

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
IN PERSON WITH OPTIONAL TELEPHONIC/WEBEX ATTENDANCE
9:00am, September 15, 2023
Mohave County Board of Supervisors
700 W. Beale Street
Kingman, Arizona 86401**

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Knight called the State Transportation Board Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Pledge

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

Roll Call by Board Secretary, Sherry Garcia

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance (in person):** Chairman Gary Knight, Board Member Ted Maxwell, Board Member Jesse Thompson, Board Member Jenny Howard, and Board Member Jackie Meck. Vice Chairman Richard Searle participated virtually via WebEx. Board Member Jenn Daniels was absent. There were approximately 68 members of the public on-line and approximately 40 attendees in person.

Opening Remarks

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

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

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

Call to the Audience

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

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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5 Arizona.

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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Board Members:

9 Gary Knight, Chairman
10 Richard Searle, Vice Chairman (via WebEx)
11 Jackie Meck, Board Member (via WebEx)
12 Ted Maxwell, Board Member
13 Jesse Thompson, Board Member
14 Jenn Daniels, Board Member (via WebEx)
15 Jenny Howard, Board Member (via WebEx)

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

10 In person, there is an opportunity for members of
11 the public to discuss items of interest with the Board. Please
12 fill out a Request For Public Input Form and give it to the
13 Board Secretary if you wish to address the Board.

14 In the interest of time, a three-minute limit
15 will be imposed.

16 And we'll now move on to, Floyd, would you call
17 the first speaker?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We -- before I
19 start, I do see that Board Member Jenn Daniels has entered the
20 WebEx. Mr. Chairman, all board members are present.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd. Thank you,
22 Floyd.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: We have no requests to speak
24 online, so we are going to move into the requests to speak which
25 are all in person.

1 Our first speaker is Mayor Steve D'Amico. Mayor
2 D'Amico.

3 MAYOR D'AMICO: Thank you, Chairman and Board.
4 I'll be brief. I don't know what your time is. I know you guys
5 have a lot to do today. First, I just wanted to say the last
6 time I met with you guys was in Winslow for the board meeting,
7 and we got funding approved for Highway 95, and I just want to
8 say I appreciate that. They're getting ready to start that very
9 soon.

10 And coming up pretty soon down the line on your
11 agenda, we're going to have a takeback for Highway 95 for
12 Bullhead City, and I just wanted to briefly comment on what a
13 great thing this is going to be, not only for Bullhead City, but
14 for the State. It's a win-win for everybody, and I just wanted
15 to thank you in advance for your consideration on that.

16 And again, thank you for everything, and have a
17 wonderful day.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you for your comments,
20 Mayor.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Jean Bishop,
22 Mohave County Supervisor. Ms. Bishop.

23 Mr. Chairman, I have a letter that Ms. Bishop
24 asked to give the board members. I'll make sure to scan it and
25 send it to the board members who are virtual.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

2 MS. BISHOP: Thank you very much for allowing us
3 to be here and speak to you this morning and inviting us to have
4 dinner with you last night. It was very nice to be able to just
5 socialize with the -- with the board members and the Director,
6 and I was able to take some leftovers to my dogs, and they were
7 extremely happy and didn't mind that I stayed out late last
8 night.

9 So getting down to business, I also want to thank
10 you for all the help that you give rural Arizona, especially in
11 Mojave County. I am the supervisor for District 4. My name is
12 Jean Bishop, and I represent all the area between the city of
13 Kingman and Pat Tillman Dam, and going all the way up to
14 Meadview and Lake Mead, South Cove area.

15 So the residents in that area that travel back
16 and forth to Kingman, a lot of them do their shopping in Las
17 Vegas. So they travel this section of 93 quite frequently, and
18 this has always been an uninterrupted flow of traffic on 93
19 until Grand Canyon West came to be. And Grand Canyon West
20 brings about a million tourists and visitors yearly to their
21 tourist attraction, and they turn off from US-93 onto a two-lane
22 county road called Pierce Ferry, and this intersection has been
23 named the most dangerous intersection in all of Arizona. I
24 don't know if that's true or not, but the residents believe
25 that's true.

1 So we have tried and tried and you folks have
2 tried too. We've improved that intersection with stop signs and
3 warnings, and there's been a lot of publicity about it, but the
4 accidents continue to happen. And so Mojave County has put in
5 twice now for a grant to help ADOT put a flyover interchange at
6 that intersection.

7 And while we've been working on that, along with
8 the support from ADOT, all of a sudden the traffic light shows
9 up in the White Hills area, which is about 20 miles further down
10 the road, US-93 toward Las Vegas. This traffic light is an
11 unexpected traffic hazard on this long stretch of desert highway
12 that forces drivers to step on their brakes and come to a stop,
13 and people behind them don't always stop.

14 So the letter is from a husband and wife that
15 just a few days ago, the light turned red. They came to a stop,
16 looked in the rear-view mirror, and here comes this big truck
17 barreling down. They -- the truck takes evasive action and goes
18 into the next lane, sideswipes another car, still hits the
19 husband and wife and knocks him into the intersection, and they
20 both received some injuries. They're both going to be fine and
21 recover, but I get these kind of complaints all the time. I get
22 emails. I see Facebook postings, and it's just not ending.

23 So I don't know what the answer is other than
24 full interchanges at these intersections, and I know that will
25 come when Interstate 11 actually becomes a reality, but until

1 then, people are getting hurt, people are dying, and I would
2 just like to respectfully request that you take another look at
3 these two intersections. There's got to be something more that
4 we can do. Maybe we can do a study and come up with an idea.
5 And I think Mojave County would be happy to partner with ADOT to
6 do anything to help these two particular intersections.

7 And as a final note, I just wanted to call
8 attention to the fact that at White Hills, where this traffic
9 light is, there's a big subdivision, almost a city that's being
10 developed out there that you're going to see come to fruition in
11 the next probably 10 to 20 years. There is an FAA-approved
12 runway out there that will be bringing in cargo planes from
13 Harry Reid Airport in Las Vegas. Along with those planes will
14 come distribution centers and jobs. And this developer is
15 building homes, affordable homes, and --

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Bishop, could you please --
17 you've exceeded your time. Could you please bring your comments
18 to a close?

19 MS. BISHOP: Okay. In closing, this is going to
20 be a big city right where that traffic light is. So an
21 interchange is going to have to be there when that comes to
22 fruition.

23 So thank you for any consideration, and we all
24 appreciate you. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Supervisor Bishop.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Crystal
2 Figueroa. Ms. Figueroa.

3 MS. FIGUEROA: Good morning, Mr. Chairman Knight
4 and members of the Board. My name is Crystal Figueroa. I'm the
5 Yuma MPO Executive Director.

6 I'm here to inform you that we're only less than
7 five weeks away from the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit;
8 this year hosted in Yuma October 18th and 19th, followed by the
9 State Transportation Board on October 20th. We thank ADOT for
10 their title sponsorship and their partnership for this event.

11 Those who have attended the rural summit in the
12 past know what an exceptional opportunity the event is for
13 elected, appointed local government officials, transportation
14 planners, legislators, and other notable guests. They convene
15 and engage in providing solutions to issues that might arise for
16 greater Arizona.

17 We have put up a fantastic agenda, lineup of
18 speakers. There will be an ADOT Tribal Nations Partnership
19 Program, which precedes the kickoff of the summit, and
20 thereafter, presentations by USDOT, Federal Highway, Federal
21 Transit Administration, National Association of Regional
22 Councils, the RTAC board, various keynote speakers and panel
23 discussions around important transportation topics.

24 Please visit the azrts.org website for additional
25 agenda details. Early bird registration is ending today,

1 September 15th, so we encourage people to register. We look
2 forward to hosting the State Transportation Board on
3 October 20th and hope to see you all there. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Crystal, for your
5 comments.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Alton Joe
7 Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd.

8 MR. SHEPHERD: Good morning, Mr. Chair, also
9 members of the ADOT Board.

10 I have several things I wanted to bring in this
11 public comment. One is in support of the action items that are
12 slated for adjustment of their budgets in Apache County on the
13 bridge replacements or bridge improvements. Highly support
14 that.

15 The other is we will be bringing at least and has
16 been brought to the Board's attention on developing a rural
17 school bus study on -- in the Northern Arizona area. NACOG has
18 that as a priority on their list, and I hope that we continue to
19 have support from the Board to do that, because, you know, a lot
20 of people don't realize what kind of world we live in up there,
21 if our buses don't have paved roads, the muddy roads and dirt
22 roads and long distance for kids to travel just to get to
23 school, and so I just wanted to bring that to the attention of
24 the Board again.

25 The other is just working with the Board.

1 There's going to be some highway improvement along I-40 slated
2 for next year. We met with the engineer person in that area
3 about three weeks ago. Hoping to, I guess, coordinate some of
4 the millings that are going to be pulled off of the interstate.
5 Possibly looking at coordinating some of those fresh millings to
6 be laid down on county road -- a school bus route just north of
7 Chambers in the area. However, I think the policy of the --
8 environmental policy that you guys have or that ADOT has is it
9 needs to be in storage and put there for a bit until all the
10 clearances happen.

11 So if counties are willing to work with you to
12 line up their trucks to be on board, maybe it might be cost
13 savings, and that savings would mean the costs (inaudible)
14 burden on the -- on the County to do that to improve some of the
15 roads. So just kind of being -- thinking -- you know, just
16 thinking outside the box a lot and being more efficient with
17 that. Maybe something we can look at down the road.

18 The other is just SMART grant policy
19 recommendations and changes. As you know, in my area, Apache
20 County, two-thirds of it is lying on the Navajo Nation.
21 Sometimes it's a catch-22 to do my job, because a lot of my area
22 that I represent is on the Navajo Nation. And so the SMART
23 grant, which is supposed to help us gain some of these federal
24 grants that are out there, maybe we can expand that to include
25 tribal county/state partnership, just like we did with the

1 broadband, because right now the states are -- I think can apply
2 for some of these grants and matching dollars and such. So just
3 wanted to also bring that to the attention of the Board, and
4 NACOG, as well as moving that forward.

5 And lastly, this is my year as far as the NAGOG
6 chairman. So I'll be at the helms for the next 12 months, and
7 just wanted to say thank you for all that you guys do there and,
8 of course, at the NACOG region as well. So I just wanted to
9 express my appreciation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you very much, Mr. Shepherd,
11 for your comments.

12 So Mr. Chairman, that's all the requests to speak
13 that we got. I did not receive any requests to speak online
14 prior to the meeting, but I do know that -- oh, somebody had his
15 hand raised up. I don't know if he wanted to speak, but -- they
16 did not -- we did not receive any requests to speak. So that's
17 all the requests to speak that I have. I'd say you can close
18 call to the audience and move on to the next item.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So the record for a board meeting
21 was 56 minutes. Let's see if you can beat that.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: We'll move on to Item 1, the
23 Director's report, from Jennifer Toth.

24 DIRECTOR TOTH: Good morning. Thank you to Mayor
25 and the Kingman City Council and the supervisors, along with the

1 city staff for welcoming us with such hospitality last night.
2 We're very happy to be here in Kingman. I started my career
3 here in Kingman, so it was very exciting for me to come back and
4 be able to spend this week in this area and visiting with our
5 employees.

6 So I'd like to share a few quick ADOT updates
7 with everyone.

8 Next slide, please.

9 So I'll start by highlighting some recent awards.
10 Last month, the Arizona Chapter of the Society of Marketing
11 Professional Services honored ADOT with the Grand Phoenix -- or
12 Phelix Award for making a positive and substantial impact on the
13 architecture, engineering and construction industries. Our I-10
14 Broadway Curve and I-17 improvement projects were specifically
15 noted by the award as examples of how our teams contribute
16 towards the economic engine of Arizona. The award also
17 recognizes our employees' involvement with industry associates
18 and the efforts to streamline our processes. So we thank SMPS
19 for this award and are very proud to be recognized.

20 Next slide.

21 ADOT was also recently honored for our work with
22 minority- and women-owned businesses for the eighth year. ADOT
23 was inducted into the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
24 prestigious Arizona Million Dollar Circle of Excellence Award,
25 and this honor is -- notes ADOT's efforts in the area of being a

1 supplier of diversity, recognizes our DBE supportive services
2 program and how we help small businesses get certified as
3 disadvantaged business enterprises and enhance their ability to
4 get work on federal aid transportation projects. It (inaudible)
5 that during the one-year period ending in March 31st of this
6 year, ADOT contracts with the DBE enterprises, totaled nearly
7 \$100 million. So we thank everybody for their efforts in
8 ensuring that we have the DBE goals and meet those requirements.

9 Next slide, please.

10 It was also recently announced that our State
11 Route 24 project won the *Engineering News-Record* 2023 Best
12 Project Award in the Southwest region's highway/bridge category.
13 *Engineering News-Record* is an engineering and construction news
14 publication that organizes a variety of projects in regional and
15 global levels. Entries are judged by industry professionals for
16 safety, innovation and also for community benefit. The SR-24
17 project will now automatically be considered for the National
18 Best of the Best Awards next spring. Then, as you know, the
19 SR-24 project was an extension of a five-mile section of the
20 (indiscernible) expressway between Williams Field and Ironwood
21 Drive in the Phoenix area. It provided a much anticipated new
22 mobile route to help ease of traffic demands in a growing area.

23 Got a lot of awards this morning, so I'm very
24 proud.

25 Next slide, please.

1 I'm also excited to tell you that the I-10
2 Broadway Curve Improvement Project, if you remember the Ready to
3 Rubble event that was -- it was selected as the winner for the
4 Transportation Research Board's communicating concepts with the
5 public competition. So the Ready to Rubble event, if you
6 remember, was we invited a bunch of engineering students from
7 around the state to see up close and look at the bridge removal
8 process. ADOT engineers and industry professionals were also
9 involved, and they answered the questions of the students. It
10 was -- this entry will be honored during the 2024 TRB annual
11 meeting in January, and it's a great honor to show how our teams
12 got really creative and took extra effort to help the public
13 understand what we do in terms of transportation.

14 Next slide, please.

15 And finally, I want to highlight an award that we
16 actually presented. It's the 2023 Airport of the Year Award,
17 and it was presented to the Colorado City Municipal Airport.
18 ADOT's aeronautics group cited the Northern Arizona airport's
19 community outreach, new fencing and other upgrades, and we're
20 always proud to announce this annual award which recognizes
21 Arizona airports for their dedication to the community,
22 collaboration, reputable management and providing a safe and
23 secure aviation facility.

24 And that's actually a perfect segue for the next
25 slide I want to share with you. These were taken on the evening

1 of September 6th. You may have already heard about this
2 incident, but a small plane landed on our southbound
3 Interstate 17 near Sunset Point. Luckily, all occupants and the
4 public were reported to be safe, and no lanes were blocked. We
5 did warn the motorists to travel with care through the area, but
6 I thought this was just an interesting situation, and it
7 illustrates every day we deal with something totally different.
8 We never know what we might face. Certainly shows that our
9 teams handle a variety of situations and are always ready to
10 respond. So big thanks to our ADOT crews who were on the scene
11 to coordinate with DPS, and I also want to give a shoutout to
12 the ADOT crews in the Traffic Operations Center who kept our
13 motorists informed.

14 Next slide, please.

15 And another item that -- we've just got 900 of
16 our managers and supervisors together this last month for our
17 annual leadership conference. It's the first time in four years
18 that the conference was able to be held in person. They gave us
19 a chance to focus on our agency's strategic look forward.
20 Highlights included the address from Governor Katie Hobbs on
21 service, some valuable breakout sessions, and the unveiling of
22 our agency's new mission, vision and values, which you can see
23 here on the screen.

24 Our mission really is simple and to the point and
25 explains what ADOT does. We provide highway infrastructure and

1 transportation services. And our vision describes our purpose
2 and why we come to work every day, to safely connect people and
3 empower our economy. And our values state how we meet our
4 mission and vision. Our ADOT employees should be easy to work
5 with, collaborative and results focused.

6 So my goal is for every ADOT employee to see
7 themselves in this new mission, vision and values, and right now
8 we've started rolling out those new mission, vision and values
9 statements to the entire agency, and we'll continue to highlight
10 the role that ADOT employees have in meeting our mission and
11 safely connecting people through transportation.

12 And one last thing. As a financial spoiler alert
13 for Kristine's report, but it has been a very lucrative month
14 for the Board's program thanks to a lot of collaboration and
15 innovation. With the authorization of the Board, the department
16 proceeded with some first ever bond transactions, and they all
17 embarked upon with an eye for the Board's policy of maintaining
18 a fiscally conservative approach. So the results are
19 \$40 million in debt service savings. The partnership and
20 collaboration between our financial advisor, RBC Capital and the
21 FMS team was really exceptional. It was a heavy lift for all
22 involved, but \$40 million is definitely worth it.

23 But wait, there's more. So \$225 million more.
24 Every year FWA redistributes unused funds, and the department
25 received the highest August redistribution in its history,

1 225 million. The highest we've ever had is about in the
2 \$60 million range. So this could not have been achieved without
3 the collaboration between FHWA and our FMS program and project
4 funding team. I really want to thank Karla Petty and her team
5 for the guidance and support, and \$265 million isn't a bad way
6 to start a meeting, I don't think.

7 So that is my report. There's nothing new to
8 report for the legislative report. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Director.

10 Do any of the board members have questions for
11 Jennifer?

12 MR. MAXWELL: So Director (inaudible) ask is
13 that's a lot of money. So how does that now go back into the
14 plan?

15 DIRECTOR TOTH: That's an excellent question. So
16 the \$225 million, we have a very short window to soak that up,
17 and Kristine can get into more detail and correct me, because
18 I'll -- I know just enough to get myself in trouble. So we use
19 a lot of that to advance construction projects so that we can
20 get it funded between the time frame of August and October,
21 which is the federal fiscal year, and then what that does then
22 is frees up future years of funding. So we'll be coming and
23 programming probably a lot of preservation projects as those
24 funds come available in the future years.

25 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from any of our
2 virtual board members?

3 Hearing none --

4 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- any -- any last minute items
6 to report?

7 DIRECTOR TOTH: No, Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

9 Floyd, did you have something?

10 MR. ROEHRICH: No, sir. I do not. Mr. Thompson
11 did say that he --

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Jesse, go ahead.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, Board Members and those
14 all on virtual, call in, I'm really happy that ADOT is certainly
15 listening to all the advice, recommendations and projects that
16 are being introduced from the public. I know for a fact that
17 many times you wonder (inaudible) and you begin to think how can
18 we address their needs? Certainly very complicated many times,
19 but the work is there to try to bring up some success or results
20 to these needs. And certainly I do appreciate the Director
21 (inaudible) on some of the very positive things that have been
22 happening. And there's all these good things are happening
23 because of the public bringing these issues to light. So again,
24 thank you very much, Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Jesse.

1 Any other comments from the Board?

2 Hearing none, we'll move on to Item 2, the
3 district report, for information and discussion only, with
4 Anthony Brozich.

5 MR. BROZICH: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members
6 of the Board. Pleased to be able to bring you an update on our
7 projects here in Mojave County in the Northwest District.

8 So for our current projects, I want to highlight
9 we have our I-40, Walnut Creek project, just outside of Kingman.
10 Bid amount of just under \$30 million pavement pres., a
11 definitely needed section by 40. So that just kicked off
12 recently, and you should see construction out there shortly.

13 We also have the SR-95 Courtwright Road to
14 Bullhead City Parkway project underway, as well as the extension
15 of SR-95 down at Lake Havasu, Sara Park to I-40.

16 US-93 Gunsite Canyon Road to Gray Wash. That
17 partnering has just kicked off as well, so we'll be moving
18 forward with that shortly.

19 US-60 Wash Bridge. A scour retrofit is also
20 happening down in the southern end of the project -- or the
21 district.

22 And the US-93 Moore Ranch Road to Milepost 190,
23 AC spot repairs.

24 And the East Seligman TI, which is getting close
25 to wrapping up.

1 We have the I-40 East Kingman TI Bridge. It's a
2 deck replacement that's underway.

3 The SR-68 Laughlin Bridge to West Golden Valley,
4 pavement pres. coming up the hill.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Anthony, can you go to the next
6 slide?

7 Yes. It didn't change for you?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: It didn't change. At least I
9 don't see it online. Oh, there it is. Little different.

10 MR. BROZICH: US-93 northbound, Sycamore Creek
11 Bridge and northbound Gray Watch Bridge. Another deck rehab and
12 scour retrofit.

13 US-93 north of Nothing is a pavement pres. We've
14 been doing some guardrail repairs along that section, and
15 hopefully by the end of the year seeing -- this is a mill and
16 fill. (Inaudible.)

17 Further down by Wickenburg, we have the Tegner
18 Street widening we're doing down there, adding some more
19 roundabouts, Wickenburg Ranch.

20 And the I-17 Anthem Way TI to Sunset Point. A
21 flex lane project.

22 And SR-169 at I-17 is a deck replacement as well.
23 Busy intersection over there. Interchange.

24 I-40 east Willow Bridge Creek, is a new bridge
25 placement for (inaudible) a bridge we have out there. Been

1 holding together. And we also have a county Antares Road over
2 Truxton Wash Bridge.

3 Here's some of the latest pictures we have from
4 the flex lane project. Definitely a lot of earthwork happening
5 out there and some bridge foundations and bridges going in. And
6 I'm sure everybody's seen the crushing operation up at Sunset
7 Point.

8 Here's the Willow Creek project, and then new
9 abutments being placed.

10 And unfortunately, on 95, all we're doing right
11 now is, yeah, curb and ADA ramps. Paving has not started yet,
12 but wanted to show that anyways.

13 Upcoming projects. I-40, Fort Rock to Markham
14 Wash. Another section of pavement we have we'll be doing, along
15 with the Holy Moses to Rattlesnake. I-40 definitely has several
16 projects coming down in the next couple years.

17 Needle Mountain is another one, (inaudible) we
18 did up to 2.4. This one will take us to Milepost 8, I believe.

19 US-60 again, Centennial Wash Bridge. Another
20 realignment over there.

21 And on SR-69 and 169, we are looking at the
22 installation of another roundabout in that area.

23 And on SR-89, Paulden to Ash Fork, centerline
24 rumble strip project.

25 And the Ash Fork Creek Bridge has a scour

1 retrofit coming up.

2 Future expansions. Everybody here knows Kingman
3 Crossing TI, plan -- working with the City, as long -- as well
4 as Rancho Santa Fe TI. We are planning to get US-93 west
5 Kingman TI underway still this year.

6 And the SR-97, re-aligned as a project with the
7 Bagdad mine. We're working in conjunction with them to try to
8 get that realignment done.

9 SR-69 Preston Parkway to Frontier Village is a
10 widening through downtown Prescott area. It's very congested.

11 And the I-40 (inaudible).

12 Any questions?

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Does anyone -- does anyone from
14 the Board have questions for Anthony? And that includes our
15 virtual board members.

16 MR. MAXWELL: Gary.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Ted.

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

19 So that's a lot of work. There's a lot going on
20 in throughout your district. So one of the benefits, I think,
21 that some of the rural communities have allocations of funding
22 coming from the Legislature over the last several years.

23 What -- just roughly, what percentage or how many of those
24 projects were (inaudible) some of the legislative funding for
25 projects?

1 MR. BROZICH: I know we have -- the Rancho Santa
2 Fe had legislative funding.

3 DIRECTOR TOTH: And I believe SR-97 as well.

4 MR. BROZICH: Yes. They had some money put in.
5 And the SR-95 project, though it didn't make it in time for the
6 project, did get some legislative funding for turn lanes as
7 well.

8 MR. MAXWELL: Well, it's good to see those
9 (inaudible), you know, we'll see how the state budget and
10 revenues come in this year, but they're -- not sure we'll have
11 the same luxury of having a lot of those excess funds that were
12 more distributed, so it's good to see all the work going on
13 here. Thank you.

14 MR. BROZICH: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions for
16 Anthony? Hearing none.

17 We'll move on to Agenda Item Number 3, the
18 consent agenda. Does any member want an item removed from the
19 consent agenda for special consideration? Hearing none.

20 Do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda
21 as presented?

22 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, I would so move.

23 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
25 Member Thompson and a second from Board Member Maxwell to

1 approve the motioned consent agenda as presented.

2 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And Floyd, if you will poll the
5 virtual board members.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

7 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Daniels.

9 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Meck.

11 MR. MECK: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Thompson.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard.

15 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

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

17 I apologize. I did Mr. Thompson twice. I was
18 going down my list too quickly. So you only get one Aye, even
19 though you did multiple. I apologize.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: You get one virtual aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: So the motion really passes.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. Thank you.

23 So we'll move on to Agenda Item Number 4. I
24 noticed Kristine's not among us today, so --

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, she is virtual. So

1 she is ready to go.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: She's virtual.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: She is ready to present.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Good. Good. We won't miss
5 her... She's got extra money. She's (inaudible) her smiling
6 face, then she'll be on (inaudible).

7 MR. ROEHRICH: The extra money. She wasn't going
8 to miss presenting, not when there's extra money.

9 Okay. Kristine, you're up.

10 MS. WARD: Thank you, Mr. Knight.

11 Well, good morning, Board Members. You're right.
12 I -- excuse me? I'm getting some feedback. My apologies.

13 Okay. Yes. I wasn't going to miss this morning
14 given the -- given what we -- the exciting things we have going
15 on this morning. So if we could go to the next slide, and we'll
16 just cover the HURF, Highway User Revenue Fund, and Regional
17 Area Roads Fund fairly quickly.

18 If we could get to the next slide. There we go.
19 Thank you very much.

20 Okay. In terms of the Highway User Revenue Fund,
21 there's not a significant amount to report. We've collected
22 about \$281 million to date, running at about --

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Kristine.

24 MS. WARD: -- 4.8 percent above '23. We're a
25 little above forecast and out of our targeted range, largely due

1 to a diesel tax coming in strong.

2 If you go to the next slide, you'll be able to
3 see where use fuel, AKA diesel fuel, was 33 percent above
4 forecast. That's largely associated -- and this is -- this
5 slide shows you for the month of August -- 33 percent above
6 forecast. That's largely due to refunds that -- we had a large
7 amount of refunds last year, and we did not have as many refunds
8 going out this year. Thus, we have higher revenue level coming
9 in there.

10 If we could go to the next slide.

11 The Regional Area Road Fund. Notice it is
12 remarkably on forecast. That's because we had the actuals. So
13 I would like to -- let's see. It was a previous slide, but this
14 is -- this is fine. We'll just stay with July. We have the
15 actuals in hand here, so there's no -- you won't see any
16 variants. I'd like to say it's our extreme talents, but in --
17 for the month of July, that is not the case.

18 Now let's go to the fun items. If you could go
19 to the next slide.

20 So as the Director was mentioning in July, you,
21 the Board, authorized us to go and proceed with a bond
22 transaction. It was basically three parts. We were doing a
23 defeasance, where we were paying off some (inaudible) paying off
24 some bonds from 2015. It had a second part, which was we did a
25 tender offer to existing holders of our bond, of our 2015 bonds.

1 No. Excuse me. Our 2020 bonds. And then we did an overall
2 issue of new money in order to pay off or to replenish from that
3 defeasance and to pay off that tender.

4 So between August 18th and September 15th, we
5 made that tender offer to investors (inaudible) 2020 bonds. 20
6 percent of investors, 20 percent of the holders of those bonds
7 chose to sell their bonds, for a total of about \$78 million.

8 Then on September 7th, we -- the department used
9 \$303 million of state highway funds to defease the 2015 bonds.
10 That same day we went into the market and issued \$351 million
11 worth of bonds at a premium, and the average interest cost --
12 Mr. Maxwell, you often ask me this -- (inaudible) was 3.22
13 percent.

14 So the proceeds, as I mentioned, from this new
15 issue will go to replenish the state highway funds, will be used
16 to defease the bonds, the 2015 bonds, and they will go to pay
17 for the bonds that were tendered and to pay costs of issuance.

18 Many -- as the director mentioned and as you can
19 see on this slide, we owe a great deal of thanks to our partners
20 in this transaction, and Mr. Knight, that includes you and this
21 Board. But Mr. Knight, you really went out of your way, and we
22 deeply appreciated to get those documents signed, because we had
23 many more documents than we typically have in a bond
24 transaction, and you were very responsive, and we very much
25 appreciate it. Also RBC Capital, Kurt Freund, Tom Carlson.

1 Step by step, we have really great talent on
2 these -- on these issues. Wells Fargo was exceptional. And
3 then we had a new FFS team member that was learning bonds for
4 the first time. Besides the overall team, we had Ariana Nelson
5 that was just project managing this through to the finest
6 detail.

7 We could move on to the next slide, the next
8 exciting item.

9 August redistribution. So this happens, as you
10 might guess, every August, and it's a situation in which FHWA
11 picks and redistributes funding that other states or programs
12 have not used. And when I say funding, the federal term here
13 would be obligation authority.

14 So that unused obligation authority gets
15 redistributed to other states, and we get an opportunity to say,
16 hey, this is how much more of funding we could utilize. There's
17 quite a bit of effort that goes into developing that number, and
18 this year was particularly impressive. The collaboration
19 between FHA and FMS's program project, finance, and so what we
20 ended up with, as the Director let you know, we received
21 225 million in August redistribution.

22 And then she mentioned, you know, these funds
23 have got to be used very quickly. We generally have about two
24 weeks to get these funds utilized. And so we use -- the way we
25 use them is we use them on projects that are already underway.

1 So then we free up dollars in future years.

2 Another point that needs to be made is since this
3 happens every August, we build a certain amount into the revenue
4 forecast that I present to you every year as we build the
5 budget, as we build the program, and in this case, we had
6 \$35 million that we were already counting on in those revenue
7 estimates that support the '24 to '28 program.

8 So what will happen from now on? You know, we've
9 got \$190 million that will be freed up, and those additional
10 funds, when I come back to you in January, they will be built in
11 and incorporated into the upcoming five-year program revenue
12 estimates.

13 Again, many thanks to FHWA, FMS, (inaudible) was
14 constantly on this -- on this issue. I think we must have had
15 good (inaudible) we have on this one. So \$225 million. We're
16 very happy.

17 Next slide. I'll take any questions.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Kristine.

19 Do any board members have questions for Kristine?

20 Kristine, I would just like to say that I was
21 kind of disappointed that you weren't here to take a bow. All
22 the -- all the positive news that we've received, financial news
23 that we've received, and I kind of -- kind of figured you might
24 be here in person to take a bow for that, but you'll get there.

25 MS. WARD: Thank you very much, Mr. Knight. I

1 would have loved have been there. I actually have a flight
2 that's going out early this afternoon, Kingman, so I would have
3 been pushing it. I didn't want to have to flap my arms
4 (inaudible), so... But yes, could I have a rain check and I can
5 bow next month?

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. If we have no -- if we
7 have no questions for Kristine, and I'm hearing none from the
8 virtual members, we will move on to Agenda Item Number 5 with
9 Paul Patane, for information and discussion only. The
10 Multimodal Planning Division report.

11 MR. PATANE: Good morning, Chairman Knight, Board
12 Members. I'm Paul Patane with the Multimodal Planning Division.

13 Next slide, please.

14 So today on the MPD update, we'll talk about the
15 tribal transportation, a little bit on the planning to
16 programming process, a little update on the Long-Range
17 Transportation Plan, along with the potential route transfers
18 that we're working on, and also an update on the SR-88 Apache
19 Trail.

20 Next slide, please.

21 So, you know, a big part of our tribal outreach
22 is, you know, really focused on just meeting and hearing the
23 needs with the -- with our tribal partners. As you can see from
24 the graphic on the left there, you know, the tribal communities
25 are a huge part of our transportation system where we have the

1 67 airports, over 1,200 miles, along with, you know, 28 percent
2 of Arizona lands is within the tribal nations, along with also
3 there are 22 tribes in Arizona. Seven have aboriginal and
4 ancestral interests in Arizona that are located out of the
5 state, and the tribes, they do operate seven tribal public
6 transportation systems.

7 And then the graphic on the right, I just want to
8 re-emphasize our constant outreach that we continually have with
9 our tribal communities. It's ongoing. That's, you know, the
10 circular cycle of this. It never stops, and the issues range
11 from, you know, new development of projects, maintenance,
12 operation issues, but it's a big part of our outreach is with
13 our tribal communities.

14 Next slide, please.

15 So some of the statewide activities we're working
16 on. We're doing outreach with the tribe liaisons and their
17 consulting with the different tribal outreach for the
18 Intelligent Transportation System Architectural update. We
19 recently had the Long-Range Plan, the virtual public meeting,
20 along with the P2P workshops, and we're really seeing a lot more
21 engagement with our tribal partners in the P2P workshop, because
22 it's very important that they understand, you know, how
23 projects get fed into the five-year program.

24 Then we're recently kicking off the Vulnerable
25 Road User Safety Assessment. That stakeholder meeting was held

1 earlier in the week, along with the upcoming -- for the NEVI
2 deployment plan, this is the update from last year's plan.
3 We'll be having a statewide virtual public hearing next month,
4 and many of the tribal communities expressed a lot of interest
5 in how the NEVI plan or program is moving forward.

6 Next slide, please.

7 Then as mentioned earlier, the Rural
8 Transportation Summit is coming up next month in October. It
9 does take place on the 18th and 19th, and we're getting here on
10 the 18th, which is Wednesday. There will be a tribal nations
11 partnering meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to just
12 inform participants of recent updates, allow tribes an
13 opportunity to reconnect, but also hear some of their concerns.

14 Some of the agenda items, we'll have remarks from
15 ADOT, the USDOT Office of Secretary of Tribal Government
16 Affairs, Mr. Arlando Teller. The division administrator at the
17 FHWA administration division will be there, along with the
18 Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Region. Also, we'll have --
19 one of the big topics we'll be covering is the NEPA assignment.
20 Then also just a roundtable discussion.

21 Next slide, please.

22 So some of our northern region Arizona
23 activities. We have -- there's a meeting later today with the
24 Hualapai tribe, and some of the concerns they're expressing is
25 the road leading -- that's along SR-66. They also have concerns

1 about when there's incidents along I-40, when we have to divert
2 traffic. And they also -- because when we divert traffic, some
3 of the speeds are relatively high through their community. So
4 they're looking -- they're looking out to ask us if there's ways
5 we can incorporate some type of traffic calming measures that --
6 to help reduce some of those speeds.

7 Next we have the Hopi partnership meeting next
8 week. This is an ongoing meeting with our Hopi partners, and
9 some of the topics that will be coming up next week are the
10 right-of-way transfer of HR-60, Low Mountain Road, SR-89. Also,
11 they had issues or concerns with the SR-89 road closures.

12 Next we'll have a couple of meetings that will be
13 in the future are with the Navajo Nation, the Rock Point
14 Chapter. They've got concerns along -- regarding the flooding
15 along US-191. Then also, the Round Rock Chapter, we'll be
16 meeting later, later in the year as well to talk about some of
17 the high rates of speed traveling through the area along US-191.

18 Next slide, please.

19 So a little bit of update on the P2P process. As
20 you can see, we held five workshops to date. Things are going
21 quite well. Jason James and his team are doing a great job
22 there meeting with the districts, and we've had great
23 participation. I think the Northcentral one had close to 30 to
24 40 people there. Excuse me. Some of the upcoming ones, next
25 week, we have the Southwest District, which is on September

1 18th. And this will be followed up by the South Central
2 District on September 20th, 11:30 to 2:00 for that one.

3 Again, the P2P process is a performance-based
4 approach to planning. The objective of P2P is to provide a
5 transparent, logical, understandable and reproducible
6 methodology to efficiently preserve and improve ADOT's
7 transportation systems, and, you know, the five-year program,
8 the Long-Range Plan, along with the P2P, are all interconnected
9 as we deliver the projects.

10 Next slide, please.

11 So this is a little update on the Long-Range Plan
12 of things that have been happening since the last time we
13 provided you an update.

14 Next slide, please.

15 A couple things I'll go over is the project
16 schedule, the public involvement, then just the overview of --
17 again, of the recommended investment choices and the additional
18 efforts that will be undertaken.

19 So the project schedule, just to show where we're
20 at, as you can see, we're approaching the final 30-day comment
21 period, and our plan is to bring the 2050 Long-Range Plan to the
22 Board in October for their adoption. And as you can see,
23 there's many activities that happen just to get to where we are
24 today, and all this information as far as if there's a desire to
25 look at any of the revenue analysis, any of the gap analysis,

1 all that information is available on the ADOT Long-Range Plan
2 website.

3 Again, the Long-Range Plan, the policy document,
4 it must be updated every five years to provide a current roadmap
5 for the state transportation system over the next 25 years. As
6 part of the process, there are requirements for public input.

7 As you can see, the draft LRTP was made available
8 for the 45-day public review. We had a virtual meeting that was
9 held on August 22nd. We had close to 67 people attend. We have
10 public meetings. We provide English and Spanish recordings as
11 necessary. Then, also, a virtual comment survey is on the
12 website, too, which is over now, but it was on there through
13 September 7th.

14 Again, the plan service is a policy-based plan
15 rather than a project-based plan, meaning that it establishes a
16 policy recommendation but does not recommend specific projects.
17 The Long-Range Transportation Plan has two major policy
18 outcomes. The first is a list of strategies that provide
19 recommendations for how future decisions and processes
20 (indiscernible) decision, goals and objectives. The second is
21 the recommended investment choice which serves as a guide of how
22 available funding should be allocated across preservation,
23 modernization and the expansion categories.

24 Next slide, please.

25 So just a little recap on the public comments

1 that we received, the feedback received to date. Most of the
2 comments have been general in nature, were really outside the
3 scope of the project. We've had a few complaints on pavement
4 conditions and other issues with our pavement condition. We
5 had -- there's definitely a need. There was a lot of input on
6 public transit and the need to increase the amount of public
7 transit. So today we had over -- close to 485 individual
8 comments. The graph on the right shows how we categorized them.
9 There's the funding distributions (indiscernible) rural needs
10 and the state highway system, along with the expansion, the need
11 for expansion and (inaudible) in Greater Arizona.

12 Next slide, please.

13 You'll just -- we presented this information at
14 the -- during the meeting in Florence, but I just wanted to
15 recap and provide an overview/review of it. This is the Long-
16 Range Transportation Plan. On the left is the current Long-
17 Range Plan for -- that was put together in 2018, where it shows
18 the forecasted overall needs of 55.3 billion. We had the
19 forecasted revenues of the 20.8 came to the estimated gap of
20 around 30, 30-plus billion dollars.

21 So we compare it now to the current draft Long-
22 Range Plan on the right there. As you can see, the state
23 highway system needs have grown substantially. A lot of that is
24 due to the cost of construction. And we have -- our forecasted
25 revenues are up. And again, our estimated funding gap has grown

1 to \$162.3 billion.

2 Next slide, please.

3 And so again, just a recap on the draft Long-
4 Range Plan. We have a need of 31.4 billion, with the revenue of
5 69.1. Much of the revenue is allocated in specific programs
6 such as the HSIP, with the bridge program. And so for Greater
7 Arizona, the revenue flexibility choice is around 29.7 billion.
8 The projected -- the anticipated revenue available over a
9 25-year period, as I mentioned, is 69.1 billion, which includes
10 ADOT's portion of the HURF, the freeway and highways, highway
11 portions of the MAG, (inaudible) funding of freeways and
12 highways from the PAG, Pima County Association of Governments.
13 It also includes ADOT stewardship programs, such as the federal
14 transit funding, as well as federal and state aviation funding.
15 The funding gap -- the funding gap represents the difference
16 between the projected needs and the ADOT projected revenues.

17 Next slide, please.

18 So for Greater Arizona, we're showing a breakdown
19 of a recommended investment choice, where we have dedicated --
20 or we're -- the guidelines recommended investment choice is a
21 guideline where we're showing 78 percent toward preservation,
22 which is approximately \$23 billion. We have 15 percent towards
23 modernization of 4.6 billion, and we have 7 percent toward
24 expansion, which is \$2.1 billion.

25 Next slide, please.

1 So this is just a breakdown of the recommended
2 investment choices by geographic areas. And so we're -- as --
3 the graph on the left is a statewide recommended investment
4 choice where we have 24 percent, or 15 billion, toward
5 modernization. We have 40 percent, or 24.6 billion, toward
6 preservation. Then we have 36 percent, or 22.6 billion, towards
7 expansion. Again, this is the statewide.

8 And the graphs to the right, we break it down,
9 (inaudible) the recommended investment choices for Greater
10 Arizona. They're on the left. And for PAG, they have
11 1.5 billion, or 28 percent, for modernization, and 17 percent,
12 or \$4 billion, toward expansion. Then the MAG breakdown,
13 Maricopa Association of Governments breakdown is showing 61
14 percent toward expansion, or 16.5 billion. Then we have 33
15 percent, or 8.9 billion toward modernization, with preservation
16 at 6 percent with 1.7 billion. As you can see, most of the
17 Greater Arizona investment is in preservation of our system.

18 Next slide, please.

19 So (inaudible) some of the additional efforts
20 that will -- moving forward with, I alluded to earlier. The
21 final Long-Range Plan will have to go through the 30-day public
22 review, which will start in -- on September 18th. Then there's
23 the location of the ADOT -- the link of the ADOT 2050 website.
24 Then we'll be requesting a letter from the State Transportation
25 Board for inclusion like we did on the previous plan to be

1 included with the final version, and as mentioned earlier, we're
2 looking to request and recommend adoption at the October board
3 meeting coming in Yuma next month.

4 Next slide, please.

5 So that covers the Long-Range Plan. Any
6 questions?

7 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I've got a couple
8 questions.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Go ahead, Ted.

10 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Paul. Appreciate it.

11 Now, these are all in regards to the Long-Range
12 Transportation Plan. So in the comment section, is that
13 included in the final plan where we find those comments --
14 because I've got some specific on, like, the passenger rail
15 ones. If I can find them on the website, I'll just go through
16 there.

17 MR. PATANE: Yeah. We'll send you those comments
18 related to passenger rail. I'll get with our team, and we can
19 make those available to you, sir.

20 MR. MAXWELL: (Inaudible.) Then the other thing
21 I wanted to ask is on those breakdowns that you showed between
22 Greater Arizona and, you know, the PAG and the MAG money, is
23 that assuming in the Long-Range Plan passage of both Prop 400 E
24 and a secondary RTA?

25 MR. PATANE: Yes, it is.

1 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. So if either one of those
2 don't pan out or don't come on board in the -- in the right
3 time, then that 50-year plan is extremely impacted, correct?

4 MR. PATANE: Yes. We'll have to amend the Long-
5 Range Plan, because even if the -- on the Prop 400, if the
6 percentages change, the distribution between -- I'm going to get
7 this wrong -- infrastructure and public transportation, we'll
8 have to go back and make amendments to the Long-Range Plan.

9 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. PATANE: You're welcome.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Ted.

12 Any other questions of the Board? Jesse.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Paul, thank you for your
14 presentation and your efforts of staff and tribal liaisons for
15 reaching out to the Native American communities. You've heard
16 quite a bit about their needs, and certainly they are very
17 difficult to address. Easily we can say that's against policy
18 or we don't have enough funding, but I've seen that working
19 together more and more with them, we can find ways to begin
20 addressing at least a percentage of their needs.

21 Yes, I understand (inaudible) policies that will
22 not allow certain projects that are (inaudible) up, but I think
23 by working together, continuing to be united and trying to make
24 things happen, I think we can be very successful in meeting on
25 those needs. Again, thank you very much for your efforts.

1 MR. PATANE: Well, you're very much welcome, and,
2 you know, that's one thing -- I've been here at ADOT many years,
3 and that's one thing I can say. We always come to the table
4 with an open mind and, you know, we like to create and just
5 improve our partnerships, so... Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions from the
7 Board? Do any of our virtual members have any questions for
8 Paul at this point?

9 Okay. Paul, go ahead and continue.

10 MR. PATANE: So I just wanted to provide just a
11 little update on the potential route transfers that we're
12 working on. We have two that are currently in progress, and the
13 first one is the Bullhead City or the SR-95 section within
14 Bullhead City. It's approximately a little over a 10-mile
15 segment that we're in negotiations with the local agency, as
16 well as with ADOT.

17 So things are moving forward for (inaudible).
18 There's been a lot of positive movement on this one. And so
19 just looking forward to some of the ongoing negotiations and
20 looking, as mentioned from the mayor of Bullhead City, as things
21 progress, they eventually will come to the Board for this
22 approval of the route transfer. And in this particular case,
23 ADOT is transferring our roadway to a local agency.

24 And so on the Naco Highway section, this is with
25 Cochise County. As you can see, the Naco Highway's the section

1 going down to the south there, to the bottom of the page. And
2 so we received a request from the Board of Supervisor and then
3 the County for ADOT to take this section of roadway into our
4 system. So this is the complete opposite of what we're doing in
5 Bullhead City. And so we've -- we received a letter, and we've
6 had the meeting with the County and requested some of the
7 initial information to help us make our decisions.

8 One of the -- because whenever you do turnbacks,
9 there's always things that come up, if it's either the right-of-
10 way documentation... So on this one, you know, it was our
11 understanding that the Naco Highway was under the jurisdiction
12 of just the County, but on this particular section of road, the
13 City of Bisbee has jurisdiction over segments of Naco Highway as
14 well. And so that being the case, we'll have to do -- or begin
15 to research and investigate two possible route transfers because
16 of the two agencies. So we'll have to work through that, those
17 administrative efforts there, but there is -- the important part
18 is the communication has started, and there is being information
19 shared by both parts. So good step in the right direction on
20 these, because they can become quite -- (inaudible) negotiations
21 (inaudible) positive or negative, they can stay, but we always
22 look for the positive.

23 Next slide, please.

24 So this is a little update on the Apache Trail
25 project. The scope of this project was a design concept report

1 and an environmental overview document. We had a public meeting
2 on August 16th at the City of Apache Junction Multi-Generational
3 Center. And there was over 200 representatives there, and they
4 were very vocal on the need to open up the highway.

5 Next slide, please. I'm sorry.

6 But again, our -- just real quick, on our -- just
7 a shoutout to our community relations and communications staff
8 who lead these efforts where we have our public meetings,
9 because they can be quite challenging, and this one here, we had
10 people lined up to get inside. And so some of the methods we
11 use to convey and update the general public on, we have the
12 in-person meetings. We also use the government delivery
13 notices, along with several social media posts, either Facebook
14 or Twitter, Nextdoor, along with our webpage, the ADOT webpage,
15 and for this -- for this project here, we did do ads in the
16 *Arizona Republic*.

17 Next slide, please.

18 So, you know, a lot of the frustration and the
19 themes and what we heard was the -- you know, how the road is
20 still closed. You know, many of the residents there feel, you
21 know, we need to do better in moving things forwards, and, you
22 know, this design concept report is the first step in moving
23 forward.

24 And so, you know, the other themes that were
25 presented were, you know, as far as kind of get it open, then do

1 the major repairs, but a lot of them wanted ADOT to preserve the
2 historic character of the road, which that is our intent. And
3 one comment was request for ADOT to prioritize and advance the
4 project by any means necessary.

5 So today -- besides, I think Floyd's got close to
6 3,000 emails already over the last few years, but for this
7 public -- today we have received close to 1,200 comments on the
8 study and through the various ways of online responses, emails,
9 phone calls and written comments from the public.

10 But our intent is to complete and finalize the
11 design concept report early this fall. Then we'll be in a
12 position to move forward and try to seek funding for design and
13 construction. For design, it applied for one of the bipartisan
14 infrastructure grants. We applied for the PROTECT grant for the
15 design phase only.

16 Next slide, please.

17 Any questions?

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Does the Board have any
19 questions for Paul?

20 Paul, I just would like to say that I have been
21 attending the P2P workshops. I went to the Northwest a week or
22 so ago, and I have Southwest next week. I would strongly
23 recommend for the board members to attend those. They're very
24 informative and very insightful. It gives you a very good idea
25 of how these projects get onto the five-year plan and all the

1 work that goes into it to vet the programs so that the highest
2 priority ones make it to the -- to the five-year -- the five-
3 year plan.

4 So with that said, thank you, Paul, for your
5 presentation.

6 I would like to say on the Apache Trail, I can't
7 really agree with doing it at all costs. We have to prioritize
8 the Apache Trail, just like every other highway and road in the
9 state, and so I can't go along with putting it at the top of the
10 list this way.

11 Any other comments from the Board?

12 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Gary, this is Richard.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Richard.

14 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Paul, any update on the
15 (indiscernible)?

16 MR. PATANE: I'll have to (indiscernible) to Greg
17 Byres for this one. Excuse me.

18 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Okay.

19 MR. PATANE: He's right here.

20 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, Board
21 Member Searle, we are looking at having the final selection for
22 the contractor by the first of October, with construction
23 starting pretty much immediately right after that. This is for
24 the 191 bridge over I-10 that was hit by a truck and burned
25 underneath it. So the bridge currently is closed, and so that's

1 the status of where we're on that.

2 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Thank you, Greg. Appreciate
3 it.

4 MS. DANIELS: Chair, this is Jenn Daniels.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Jenn. Go ahead.

6 MS. DANIELS: Thank you.

7 I just wanted to thank ADOT for their attention
8 (indiscernible) to State Route 88. I've been participating as
9 frequently as I can in some of their small group meetings, as
10 well as (indiscernible) Transportation Infrastructure Committee
11 that has focused a lot on State Route 88 and has a great desire
12 to see this project proceed for several different reasons.
13 Tourism is one of them, but there is a massive public safety
14 element associated with this as well, particularly for those who
15 need to access Apache Lake and others, and I do think that this
16 definitely warrants greater attention and appreciate the fact
17 that ADOT has responded so well. That is a very organized
18 group, and they are very passionate about State Route 88, both
19 from a historical perspective as well as the public safety and
20 tourism perspective.

21 So again, grateful for that effort. I'm excited
22 to see that project move along, and if our board members haven't
23 ever made it or haven't gone down to Tortilla Flats and seen the
24 beauty of that area -- I've actually hiked quite a bit back
25 there prior to the fires as well, and it's such a gorgeous area

1 of our state. So thank you and ADOT for assisting on that.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other comments or questions
3 for Paul?

4 Hearing none, then we will move on to Item 6, the
5 PPAC items with Paul for -- presenting those as well.

6 MR. PATANE: Password.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) we don't have the --
8 here we go. It's coming on.

9 MR. PATANE: Okay. The first item, Chairman
10 Knight, Board Members, is Item 6A.

11 Just a little quick blurb on the Economic
12 Strength Program. The ESC is a joint program with the Arizona
13 Commerce Center. Each year 1 million is allocated to the
14 Economic Strength Program. The fund comes from the HURF,
15 Highway Revenue User Fund. A project can be awarded a maximum
16 of \$500,000. The objective is to help rural communities build a
17 roadway or transportation improvement that will lead to a
18 business or retail center, thereby generating jobs and
19 stimulating the local economy. It is hoped that this will also
20 generate other capital investments within the communities.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Does anyone on the Board have a
22 question?

23 I understand we -- I -- and for the life of me, I
24 can't remember doing this one last year, but anyway... Ted is
25 at a loss too. But so these are HURF funds. Every year a

1 million dollars is allocated to this program, and these -- this
2 year there were nine applications, and they're vetted by and --
3 scored is a better word -- they're scored by the Commerce
4 Association and one member from ADOT, and I can't remember all
5 of them, but so these projects have all been scored. These are
6 the top four from the nine applicants; is that correct?

7 MR. PATANE: That's correct. Just to add a
8 little bit, there are -- there is Arizona Revised Statute that
9 (indiscernible) the committee development. The funding for this
10 program comes off the top of the highway revenue -- the HURF
11 funding, and so that's where our role comes in into awarding the
12 project.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Go ahead, Ted.

14 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, Paul, so in this case,
15 since obviously there was nine applicants, it was a pretty
16 robust form. Is that -- historically, what's the number of
17 average applicants we've been getting under this program?

18 MR. PATANE: Last year was my first year doing
19 it. I think there was six. So there definitely was more this
20 year, and if all of the funding is not used, it rolls over to
21 the next year. That's why this year is \$1.3 million, even
22 though there's a million dedicated each year from the HURF
23 funding.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: At this point there won't be
25 any rolled over for next year, correct?

1 MR. PATANE: Correct. Yeah. I believe we used
2 all -- yeah. Total awards is 1.3 million --

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

4 MR. PATANE: -- is what's requested.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions from the
6 Board?

7 MR. PATANE: So...

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: If there are no questions, then
9 I will entertain a motion to approve PPAC Economic Strength
10 Project Item 6A as presented.

11 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

12 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
14 Member Maxwell, a second from Board Member Thompson to approve
15 Item 6A as presented.

16 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: And any opposed?

19 Then will -- Floyd, will you poll the virtual
20 board members?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

22 Vice Chair Searle.

23 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

25 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

2 MR. MECK: Aye.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

4 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. ROEHRICH: You only get one vote this one.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. PATANE: So...

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Go ahead, Paul.

11 MR. PATANE: Okay. Moving on, Chairman Knight,
12 Board Members, for your consideration, the proposed changes to
13 the FY 2024-2028 State Transportation Facilities Construction
14 Program. Items 6B through 6F, project modifications.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Are there any questions from
16 any of the Board on Items 6B through 6F?

17 Hearing none, is there a motion to approve PPAC
18 project modification Items 6B through 6F as presented?

19 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, I will so move for
20 approval.

21 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
23 Member Thompson, a second from Board Member Maxwell to approve
24 PPAC project modification Items 6B through 6F as presented.

25 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

3 Floyd, would you poll our virtual members?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

5 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

7 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

9 MR. MECK: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

11 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

14 MR. PATANE: Okay. Chairman Knight, Board
15 Members, for your consideration, the proposed changes to the
16 2024-2028 State Transportation Facilities Program, Items 6G and
17 6H, new projects.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is there any -- are there any
19 questions from the Board on Items 6G through 6F? Hearing none.

20 Is there a motion to approve PPAC new projects
21 Items 6G through 6H?

22 MR. MAXWELL: I move to approve 6H and 6F as
23 recommended.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Who moved to approve?

25 MR. MAXWELL: I think I did. I just made it a

1 more elaborate of a move instead of just "so moved."

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I've got a motion --

3 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- to approve from Member
5 Maxwell and a second from Member Thompson.

6 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

9 Floyd, would you poll our virtual members?

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

11 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

13 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

15 MR. MECK: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

17 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

20 MR. PATANE: Okay. One more. Chairman Knight,
21 Board Members, for your consideration, the proposed changes to
22 the 2024-2028 State Transportation Facilities Construction
23 Program, Items 6I and 6J from the Airport Capital Improvement
24 Program.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is there a motion to approve

1 PPAC airport projects, Items 6I and 6J as presented?

2 MR. THOMPSON: So moved.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
5 Member Thompson, a second from Board Member Maxwell to approve
6 PPAC airport project Items 6I and 6J.

7 All in favor signify by saying aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

10 Floyd, would you poll our virtual members?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

12 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

14 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

16 MR. MECK: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

18 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

21 Now we'll move on to Agenda Item 7.

22 MR. PATANE: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: State engineer's report with
24 Gregory Byres, for information and discussion only.

25 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Board

1 Members.

2 To date we have 93 projects that are currently
3 under construction, for a value of \$2.1 billion. Six projects
4 were finalized in the month of August, worth \$13 million.
5 Fiscal year to date, we have 15 projects that have been
6 finalized. That is where we're at with the summary for active
7 and finalized projects.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions? Any questions
9 from the Board? Okay.

10 MR. BYRES: We'll go on to Item 8. This is new
11 construction contracts. We've got ten projects that we're
12 presenting today. Going forward, one of the good things to see
13 here is we've got a lot of green on the screen, which is
14 somewhat rare nowadays, but a good thing.

15 Next slide, please.

16 So far to date, we have 13 projects that have
17 been awarded. We're under the engineer -- or the State's
18 estimates by a little over 600,000 to date, or 1.8 percent of
19 the total funding that has been provided for those projects.

20 Next slide, please.

21 We'll go on to Item 8A. This is a pavement and
22 spot repair project. The -- we have --

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Greg, you're a couple slides
24 behind. Could you go one more slide, please? This is for the
25 virtual attendees. They're not seeing Slide 8A. One more

1 slide, please. Advance one more slide. That's -- thank you.

2 MR. BYRES: Okay. We're all caught up.

3 So for this project, we had two bidders on the
4 project. The low bid was \$782,282. The State's estimate was
5 \$986,817, a difference of \$204,535, or 20.7 percent.

6 The contractor estimated a higher rate of
7 production than the State's estimate for both milling and
8 paving, and with that higher production rate, the cost of
9 traffic control was also reduced.

10 After analyzing the low bid, it was determined
11 that the bid is a responsive and responsible bid, and we
12 recommend award to Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is there a motion to award
14 Item 8A to Sunland Construction & Asphalt as presented?

15 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, I would go ahead and
16 move.

17 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Member
19 Thompson, a second from Board Member Maxwell to approve -- to
20 award Item 8A to Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC, as
21 presented.

22 All those the favor signify by saying aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

25 MR. MAXWELL: One quick comment, Mr. Chair.

1 I love seeing all the green. I recommend putting
2 them on these, the green too, when it's in the good direction
3 versus the opposite direction, just to highlight that even more.

4 MR. BYRES: Excellent. We'll do that.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Floyd, will you poll our
6 members?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

10 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

12 MR. MECK: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

14 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

17 MR. BYRES: Our next item is Item 8B. This is
18 installation of flashing signs in Tuba City on US-160 and SR-98.
19 We have one bidder on this project. The low bid was \$197,777.
20 The State's estimate was \$149,661, a difference of \$48,116, or
21 32.1 percent over the State's estimate. The State's estimate
22 was based on mobilization from Flagstaff. The sole bidder for
23 the project is planning on mobilizing from Phoenix.

24 After analyzing the bid, it appears that the bid
25 is responsive and responsible, and we recommend award to Hawk

1 Contracting, LLC.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do I hear a motion to award
3 Item 8B to Hawk Contracting, LLC, as presented?

4 MR. THOMPSON: So moved.

5 MR. MAXWELL: Second, Mr. Chair, but I'd ask a
6 question.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a -- I have -- yes. I
8 have a motion from Board Member Thompson and a second from Board
9 Member Maxwell to award Item 8B to Hawk Contracting, LLC, as
10 presented.

11 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

14 Would you please poll our virtual members?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Maxwell, you had said
16 you had a comment. Did you want --

17 MR. MAXWELL: I'll talk to Greg afterwards. I'm
18 always curious why when we only have a single bidder.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

20 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

22 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

24 MR. MECK: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

1 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

4 Go ahead.

5 MR. BYRES: Our next item is --

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Ted?

7 MR. MAXWELL: I'll save it for this bid. This
8 one also only has one bidder, so...

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Go ahead, Greg.

10 MR. BYRES: So this item is Item 8C. This is
11 modifying raised medians in Glendale, Gilbert and Queen Creek.
12 The -- we only had one bidder on this project. The low bid was
13 \$632,870. The State's estimate was \$782,869, a difference of
14 \$149,999, or 19.2 percent below the State's estimate.

15 The bidder intends to self-perform all of the
16 work items, including removal of AC pavement, aggregate base,
17 traffic control, curb and gutter, asphaltic concrete, as well as
18 surveying and layout. By -- he also intends to use smaller
19 equipment to minimize the disturbance.

20 After analyzing the bid, it appears to be
21 responsive and a responsible bid, and we recommend award to AJP
22 Electric, Inc.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: So do I have a motion to award
24 Item 8C to AJP Electric, Inc., as presented?

25 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

1 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Member
3 Maxwell and a second from Board Member Thompson to award Item 8C
4 to AJP Electric, Inc., as presented.

5 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

8 Floyd, would you poll our virtual members?

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chair Searle.

10 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

12 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

14 MR. MECK: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

16 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

19 And now do you have a question, Ted?

20 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate
21 it.

22 Greg, you know I'm always concerned when we only
23 have one bidder. The first one, it seemed pretty -- to me,
24 apparently it was probably because of the location, and it was a
25 smaller contract on top of it. And a couple of the other ones

1 that only have one bidder this time around too also seem to be
2 driven by location of projects. However, the one that we just
3 put through was not. So what -- what is your belief for why we
4 only had a single bidder on that project.

5 MR. BYRES: So on the -- what we're seeing right
6 now is the industry is pretty inundated with work, has been for
7 quite a while, and it's still continuing. There's a real crunch
8 on the workforce. So the smaller projects that we had where we
9 went -- normally would have multiple bidders, we're now only
10 seeing one bidder coming through, and, you know, when it was
11 100,000, 200,000 dollar projects, such -- that's kind of always
12 been an issue, but it's kind of creeping up a little bit, you
13 know. We've got one project there that's over 600,000, and
14 there's just not -- there's interest out there, but
15 unfortunately, the workload is so heavy that in a lot of cases
16 the bidders just aren't there.

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

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

19 Go ahead, Greg.

20 MR. BYRES: Our next item is Item 8D. These are
21 safety improvements. London Bridge Road. Reimer Drive to
22 SR-95. We had one bidder on this project. The low bid was
23 \$243,333. The State's estimate was \$325,701, a difference of
24 \$82,368, or 25.3 percent below the State's estimate.

25 Production rates were obliterating the pavement

1 markings, and the new pavement markings were greater than the
2 State's estimate. So consequently, it's came up with a lower
3 price.

4 After analyzing the bid, it appears to be a
5 responsive and responsible bid, and we recommend award to Hawk
6 Contracting.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do I hear a motion to award
8 Item 8D to Hawk Contracting, LLC, as presented?

9 MR. THOMPSON: So moved.

10 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
12 Member Thompson, a second from Board Member Maxwell to award
13 Item 8D to Hawk Contracting, LLC.

14 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

17 Go ahead, Floyd.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

19 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

21 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

23 MR. MECK: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: And Member Howard.

25 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

3 MR. BYRES: Our next item is Item 8E. These are
4 raised pavement markers and curve signs in Mohave County,
5 various locations. We had two bidders on this project. The low
6 bid was \$248,888. The State's estimate was \$195,547, a
7 difference of \$53,342, or 27.3 percent over the State's
8 estimate.

9 In this particular case, Mohave County is not
10 willing to pay additional funds. We recommend the rejection of
11 all bids. Mohave County may come back with a different package
12 and rebid this project sometime in the future, possibly in
13 November.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is there a motion to reject all
15 bids on Item 8E as presented?

16 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
19 Member Maxwell, a second from Member Thompson to reject all bids
20 on Item 8E as presented.

21 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

24 And go ahead, Floyd.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

1 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

3 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

5 MR. MECK: Aye.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

7 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

10 MR. BYRES: Item 8F is next. This is to
11 construct multi-use path -- pathway in the city of Nogales. We
12 had one bidder on this project. The low bid was \$1,207,622.
13 The State's estimate was \$786,310, a difference of \$421,312, or
14 53.6 percent over the State's estimate.

15 The cost estimates from the bidder were higher
16 than the State's estimate from structural concrete, mobilization
17 and riprap. The City of Nogales is not willing to pay the
18 additional funds at this time. Therefore, we recommend that all
19 bids be rejected. The City of Nogales may rescope the project
20 and bid sometime in the future.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Is there a motion to reject all
22 bids on Item 8F as presented?

23 MR. THOMPSON: So moved.

24 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board

1 Member Thompson, and second from Board Member Maxwell to reject
2 all bids on Item 8F as presented.

3 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

6 Go ahead, Floyd.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Vice Chairman Searle.

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: (Inaudible.)

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Daniels.

10 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Meck.

12 MR. MECK: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Member Howard.

14 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

17 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Greg.

19 Moving on to Agenda Item 9, suggestions. Do any
20 board members have any suggestions for future agenda items?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to
22 remind everybody that the next board meeting is October 20th in
23 Yuma. It is in conjunction with the Rural Transportation
24 Summit, which will be the 18th and the 19th, a couple days
25 before. So if you are attending, please make sure you work

1 with -- get registered, but you work with Linda to make sure you
2 get your reimbursement. Otherwise, we've already started
3 coordination with the City of Yuma in preparation for the board
4 meeting. So we should be in good shape.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd. I'm looking
6 forward for -- hopefully we can all be there.

7 That being said, if there are no other --

8 MS. HOWARD: Chairman Knight, this is -- this is
9 Jenny. Can I -- can I request one item for next month's
10 meeting?

11 Greg, is it possible you could come back with
12 costs to date against the 50 million that we allocated for
13 statewide maintenance, just kind of how much we've expended of
14 that budget?

15 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, yes, we
16 can certainly bring that forward.

17 MS. HOWARD: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That was Jenny? Okay.

19 MS. HOWARD: Yes, it was.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Jenny.

21 Any other comments, suggestions for agenda items,
22 future? That being said, we have concluded the -- this agenda.
23 We've covered all the items. There's no further business for
24 this board. We're adjourned.

25 (Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF MARICOPA) ss.

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Adjournment

Chairman Gary Knight adjourned the State Transportation Board Meeting on September 15, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m. PST.

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