaching out to all
18 those communities, tell -- informing them about the various ADOT
19 programs. So through ADOT, you know, there's a lot of things
20 that are happening out in the rural and remote area. So again,
21 thank you very much.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Jesse.

23 And Ted, I might be able to shed a little bit of
24 light on 95 at -- in Yuma, we actually -- that was a particular
25 tradeoff. ADOT, we -- the municipalities involved, which were

1 Yuma, Somerton, San Luis, we had to take over US-95, and ADOT
2 for that agreement built 195, the (inaudible) surface highway
3 from 32nd Street in Yuma all the way out to -- it's a four-lane
4 divided highway, all the way to San Luis, the port of entry, to
5 the commercial port of entry.

6 So every -- I guess what I'm -- what I'm getting
7 at is every situation is handled a little bit differently. In
8 this case, we took over 95, and we have to perform the
9 maintenance and everything involved with 95, the old 95 that
10 goes through Yuma, Somerton and eventually ends up in San Luis.
11 We had to take over the county. Then the cities had to take
12 over the maintenance of that highway, and in turn, we received a
13 four-lane divided highway that connected San Luis to the eastern
14 part of Yuma, and it was -- that was a separate -- you know,
15 that was -- each individual case is probably going to be handled
16 a little bit differently.

17 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I understand
18 that. I guess I'd suggest maybe we take -- add it to a study
19 session in the future or something or I can work it offline with
20 Floyd just to make sure I understand as in your situation now,
21 there's another state route out there, and I really want to make
22 sure if the obligation to take care of it's through -- is it
23 through an IGA? Is it -- because if it's still listed as a
24 state route, I'm just concerned that we're going to be in a
25 situation where ultimately ADOT and this Board is still

1 responsible for it if the City's not performing to a
2 satisfactory manner. So it's just something I just need to
3 documentation -- documentation is very important, how we do
4 those, and I just need to learn more. So thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Exactly. And that will
6 certainly be a good discussion to have.

7 Any other -- any other questions for Paul at this
8 time? Hearing none.

9 We'll move on to Item Number 6, PPAC items, with
10 Paul still -- Paul's still up. This is for discussion and
11 possible action.

12 MR. PATANE: Thank you, Chairman Knight, Board
13 Members.

14 So for your consideration, changes to the
15 '24-2028 State Transportation Facility Construction Program.
16 New projects, Items 6A through 6D.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Member Thompson.

19 MR. THOMPSON: I will go ahead and move for
20 approval from 6A to 6D as recommended.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do I hear a second?

22 MS. HOWARD: I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Member
24 Thompson and a second from Member -- that was Jenny, wasn't it?

25 MS. HOWARD: Yes, it was.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Board Member Howard. Okay.
2 It's hard to tell on this virtual thing who's talking, but I
3 think I got it right. So to approve PPAC new projects, Items 6A
4 through 6D as presented.

5 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Opposed?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, we should do the
9 roll call.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Floyd, go ahead and do a roll
11 call.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, sir.

13 Vice Chairman Searle.

14 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

16 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

18 MR. MECK: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

20 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

24 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

2 Mr. Chairman, the motion carries.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

4 Moving on to CPAC project Item 6E.

5 MR. PATANE: Thank you.

6 Chairman Knight, Board Members, for your
7 consideration, changes to the 2024-2028 State Transportation
8 Facilities Construction Program, project modifications, Item 6E.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do I have any questions or
10 discussion from the Board?

11 Then I will entertain a motion to approve PPAC
12 project modification Item 6E as presented.

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: This is Richard. I'll make
14 the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Richard.

16 MR. MECK: Board Member Meck. Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
18 Members Searle and a second from Board Member Meck to approve
19 PPAC project modification Item 6E as presented.

20 Floyd, please call the roll.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

22 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels?

24 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

1 MR. MECK: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

7 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

10 Mr. Chair, the motion carries.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

12 We'll move on to Item 7, the AZ State Match
13 Advantage for Rural Transportation or SMART Funds, with Paul
14 Patane. So Paul, you're -- we're going to wear you out this
15 morning. Go ahead.

16 MR. PATANE: Yeah. Thank you, Chairman Knight,
17 Board Members. And this -- the items here, the AZ SMART fund
18 are quite lengthy today, and so I ask for patience as we
19 navigate through this part of the meeting, so -- but today we
20 have six AZ SMART applications on the agenda, and the full
21 applications were included in your board packet.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Paul, (inaudible).

23 Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd. Mr. Thompson, could
24 you please mute your line? We're getting a lot of noise in
25 here, until we're ready for a motion. It looks like it's coming

1 from your line, please.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Sorry about that.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Thank you.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Go ahead.

5 MR. PATANE: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. We've got -- the first
7 one we'll consider will be the application for Yavapai County,
8 and I will --

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, you're jumping --
10 Mr. Chairman, excuse me. You're jumping ahead of Paul's
11 presentation.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. All right.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. You're not quite ready to
14 ask for that yet.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I thought he was -- I thought
16 he was through.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: No. I'm trying -- I like your
18 style. I like to get in under three minutes, but unfortunately,
19 it's going to be a long discussion, because there's a lot of --
20 a lot of issues to deal with. So please let Paul have his time.

21 MR. PATANE: Thank you. I prefer the abbreviated
22 version anytime, so -- but we'll navigate through this
23 presentation to staff. Took a lot of work to put it together.

24 So as far as AZ SMART eligibilities, we kind of
25 show this slide each time, just reminding you of the eligible

1 uses and applicants. The legislative change that will make most
2 cities and towns in Maricopa and Pima counties ineligible for
3 the program will be effective on October 30th. And in these two
4 counties, it appears only that Gila Bend in Maricopa County will
5 remain eligible, but we still are working on creating the maps.

6 In addition, any applications we receive from
7 impacted applicants before that date of October 30th will still
8 be eligible because the Legislature did not make the change
9 retroactive to the starting date.

10 So again, some of the eligible uses are
11 reimbursement for grants. They can use -- these are for 50
12 percent of grant development for counties and in cities of less
13 than 10,000/100,000, respectively. The eligible uses includes a
14 match for federal grant, along with reimbursement for design and
15 other engineering services.

16 Next slide, please.

17 So some of the federal grants associated with
18 these funding requests are -- is the RAISE grant. You know, the
19 RAISE grant focuses on investments and surface transportation,
20 infrastructure. Will have significant local and regional
21 impact.

22 Next we have the Multimodal Project Discretionary
23 Grant. This actually includes three separate grant
24 opportunities, the MEGA, INFRA and the Rural, all of which focus
25 on projects that strengthen supply chains, spur economic

1 development and improve safety and quality -- quality of life.

2 The next one is also a Safe Streets For All.

3 This grant funds a wide variety of projects focused on safety
4 for all types of road users.

5 And then finally, we have an application for
6 Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems, and this
7 focuses on digitizing and construction management systems to
8 make it more efficient and effective.

9 So the first group of applications we'll review
10 are for the municipalities of 10,000 or more in population,
11 which is -- you know, I think we've all seen this is by far the
12 most activity -- you know, as far as a category, this is the
13 highest activity.

14 First is the pending application from the City of
15 Phoenix requesting 3.4 million to match on their 2022 RAISE
16 grant award from the Rio Reimagined Bike and Ped Bridge. You
17 know, the gentleman from the City of Phoenix, Mr. Knudson, did a
18 great job on describing the project. It does -- the project
19 will construct bicycle and ped bridges across the Rio Salado
20 river along 3rd Street alignment. This improves the southern
21 bank trails with low-emitting solar pedestrian scale lighting
22 and pathway amenities between Central Avenue and 40th Street.
23 The applicant is putting 18 percent of their funding toward the,
24 match. Again, the request is for 3.4 million.

25 Next we have the Show Low. The project is the

1 Scott Ranch Road Infrastructure Expansion. We've heard two
2 members from the call of the audience really describe the need
3 for that project. The request is for 2.40 -- 2,408,000 for
4 design, and this is for -- the work includes design for the
5 funding of a bridge to connect SR-260 and Penrod Road. The
6 applicant will submit construction in the 2024 RAISE grant
7 round. The applicant is also requesting ADOT administration if
8 the grant is awarded.

9 Next slide, please.

10 The final application in the municipalities over
11 10,000 is from Bullhead City, for the Bullhead City Parkway
12 Multimodal Improvement projects. Please note that the grant
13 summary provided to the Board was incorrectly reflected as the
14 RAISE grant. It should have been the Multimodal Project
15 Discretionary Grant, as shown on this slide. The City is
16 requesting match in the amount of \$3 million.

17 The Board previously awarded this amount to the
18 City in the June -- for the RAISE grant application. They were
19 not successful in receiving the RAISE grant, and the June award
20 was returned to the SMART fund pursuant to the statute. They
21 are now applying again with the same project under the rural
22 allocation of the MPDG grant.

23 The scope of the project includes resurfacing,
24 new medians, bus stops, bike/ped paths. The project will
25 improve safety, reduce congestion, improve efficiency and

1 reliability along this route. The applicant is contributing
2 7.6 -- 7,642,730 or 14.43 percent of the total project. The
3 applicant is also requesting ADOT administration if the grant is
4 awarded.

5 Our next category is counties over 100,000. We
6 have one application today. This is from Yavapai County, from
7 the Verde Valley -- for the Verde Valley Transportation Safety
8 Plan. There's a gentleman, Mr. Huff, was at the call to the
9 public today as well and did a very good overview of the project
10 and the necessity. So just some of the highlights and works.
11 The work of this plan will include goal setting, planning,
12 analysis, stakeholder agreements, the (inaudible) projects to
13 help improve safety along the Verde Valley. The applicant is --
14 that -- has zero contribution toward the project. The applicant
15 also intends to be the direct recipient of this grant.

16 Next slide, please.

17 So just a recap of the city and county
18 applications. The first three fall into the cities over 10,000
19 category. As you'll see in a moment when we show financials, we
20 cannot fully fund all three applications in this category for
21 municipalities over 10,000.

22 The last column, Yavapai County, falls into the
23 counties over 100,000 category, and for those requesting match,
24 the yellow highlights reflect the (inaudible) statute which the
25 Board may consider as discretion for these applications.

1 All four applications are eligible. They have
2 received the proper required MPO approval. PPAC has approved
3 all the applications considered by the Board. For the city and
4 county applications, the total match requested this month is
5 3,062,500, which reflects the total pending for match of 6,462.
6 Total design request was 2.408 -- 2,408,000.

7 So next we have -- next slide, please.

8 We have ADOT applications that we're submitting.
9 (Inaudible) applications. We have two applications today. One,
10 the first is for US-95 from Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam
11 Road, and we are requesting 3.75 million in design. These funds
12 will be used to supplement the 8.5 million RAISE grant awarded
13 that the YMPO received for this project. The YMPO is
14 transferring the award to ADOT, and ADOT will be administering
15 the project. The grant will be used for final design,
16 environmental clearance for the separated four-lane highway with
17 widened shoulders. This project will improve safety, alleviate
18 backups, encourage transportation options while providing safe
19 and reasonable access to all the communities and regions in this
20 area.

21 Next ADOT application is for -- is a request for
22 1.25 million in match to develop and implement a digital
23 delivery construction management system. We are applying for
24 the Advanced Digital Construction Management System Grant to
25 design and implement. This is expected to take four years for

1 complete implementation, and so some of the -- this project will
2 streamline the process from inception through project delivery
3 and proactively establish guidelines to achieve delivery goals,
4 and ADOT will be in administering this project. The (inaudible)
5 work also includes development, training, implementation of this
6 new program that we're putting forward.

7 So next is a summary of the ADOT applications.
8 The approval for ADOT projects is a little bit different than
9 other applicants. The AZ SMART statute states that on the
10 department's request, the Board shall approve the use of monies
11 for match or design purposes. Because of this difference, we'll
12 be requesting a separate motion for approval of the ADOT
13 projects.

14 So I just want to share with you the current and
15 cumulative financial activity. In total revenue section, as of
16 July 31st, each category of the fund has earned approximately
17 250,000 in interest.

18 In the Set Aside section, you'll see a new line
19 called Design Recovered, with a negative entry in the minus
20 under 10,000 column of 807- -- 807,500.

21 The Town of Clarkdale has vacated the AZ SMART
22 design award the Board approved for the Bitter Creek Bridge in
23 February, because the Town of Clarkdale received the legislative
24 appropriation for the entire project. The Town no longer
25 intends to pursue a federal grant, and therefore, the grant is

1 invalid since the whole point of providing the design funding or
2 design is to prepare a project for an upcoming federal grant
3 round.

4 In the Total Approved section, the yellow
5 highlighted line shows the amount in each category that is
6 available for award today after we account for all previous
7 activity.

8 Finally, the Pending Requests section reflects
9 the six applications, including the 3.4 million from the City of
10 Phoenix. As you can see, the available funding in the
11 municipalities over 10,000 column is insufficient to cover the
12 pending requests in that category. We have also -- (inaudible).

13 Next slide, please.

14 So we broke it down into a few motions, seven, I
15 believe, and so Chairman Knight, I'd respectfully request that
16 we just go through each motion.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Are you -- is that it,
18 Paul? Are you done?

19 MR. PATANE: Yes. Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Is there a question from
21 any board member for Paul at this point?

22 Okay. Then as suggested, we will take this one
23 motion at a time. First motion is for Item 7A, and I will
24 entertain a motion to approve the AZ SMART fund application for
25 Yavapai County in the amount requested.

1 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: So moved. This is Richard.
2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Richard.
3 MS. HOWARD: I'll second it. This is Jenny.
4 Thank you, Board Member Howard. I have a motion
5 from Board Member Searle and a second from Board Member Howard
6 to approve.
7 Floyd, would you call for the roll vote?
8 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.
9 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.
10 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.
11 MS. DANIELS: Aye.
12 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.
13 MS. DANIELS: Aye. Can you hear me?
14 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.
15 MS. DANIELS: Oh, all right.
16 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.
17 MR. MECK: Aye.
18 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.
19 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.
20 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.
21 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.
22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.
23 MS. HOWARD: Aye.
24 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.
25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

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

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

3 We'll move on to Item 7B. Is there a motion to
4 approve AZ SMART fund application for ADOT application US-95 in
5 the amount requested?

6 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: This is Richard. I'll make
7 the motion.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Richard.

9 MR. MAXWELL: I'll second it. This is Ted.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Ted.

11 I have a motion from Member Searle, a second from
12 Member Maxwell to approve the AZ SMART fund application for ADOT
13 US-95 in the amount requested.

14 Floyd, would you call for the roll vote?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

16 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

18 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

20 MR. MECK: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

22 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

1 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

4 Mr. Chairman, the motion carries.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

6 Moving on to Item 7C. Do I have a motion -- I
7 will entertain a motion for approval of AZ SMART fund
8 application for ADOT application in the amount requested.

9 MS. HOWARD: This is Jenny. So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Member Howard.

11 Do I have a second?

12 MR. THOMPSON: Second. Member Thompson.

13 MR. MECK: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. I have a second
15 from Member Thompson. So I have a motion and a second to
16 approve AZ SMART fund application for ADOT application as
17 requested.

18 Floyd, would you call for the roll vote?

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

20 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'm going to oppose this,
21 gentlemen, so I say nay.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

23 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

25 MR. MECK: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

2 MR. MAXWELL: I'm going to be an aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

6 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chairman Knight.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

9 Mr. Chairman, motion carries.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

11 Ted, did -- I didn't ask for discussion prior to
12 the vote. Is there something we -- you'd like to say?

13 MR. MAXWELL: No. I do think it would have been
14 a good conversation maybe to have, because I would love to hear
15 what Richard's concerns with it were. It's one that I did --
16 looked at myself and had some questions about it, but we kind of
17 rolled.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

19 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'll just -- Gary, my concern
20 is is we need all the money we can to fix the highways that we
21 have, and I just -- first of all, I struggle with us giving
22 ourselves this grant money. I realize it's part of our job, but
23 I'd just rather see this money go to pavement. That's where I'm
24 at.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. I can understand that.

1 I just -- it seems like that ADOT pot has had some question as
2 to how they can use it, so anyway -- it's a little different
3 than the other four pots. I guess that's what I'm saying.

4 MR. MAXWELL: And, Mr. Chair, this is Ted. I'm
5 actually going to -- I'd like to amend my vote to a no on this
6 as well, and I guess my concern is this: I really like how we
7 partnered on the US-95 under the ADOT application, and I know
8 last time at the board meeting we discussed that the ADOT fund
9 could be used in conjunction with others. I guess this is -- if
10 we're going to approve our own funding, I too would also like to
11 have maybe a thorough -- a more thorough explanation on the
12 project or conversation with staff so that we understand why we
13 are allocating us some funding that was obviously given by the
14 Legislature, and we have that option to do it, but I really
15 prefer to see applications like the one we did on US-95, where
16 we're actually making a difference out on the roadways. We know
17 there's no -- there's very little hope insight in the near
18 future of solving the financial issues we've got when it comes
19 to our roadways and highways.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. And I understand that,
21 Ted. I appreciate that. I guess -- I guess, Floyd, you can
22 amend his vote to a nay, and I think probably when we get to
23 future agenda items, it would be a good idea to have this on a
24 future agenda item for discussion.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, thank you for

1 that, and I do like the discussion, even though it came after
2 the vote. What I would recommended is before any individual
3 changes their vote, you actually revote as a group just to make
4 sure that if other people feel the same way, they all have a
5 chance to weigh in. So if we're going to change votes after the
6 Board already voted, I would recommend that you just revote the
7 whole topic for the whole -- for the whole panel (inaudible).

8 MR. MAXWELL: And, Mr. Chair, if that takes a
9 motion, I would like to make that motion that we revote on this
10 topic, and if any of the other members on the Board have some
11 concerns, because this -- I have very little understanding on
12 what this digital construction management system's going to be.
13 My bad for not reaching out before the meeting, but there is
14 some validity that this money is always going to be available,
15 and if we -- one --

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Ted, and what I -- my
17 understanding is that your vote will remain an eye right now
18 because you have to be in the group that prevailed in order to
19 have the motion reconsidered. So if you would like to make a
20 motion to reconsider, then we can move from there.

21 MR. MAXWELL: And, Mr. Chair, I would like to
22 make the motion to reconsider it and open it up for discussion.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do I have a second?

24 Richard, would you like to second that?

25 MS. DANIELS: I'll second the motion --

1 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I was -- I was a nay, so I --

2 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. So whatever, I guess.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I've got a motion from Member
4 Maxwell and a second from Member Howard.

5 MS. DANIELS: Daniels. (Inaudible.)

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Daniels. I'm sorry.

7 MS. DANIELS: That's okay.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And to reconsider the last --
9 the last item.

10 All those in favor, would you please poll the
11 Board, Floyd?

12 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, is this the vote to
13 reconsider?

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: This is the vote to reconsider.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: That's correct. Okay.

17 Vice Chairman Searle.

18 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: And Member Daniels.

20 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

22 MR. MECK: Yes. I'd like to explain. I'll vote
23 aye, but I just want to mention this is the first issue like
24 this that has come up since I've been on the Board. I think if
25 we can maybe have more detail on something like this, like when

1 it's within ADOT like this, I'd like to see a little bit more
2 information than what we have here. Thank you.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

4 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

6 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

8 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chairman Knight.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

11 So Mr. Chairman, that motion does pass.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. So we have a motion that
13 just passed to reconsider the last item, Item 7C. I think, from
14 what I'm hearing from the Board and from particularly what
15 Member Meck said, that it might be a good idea to table this
16 particular item for future consideration at the next board
17 meeting so that we can have a better definition and discussion
18 and clarification from ADOT. If that meets with everybody's
19 approval, I would entertain a motion to table Item 7C.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman --

21 MR. MECK: Board Member -- excuse me. Go ahead,
22 Floyd.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, I just wanted to make
24 sure that we had a chance to just look at this real quickly.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Go ahead.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: This is exact the request that we
2 need to submit. So moving this out a month, that's what I
3 wanted to ask the team, is if moving this out a month, does that
4 affect our ability to go after this grant?

5 MR. PATANE: It's part of the (inaudible) grants,
6 and those expirations are August 21st.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: So the expiration for this -- for
8 this grant, if ADOT is to go after it, is August 21st, which
9 means we will not be back in time to approve this to go after
10 that grant. So we basically will not go this year, if that's
11 the intent.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Then I would suggest
13 that we have our discussion right now, and the board members
14 that are -- in particularly had questions on this, maybe we can
15 get them answered before we vote on this item again, which
16 apparently we will have to do after the discussion. So, Gary --
17 (Speaking simultaneously.)

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Paul, do you want to give us
19 any further -- any further clarification, or would you -- you
20 just want to take questions from the Board?

21 MR. PATANE: I'll try to answer as I can barely
22 hear on the computer, so we talk about (inaudible) digital
23 delivery, but the concept behind it is, you know, going to where
24 a lot of the data is -- everything is digitized, where it's
25 housed in one area. Right now, we have several system that we

1 use in project development. Okay? And the goal behind digital
2 delivery is to improve project delivery, which means we would
3 have the ability to hopefully speed up some of our project
4 delivery phases in different aspects of the project development.

5 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Gary, this is Richard.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Richard.

7 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Paul, what is the total grant
8 amount being requested on this ADCGM grant?

9 MR. PATANE: The total amount being requested
10 is -- one second, please.

11 (Inaudible discussion.)

12 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, did you hear
13 that? The total amount would be 5 million in federal funds and
14 1,250,000, which would be the state match, so for a total of
15 \$6.25 million.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: All right. Thank you.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, this is also a
18 program that will help our development team basically kind of
19 streamline and do a better effort in getting projects ready and
20 getting them out the door, and that is all part of Mr. Steve
21 Boschen's area, and I see that Steve is online here. I don't
22 know, Steve, if you wanted to weigh in on any further
23 clarification or had a reasoning why this is a strategy for the
24 department to go after this grant.

25 MR. BOSCHEN: Absolutely, Floyd. Chairman,

1 Knight, Board Members, I totally understand where Board Member
2 Searle's coming from. I want all our money to go to pavement.
3 But in terms of digital delivery, this is what the contracting
4 field and our consultants have been asking for. We're way
5 behind other states in terms of delivering plans more
6 efficiently.

7 So that's what this is really about. It's about
8 getting rid of 500 sheet sets and having less plan sheets, and
9 the model is the legal document. I think we probably could have
10 presented this a hair better, but that's really the intent.
11 Pennsylvania's way out in front of us. Utah is way out in front
12 of us. So I know it's a lot of money, but that's what it takes
13 to get a program like this off the board. So it's really
14 digital delivery so that we can more efficiently, like Floyd
15 said, deliver projects. And I really hope that you do go ahead
16 and vote for approval of this, because in three or five years,
17 I'm going to retire, and I want this on the Board, but that's
18 not a reason to vote for it.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: So if they vote for it, will you
20 retire earlier? (Inaudible.) I'll vote.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: I'm sorry. My apologies.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you very much for your
25 clarification.

1 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Comments from the Board?

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

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Ted.

5 MR. MAXWELL: I do -- I do have -- and I know I'm
6 going to end up being a stickler on this one. So on the actual
7 application itself, on line 39, it looks like we, ADOT,
8 requested a million dollars, yet on the match requested on the
9 spreadsheet, it's got 1.25.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. It was updated.

11 MR. MAXWELL: Okay.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's 125.

13 MR. PATANE: The correct request is -- Chairman
14 Knight, Board Member Maxwell, the correct request is on the
15 slide of 1.25 million.

16 MR. MAXWELL: Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. When I read it, I
18 understood it to be a million two five. 1.25 million.

19 Any other questions for the Board?

20 MS. HOWARD: This is Board Member Howard. I do
21 have a couple of questions for Steve. So you talked about --

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Go ahead.

23 MS. HOWARD: -- digital transfer of drawings. Is
24 there also a document management side to this that would further
25 expedite IGAs and communications between stakeholders and ADOT

1 that could, you know, shorten a lot of these times? I've been
2 on it for years from the other side as well, from the municipal
3 side, and I know that there's room for improvement there. Would
4 this help in those aspects as well?

5 MR. BOSCHEN: Chair Knight, Board Member Howard,
6 I'll have to say no. We are looking at other areas to do that
7 though in terms of that, but you'll probably appreciate that one
8 of the benefits of this is we can give a contractor a file so
9 that their equipment with machine language can read that. So
10 we've done paving wirelessly. In the past, we've had to have a
11 wire out there if we did concrete pavement. We can do this
12 totally no hands. So this is one of the benefits of having
13 machine grade control, and a lot of the equipment that we have
14 does that. It's just that we don't deliver it in that format.
15 We do it old school, which is 2D, 2D plans, and we live in a 3D
16 world. The vertical, you know, infrastructure guys, you know,
17 that do buildings, again, they're way out in front, and that's
18 why we're trying to get with the times and do this 3D, you know,
19 for transportation.

20 But to be honest with you, no, we're looking at
21 other avenues to get JPA's and those type of documents
22 coordinated better. This does not do that.

23 MS. HOWARD: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, one more clarifying --

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other -- any other

1 questions from the Board?

2 MR. MAXWELL: It's Ted. I've got one more
3 clarifying question.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Sure, Ted. Go ahead.

5 MR. MAXWELL: Since we're -- we vote on -- you
6 know, ADOT ones we treat a little differently, but it's the same
7 situation. If we go forward with this match and then we put in
8 the request for the grant and don't get the grant, then the 1.25
9 will go back into the ADOT SMART funds category? It won't stay
10 residing within ADOT, will it?

11 MS. HOWARD: That's correct.

12 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions from the
14 Board?

15 Hearing none, we will vote again.

16 Is there a motion to approve AZ SMART fund
17 application for ADOT application in the amount requested by the
18 applicant, which was 1.25 million?

19 MS. DANIELS: So moved. Jenn Daniels.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Jenn.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And that was from (inaudible).
23 Thank you.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. I think the reason -- the
25 reason why I'm going with it is that what caught my attention is

1 bringing more projects forward. That's why it caught my
2 attention on getting this in place. So thank you very much.
3 I'll second it.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Mine as well. I'm very happy
5 that it's going to make the system more efficient. I think
6 that's very important in getting projects done in a more -- and
7 awarded in a more timely manner.

8 So that being said, I have a motion from Member
9 Daniels and a second from Member Thompson. Would you -- and I
10 would call for the roll vote for it, Floyd.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

12 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Nay.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Was that an aye or a nay? I'm
14 sorry, Mr. Searle.

15 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: That was a nay. I'm opposed.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay.

17 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'm going to stay opposed.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Thank you, sir. Wanted
19 to make sure I got it correct.

20 Member Daniels.

21 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

23 MR. MECK: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

25 MR. MAXWELL: Aye, with an appreciation of the

1 conversation.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

3 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

5 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chairman Knight.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

8 Mr. Chairman, the motion does carry.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

10 Moving on to Item 7D, which is the AZ SMART fund
11 application for Show Low. Is there any questions or discussion
12 from the Board on this item?

13 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: It's Ted?

15 MR. MAXWELL: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Go ahead, Ted.

17 MR. MAXWELL: Since all these three are for the
18 municipalities underneath -- or for municipalities over 10K, and
19 we know we do not have enough funding in that pot, do we want to
20 take any time to discuss the three as a whole, or do you want to
21 just take individual votes going forward?

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I think it'll be -- I think
23 it'll be quicker if we take individual votes, but --

24 MR. MAXWELL: We'll be out of money by the third
25 one is what I'm telling you.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That's right. That's right.
2 We will. Yeah. We will. I understand that.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd.
4 I would ask that the Board -- remember the Board's options with
5 the AZ grant fund applications are to approve them, to deny
6 them, to defer them or to modify them.

7 So in regard to Mr. Maxwell's comment, if you
8 wanted to look at these three out of that category, since there
9 is only basically \$5.8 million available, but we've been asked
10 for -- was that three, six, seven, eight -- almost eight and a
11 half million dollars or more of requests, you may want to have
12 that deliberation to see if you would look to make any
13 modifications or adjustments to the applications before taking
14 action.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Well, here's my problem.
16 The AZ SMART Funds. SMART stands for State Match Advantage for
17 Rural Transportation. When I look at these three applications,
18 only two were rural transportation. I'm sorry, but only two
19 are, and I think it's the Board's -- the Board's responsibility
20 to prioritize.

21 So my take is that we award SMART funds in -- as
22 requested to Show Low and Bullhead City. That will leave only
23 little under half a million in that fund, but those two are
24 definitely rural transportation. I don't see the Phoenix
25 application is rural transportation, but that's my take on it,

1 and it's open to discussion.

2 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Gary, this is Richard.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Richard.

4 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Floyd or whoever, or Paul,
5 the Bullhead City, we approved that, and it was -- they did not
6 get the grant. So they're coming back for another grant,
7 another bite at the apple for this one, correct?

8 MR. PATANE: Yes, Mr. Searle.

9 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: The Phoenix application for
10 the Rio Salado Bridge, has that grant been approved yet or are
11 they still looking for matching funds?

12 MR. PATANE: Chairman Knight, Board Member
13 Searle, yes, the -- their grant has been approved.

14 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: The Phoenix has been
15 approved. Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. PATANE: Yes.

17 Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Whom --

19 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: That's Ted.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Ted. Go ahead, Ted.

21 MR. MAXWELL: So I know Mr. Knudson was -- said
22 he'd stay on the line during the call if we had any follow-up
23 questions, and he was -- you know, he did -- he did mention that
24 they've already received their RAISE grant. They're trying now
25 to come up with the rest of the funds to support the matching,

1 but I guess the question I'd have for him is will this project,
2 since they've already got the RAISE grant, go forward with or
3 without our match? I understand that it's -- the eligibility's
4 there. It would be beneficial to them, and I understand all
5 that, but I guess my concern is some of these projects, we will
6 be making the project potential by providing the grant. Is the
7 Rio Salado bicycle/pedestrian bridge going to go forward? While
8 it may take more fundraising, some more identification of funds,
9 with or without this grant? And that would play into my
10 decision.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Knudson, if you are there,
12 could you please raise your hand again, and we will have the
13 WebEx host on unmute you.

14 Bryce, I can't tell. Has he raised his hand?

15 WEBEX HOST: I have requested to unmute your
16 line. You are now unmuted.

17 MR. KAJIRWA: Thank you. (Inaudible) you unmuted
18 me. This is Edigar Kajirwa from the City of Bullhead City. I
19 believe the floor was passed on to the gentleman from the City
20 of Phoenix.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: I'm sorry. I didn't understand
22 what -- Mr. Knudson, is that --

23 MS. DANIELS: That wasn't Mr. Knudson.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

25 MS. DANIELS: That was actually the gentleman

1 from Bullhead City, so we need Mr. Knudson to answer that
2 question.

3 WEBEX HOST: My apologies. Mr. Knudson, I -- you
4 are now unmuted.

5 MR. KNUDSON: Yeah. Mr. Chair and Board Member
6 Maxwell, this is Kini.

7 To answer your question, when we had originally
8 requested funding from the RAISE program, we had requested about
9 \$55 million of a total project. With the funding we got from
10 the federal government, we're only to -- able to support about
11 \$34 million of that. So we still have close to \$20 million
12 still of necessary funds to be able to do the complete project.

13 With the available funding from the RAISE grant
14 program, we are doing a portion of that project. So that
15 project will move forward with or without the SMART grant
16 funding. However, the SMART grant funding would assist us in
17 being able to complete the larger project that would be part of
18 the improvements to the Rio Salado and the Rio Reimagined
19 project.

20 So that -- that's our intent is to be able to
21 help move forward to the larger project that we did not get
22 funding for.

23 MS. DANIELS: Chairman --

24 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman --

25 MS. DANIELS: -- I have some additional comments

1 as well. I'm happy to wait my turn, though.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay, Jenn. Go ahead.

3 MR. THOMPSON: I do feel the same way, that we
4 need to apply this to the rule on transportation. I do agree
5 with your assessment of this, Chairman, that we need to think
6 about those communities, the way in the rural area. So again, I
7 do agree that we should go with A&B at this time.

8 And my other question is would ADOT share with --
9 some of theirs with the Rio Salado project?

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I think --

11 (Inaudible conversation.)

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Member Thompson, I think that
13 would have to come as a request from -- from Phoenix to be
14 considered.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Member --

17 DIRECTOR TOTH: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this
18 is Jennifer Toth.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Yes. Yes, Jennifer. Go
20 ahead.

21 DIRECTOR TOTH: My understanding, and I'm looking
22 to staff, and Stacy has had a lot of conversation from a legal
23 perspective on the funds, we would have to use it either on the
24 state highway system. So this project, we wouldn't be able to
25 use our funds on -- to help the City of Phoenix on this one.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Again, Chairman, thank you.

3 Again, I feel that the numbers, the Show Low application is well
4 justified and meets the criteria, and I think if we were to take
5 it separately, I would suggest that we approve that first one
6 first.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Member Thompson.

8 Member Daniels, did you have something that you
9 wanted to say?

10 MS. DANIELS: Yeah. Thanks, you guys.

11 We had this conversation, I think, several months
12 ago now about the definitions and the criteria within the SMART
13 grant program. I recognize that Phoenix is not viewed as rural.
14 However, there are parts of Phoenix that are actually still very
15 rural, and so we need to get real specific about what rural
16 means, and we also need to tighten up our guidelines, and I
17 think that that was underway and may have already been completed
18 since that last -- this last round of applications. But if they
19 fit the criteria located within the SMART grant, then they
20 should be eligible for the grant. And if they don't, we should
21 be real clear up front with the municipalities that spend time,
22 energy and resources to respond to these grant applications well
23 in advance.

24 So it's my understanding that the City of
25 Phoenix's application meets all of the same standards, even if

1 it is not viewed specifically by all members of this board as
2 being rural. And again, that definition has changed. Gilbert
3 used to be considered a rural community, and it is no longer,
4 but I'm not sure that there's been a -- you know, a definition
5 shift as far as the makeup of the community.

6 So I'm sensitive to this, and I recognize how
7 much time, energy and resources it takes to respond to a grant
8 application, and I think changing the rules or using one word
9 out of the title to limit half -- you know, partway through this
10 process is really, in my view, a very unfair way of doing this.

11 So I would recommend that we allocate the funds,
12 the full 5.8 million, and distribute that as best we can
13 equally, everybody taking an equal percentage. I'm not that
14 great at math, so I'd need staff to let us know what that means,
15 but I would be glad to make a motion when the time is right to
16 reduce everyone's amount by the same percentage so that we can
17 expand the entire 5.8 million and do that in a really equitable
18 way. That to me is the only -- the only response, I think, that
19 merits, you know, taking into consideration the time, energy and
20 effort that all these municipalities contribute to this process.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: You're doing the math?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. (Inaudible.)

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. I appreciate your
24 comment.

25 I would just like to say that I think it's quite

1 obvious what the State Legislature's intent was. They messed
2 up. They didn't get it right the first time, so they had to do
3 an amendment. That amendment, had they not waited so long to
4 sine die, would have gone into effect, and it was not their
5 intent, obviously, that the City of Phoenix be included and
6 eligible for the grant money, the SMART money. It wasn't --
7 it's obvious that they did not intend that to happen.

8 Circumstances being what they are and the fact that they
9 adjourned so late means that that won't actually go into effect
10 until October, but it will go into effect in October, and then
11 they will no longer be eligible, which is what was -- which is
12 what the intent of the -- of the Legislature was to begin with.

13 So I really think that we should keep this money
14 for what it was intended for, rural transportation, and Rio
15 Salado is obviously not rural transportation.

16 MS. DANIELS: Chairman, Chairman, with all due
17 respect, I've gotten in big trouble over the years trying to
18 interpret the intention of the Legislature, and I would highly
19 recommend we don't try to interpret their intention, even though
20 the language that they've included now has provided additional
21 clarity. It's a slippery slope for us to walk down as a -- as a
22 state board to try to translate the intention of a large
23 legislative body. That's not our job normally.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Normally I would agree, but
25 they have -- they have made it perfectly clear what their

1 intention was by doing the amendment. That -- had they not done
2 that, then we would be on a slippery slope, as you say, because
3 we would have to be what they -- what are their intentions. But
4 now we know exactly what their intentions were. They spelled it
5 out in the amendment. They realized they had screwed up, and
6 now the amendment will take effect October 30th, and then there
7 will be no discussion about whether they're eligible or not
8 eligible.

9 I'm just looking at whether or not it's rural
10 transportation, which is what the SMART fund is supposed to be,
11 and in my mind, it's not rural transportation. I'm sorry, and I
12 can't -- I like compromises, but it's -- I'm -- I can't go for
13 it.

14 MS. DANIELS: Understood.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other comments?

16 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair. Sorry. I'll defer to
17 Jenn -- to Jenny. I heard her wanting to speak up. I'll defer
18 to her first.

19 MS. HOWARD: Thank you, Ted.

20 And actually, this takes me back to the question
21 you had for the City of Phoenix, and I didn't quite receive a
22 complete explanation as to if the project would move forward
23 without these funds. It was a little bit contradicting to me.

24 So City of Phoenix, if you're still on the line,
25 if -- I'm understanding, maybe you're taking a phased approach,

1 and a portion of the project is funded through whatever means
2 you've taken. You still are in the process of applying for
3 grants and seeking other funding, and this money would be
4 leveraged to apply or replace funding that you could utilize to
5 leverage for these grants. That's what I'm understanding, but
6 could you clarify that for me?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knudson, are you still
8 there?

9 WEBEX HOST: I have requested to unmute your
10 line. You're now unmuted.

11 MR. KNUDSON: I'm unmuted now.

12 So to answer the question, the -- as have
13 awarded, which is the \$25 million we received from the RAISE
14 grant program and the local match we've -- we're trying to use
15 right now, yes, we will move forward with the project, with or
16 without these funds.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Who was that?

20 MR. MAXWELL: This is Ted.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah, Ted.

22 MR. MAXWELL: As we decide how we're going to
23 move this forward, obviously there will be motions to follow.
24 I'm just going to state my thoughts right now, is I am fully
25 supportive of the Show Low application. I'd kind of like to

1 take that separately, because I think that that one, we may have
2 broad (inaudible).

3 My only concern with the Bullhead City
4 application is it's going to tie up \$3 million of SMART funds,
5 and we've got limited inside the municipality above 10K or
6 not. If there's something I actually wish the Legislature had
7 done is they had redefined what -- those pots, because putting
8 all the cities above 10K, it's very difficult for any of the
9 cities less than 10K to come up with projects. I mean,
10 they're much better off going to the State Legislature.

11 But I'm fully supportive of Show Low. I'm a
12 little worried about Bullhead City, because if we do authorize
13 the 3 million, that 3 million will be put towards them while
14 they go through the process again and may not get the grant
15 again at the end. And in theory, and I was fully supportive
16 of that Bullhead Parkway multimodal improvements on the first
17 vote, but they could come back every year, and now we've just
18 got 3 million tied up that could go to other rural projects as
19 well.

20 But -- so I'm for the Show Low application.
21 I'm not sure about the other two in either form. I do believe
22 the Rio Salado project is going to move forward, so I'm
23 tempted -- I'm leaning towards voting no on that one.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: The one thing I would like to

1 say is this Rio Salado is very, very close to downtown Phoenix.
2 It's not in the -- in the suburbs. It's not in the outside of
3 Phoenix. It's very close to the downtown Phoenix, and it's
4 not -- it's just not rural. It is -- it -- and we're taking
5 away funds -- actually, these funds were supposed to be, as
6 we've treated them in the past, so that rural communities can
7 apply. Before, they couldn't even apply for some of these
8 federal grants, because they didn't have the financial
9 wherewithal to come up with the matching funds. The SMART funds
10 were supposed to give them that opportunity, and so Bullhead
11 City, yeah, it's in my district, but that's got nothing to do
12 with it. The fact is it's very rural. It meets, in my mind,
13 all of the qualifications for a rural community, and they're
14 doing exactly -- they would not even be able to apply for this
15 grant without knowing that they have the matching funds
16 available.

17 So I think we should give them that opportunity.
18 I think they are very adamant about getting that they -- they've
19 already applied for one grant, and as we all know, everybody
20 that applies for RAISE grants doesn't always get them. In fact,
21 more people -- or more municipalities don't get them than do.
22 So that didn't deter them. They're right back after another
23 grant that -- it could be successful with, but without the
24 matching funds, they're not going to be able to get the grant.
25 So I think both Show Low and Bullhead City, I think those --

1 this is exactly what the SMART Funds were set up for.

2 Phoenix now has the ability to go for the half
3 cent sales tax renewal. They're under MAG. They should have
4 no problem advancing the Rio Salado if it's -- if it's of that
5 great importance to them, they shouldn't have any problem
6 coming up with the money. They've certainly got a lot more
7 money than the rural communities of Show Low and Bullhead
8 City.

9 So I'm not for dividing it up. There will
10 be -- about the only compromise I could live with was -- is
11 there will be almost half a million, exactly 400 and -- when
12 we're done, there would be \$437,407 left in that pot. I don't
13 like it, but if you want to give that to --

14 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: If you want to award that to
16 Phoenix, that's fine, but --

17 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I'd like to move to
18 approve Show Low's application for Scott Ranch Road
19 infrastructure for design in the requested amount of 2.408
20 million.

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'll second that motion.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And that second was from
24 Richard?

25 MR. THOMPSON: Board Thompson. Board Member

1 Thompson.

2 Okay. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Jesse.

3 I have a -- I have a motion from Member Maxwell
4 and a second from Member Thompson to approve the SMART fund
5 application for the City of Show Low and the amount requested.

6 Floyd, would you call for the roll vote?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

10 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

12 MS. DANIELS: Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye.

13 (Inaudible conversation.)

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: You get to vote twice, Jenn.

15 MS. DANIELS: That was only one vote.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

17 MR. MECK: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

23 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

1 So, Mr. Chairman, that was a seven -- unanimous
2 vote. Motion carries.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Gary, this is Richard.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Richard.

6 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Before we go forward for
7 the next motion, I would support Board Member Daniels'
8 recommendation to split this. I have concerns, and Ted voiced
9 it well. Bullhead City, we approved that last -- couple
10 months ago. They weren't successful in their grant. They're
11 going for another grant. I understand, but there's no
12 assurance that they will get it, and at the meantime, Phoenix,
13 which I did not support sending the money to last time, but
14 since they have been approved, the project's going forward, I
15 would support -- I would support splitting the funds between
16 the two, if Board Member Daniels wants to make that motion.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Well, let me say this. The
18 amount of the SMART fund to Phoenix, whatever it is, is not
19 enough to complete. Even if we gave them the full amount they
20 asked for, it will not finish their project. Their project
21 requires additional funding, which they -- which they are
22 going to go out for, which they are going to have available to
23 them through MAG or whatever source it might be. This money
24 just lowers the amount by a very small amount that they have
25 to have to complete this project, and it won't stop it from

1 going forward at all. I'm not sure that it wouldn't stop
2 without these matching funds.

3 It would probably stop Bullhead City from even
4 applying for the second grant, but they're not here to comment
5 on that, so I'm just guessing. But nevertheless, if they
6 need -- they're asking -- it's less than -- less than 3
7 million that they're asking for, so -- or whatever. It's 3
8 million. But anyway, they -- their ask is just to match what
9 they're applying for, and as I mentioned before, that's
10 exactly what these funds are for, is so that they could apply
11 for the -- for the -- the fact that they applied and did not
12 get a grant previously has not deterred them from continuing
13 to apply for grants, and that's what you have to do when
14 you're a rural community. And you just have to ask for
15 grants, and eventually -- it's been my experience that
16 eventually you'll get one, but if you don't have the matching
17 funds, you can't even apply.

18 So I think in my own mind that Phoenix doesn't
19 really need the money, and they don't really fit into the
20 rural transportation mode of what this SMART fund was intended
21 for. So I really think that we should keep these SMART funds
22 as they were intended, for rural transportation, and not jump
23 through some loophole that the Legislature left in it the
24 first time they passed it.

25 And with that, I would entertain a motion to

1 approve the SMART fund application for Bullhead City.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, I would go ahead and
3 move on that, the motion, approval for the Bullhead City
4 project application.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do we have a second?

6 I'll second it.

7 We have a motion from Member Thompson and a
8 second by me to approve the AZ SMART fund application for
9 Bullhead City in the amount requested by the applicant.

10 Floyd, would you call for the roll vote?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: I will --

12 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, can we have some
13 discussion?

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Thanks, Gary. Sorry. Sorry. I
16 didn't want to call the vote until I ask one more question for
17 clarification.

18 So Floyd or anybody on staff, the grant that
19 Bullhead City is entertaining applying for, is there a set due
20 date for that grant yet?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's today, actually.
22 Let me confirm that.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: While -- I don't know that --
24 staff is looking at that, but Mr. Chairman, there is the
25 assistant city manager from Bullhead City who is online, has

1 his hand raised if you wanted to go ahead and ask him direct
2 questions with the City of Bullhead.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Go ahead and unmute him.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: yeah.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Bryce, can you please unmute
6 Mr. Edigar Kajirwa. Bryce, are you able to mute him? Bryce,
7 are you able to unmute Edigar?

8 Are we muted?

9 (Inaudible conversation.)

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Edigar, are you -- have you
11 raised your hand?

12 WEBEX HOST: I have requested to unmute your
13 line. You are now unmuted.

14 MR. KAJIRWA: There we go. Thank you, Bryce.

15 Good morning, Chair and the Board. It's a
16 pleasure being with -- being able to speak to you once again.

17 Yes, this project did come before you in June in
18 Florence. You did approve it. Unfortunately, as mentioned
19 earlier on during the discussion, we did not get awarded that
20 grant. I do appreciate the robust conversations that have
21 occurred over the past few minutes, and we will be submitting
22 this grant under the MPDG grant that is due on August 21st,
23 which will be Monday. So it's not due today, as one of you
24 mentioned, but due on Monday.

25 This project for us has been a top priority for

1 the -- for the City Council since the -- I will say since the
2 early 2000s. Actually, we've been trying to see how we can
3 resurface this road. The Department of Transportation and
4 Federal Highway Authority has come out and done some tests over
5 the past few years and have also indicated that it needs major
6 changes. Last year when we applied for it, we got -- we got --
7 we didn't get it, but the project was a highly designated
8 project.

9 Under the RAISE grant this year, they came back
10 and gave us higher scoring due to the partnership that we had
11 with ADOT in terms of project administration and the technical
12 expertise that ADOT will bring on board. I think the only issue
13 they had with that was the financial aspect of it.

14 We have clarified everything, and one thing that
15 I'd also like to mention is with the MPDG grant, in comparison
16 with the RAISE grant, the RAISE grant, you're competing with all
17 the cities across, all the cities and counties and other
18 administrations across the United States. With the MPDG grant,
19 it's been split between MEGA, INFRA and Rural, so similar to AZ
20 SMART, the rural portion of the MPDG grant clearly has to be
21 allocated towards rural municipalities and areas.

22 So we do believe we stand a better chance with
23 this, especially given the traction and positive feedback we
24 have gotten back from DOT, and we will highly appreciate your
25 support for this project, as we've had multiple deaths and

1 accidents and fatalities on that particular parkway, and it's a
2 much needed project.

3 The City of Bullhead City has been working on
4 this, and we'll be able to make this project work, but as
5 mentioned, when it comes to the financial aspect of it, it's
6 just one of those projects that we really can't do. We don't
7 have property taxes -- our financial sort of flexibility is
8 limited, and any sort of grant that we can get, we do
9 appreciate, and we always look for the opportunity to go after
10 that with the hope that we can get it.

11 And to sort of just give further endpoints on
12 the discussion that is ongoing right now, we applied for it in
13 June. We didn't get it. As set forth in the statute, those
14 funds went back to the AZ SMART pot.

15 This grant is due on August 21st. They're
16 probably going to announce winners within the next three
17 months or four months, and then if not awarded, those funds
18 could come back and forward their municipalities over 10,000.

19 I stand for any questions. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Ted, do you have any
21 questions?

22 MR. MAXWELL: Yeah, Gary. What I'd like to
23 ask -- I appreciate you coming back in front and explaining to
24 us the status of where you stand right now. If you were to
25 receive 2 million or a lesser amount than the 3 million, would

1 you still be able to go forward with your grant application, or
2 does your grant application for the grant on -- due next Monday
3 require the full 3 million to go forward?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Edigar, did you hear that, that
5 question?

6 MR. KAJIRWA: Yeah. Sorry. I muted myself by
7 mistake, and Bryce just put me back on.

8 Yes, we would greatly appreciate that 3
9 million. As of right now, the budget that we have sort of
10 gone through with our financial team and seeing how much we
11 can input into the project, the 3 million will make the
12 project work. Anything less than that will put us in a bind.
13 We have other projects that also have priority and -- such as
14 water, that we all (inaudible) out in the Southwest. So
15 anything less than 3 million puts us in a really tight
16 situation, and we might have to forego applying for this
17 grant. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions from the
19 Board? I would just like to say one thing more. All of
20 these -- both of these grants, the one for Show Low, the one
21 for Bullhead City, both are -- as Board Member Searle pointed
22 out, I'd rather keep the money in the pavement. Both of these
23 grants are for roads. The Rio Salado, Phoenix, that's a
24 pedestrian/bicycle bridge. It's not really pavement for cars to
25 run on, and I think both the Show Low and Bullhead City

1 applications are more important, if for no other reason, just
2 because we're talking about putting the money into pavement on
3 the ground.

4 And that being said, we have -- is there any
5 other comments or discussion from the Board?

6 In that case, we have a motion and a second.
7 Floyd, would you call -- I'd call for the roll vote.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

9 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

11 MS. DANIELS: Aye. And I'd like a chance to
12 explain my vote once we're done. Thank you.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

14 MR. MECK: No.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

16 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

20 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

23 Mr. Chairman, with a vote of six to one, ayes,
24 the motion does carry, and Member Daniels would like to explain
25 her vote.

1 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. Appreciate the
2 indulgence.

3 I'm in favor of expending these dollars to
4 benefit our communities. That's the bottom line, is these
5 dollars need to be spent in a -- in a way that benefits our
6 state. I'm, I think, disappointed in the way that we weren't
7 able to find a compromise that would benefit all of the
8 communities in our state, and as much as I -- I'm a huge fan
9 of the Rio Reimagined project. I think it's going to do
10 wonders for both the state as well as for an underserved area
11 of Phoenix, as well as the rest of the communities that will
12 benefit from that. Basically, every city going west,
13 including Buckeye and Avondale and all of the other cities
14 that stand to benefit from the Tres Rios project and Rio
15 Reimagined. So I'm disappointed that we were sort of divided,
16 if you will, on this, but I am in favor of expending these
17 dollars to benefit our communities.

18 So I congratulate Bullhead City and wish them
19 all of the best in getting their secondary grant, and if for
20 whatever reason they are unable to secure a secondary grant, I
21 hope that they would come forward with a way to rededicate
22 those dollars to either another community or another area of
23 their community that would benefit through the proper channels
24 and process. So hoping that that can occur if, in fact, they
25 are unable to obtain the remaining grant that they need to

1 finish their project. I wish them all the best in getting that
2 done though.

3 MR. KAJIRWA: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. I would --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Who was that?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd.

8 Now that you've --

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah, Floyd. I had a
10 question for you, but go ahead.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Now that you've approved the first
12 two, that does leave left in the account for municipalities over
13 10,000, \$437,407. So if you choose to give back that Phoenix or
14 leave it in the balance or -- I don't know, something. Whatever
15 the Board chooses.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Well, we'll move --
17 we'll move on with that, but my question is if we do not
18 vote -- if we do not vote on the Phoenix award at all, then
19 does it remain in the queue, so to speak, for -- until such
20 time as October 30th comes along and they're no longer
21 eligible? But if we -- if we vote on it and give them
22 anything or nothing, then they're done, right? They would
23 have to re-apply? But if we -- if we just don't vote on Item
24 7F, then will they remain in the queue so that they can be
25 considered at a later date? How's that going to work?

1 MR. PATANE: Chairman Knight, Board Members, this
2 is Paul Patane. The way -- in talking with our legal counsel,
3 the way the current legislation is written is that the Phoenix
4 application will remain eligible until their federal grant is
5 executed. Even if, say, they don't execute the grant before
6 October 30th, their application is still eligible after October
7 30th.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. But if we -- if, as
9 Floyd suggested, we vote to give them the balance that's in
10 the fund, then they're done, right? Their application has
11 been addressed? We've given them some SMART Funds and they
12 will no longer be in consideration from that point going
13 forward; is that correct?

14 MS. DANIELS: May I -- may I make a suggestion on
15 this actually to help us move things along?

16 They may not want the additional federal
17 dollars because of the additional reporting requirements and
18 things. So why don't we table their application and see if
19 they still want it? Maybe they can answer that on the phone
20 right now, but if they wanted the remaining funds or not, I'd
21 like to know that before we allocated them.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Jenn, I think that's great.
23 I just wanted to make sure that if we -- if we just don't vote
24 on it, then they remain in the queue for --

25 MS. DANIELS: I understand. So let's find out.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. Okay. In that case, we
2 just -- if we don't vote on Item 7F, then they will just remain
3 in the queue, and they can --

4 MS. DANIELS: Chairman, they're on the phone
5 right now.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- they can --

7 MS. DANIELS: Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: They can -- they can
9 indicate to ADOT -- they can indicate to ADOT whether they
10 want to stay and --

11 MS. DANIELS: Chairman, they're on the phone
12 right now. We can ask them if they would like us to expend
13 those dollars or if they're interested in that or if they
14 aren't. Like, that's -- like, they're here. We can ask them.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Very good. That'll
16 work.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Bryce, please unmute -- I'm
18 guessing it's a Kini Knudson, who has raised his hand.

19 WEBEX HOST: You are now unmuted.

20 MR. KNUDSON: Yeah. Thank you.

21 Mr. Chair, members of the Board, yeah, our
22 intent on this was always trying to do our best to be able to
23 do more work of an important project, and so anything does
24 help. We are diligently working towards executing our grant
25 agreement, which -- but that is not going to happen for a while,

1 because it does take some time once you have a grant award like
2 this to get to a grant agreement.

3 We would like to be able to stay or remain
4 eligible. I know there -- with the -- only \$400,000 and a
5 little bit more available here, there is the opportunity that
6 the Legislature may appropriate additional funding to this
7 program. We would like to remain eligible to be able to
8 compete for it as long as we're eligible to compete under this
9 project.

10 I would say, you know, with Phoenix, yes, we
11 are a large city, and we have, as Board Member Daniels pointed
12 out, we have areas of need. We have areas that they're in
13 rural areas, and when you're trying to serve an area of 520
14 square miles and you have a limited budget, we're all under a
15 limited budget no matter what agency you're talking to.

16 Any little bit helps us to be able to do more,
17 because we have the same -- we have the same conversations and
18 the same demands that every other city does, is if I don't get
19 funding here, it's going to be taken out somewhere else. I
20 don't have unlimited resources, and so I'm doing my best to be
21 able to prioritize and put those where we can, and so I would
22 say any little bit helps us to be able to do more for the
23 residents of Phoenix and for our surrounding communities as
24 well.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. My question at this

1 point would be if we give you the 400 and change, 400,000 and
2 change that's left at this point in time then, you would have
3 to re-apply if you wanted -- if SMART Funds became available
4 before October 30th, you would have to be -- you would have to
5 re-apply. However, if we -- if we don't award you anything,
6 then you remain in the queue, and if the pot grows while
7 you're still eligible, then you wouldn't have to re-apply
8 because you'd already be there. So which would you rather do?

9 MR. KNUDSON: I would -- Mr. Chair and members
10 of the Board, I would -- if the Board is agreeable to
11 allocating the remaining funds that are available now to
12 Phoenix, with the understanding that we have the ability to
13 apply in the future if there are additional appropriations to
14 it, until we get our grant agreement in place, I would
15 appreciate that option. So if the -- if the Board so moves.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

17 MS. DANIELS: -- that motion.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Member
19 Daniels. Do I have a second?

20 MS. HOWARD: I'll second that.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Second from Member Howard.

22 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, can I ask one
23 clarifying question?

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Ted. Go ahead.

25 MR. MAXWELL: So what I heard Paul say is because

1 their application was submitted now when they are currently
2 eligible, and the date will always be that they submitted it
3 during it's eligible, that until their grant's executed, they
4 could be -- could receive more money. So my question to the
5 staff is, does that include if next session they were to give
6 2.5 million, or is October when the new law kicks in, does that
7 mean all applications prior to the new rules now fall under the
8 new rules?

9 MR. PATANE: Chairman, Chairman Knight, Board
10 Member Maxwell, the way the current guidelines are put
11 together and the way we are interpreting the statute, once we
12 award any amounts of dollars to an entity, they are no longer
13 eligible to come back in and re-apply under the same grant.
14 So if we were to give the balance of the funds to the City of
15 Phoenix, they cannot come back under the same application and
16 apply for more money.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Mr. Chairman, and the second
18 part of that question is after October 30th, when the laws in --
19 goes into effect that the Legislature passed, then the City of
20 Phoenix is not eligible after that.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

22 MR. PATANE: -- application, correct.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

24 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions for Paul or

1 for Floyd?

2 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, this is Floyd.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other comments?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: I do have a -- Mr. Chairman,
5 this is Floyd. I do have a comment. I want to make sure to
6 read the motion the way it would be approved to make sure that
7 we have it captured, and in this case the motion is to approve
8 Phoenix's application for the Rio Salado bicycle/pedestrian
9 bridge for match in the amount of \$437,407, and then that
10 would use all the available funds that are in that category.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That was the motion, and it's
12 been seconded.

13 Any other discussion?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: It's been motioned and seconded.
15 Yes, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion - I have a
17 motion and a second. Motion by Member Daniels, a second by
18 Member Howard to approve in the amount of \$437,407 to Phoenix.

19 Floyd, would you take a roll vote?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

23 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

25 MR. MECK: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson. Member Thompson.
4 Member Howard.

5 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I do have six
9 ayes, and I don't know if we lost Mr. Thompson, but I did not
10 hear a vote from Mr. Thompson, but the motion does carry.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is he -- is he dropped off?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: I can't tell --

13 WEBEX HOST: He's here. He's just on mute.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Did he --

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Did he want to vote or did he
17 want to abstain?

18 WEBEX HOST: I can see him trying to get off
19 mute. I think he's trying to push some buttons.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Tell him put his thumb
21 up if he want- -- thumb up or thumb down.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: I will take a thumb up or thumb
23 down, Mr. Thompson.

24 WEBEX HOST: That was a thumb up. He provided a
25 thumb up.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) is seven, unanimously,
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Very good.

5 In the interest of compromise, I went along
6 with it. I really didn't want to, but I did.

7 So now we'll move on to Item 7G. This one should
8 be a lot easier.

9 Do I have a motion to rescind AZ SMART fund
10 design funding for Clarkdale in the amount requested by the
11 applicant?

12 MS. HOWARD: This is Jenny. So moved.

13 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Member
15 Howard, a second from Member --

16 MR. MAXWELL: Maxwell.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- Maxwell. Okay. Thank
18 you. Is there any discussion?

19 Floyd, would you take the roll vote?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

23 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

25 MR. MECK: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

4 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

6 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries
10 unanimously.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

12 We'll move on to Agenda Item Number 8, state
13 engineer's report, with a stand-in for Greg Byers.

14 MR. BOSCHEN: Chairman Knight and Board
15 Members, I'm pleased to present the state engineer's report
16 for the first month of fiscal year '24, and I promise it will
17 be more benign than the last discussion.

18 So we have 98 projects under construction at a
19 contract value of 2.1 billion right now. We did
20 finalize/close out nine projects in July at 13.4 million. So
21 obviously our fiscal year to date is nine projects finalized.

22 Next slide, please.

23 So one thing that we shared with you before is
24 our construction cost index. So we're currently at the end of
25 the year of fiscal '23 at 2.25, and that is based on a base year

1 of 2016. So yes, that's a doubling in cost over -- if I do my
2 math right, close to seven years.

3 Next slide, please.

4 Since I'm in the pavement business, you know, I
5 thought this would be something interesting for the board
6 members. This is our total cost of AC per ton per year. It
7 fluctuates kind of like the CCI, but obviously we had different
8 components that lead into the CCI. Right now, we're comparable.
9 We did actually have a decrease in fiscal '23, but I can tell
10 you when I filled up my Jeep yesterday, we're going to have an
11 increase. It's probably going to go back up to more like 2022.
12 And oil is just one component in our binder mix. There's lots
13 of other polymers, but oil is one of the main components. So we
14 do fluctuate with that. So we're following our CCI, and I
15 wanted the members to know, you know, what we're looking at in
16 terms of what that is for our total AC.

17 And that's it for the state engineer's report.

18 Be happy to answer any questions.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from the Board?

20 Hearing none.

21 And we will move on to Agenda Item 9, and
22 you're still up.

23 MR. BOSCHEN: So Chair and Board Members, these
24 are our new construction contracts. Thank you for the consent
25 agenda approval of the three, but we have four that we need to

1 talk about.

2 Next slide, please.

3 This is going to be something new. We have a
4 running total here, and we have -- we're going to talk about
5 seven projects. We're looking at awarding five on this list.

6 Next slide, please.

7 First is Item 9A. So this is a scour retrofit
8 bridge rehab project in District 6. It is 11 percent over.
9 We underestimated the temporary access road for this. We do
10 feel it is a responsive and responsible bid, and we recommend
11 award to Fann Contracting, Inc.

12 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Chair, I'll make a motion
13 to approve. This is Richard.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay, Richard. Thank you.
15 And do I have a second?

16 MS. DANIELS: Second. Second from Jenn Daniels.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Jenn.

18 I have a motion from Member Searle, second from
19 Member Daniels to award Item 9A to Fann Contracting, Inc., as
20 presented.

21 Floyd, would you take the roll call vote?

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

23 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

25 MS. DANIELS: Aye. Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

2 MR. MECK: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

4 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

6 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

8 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries
12 unanimately.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

14 Go ahead.

15 MR. BOSCHEN: Next project is 9B. Again, in
16 District 6, and this is one of two rumble strip projects I'll
17 be talking about today. Significantly over engineer's
18 estimate, and one of the main reasons was the mobilization.
19 The subs were going to come in from California. We only had one
20 bidder.

21 Staff does not feel this is a responsive and
22 responsible bid, so our recommendation is to reject all bids,
23 and we will be repackaging this to something -- with another
24 payment pres. project. This might not be enough book of
25 business for some of these firms, and we think if we bundle it

1 with another project, we'll get better bids. Staff's
2 recommendation is to reject all bids.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do I hear a motion to reject
4 all bids on Item 9B?

5 (Speaking simultaneously.)

6 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Richard, was that you or
8 Jackie?

9 MR. MECK: I'll second it if somebody will lead
10 the motion.

11 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Yeah, I made the motion,
12 Gary.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you. A motion
14 from Richard and a second from Jackie to reject all bids,
15 Item 9B.

16 Would you please poll the Board?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

18 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

20 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

22 MR. MECK: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

24 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

1 Member Howard.

2 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: I'll go back to Member Thompson.

6 I may have missed his vote. Member Thompson, did you vote?

7 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

9 Chairman, the motion passes unanimously.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

11 9C. Moving on.

12 MR. BOSCHEN: 9C. This is a roadway widening
13 project in Maricopa, State Route 347. We are doing this in
14 partnership with the City of Maricopa. We did come in quite a
15 bit over, and primarily it was due to the AC on this project.
16 We were looking in that curve that I showed you before, and I
17 think we're going to need to look at that curve going up a
18 little bit more, towards 150 ton range. It is a job that
19 we're going to be splitting this overage with, with both --
20 with the City of Maricopa. They are very much in support of
21 this project. So staff's recommendation is to award the
22 project to Combs Construction Company, Inc.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

24 Do I have a motion to award Item 9C that Combs
25 Construction Company, Inc., as presented?

1 MS. HOWARD: This is Jenny. I will very happily
2 make this motion. I'm very excited to see this project move
3 forward.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Jenny.

5 Do I have a second?

6 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

7 MS. DANIELS: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That was --

9 MR. MAXWELL: I'll defer to Ms. Daniels.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. I have a motion from
11 Member Howard and a second from Member Daniels to award
12 Item 9C to Combs Construction Company, Inc.

13 Floyd, would you take the roll vote?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

15 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

17 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

19 MR. MECK: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

21 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

25 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: So Chairman, it passes
4 unanimously.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

6 Item 9D.

7 MR. BOSCHEN: Mr. Chair, this is our second
8 rumble strip job that unfortunately we're not going to move
9 forward with. Very high dollar amount. You know, a million
10 dollars, and the way this works is it's HSIP funds that are
11 100 percent, and unfortunately, the local which is Mojave
12 County, cannot come up with the additional overage, which is
13 what is in our JPA.

14 What we are going to do is repackage this
15 similar to the other one and see if we can combine it with
16 another project. It may result in reducing the limits, but
17 that's what we will be doing. But staff's recommendation is
18 to reject all bids, because we can't come up with the funding.
19 We will repackage it.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do I have a motion to reject
21 all bids for Item 9D?

22 MR. MECK: Board Member Meck. I make a motion.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Jackie.

24 Do I have a second?

25 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'll second it.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is that Richard?

2 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Richard.

4 I've got a motion from Board Member Meck and a
5 second from Board Member Searle to reject all bids,
6 Item 9D.

7 Floyd, would you call for the roll vote?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

9 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

11 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

13 MR. MECK: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Maxwell.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Thompson.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

19 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries
23 unanimously.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

25 That should finish Item 9, and we'll move on to

1 Item Number 10. Any suggestions for future agenda items from
2 the Board?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, this is Floyd. I
4 did take Mr. Maxwell's comment earlier about a study session
5 overview of our turnback policy. We have prepared that
6 before, given it to the Board, but it's been a little while.
7 So I work with staff and we'll get something set up at a
8 future date.

9 And then a reminder, our next board meeting is
10 September 15th, and it is in the City of Kingman, and we've
11 started -- we will start the coordination with them right
12 after this meeting so we can get prepared for that. So it's
13 September 15th, City of Kingman.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

15 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

17 MR. MAXWELL: There's something else --

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Ted?

19 MR. MAXWELL: Yes, that's Ted.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Go ahead, Ted.

21 MR. MAXWELL: Something else I'd like to add at
22 some point, either do a study session or something, a
23 discussion on right-of-way. We obviously approve a lot of
24 changes to the right-of-ways, both, you know, obviously taking
25 right-of-way, but also then returning it, and I know down in the

1 vicinity of Interstate 10, down here in Pima County, there's a
2 lot of potential development going on and the very -- the width
3 of right-of-way we've got is significantly different in
4 different parts, and so we have -- I have been receiving some
5 calls from developers that are wondering how they can either get
6 ADOT to help them with either maintaining or constructing the
7 right-of-way. And when I've said, well, would you be
8 interested in possibly taking part of it. Again, I don't have
9 the understanding of how much we have to keep or how much we
10 could turn over, but it would -- I personally know I'd benefit
11 from a discussion on right-of-way at a study session on how that
12 process goes once we have it. You know, when do we turn it
13 back? When don't we? And if there is opportunity for
14 developers and others who might want to care for that right-of-
15 way to give them the opportunity to do that for part of their
16 development.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Ted.

18 Any other comments from the Board?

19 Any other items you'd like to move to future
20 agenda items?

21 Hearing none, we have covered the agenda for
22 this board meeting, all items. There being no further
23 business for this Board, we are adjourned.

24 (Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.)

25

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Knight adjourned the State Transportation Board Meeting on August 18, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m. PST.

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Gary Knight, Chairman
State Transportation Board

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Jennifer Toth, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation