

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
IN PERSON WITH OPTIONAL TELEPHONIC/WEBEX ATTENDANCE
9:00am, November 17, 2023
Town of Wickenburg
155 N. Tegner Street, Suite A
Wickenburg, Arizona 85390**

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, Linda Hogan

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present. **In attendance (in person):** Chairman Gary Knight, Vice Chairman Richard Searle, Board Member Ted Maxwell, Board Member Jenn Daniels, Board Member Jesse Thompson, and Board Member Jackie Meck. Board Member Jenny Howard participated virtually via WebEx. There were approximately 40 members of the public on-line and approximately 54 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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7 PARTICIPANTS:

8 Board Members:

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

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2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: We'll move on to call to the
3 audience. Everyone -- for those of you that are calling in,
4 everyone will be muted when they call in to the meeting. When
5 your name is called to provide your comments, will you indicate
6 your presence by virtually raising your hand using your phone
7 keypad or through the WebEx application? The WebEx host will
8 guide you through the unmuting or muting process following the
9 instructions included with the meeting agenda.

10 In person -- I understand we have more in-person
11 today than we do virtually, so there is an opportunity for
12 members of the public to discuss items of interest with the
13 Board. Please fill out a Request for Public Input Form and give
14 it to the Board secretary if you wish to address the Board.

15 In the interest of time, all speakers, whether
16 telephonically or in person, will be limited to three minutes.
17 You'll hear a -- an alarm at the end --

18 MR. ROEHRICH: A faint alarm. It's not that
19 imposing.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- at the end of three minutes.
21 Please, so that everybody gets adequate time, try to stick to
22 the three minutes.

23 So if you would please call the first speaker,
24 Floyd.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. And as you

1 noted, we will go with the in-person speakers first, then go
2 online.

3 Our first speaker is Vice Mayor Kristi Henson.
4 Ms. Henson.

5 VICE MAYOR HENSON: Hi. My name is Kristi
6 Henson. I'm vice mayor of Wickenburg. The mayor of Wickenburg
7 is unable to attend today, as he has recently fell off a ladder
8 and broke his foot in multiple places, and he is -- he is flat
9 on his back, and he is healing, and I hope that he's up and
10 around real soon.

11 I had the pleasure of greeting you all last year,
12 and I wanted to extend that thought process yet again to this --
13 to this comments here, is that over the years that I've been
14 involved with the Chamber of Commerce and Town Hall, I probably
15 have been to possibly 15 of those ADOT meetings, and it's so
16 lovely to see some of the familiar faces and some new faces for
17 last night's event. I breezed in and breezed out, as my
18 daughter had just returned from Australia, and I needed to spend
19 some time with her after not seeing her for four years. So
20 pardon my absence from last night.

21 But many faces, looking here, looking very
22 familiar, as well as in the crowd, and as you all know, you have
23 come a long way in those meetings, and things that we attended
24 years ago are finally coming to fruition, and I can't thank you
25 for your decision, your dedication on trying to get those things

1 done, most prevalent the widening of 93 to avoid slaughter
2 highway (phonetic) from continuing its antics. So thank you for
3 that.

4 And there's many more things that need to be
5 addressed, and I know you guys are all charged with doing the
6 best that you absolutely can, and I thank you for your time and
7 your diligence. And I want to welcome you to Wickenburg, and if
8 you get a break -- I don't know how long Gary's going to keep
9 you to the floor, but we'll invite you to explore our downtown
10 and meet some of our citizens as well. So thank you. Welcome,
11 and have a great meeting.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. Thank you.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Ms. Bratcher.
14 Ms. Bratcher.

15 MS. BRATCHER: Thank you, Chairman Knight and
16 board members. I am B.G. Bratcher. I am a Town of Wickenburg
17 council member. I'm speaking not on behalf of the council or
18 authorization from them. I'm speaking on behalf of myself and
19 from resident comments.

20 So I did want to thank you for prioritizing 93.
21 There's lots and lots of construction going on out there, and it
22 is just great to see how fast you're moving. I know it's
23 supposed to be about a two-year project, but it's looking well,
24 and we're really anxious to get that done. Very grateful for
25 you -- to you for that.

1 One of the concerns that I wanted to bring to you
2 is the delay in the roundabout at the 93/89 junction, which is
3 the turnoff to Prescott. My understanding is that's been
4 delayed. There was a contract recently finalized between ADOT
5 and the developers, which is the Wickenburg Ranch development
6 and 667 development where they have paid over \$10 million. They
7 have paid their entire sum, as I understand it. So hoping you
8 can get that back on the schedule quickly so that that can
9 happen.

10 Another concern is the massive amount of truck
11 traffic that is anticipated when BNSF does their intermodal
12 facility that is in Whitmann, just south of the 74. Don't know
13 the time frame for the -- even the start of the construction for
14 that or the buildout of what they're doing, but just wanted to
15 mention that to make sure that it was on your radar. The number
16 of trucks that they're anticipating is many thousands an hour,
17 just say, and so just wanted to mention that.

18 And then lastly, in reference to the construction
19 that's going on now, there is a multiuse path that has been
20 authorized in part of the deal through Peaceful Ridge, up to
21 Peaceful Ridge. There is about a third of a mile that is not
22 included, which would take the path, the multiuse path, all the
23 way to Wickenburg Ranch. And I don't know if there is a way for
24 the Board to get that consideration in there, but there are
25 many, many residents who have commented to us as council people

1 the urgency of that, and it just seems to make sense to do it
2 now with everything else going on as opposed to waiting and come
3 back and trying to finish that in the future.

4 Thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Bruce
7 Bracker. Mr. Bracker.

8 MR. BRACKER: Good morning, Chairman Knight,
9 members of the Board. My name is Bruce Bracker, and I am the
10 vice chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

11 I'm here this morning to support the submittal of
12 the -- by Santa Cruz County for an Arizona SMART grant
13 application for \$3.2 million to pay for the design phase for the
14 I-19 interchanges at Ruby Road and Rio Rico Drive. This project
15 also includes the east frontage road and how it interconnects
16 with these two interchanges to ensure the safe, efficient flow
17 of traffic at these key junctures.

18 Santa Cruz County is proud to have the working
19 relationship we have had with the Arizona Department of
20 Transportation. Last year, we had the ribbon cutting for
21 SR-189, a project that was many years in the making, but the
22 safety and throughput impacts in our community are significant.
23 What happens in our community cannot be seen as just a local
24 issue. We are the gateway for over \$30 billion in trade, making
25 Nogales a critical nexus for the national and global supply

1 chains.

2 With more than 380,000 trucks and \$30 billion,
3 3.7 million cars, you would think that we were a major
4 metropolitan community, but the reality is our entire county is
5 just under 50,000 people. We are a small community, but what
6 happens here is felt all over Arizona and North America.

7 In 2018, ADOT completed a DCR for this project,
8 providing us with a cost estimate of \$26.4 million, but due to
9 inflationary impacts and the supply chain challenges of the past
10 five years, ADOT is now estimating this project bid close to
11 \$56 million, and the need for the project simply continues to
12 grow.

13 Earlier this year, by working with members of the
14 ADOT -- the Arizona State Legislature, the budget was approved
15 by -- signed by the Governor. It included \$8.6 billion to help
16 pay for the modernization of these key interchanges. We are
17 proposing to use half a million dollars of the funding that the
18 State awarded us as a match for the AZ SMART grant application.
19 Additionally, as a SMART grant requires, we are also -- we will
20 also be applying for the additional federal grants to help pay
21 for the other aspects of the project, including completion of
22 the frontage roads that connects these interchanges.

23 In closing, for those of you who have been to
24 Nogales, know that the volume of trucks that rely on these
25 interchanges grow by day, but also, the regular car traffic is

1 increasing, as this is the fastest region of growth in our
2 county. We are greatly concerned that the outdated interchanges
3 will result in the safety hazards to the traveling public and a
4 major congestion point to our most routes for trade and tourism.
5 That's why I'm asking you to approve the AZ SMART grant
6 application in the next meeting. And I thank you for your time,
7 and I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Bruce.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Our next speaker is Mr. Steven
10 Latoski. Mr. Latoski.

11 MR. LATOSKI: Good morning, Chairman Knight,
12 members of the Board. Thank you so much for this opportunity.
13 I'm here representing Mohave County Public Works under Item 6H,
14 the transportation alternatives funding projects.

15 Mohave County (indiscernible) transportation
16 alternatives funding for approximately \$4 million, sidewalks
17 throughout our Northern Avenue corridor. It's a 2.5 mile
18 corridor from Stockton Hill Road to Castle Rock Road, the north
19 Kingman-Butler area. It is a road that is part of a complete
20 streets project that is underway.

21 What happened was in -- just before the pandemic,
22 in approximately 2019, Mohave County put together a robust
23 application. In fact, one that was so impressive, the Federal
24 Highways Office of Traffic Safety endorsed our application. At
25 that point in time, prepandemic, we (inaudible) a cost estimate

1 and scope to develop a complete street project that would
2 provide for continuous bike lanes in both directions, traffic
3 signal modifications, high visibility crosswalk crossings, and
4 to complete the sidewalks on both sides of Northern Avenue.

5 This particular corridor really is a main street
6 of north Kingman-Butler. It's a community of about 15,000
7 people. It's really the commercial center. You know, that
8 area, we really wish to make it more pedestrian centered, people
9 centered, because that particular corridor connects to a Mohave
10 channel pathway, a four-mile pathway, multiuse pathway, that
11 traverses both north Kingman as well as the city of Kingman. So
12 we find that the corridor continually has high rates of crashes,
13 and we do trust if this project is complete, streets project,
14 will indeed make some important safety modifications that,
15 again, bring that more people-centered focus back in this
16 project.

17 So we put forth and kindly consider the Board to
18 approve the sidewalk project, as the complete streets funding
19 simply was insufficient to (inaudible) the sidewalk. So we hope
20 to integrate the TA-funded sidewalk project with the complete
21 streets project, which is in the process of being bid by ADOT.

22 So thank you so much for your consideration.
23 I'll be available for questions.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that's the in-person

1 speakers. Our next speaker request is online, and it's
2 Ms. Jennifer Thompson. Ms. Thompson, please raise your hand.

3 WEBEX HOST: Ms. Thompson, you are now unmuted.
4 You may speak.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Thompson, we can't hear you if
6 you're speaking. So Ms. Thompson, we still can't hear you.

7 WEBEX HOST: Ms. Thompson, you might want to
8 check your settings to make sure you have the correct audio
9 output. I did see your green mic. Try one more time.

10 MS. THOMPSON: Can you hear me?

11 WEBEX HOST: We can hear you now.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Ms. Thompson.

13 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: We can hear you now.

15 MS. THOMPSON: Okay. Okay. Good morning,
16 Chairman Knight and members of the Board. I'm Jennifer Thompson
17 with the Freeport McMoRan copper mine in Bagdad.

18 Our business and townsite residents are impacted
19 by US-93 and State Route 97. I know we've got some -- I've
20 heard some folks talk about US-93 there on these calls. We've
21 mostly spoken about State Route 97 realignment and
22 modernization, for which we've submitted a rural grant
23 application.

24 I've had the opportunity to drive to the valley
25 frequently, especially lately, on the US-93 and Wickenburg, and

1 through the construction that others have talked about there, I
2 just want to thank you for acknowledging that those changes
3 needed to take place to make this highway safer and also look
4 forward to more widening projects along that very dangerous
5 road.

6 I also want to take this opportunity to thank you
7 for your continued support and partnership on the State Route 97
8 project proposal, as we await the grant award announcements in
9 the spring of 2024.

10 We'll make this short. Just want to thank
11 Mr. Chairman and the members of the Board and the continued
12 partnership with the Northwest District of ADOT and also Yavapai
13 County, and for also giving me the opportunity to speak this
14 morning, and I wish you all have a happy Thanksgiving and safe
15 holidays.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you. Thank you for your
17 comments.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, that is all the
19 requests to speak.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Then we'll move on to
21 Item Number 1, the director's report. I understand that will be
22 very, very short this morning, but go ahead, Floyd.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, board members, the
24 director does send her apologies for not being here. She did
25 not have really any items or last minute items to discuss, but

1 she did want Anthony to give a short legislative update, kind of
2 where we're at, especially with the -- at the federal level, the
3 continuing resolution and any issues that he may have, but I
4 didn't see Anthony earlier. So with that, we'll go to the
5 legislative update.

6 MR. CASSELMAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Board
7 Members. Yeah. Just a really quick update on some of the
8 things that are going on in the government. Specifically, I'm
9 going to focus on the federal level. I don't have a ton of
10 updates at the state legislative level, but I'd be happy to
11 answer any questions about that.

12 There have been a few updates at the federal
13 level that occurred since our last meeting. As many of you
14 probably have heard, the House did elect a new speaker. That's
15 Republican Mike Johnson from Louisiana. The U.S. House and
16 Senate also passed a continuing resolution this week to avert
17 the shutdown of the federal government, which was signed by the
18 President, I believe, this morning.

19 The bill is a little bit unique. It provides
20 funding at current spending levels and contains sort of a
21 ladder approach for financing. So it staggers the funding
22 expiration dates for different federal agencies. Some of them
23 would expire on January 19th, and some of them would expire on
24 February 2nd. And just for your reference, under the continuing
25 resolution, USDOT would have funding through January 19th, 2024.

1 So just wanted to provide that quick update.
2 Again, happy to answer any questions.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Are there any questions from
4 the Board? Yes. Member Daniels.

5 MS. DANIELS: Thanks. Thanks, Anthony.

6 I know there's a lot of preparatory work that
7 goes into legislative session, and I'm already hearing some
8 dialogue and conversation behind the scenes from transportation
9 committees in the House and the Senate as far as bills that may
10 be considered or may be presented that would affect ADOT and/or
11 some of the different projects that we have across the state.
12 Have you gained any intelligence in that space? Are you meeting
13 with leadership in that area between now and when session
14 starts, and can we sort of coalesce around some of the ideas
15 that are being presented? I always feel like weighing in before
16 they're all written, and (inaudible) is better than trying to
17 make adaptations or amendments after the fact, so...

18 MR. CASSELMAN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, Board Member
19 Daniels, this is a great question. You know, I haven't had --
20 heard a ton of talk about specific bills that are going to be
21 dropped just yet. I think we're sort of in that time period
22 where you'll start to see some of those bill folders being
23 opened by legislators. So we'll certainly start to get
24 involved. You know, obviously there's also a process for ADOT
25 to pursue our own legislative changes that we feel are necessary

1 for the statutes. Specifically, in Title 28, we're looking at a
2 few different things there. I'd be happy to keep the Board
3 updated on the progress as that moves along as well.

4 Other than that, again, we -- you know, we track
5 every single bill that comes through. So every bill that gets
6 dropped, I read through it and analyze it to see its impact on
7 ADOT. And again, once the bills start getting dropped, we'll
8 continue that weekly reporting on the bills that I send out
9 through Floyd as well. And we can continue to do that for
10 projects as well.

11 MS. DANIELS: Are you having any precursory
12 conversation with Kevin Adams or others who are working with the
13 metropolitan planning organizations for potential desires or
14 their sort of list of projects? What I'm getting at, Anthony,
15 is I see a lot of sort of piecemealing together through the
16 Legislature, which is totally within their purview to create
17 and/or identify funds for specific projects.

18 We are anticipating a budget shortfall this next
19 legislative session, so that kind of curbs some of that
20 activity, but what sort of preparatory work are we doing as an
21 agency in order to ensure that we're herding the cats, as you --
22 I mean, we all are focused on the same things, but having a
23 collective effort makes such a difference in our ability to
24 accomplish our goals.

25 MR. CASSELMAN: Agreed. And Mr. Chairman, Board

1 Member Daniels, yeah, I have -- I've met with Kevin and RTAC
2 about their proposals. They did share their packet with me.
3 We're certainly going to take a look at all the projects that
4 are on the state system or would have an impact on the state
5 system and evaluate that to make sure, again, you know, the
6 costs are accurate and they're -- and make sure all the
7 information that they put out in their packet is accurate and
8 up-to-date.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Anthony, you want to talk about
10 the summit Monday, the one that industry is sponsoring, a quick
11 update there?

12 MR. CASSELMAN: Yeah. That's a great -- a great
13 point. So just for the Board's knowledge, we are working to put
14 on a legislative summit on Monday. This is a -- it's an idea
15 that's been in the works for a couple years they've been trying
16 to put together. The purpose of it is sort of a partnership
17 with industry folks. So ACEC, the council, engineering
18 companies, the General Contractors' Association, Rock Products
19 Association and the Arizona Chamber have partnered with us to
20 put on this legislative summit.

21 The main purpose of this summit is -- it's a
22 half-day event where we're going to talk through some of the big
23 ADOT items. Specifically, we want to talk about project
24 programming, project delivery, funding, and then we also want to
25 give a little bit of information about pavement conditions

1 statewide as well.

2 So it's going to be a half-day event on Monday.
3 We're going to go through a bunch of those topics. We'll have a
4 quick Q and A session with some of the industry panel folks as
5 well. We've got representation from suppliers, contractors,
6 consultants. So hopefully it's going to be a good event on
7 Monday, and we'll get some good education out there. Again,
8 this is a targeted -- a targeted audience of legislators and
9 staff. That's what our focus was on for this year, but
10 certainly, if it's successful, my goal would be to expand that
11 out and have more electeds and other stakeholders and partners
12 in the room in future years.

13 MS. DANIELS: Yeah. I think -- I speak probably
14 only maybe for myself, but that's something that I would be
15 really interested in, like, hearing more about and even
16 participating in in future years. I think that's a critical
17 component, making sure we're hearing from the business
18 community, particularly as we see some of our bids coming
19 through with only one or two or sometimes not any bidders. I
20 think that speaks to a challenge maybe within our procurement
21 processes, and I'd love to hear from the business community
22 where some of the pain points are as it relates to being able
23 to, you know, respond to some of our requests for proposals
24 and/or to bid on different projects. So I -- that's just sort
25 of a side note, but I'm really glad you guys are doing it.

1 MR. CASSELMAN: Mr. Chairman, Board Member
2 Daniels, again, a great point, and part of the reason we
3 broadened the industry was to get that different perspective.
4 You know, ADOT, we certainly do our best to educate legislators,
5 but I think having them here from the industry folks is
6 extremely important.

7 MS. DANIELS: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Board Member Maxwell, I believe
9 you had a question.

10 MR. MAXWELL: I did. It's really a follow-up to
11 what Member Daniels is talking about. When the potentially
12 \$400 million shortfall was announced, Speaker Toma was very
13 clear right away that you're going to have to look at some of
14 the things from last year's budget to remove, and a lot of the
15 funding that hasn't been allocated from that budget has to do
16 with infrastructure projects. He specifically cited those
17 projects. That's -- I guess that's a concern.

18 I -- I'm not sure if that's where you were going
19 with it, but I know you were talking about how quickly
20 sometimes, you know, when we've got this -- the funding coming
21 from the Legislature, they like to see it executed. And are
22 we -- have you heard anything about them, or Floyd, this may be
23 you've got more information on this, about them pulling back
24 some of the projects that they approved last year because
25 they -- the money's still available to try to meet budgetary

1 restrictions?

2 MR. CASSELMAN: Mr. Chairman, Board Member
3 Maxwell, yes, we've heard discussion about, you know, the budget
4 deficit, and certainly the Governor and the Legislature are
5 looking at ways to address that. I think, again, our role in
6 that process is to make sure they're provided with up-to-date
7 information about, you know, what's left in the budget for each
8 of the projects, where the project stands in its current status,
9 and at that point allow them to make the decisions as to where
10 that funding to make up that deficit's going to come from.

11 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other member of the Board
13 have a question? Very good. Thank you so much.

14 There are no last minute items; is that correct?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, there are no last
16 minute items.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Then we'll move on to Agenda
18 Item Number 2, the district report.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chairman, since this is in
20 the Northwest District's, and they've given multiple reports
21 this year, twice -- two reports already -- there's no district
22 report.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: There will be one next month in
25 Yuma. We'll get a report there, but nothing for this month.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. And I'll -- we'll save
2 it for next time.

3 Item Number 3, the consent agenda. There is --
4 there has been one item -- there's a change to the agenda. It's
5 been amended, and Item 3F has been removed.

6 Do any board members have a question, discussion
7 on any of the items on the consent agenda?

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'll just make a comment.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Go ahead.

10 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'm a little disappointed
11 that 3F was removed. You know, that is a project on Highway 90
12 by Sierra Vista, and it's -- Senator Gowan got in the money for
13 it two years ago, and they have been anxiously looking for this
14 for a long time, and -- so I realize it's only a month, but
15 still, it's another month. So with that, I'll make a motion to
16 approve the consent agenda.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: With the exception of Item 3F.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: The removal of Item 4F. The
19 consent agenda as presented with the removal of Item 4F. 3F.
20 3F. 3F excuse me.

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: That's what I -- that's what
22 I said.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: There we go.

24 MS. DANIELS: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board

1 Member Searle and a second from Board Member Daniels to approve
2 the consent agenda with the exception of Item 3F, which has been
3 removed.

4 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed? Motion carries.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
8 verify Board Member Howard since she's --

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Oh, I'm sorry. That's right.
10 I keep...

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

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Go ahead. Our virtual -- our
13 virtual board member.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard --

15 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: -- did you hear the vote? Aye?
17 Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Howard. Motion carries.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Sorry, Jenny. It won't happen
19 again.

20 MS. HOWARD: No worries. I wish I could be
21 there.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. We wish you could be
23 here too.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Jeremy, could we get the
25 presentation for Item 4, the financial report?

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. We'll move on to Agenda
2 Item Number 4. This is for information and discussion only, and
3 this will be the financial report.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Good morning, Chairman Knight and
5 Board Members. I'd like to look over and see the door open and
6 Kristine walk in, but it ain't going to happen. I apologize.
7 She is -- something has come up. She had to travel today.

8 So the financial report is we have money. Don't
9 know if we're going to have money in the future. (Inaudible)
10 continuing resolution to help, make sure that we got money at
11 least until maybe February, but hopefully we'll have money after
12 that.

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I think that's the best
14 report we've had.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah.

16 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I like it. I like it.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: I almost (inaudible) go through
18 the slides. I'd like to quick point -- you know, leave it
19 there, but I would like to go next slide, please.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Well, we'll let Kristine take
21 care of it.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) next month. I guess
23 what she did want to show is we're really right on with the
24 forecast. She, you know, kind of did want to point out the fact
25 that as we've kind of looked at the economy and looked at where

1 we're at, she -- the program is still healthy. We're on
2 forecast. Expenditures and revenues are very consistent. So
3 she feels very comfortable, especially as she looks at moving
4 forward with the tentative five-year program and then funding
5 for that. She'll talk more about that next month.

6 Next slide.

7 So the -- again, Highway User Fund, you can see
8 that the actuals are just a little bit above forecast. We're --
9 so she's right on. Very comfortable with that.

10 Next slide, please.

11 The RARF fund, the Regional Area Road Fund in
12 Maricopa County, it's actually still pretty strong. It's a
13 little bit ahead of forecast, which really helps that program.
14 The point here to be made, though, is if you remember, that does
15 expire the tax on the -- the half-cent sales tax does expire at
16 the end of 2025. They collect it until 2026 to wrap it up. So
17 again, without an extension of that tax, that's why she's got
18 the little caution sign there. It's strong right now, but it --
19 the RARF funding for Maricopa County does have a precipice
20 holding here in the near future.

21 Next slide, please.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That will be up for -- that
23 will be up for vote in 2024, right?

24 MR. ROEHRICH: It is going to be up for vote.
25 Yes, sir. It did make it through the process to be on the

1 ballot, and so the citizens will get a chance to address it. I
2 do believe it even has a number now. 467? Yeah. I knew that
3 they had -- 479?

4 (Inaudible conversation.)

5 MR. ROEHRICH: But they do -- but they -- it is
6 going to the voters, so they'll address it there.

7 Next slide, please.

8 Federal program, we're still good. Obviously,
9 the IIJA gave us a boost again, which goes until about 2026. So
10 as long as they -- continuing resolution and they continue the
11 funding, we have the funding within the five-year program. She
12 will have more of an update as we get closer to the five-year
13 program, which we normally present to the Board late January,
14 February at the study session as we start the tentative program
15 cycle.

16 So with that, that's what she has from a
17 financial report. She does plan to be back next month. She'll
18 be able to give you more in-depth discussion.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Does any member of the Board
20 want to dare ask Floyd a question, a financial question, or
21 shall we move on?

22 MR. ROEHRICH: I would like you to move on
23 myself. I would like to -- I'll take any questions, obviously.
24 I double I'll be able to answer them, but I'll take them back,
25 get Kristine working on them. She should be back in office, I

1 do believe, next week.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

3 We'll move on to Agenda Item Number 5 with Paul
4 Patane. This is for information and discussion only. The
5 Multimodal Planning Division report.

6 MR. PATANE: Good morning, Chairman Knight, Board
7 Members. Good morning. Welcome to Wickenburg. So today I'll
8 go through the Multimodal Planning Division report.

9 Next slide, please.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Real quick. Jeremy, that's not
11 being shown on the WebEx.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One second.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay.

14 MR. PATANE: And so the items what we'll cover
15 today are the tribal transportation update. We'll give an
16 update on the truck parking plan, along with one of the new IIJA
17 programs, the transportation alternative program we'll cover
18 today as well.

19 Next slide, please.

20 Some of the internal activities related to the
21 tribal transportation update is (inaudible) ADOT the Native
22 American Heritage Month, did some internal publication related
23 to the Native American Heritage Month. On these two bullets
24 here, our goal is to do more internal outreach, because we do so
25 much interaction with the tribal communities. That just -- in

1 project development, maintenance, operations, and along with
2 planning. So we're just trying to increase our cultural
3 awareness related to the Native Americans.

4 Next slide, please.

5 So there was a couple webinars. This is the
6 Native -- national Native American Heritage Month, and so the
7 FHWA hosted a webinar that a lot of the staff participated in,
8 but also, the local FHWA office division, they have hired a new
9 travel coordinator, Mr. Dan Gabiou. He's a former ADOT
10 employee, so he should be a good asset there (indiscernible)
11 FHWA that we can use to enhance our partnership and
12 collaboration with our tribal partners.

13 Next slide, please.

14 Just some of the activities for the northern
15 region this month. We met with the Navajo Nation Round Rock and
16 Rocky Point Chapters. We had a meeting that covered areas
17 related to an update on the overview of the Long Range
18 Transportation Plan, along with the planning to programming
19 processes. So again (indiscernible) see many of the tribes
20 (inaudible) engagement in the planning to programming process,
21 because this is -- this is an opportunity to understand how to
22 get their projects (inaudible).

23 Next slide, please.

24 This is the southern region activities. This
25 kind of fed off from the Rural Transportation Summit that was

1 hosted in the Yuma. It was attend by the Fort Yuma Quechan
2 Business Development chairman there, and he extended outreach to
3 our staff, and we attended the grand opening of their business
4 development center, and so that was a good way to (inaudible).

5 Next slide, please. This is a little update of
6 the truck parking plan. So just -- next slide.

7 A quick recap. As you may recall, our 2022 state
8 freight plan allocated \$50 million set aside for truck parking,
9 which made it into the current five-year program. Then in 2023,
10 we completed -- or finalized and finished up our statewide rest
11 area, which further prioritized truck parking expansion within
12 the rest areas. And currently, we have the five projects
13 currently programmed for FY '24 at 18 million.

14 Then today's information is related to the truck
15 parking plan that shows additional truck parking locations
16 identified throughout the state.

17 Next slide, please.

18 So what this slide is showing here is the results
19 of our parking analysis that the corridor with the most
20 undesignated parking has shifted from I-10, from our 2019 plan,
21 has shifted up to I-40. And so there is still a need for truck
22 parking on I-10, but as you can see from the clusters there,
23 I-40 and I-10 are the two main corridors we're finding that in
24 truck parking and a lot of undesignated parking clusters
25 throughout the state there. So the map does show the seven

1 highest density clusters for undesignated parking. As you can
2 see, four of those are on 40. Then we have two on I-10 -- or
3 three on I-10.

4 Next slide, please.

5 So what the map is showing here is identifying
6 where the trucks are parked within the cluster. Okay. And a
7 lot of them, the green dots is where they're parking on on and
8 off ramps throughout the corridor, I-40 corridor and I-10 as
9 well. Then the tail color is kind of where -- along the rest
10 areas where we're getting some undesignated parking clusters
11 (indiscernible) will be referred to as the last mile trip. We
12 have 17 percent, and a lot of those are in the -- in the -- in
13 the metro region of Phoenix. Then near truck stops, they have
14 just a small number. About 2 percent there.

15 Next slide, please.

16 And so, you know, one of the end results of the
17 truck parking plan is a list of priority projects, and so we
18 felt it was necessary to develop an evaluation, scoring criteria
19 for these projects, and as you can see on the slide here, these
20 are the seven areas -- or six areas that we use for prioritizing
21 criteria, from -- vary from parking demand to benefit cost
22 analysis. You can see the percentages as far as funding as
23 well.

24 Next slide, please.

25 So we did look at different types of materials,

1 and so they vary in cost. The soil, cement. The
2 alternative-type materials is very similar to the pavement
3 costs. Actually, the concrete pavement is the highest, and for
4 these estimates, we used asphalt and what we -- the
5 alternative-type materials. And in talking with operations, the
6 gravel wasn't the way to go because of the additional
7 maintenance, and that needs -- that does come into play, because
8 some of these -- as I show you in the upcoming photos, some of
9 these lots were, you know, going to hold 200 additional trucks,
10 and so the gravel is not the way -- in our opinion, not the way
11 to go at this time.

12 So next slide, please.

13 So what -- based on the truck parking plan and
14 the current projects in the program, this photo here shows all
15 the -- all the areas where -- have been targeted for future
16 truck parking projects, and what I like -- what I like about
17 this photo, it's really -- geographically, we're hitting a lot
18 of areas of the state. You know, the ones that are kind of
19 in -- have the white font, those are the ones that -- there's
20 five there that are current in the 2024 program. Then we have
21 the rest areas that are additional expansion within the rest
22 areas as proposed, along with additional safe lots. And those
23 safe lots are areas that are in between rest areas. They're --
24 could be adjacent to traffic interchanges or they -- they're
25 located in areas where ADOT has bought efficient right-of-way

1 when we built the state system. A lot of those -- a lot of
2 those times, that right-of-way was for future rest areas.

3 Next slide, please.

4 So based on just the distribution and the
5 priority, you know, we have -- these are the projects -- as far
6 as the ranking of the projects, and so as you can see, the ones
7 up on top in the faded fonts, those are the ones in the current
8 program at 18 million. Then we felt -- you know, we had -- we
9 programmed 50 million in this year's program. So as we looked
10 at the priorities, you know, what can we get for the remainder
11 of the balance of that 50 million, and so we came up with the
12 three projects that are approaching 29 million, the I-10, Burnt
13 Wells, Meteor Crater and the B-10 and SR-86, the safe lot there.
14 So those are additional 370 spots at approximately 29 million
15 that we hope to get with that 50 million that was part of the
16 current program. So that would put us, the total, a little over
17 600, 600 additional truck parking stalls with that 50 million.

18 Next slide, please.

19 So these are some of the examples. Just want to
20 run quick through a few slides showing where we're doing
21 expansion. This is an I-10, Burnt Wells, Milepost 86 and U.S.
22 to Phoenix, the Tolleson area -- or 50 miles west of Tolleson.
23 It's near Tonopah. And so there we're looking at adding an
24 additional total of 100 spaces, a little over 9.1 million.
25 There is some additional right-of-way needed as well.

1 Next slide, please.

2 We move up to Meteor Crater on I-40. Another
3 expansion of the existing parking lot there. Looking at total
4 of additional 140 spaces with around approaching \$11 million
5 there. And there's the right-of-way needed there as well.

6 Next slide, please.

7 This is what the -- the safe lot near Business 10
8 and SR-186, and so it's -- the -- close to Willcox. We're
9 looking at an additional 127 spaces at 8.9 million.

10 Next slide, please.

11 So this is in Crazy Creek. It's on I-40, about
12 40 miles west of Painted Cliffs, and this -- as you can see how
13 the right-of-way kind of flares out there, this was a future
14 location of the rest area. So we were looking at adding
15 additional parking there, about 61 or 60 spaces both directions.
16 A cost of \$10 million. And with these -- with these new ones
17 here, these ones were (indiscernible) rest area, a lot of the
18 cost is in the ramps, because you have to account for the
19 deceleration/acceleration of the trucks going to -- off and on
20 on the interstate system. And these rest areas, the estimates
21 do include what we call solar lighting, along with -- there are
22 restroom facilities, but I forgot the term they use for those.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Portajohn?

24 MR. PATANE: Yeah, portajohns. They're --
25 portajohns, they're like compost-type restrooms, so...

1 Next slide, please.

2 So this is -- we looked at, you know, expansion
3 too as well, but the current projections to 2032, but looking at
4 ten more years out to 2042, you can also expand the same
5 location to get additional 50 plus -- about -- additional 60
6 spots there. So you'd have a total of close to 176 for the
7 Crazy Creek safe lot area.

8 And we did -- we've had extensive collaboration
9 with the trucking association, Mr. Bradley. We've met twice
10 during the development of the study, and both times the meetings
11 have been positive. And he left -- you know, he's had his
12 support for what we're showing here today.

13 Next slide, please.

14 So back to I-10, this is the Ehrenberg rest area.
15 You know, it's expanding existing rest area, and really no
16 upgrade to facilities. Just here on the -- on the parking --
17 additional parking stalls. Total of 51 for additional 5.95
18 million.

19 Next slide, please.

20 This is San Simon near Willcox, (indiscernible)
21 10. Looking at additional parking here close to 80 spaces at a
22 total of 7.85 million, which includes the additional right-
23 of-way.

24 Next slide.

25 Then we're looking at Bouse Wash. This is on

1 I-10. We're in the Vicksburg area. An additional 55 spaces
2 here, potential. Then they have -- those around \$5 million
3 dollars. This is for the additional expansion there.

4 Then next slide.

5 Then I-40, these are -- these are in priority.
6 That's why that's kind of bouncing, and the next one is in
7 Seligman. Looking at an additional 72 spaces at \$8.3 million,
8 both eastbound direction and westbound.

9 And finally, Heber, this is one of the lower
10 priorities, because it's kind of really close to Meteor Crater,
11 but the advantage here is -- it may be close, but the -- as you
12 can see, the right-of-way is flared out there. So it's a good
13 opportunity to build another safe lot for parking as well.

14 Next slide.

15 That's my next slide. Hibbard, same.

16 Next slide, please.

17 Just explanation going to 2042, where we can
18 increase it from 50 -- increase it from 53, adding another 56
19 spaces as well.

20 Next slide.

21 So these are the four locations that are
22 currently programmed, and so we're looking at close to an
23 additional 240 spaces with these five projects, and these are
24 within existing rest areas that we are expanding. So we
25 anticipate -- we're using an integrated design build. It's a

1 type of -- it's the first one we're doing within the state, and
2 we're looking to do some innovation here on delivery, and so
3 we're looking to be in construction by June of '24 for these
4 five locations.

5 Okay. Any questions related to truck parking?

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Are there any questions from
7 the Board? Yes. Board Member Searle.

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Good morning, Paul.

9 MR. PATANE: Good morning.

10 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: It's good to see this
11 project -- this going forward. I would say that, you know,
12 something that we've discussed before, and I think Jenn brought
13 it up is the cost per space seems a little -- I don't want to
14 call it prohibitive, but it's pretty high when you look at the
15 cost per space. And I think one thing that we haven't explored,
16 and it might be interesting to see what it would do is possibly
17 using some of these funds as grant funding for private spots. I
18 noticed there was a new truck stop that went into Willcox this
19 past year, and they put a whole lot of truck parking in there.

20 And I'm wondering how much we could acquire, and
21 I'm -- additional truck parking we could acquire by offering
22 some grant funding to some of these truck stops that might have
23 space, where you're not having to get right-of-way and offset
24 the costs per parking spot. I don't know. It's something that
25 I'd like to see us explore if we could.

1 MR. PATANE: Chairman Knight, Board Member
2 Searle, yes, we can definitely look into that. The -- I don't
3 know the name, but there is a private coalition that is part of
4 the Freight Advisory Committee, so we are getting input from
5 them. And so they're aware of what -- you know, what we can do,
6 and what I've shown today is just on the state system, what --
7 you know, we can add almost 1,200 additional spots on the state
8 system, but if the issue continues to grow, yes, we'll have to
9 look at alternative ways to increase the parking that would
10 include P3 partnerships, public private partnerships.

11 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Okay. Thank you, Paul.

12 MR. PATANE: Yes, sir.

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

15 MR. MAXWELL: One quick one.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Ted.

17 MR. MAXWELL: So just -- I was -- Richard asked
18 some great questions there, and I agree the cost is what -- I
19 think there's got to be a way to try to see if we can bring some
20 of those down, because it varies even from spot to spot to spot
21 considerably. But 50 million we've got programmed through,
22 obviously, but that only takes about -- you know, on your chart
23 with all the funding on it, it only took -- probably not even
24 half of the project's done. So we've got the plan for 1,200,
25 but do we have the funds and -- or is this going to be something

1 we're going to have to look at every year five-year plan
2 incorporating some of those funds into the truck parking plan?

3 MR. PATANE: Chairman Knight, Board Member
4 Maxwell, the plan is to look at the discretionary grants as an
5 alternative to fund these, because, you know, our resources are
6 definitely, you know, competitive. You know, there's lots of
7 money. We've -- sure we would like to get more money in truck
8 parking within the program, but it's -- you're going to make
9 your decision at a later date, but we are -- I actually did talk
10 to staff very recently to look at what grants can we target
11 truck parking for, because I was at AASHTO earlier this week,
12 and a representative from ATA was presenting, and the number two
13 item -- besides the economy is number one -- the number two item
14 on their list on the national level is the truck parking. So we
15 definitely are -- we want to keep this going, the momentum going
16 that we have and continue to expand where we have available
17 funding to.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

20 I do have one comment. Looking at this last
21 chart, I notice on I-40 we get 50 spaces for 2.6 million. I-17,
22 we got 60 spaces for 3.3 million. And at Milepost 296 on I-17,
23 we get 6 to 10 spaces for 2.7 million. Seems like -- and I know
24 each one of these has got to be considered on its individual
25 merits, but that's a huge cost per space compared to the first

1 three or four. So is it maybe there's a better plan for
2 those -- for -- to get -- to get more out of that 2. -- to get
3 more out of that 2.7 million? I'm just -- it just seems like
4 that's a huge difference in space cost. It's the highest space
5 cost of any project on that chart.

6 MR. PATANE: A lot of them kind of depends on how
7 the expansion -- you know, how the topography is, because if
8 you're in an area where you're expanding, and you've got to do a
9 lot of preparation work before you can actually, you know, do
10 any paving, the costs are going to go up, versus, you know, if
11 it's this flat land and extending the parking. So each location
12 is unique and --

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

14 MR. PATANE: -- be assured we are doing our due
15 diligence to get these prices as reasonable as possible in these
16 quotes.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, if
18 you remember kind of from Paul's presentation, we're trying to
19 look at where the better need is, because we do think we could
20 put parking cheaper in other areas, but there isn't as much need
21 as in these locations. So it is going to have to be a balance
22 of where the need is, the terrain, the constructability in that
23 terrain and then the funding that we have available to do that.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Correct.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: We're trying to meet industry

1 needs, and as, you know, Paul had pointed out, meeting with ATA,
2 we're trying to target in the priority areas that they see as
3 well to make it as most effective as possible.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Sure. I understand. I
5 think -- Board Member Daniels.

6 MS. DANIELS: Thanks.

7 Just looking a little bit farther ahead, once
8 constructions's done, we have maintenance costs that will be
9 associated with maintaining these different facilities, and so
10 just ensuring that we are keeping sort of an eye on the longer
11 lens. I'm curious, though, why we would build overflow lots
12 instead of making current -- like, when I saw your maps and sort
13 of diagrams of how we would construct those, we're constructing
14 a lot of additional roadway in addition to -- and connector
15 roadway, I should say, to get these trucks to and from overflow
16 lots. Why not just expand existing lots?

17 MR. PATANE: Existing truck parking lots? Well,
18 we don't --

19 MS. DANIELS: I mean, I know they're all
20 different, but...

21 MR. PATANE: Right now we don't have any, you
22 know, P3 partnerships in mind. The task was just to look within
23 the ADOT system how much additional --

24 MS. DANIELS: No, I mean -- excuse me. I
25 probably misspoke. When -- like the Haviland, I-40, for

1 example, you're constructing overflow lots in addition, like --

2 MR. PATANE: Right.

3 MS. DANIELS: -- adjacent to existing truck
4 parking. Why not just expand the current truck parking? Then
5 you don't have to have the additional connector roads to get
6 back to the highway.

7 MR. PATANE: Well, when you -- when you start --
8 because any time you start expanding within the rest area, then
9 you start getting into the ramp geometry. Then it starts -- you
10 know, your costs are going to go up more because you're --

11 MS. DANIELS: (Indiscernible) ramp.

12 MR. PATANE: Affecting the main line,
13 affecting --

14 MS. DANIELS: Okay.

15 MR. PATANE: -- the on and off ramps. And so the
16 overflow, I think the one that I'm referring to is in Bouse,
17 it's kind of off, off to the side where, you know, it's cheaper
18 to build that connector road versus getting onto the ramps where
19 you're talking high speed (indiscernible) everything gets
20 lengthened because of the speed that you're working with.
21 (Inaudible.)

22 MS. DANIELS: Understood. Yeah. Just -- I like
23 your idea, Board Member Searle, as well as partnering with the
24 private sector to ensure that there's access

25 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Yeah. I think --

1 MS. DANIELS: It can usually --

2 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: -- a grant -- a grant-type
3 program could be a efficient -- a more efficient way of getting
4 parking out there at a lower cost per space.

5 MS. DANIELS: Uh-huh.

6 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Without the maintenance
7 issue.

8 MR. PATANE: Right. That's a big concern. When
9 we were showing these to our operations folks and our
10 maintenance, especially when we started talking alternative
11 materials, they get concerned --

12 MS. DANIELS: Well, I wonder if as part of that
13 grant process, you know, ADOT's providing the grant to build the
14 capital expense, and the private sector is now required to
15 maintain that facility moving forward, and that's a win-win.
16 There's an economic development benefit as well, when they're
17 able to utilize, you know, private sector utilities and things
18 like that. So -- I don't know. Just -- I really like that
19 idea. Well done.

20 MR. PATANE: No, and Mr. Bradley has made those
21 type of comments as well, where there could be a joint-type
22 partnership.

23 MS. DANIELS: We're not going to give Mr. Bradley
24 the credit.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: No.

1 MS. DANIELS: We're going to give Mr. Searle the
2 credit for that great idea.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Members, we have literally
4 talks about that. There are some limitations that we have using
5 federal aid, because it does go to private industry as opposed
6 to within the state. So there are things that we have to look
7 at in order to move forward. It is an option. It is absolutely
8 something we've discussed, but it's going to depend upon what's
9 eligible, whether we have the state funds for it, what's
10 eligible federal aid wise or how we fit it within the program
11 without detracting from what's already in the program. So
12 absolutely it's an option, but it's one that really needs a lot
13 more thought process and developing it.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah, because really, the only
15 way that I can see the private sector's going to be interested,
16 I mean, even with a grant, there's got to be a profit in it
17 somewhere, whether they charge for the space or -- whatever
18 their plan is, but they've got -- if they can't make money doing
19 it, then the private sector's not going to be interested.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: And, Mr. Chairman, for us to
21 provide any state or federal funds, we have to make sure that it
22 meets the legal -- legality for us to do that, which is why we
23 have to, you know, move forward with this and a lot more thought
24 process and how we would make a program like that work.

25 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I may be wrong, Gary, but I

1 think a lot of -- (indiscernible) the truck stop industry, I
2 think, having the trucking parking available probably just draws
3 in business, even if they didn't charge for the use of it. Just
4 having that -- just having people there could be a -- could be a
5 draw, but anyhow, I just noticed that is something that the
6 truck stops are -- these newer truck stops that are going in,
7 they are putting in quite a bit of parking, and it is, because
8 it's a need.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Board Member Maxwell.

10 MR. MAXWELL: I'm going to take it even a step
11 farther. I think we as a board and we as a state have to start
12 looking about how we're going to leverage limited funding in
13 infrastructure. We already know we don't have enough, and we
14 know we don't have enough for maintenance of the roads we've got
15 and everything else. The State is way behind on the idea of
16 public-private partnerships. Figure out how to do -- to do some
17 potential public-private partnerships that may result in toll
18 roads. And I think parking is a good spot to start exploring
19 those aggressively.

20 I mean, Floyd, I agree with you. We've got to
21 make sure we can't misuse the government's funds, but at the
22 same time, if we don't go out there and actually advocate to try
23 to get this done, we're going to be falling further and further
24 behind on just the funding that we need to maintain our roads
25 and our -- the economy. So I think we've got to push it hard.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions or comments
2 from the Board?

3 Go ahead, Paul.

4 MR. PATANE: That concludes the truck parking
5 portion of the MPD update.

6 Next slide, please.

7 If there are questions or comments --

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: We just did that.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yeah. I think we've already
10 been there.

11 MR. PATANE: So now I'll turn to one of the
12 programs that were generated from the IIJA legislation, what is
13 known as the Transportation Alternatives Program.

14 Next slide, please.

15 And so as mentioned, it was, you know -- as part
16 of the bipartisan infrastructure law, the TA program sets aside
17 funding for smaller-type projects, you know, such as bike paths,
18 sidewalk, multiuse paths, providing connectivity through -- you
19 know, through the region, through the communities. We were able
20 to launch this program because of IIJA, the use program dollars
21 or federal funds. So with the federal funding, there was a
22 local match requirement, and this particular program is really
23 focused just for Greater Arizona.

24 The MAG and PAG regions, they get their -- they
25 get a sub-allocation of the TA program for their regions, so

1 they're not -- they were used for feedback and input as we
2 developed our process, but they're excluded from competing for
3 these -- for this pot of funds. Then our tribal partners are
4 eligible, and the ones that fall outside of the MAG and PAG
5 regions, so...

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7 So again, there was guidance that came out, and
8 this guidance kind helped formed our process and how we
9 developed it, with the collaboration of many of the local
10 stakeholders.

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12 So as you can see, the (indiscernible) TA program
13 was -- is for greater Arizona. We did have representation
14 throughout greater Arizona, as you can see, you know, we
15 definitely -- if we touched a lot of participation from all our
16 NPO and COG partners. It's quite challenge working with this
17 group. Irene Higgs here, from the Sun Corridor MPO. She's the
18 chair of the TA committee, and so she had the enormous task of
19 put -- helping guide us through this process and keeping
20 everybody focused.

21 So some of the things they -- they wanted the key
22 things, because they wanted the process to be simple for the
23 locals, flexible, and we wanted to make sure we're fully
24 transparent so they know how we're identifying projects, and the
25 main thing is we want to minimize barriers to ensure the

1 program's success, and it's all about delivery of these
2 programs. You know, we develop them, but at the end of the day,
3 it's how we deliver them to the -- to the local communities.

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5 So there is a TAC, a voting -- the Technical
6 Advisory Committee has 16 members. There's 12 voting members,
7 as mentioned from the MPO and COGs. Then we have four advisory
8 members. Our MAG and PAG partners, along with our FHWA
9 stakeholders as well.

10 I mentioned the -- or we have a -- internally, we
11 have a TA program manager. She works for Clem, Elaine, and so
12 she's the one, the go-to person as far as helps coordinate with
13 the Technical Advisory Committee.

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15 So as part of the process, it's important for us
16 that we -- we use -- ADOT uses the term standard work, where all
17 of the stakeholders understand how this process will flow and
18 how, you know, we'll be selecting and identifying the projects.
19 And so we developed this guidebook as a resource, and this is
20 available on our website as shown, but it gives the locals the
21 resources needed to submit and get their applications approved.

22 Next slide, please.

23 So the eligible project sponsors, as you can see,
24 it's a wide group. We have local governments, regional
25 transportation authorities. We have nonprofits, which is kind

1 of new to the TA program. Then we have -- tribal governments
2 are eligible or transit agencies, along with the MPOs with a
3 population of less than 200,000.

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5 So looking at eligible types of projects. We
6 have pedestrian bike facilities, recreation trails. We have
7 safe route -- safe routes to school projects, construction of
8 turnouts, overlooks -- overlooks and viewing areas, along with
9 historic preservation and vegetation management. So a wide
10 range of projects, and I think we can capture most of the local
11 needs of the communities with these types of smaller type
12 projects.

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14 Then these are just the eligible costs, you know,
15 many phases in the developing of a project, and so we've got
16 planning and scoping is eligible, design and construction, along
17 with education as well, so...

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19 So available funding for fiscal year '24. There
20 was 18 million set aside for the program cycle, but the whole
21 program -- the whole five-year program in this subprogram has 90
22 million in it, and so as mentioned earlier, there is a local
23 match for these projects. So it's important that the locals
24 know and understand the -- you know, they do have some
25 responsibility when it comes to these costs of the projects.

1 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Paul, I had a question.

2 MR. PATANE: Yes, sir.

3 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: That 18 million for this
4 current program cycle, this cycle is I'm assuming this fiscal
5 year. Do we have some for the following cycles? I mean, are
6 there additional cycles? Additional funding --

7 MR. PATANE: Yeah. I have a diagram that shows
8 kind of the process flow of how we generate projects. Yes,
9 we'll be doing a call for projects every year, but for today's
10 meeting, it's just for the FY '24 cycle of projects.

11 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Which is 18 million?

12 MR. PATANE: Yes. Approximately 18 million.

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: And so what are we expecting
14 in the next cycle?

15 MR. PATANE: Well, the cap is 18 million. So
16 we'll --

17 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Oh.

18 MR. PATANE: We may -- so we may get -- we have
19 to cut it off at 18 million. So we may get 30 projects if we
20 can -- if there's 20 that are approved but we only can fund 10,
21 then that's what -- we have to make the decision.

22 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: So 18 is the most we're going
23 to be able to spend over the whole cycle, the whole --

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Annually, you're talking about?

25 MR. PATANE: Yeah.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Searle, it's 18
2 million annually that comes out of the federal aid program.

3 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: 18 million comes out
4 annually.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Uh-huh.

6 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Okay. That -- that was --
7 yeah.

8 MR. PATANE: Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Okay. That's what I was
10 trying to...

11 MR. PATANE: Okay. Sorry.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I just had one question. It's
13 probably -- you probably will answer it as we go along, but that
14 being said, that there's 18 million in this fiscal year, with
15 the projects that are proposed, we have \$1,640,813 remaining.
16 Will that roll over to the next fiscal year?

17 MR. PATANE: No. Chairman Knight, Board Members,
18 no, it will not. It needs to be programmed -- the funding needs
19 to be programmed this cycle, for FY '24.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Or we lose it?

21 MR. PATANE: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: So --

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Well, Chairman, Board Members,
24 we're not going to lose it. We're going to -- if you remember,
25 and Paul presented this a few months ago when we first got

1 the -- you got (indiscernible). We have 18 million annually,
2 but we're not programming 18 million. Because of the
3 fluctuation in bidding amount, we've got the little bit back.
4 So as these projects finalize, go out to bid, if one's a little
5 higher and one's a little lower, it works within the 18 million
6 available so we're not robbing from some other program.

7 So we programmed whatever it was, about 16
8 million or something. We kept a little bit back so we could go
9 through the program. As we get towards the end of the fiscal
10 year and this fund's available, what, you know, Kristine does is
11 she balances within the other program. The money's not going to
12 go away. We're going to spend it somehow, and then it will
13 still be available for this program, but it might have to
14 fluctuate in the program cycle. She's going to do whatever
15 magic she does. You can ask her about her magic next month. I
16 don't know her magic. She just waves her wand and all of a
17 sudden a program's fiscally constrained.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: It balances.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah, it balances. But what the
20 point is --

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Better be careful. You're
22 getting in dangerous ground with --

23 MR. ROEHRICH: I'm setting her up. I'm setting
24 her up. I know that. But I do want to make -- we don't program
25 it 100 percent because of the fluctuation. We're managing what

1 we anticipate what the bid fluctuation within that program.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Great. That answers my
3 question.

4 Any other questions from the Board?

5 Okay, Paul.

6 MR. PATANE: Okay. Next slide, please.

7 So this is the programming cycle or the cycle it
8 takes to -- once we do a call for projects until we select them.
9 So we're looking at a six-month process, and so what -- we'll
10 probably adjust it to make sure we get it sooner to the Board,
11 but just an overview of the process that we're doing as far as
12 the TA program. So we're looking again at six months.

13 Next slide, please.

14 So as far as the project evaluation, these are --
15 the Technical Advisory Committee does the scoring. ADOT just
16 provides the oversight. ADOT is not a member of the Technical
17 Advisory Committee, but these are the areas. As mentioned
18 earlier, we look at technical quality and project scope, project
19 schedule, community support. Is it based on letters of support?
20 Public involvement. Maybe look how the plan aligns with kind of
21 the growth of the community. And also, equity is a scoring
22 factor as well within the scoring criteria of the projects.

23 Next slide, please.

24 So just on the project initiation, it will be two
25 divisions within ADOT administering the program. ADOT's

1 Multimodal Planning Division will be doing the scoping, the
2 scoping and programming of the projects, whereas our LPA section
3 will be taking the projects as far as project manager from
4 design into construction.

5 Next slide, please.

6 So this is some resources that we use to put the
7 program together. Our TA program contact is Elaine Mariolle,
8 and there's her information there. And any additional questions
9 or comments?

10 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Jesse, go ahead.

12 MR. THOMPSON: I'm really happy that a lot of
13 reach out is happening by ADOT and the staff and talking to the
14 tribal programs. Have any of these tribal projects initiative,
15 have they began going through the transfer process (inaudible)?
16 As long as you get the money, you transfer it to the tribal...

17 MR. PATANE: No. We haven't done any -- we've
18 selected the projects, but as far as agreements, we haven't
19 initiated agreements at this time.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson, this
21 is the first cycle that we're doing this, so we're obviously
22 going to see how the guidelines work and may make adjustments,
23 but for this first list -- and the projects will be presented
24 for approval during PPAC, the next item, because we're going
25 through the programming process, but the projects that are going

1 to happen will then go through either ADOT will administer them
2 or the local, depending upon the agreement. We'll execute the
3 agreements after the projects are approved. So no funding has
4 gone on yet on these projects. It will all follow if the Board
5 approves the project list that the TA committee's recommending.

6 MR. THOMPSON: This is (inaudible) reason why I
7 mentioned that is that notice of (inaudible) the projects have
8 already been made.

9 MR. PATANE: Pardon?

10 MR. THOMPSON: Has that call for projects --
11 that's already been out there?

12 MR. PATANE: Yeah. We've -- yes, Chairman
13 Knight, Board Member Thompson. Yes, we did a call for projects.
14 There's later action in PPAC today looking for a motion to --
15 from the Board to approve these projects that we want to move
16 forward with for further development.

17 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Yeah. And Gary, if I might,
18 I think this is -- since it's -- this is a new program, a new
19 year, it's going to take a while for organization, schools,
20 counties, cities, to realize what's out there, and so it's good
21 that it's going to be several years and there's going to be more
22 opportunities for other people to participate.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

24 Any other questions for Paul?

25 Okay. Go ahead, Paul.

1 MR. PATANE: That concludes the -- this portion
2 for Item 5, Chairman Knight.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I think we've -- are there any
4 other questions from the Board before we go on to Item 6?
5 Hearing none.

6 We'll now have -- now we'll go on to Item 6, the
7 PPAC items with Paul Patane.

8 MR. PATANE: Thank you, Chairman Knight, Board
9 Members. Item 6, Chairman Knight, Board Members.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

11 MR. PATANE: Thank you.

12 (Speaking simultaneously.)

13 MR. PATANE: For Item 6H.

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, Board
15 Members, that's coming in PPAC. That's the last item, because
16 we figured you might have more questions. Paul wanted to get
17 rid of the -- work through the normal process, then we're going
18 to get through those at the last.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: If you want to ask him questions,
21 he'll be fine with that.

22 MR. PATANE: Yeah, I will.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: (Inaudible.)

24 MR. PATANE: Okay. Chairman Knight, Board
25 Members, for your consideration, the proposed -- consideration

1 of the proposed changes to the 2024-2028 State Transportation
2 Facility Construction Program, Items 6A and 6B project
3 modifications.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Are there any questions from
5 any board member? Any --

6 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'll make a motion.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- discussion by --

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'll make a motion to approve
9 Item 6A and 6B.

10 MR. MECK: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
12 Member Searle, a second from Board Member Meck to approve the
13 PPAC project modifications, Items 6A and 6B as presented.

14 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed? Would you poll
17 our virtual member?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Board Member Howard.

19 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. The motion carries.

21 MR. PATANE: Next slide, please.

22 So next we have new projects. So Chairman
23 Knight, Board Members, for your consideration, the proposed
24 changes to the 2024-2028 State Transportation Facilities
25 Construction Program, Items 6C through 6G, new projects.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Does any board member have a
2 question or discussion on Items 6C through 6J -- 6G?

3 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: A clarification on D, E, F
4 and G, which are both on the Arizona Eastern Railroad. And it's
5 my understanding that the railroad is actually going to be doing
6 the work. This funding is -- is this federal funding?

7 MR. PATANE: This is a portion from the -- I
8 believe it's the 130 program. That is federal funding.

9 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions for Paul?

11 Then I will entertain a motion to approve PPAC
12 new projects Items 6C through 6G as presented.

13 MS. DANIELS: So moved.

14 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Member
16 Daniels and a second from Member Maxwell to approve PPAC new
17 items, Items 6C through 6G as presented.

18 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

21 Floyd.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard.

23 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. The motion carries.

25 MR. PATANE: Next slide, please.

1 So next we have Item 6H, the transportation
2 alternative subprogram, the recommended awards. So Chairman
3 Knight, Board Members, for your consideration, the proposed
4 changes to the '24 to 2028 State Transportation Facilities
5 Construction Program, Items 6H, transportation alternatives for
6 the recommended awards of the projects listed.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any further -- we already
8 discussed this one previously. Any further discussion for the
9 transportation alternatives? Each of you has the handout with
10 all of the projects listed.

11 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'll make a motion to approve
12 6H.

13 MR. MECK: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
15 Member Searle, a second from Board Member Meck to approve PPAC
16 (inaudible) Item 6H.

17 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

20 Floyd, would you -- would you -- would you poll
21 our -- Member Howard?

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard.

23 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman, the motion carries.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you.

1 MR. PATANE: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: We'll now move on to Agenda
3 Item 7, the state engineer's report, with Audra Merrick. This
4 is for information and discussion only.

5 MS. MERRICK: I'm giving you a break from Paul.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) I think maybe Greg
7 should just stay away. (Inaudible) better half.

8 MS. MERRICK: So thank you, Chairman Knight and
9 Floyd and members of the Board. My name is Audra Merrick, and
10 I'm here to -- pleased to give you the state engineer's report
11 on behalf of Greg.

12 We do have 94 projects under construction at a
13 value of 2.1 billion, and I believe you've seen that over the
14 last few months. We finalized three projects in October at 16.6
15 million, and year to date we have 23 projects finalized. To put
16 it in perspective, this time last year we had 25. So we're kind
17 of on track with what we did last year.

18 And that does complete the state engineer's
19 report. I'd be happy to take any questions.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from the Board?
21 Yes. Board Member Searle.

22 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Yeah. Audra, I appreciate
23 the report. Just a little -- I don't know that it's an update,
24 but maybe a question on the 191 overpass at 336. I think the
25 contract went out first of October. I was a little disappointed

1 to find out that it's going to be delayed for three or four
2 months while they order the beam, the replacement beam on that
3 overpass. It would have been really nice if we'd have ordered
4 that beam when it happened instead of having to wait an extra
5 three, four months, and so I'll just -- just as a comment.

6 MS. MERRICK: Comment noted. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: (Inaudible.)

8 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Pardon?

9 Chairman Knight: Isn't that up to the
10 contractor?

11 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: They put it on the
12 contractor. Yes, they did.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah, and Mr. Chairman,
14 Mr. Searle, it appears that's accurate. We did not go and
15 prepurchase any materials for that, not knowing the contractor.
16 We normally would have the contractor do that, but it does raise
17 a point that we're just (inaudible) would we -- you know,
18 (inaudible) or something (inaudible) make it part of department
19 furnished materials, you know, it's something we could look at.
20 Absolutely.

21 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: It's -- you know, and L.A.'s
22 dealing with the same problem right now. They've got a bridge
23 going on, and they're going to get it fixed in five to six,
24 weeks, according to Governor Newsom, and we're going to be
25 waiting six months, so anyhow.

1 MS. MERRICK: Thank you for your comment.

2 BOARD MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

3 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Well, it happened
4 (inaudible).

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other questions? Yes.
6 Member Daniels.

7 MS. DANIELS: I'm putting you on the spot, and I
8 apologize in advance.

9 MS. MERRICK: Sure.

10 MS. DANIELS: I'm hearing just sort of the
11 inklings of how this stuff works, that everybody's really
12 strapped for resources, (inaudible) time, and you're asking for
13 a lot of our ADOT team members. First of all, I want to make
14 sure that we share as -- and I hope I can speak for the rest of
15 the Board how grateful we are that so many professionals are
16 working with ADOT and at ADOT in regard to deliver what is --
17 what is critical infrastructure for the state. We have so many
18 projects in the queue, and obviously a limited number of people
19 and a limited number of dollars to be able to attach to these
20 projects. How are we doing with monitoring workload? Burnout?
21 Capacity? What are we doing as an agency? And I -- I'm sort of
22 looking to you, but maybe this is more of an administrative
23 question as well, but I think you guys are on the front lines of
24 it, hearing from your district engineers --

25 MS. MERRICK: Uh-huh.

1 MS. DANIELS: -- and the sort of boots on the
2 ground teams that are being stretched so thin right now --

3 MS. MERRICK: Uh-huh.

4 MS. DANIELS: -- and the variety of demand. So I
5 think I'm curious to know if you see relief in sight, and if
6 not, what our plan is to address those resource challenges.

7 MS. MERRICK: Floyd?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. I'm (inaudible) yes, I can
9 address that. Thank you.

10 MS. DANIELS: Just carry forth. Maybe the
11 message --

12 MS. MERRICK: Yeah.

13 MS. DANIELS: -- I want you to carry forth to the
14 boots on the ground teams is how grateful we are.

15 MS. MERRICK: Yes. I --

16 MS. DANIELS: Floyd (inaudible) fix the problem.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Chairman Knight, Board Member
18 Daniels, to that point, we have meetings constantly. It's a
19 routine meeting every month with the associated general
20 contractors, with the ACC, the consultant community, rock
21 products, other suppliers. It's an ongoing issue, because
22 everybody is looking for staff, and it's not just workforce, but
23 it's supply chain issues to the suppliers who work with us.

24 So we have routine meetings with all these
25 stakeholders for us, because they're the ones who deliver 90

1 percent of the work that we do, and so it's important to have
2 that. It is going to be a struggle, and as long as Arizona
3 continues to be one of the fastest growing states, and Maricopa
4 County being one of the fastest growing counties, we're going to
5 see issues of where is the workforce coming from?

6 You know, the people building the chip plants and
7 the people building development, they pay more than
8 transportation, just because they need to get their -- their
9 stuff done. As that slows down, then people start migrating
10 back to us.

11 So we had talked about what's it going to look
12 like in the future. You know, in the next couple years, a lot
13 of the chip plants will be done and operating, and that will be
14 heavy on the construction side. So we do think that that's
15 going to help a little bit, but what we're struggling with now
16 is how do we get that workforce in? And so we've started to
17 work with the -- like, our coalition agency, ACC, to reach out
18 to, like, high schools and even junior high schools and start
19 talking to them about construction and engineering and these
20 actions.

21 So we're trying to talk to the community. We're
22 starting to reach out to the institutions that help, you know,
23 educate the folks (inaudible), but it is going to a significant
24 issue. It's an ongoing issue, and we are -- it's -- so I think
25 the answer to your question is I don't have an answer. We don't

1 have an answer, but I do know that working with our industry
2 partners, we're addressing it to the degree that all of us can.

3 MS. MERRICK: Sure. And I recognize these things
4 are cyclical and uncertain in a lot of ways, and so it -- you
5 know, it sort of comes and goes, if you will, but I did note
6 that the Governor announced the apprenticeship -- expansion of
7 the apprenticeship grants this week as well, and I do think it's
8 probably time for our electeds to take note of that as they are
9 often the ones who are bringing these projects forward,
10 obviously, given resource capacity and ability, and there are
11 other states that are looking really closely at some of their
12 immigration practices as far as being able to recruit workforce
13 from outside of our country into our country.

14 And so I -- I know that some of that rises to the
15 level of the federal and Congressional level, but it may be time
16 to start putting things like that on their radar. (Inaudible)
17 the way our border communities collaborate together and work
18 closely together, and I think that they would be a wonderful
19 advocate and voice for those (inaudible) program.

20 So I just (inaudible), A, thank you, and B, we
21 know that there's a (inaudible) point there, and to the extent
22 that we can be helpful as a board, please tag us in.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: It's a perceptible observation.
24 You're very perceptive, and it's one that we are going to
25 continue to reach out.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Do any of the members of the
2 Board have questions for Audra at this time?

3 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: You know, I'd like to kind of
4 clarify something. You know, I've -- I've been quick to
5 criticize the shortcomings for ADOT, and I think it's important
6 for any organization to improve to be able to focus (inaudible)
7 we can do better, but I will say that I am really impressed with
8 what we're getting done. When you look at the scope of what we
9 have in this state, we're actually -- you're actually doing a
10 really good job.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

12 MS. MERRICK: Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: And so what I bring up, you
14 know, I don't mean to be overly critical, and we can always
15 improve what we're doing, whether it's the contract for
16 Highway 90 or whether it's the 191 overpass, but I am amazed
17 (inaudible) how well a job you get done. So I thought that I'd
18 add that after --

19 MS. MERRICK: It's all good.

20 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other comments from the
21 Board?

22 MS. DANIELS: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. ROEHRICH: We don't take it like that. You
24 all are helping us balance a very tough -- you have tough
25 decisions to make. So believe me, we all work together. It's a

1 shared responsibility. It's a shared celebration when we post
2 successes (inaudible).

3 MS. MERRICK: And we value your opinion, so
4 thanks, and comments.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: So we'll now move on the Agenda
6 Item Number 8. This is for discussion and possible action.
7 Audra, it's in your ballpark still.

8 MS. MERRICK: Sure. Chair, members of the Board,
9 these are our new construction projects for October, and I see
10 the slide has been changed, so it's throwing me off here for a
11 second, so I think we're good.

12 So thank you for the consent approval of the
13 three items today, which was 3E, 3G and 3H. I do have four
14 additional new construction contracts for your consideration
15 today, which are 8A through 8D.

16 Next slide, please.

17 So first, before we get to those, 8A through 8D,
18 this is just a monthly total tab that you've been provided here
19 for this fiscal year. As you can see from the previous slide,
20 for the month of October, we are looking at taking action on
21 seven projects today. That's with the removal of the 3F, and an
22 approval of those recommendations today would bring us to 8.8
23 percent for the month of October. So this slide has been
24 updated with that removal of 3F, which is kind of what's
25 throwing me off right now at the moment.

1 Next slide, please.

2 So first, this is Item 8A, which is on
3 Interstate 40. It's west of Seligman. It's a pavement project,
4 mill/fill project. Reconstruction project. It's about 15 and a
5 half miles. It is in the eastbound direction. The low bid was
6 under the State engineer's estimate by 15 and a half percent.

7 The reasons for the differences were the asphalt
8 and the pavement marking prices. For the asphalt, the low
9 bidder was able to secure a material source really, really close
10 to the project limits. So as a result, we got to see better
11 than typical bid prices for our aggregate and for our haul
12 prices. And as far as the pavement and material marking one
13 goes, that was an item that was artificially high by a clerical
14 error really on our part.

15 So with that being said, we do feel this bid is
16 responsive and responsible, and we recommend to FNF
17 Construction.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: This is in my district, and I'm
19 happy to see another one of my district projects coming in under
20 bid or under estimate. So I will entertain a motion to award
21 Item 8A to FNF Construction, Inc., as presented.

22 MR. MAXWELL: So moved.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a --

25 MR. MAXWELL: With a question.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Go ahead.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Is there a reason this is not on
3 the consent agenda?

4 MS. MERRICK: Yes. It's because it's 15.5
5 percent below, and the limit is 15 percent. So it's just over.

6 MR. MAXWELL: Okay.

7 MS. MERRICK: Yeah.

8 MR. MAXWELL: (Inaudible.)

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: All right. I have a motion
10 from Member Maxwell and a second from Member Thompson to approve
11 or award Item 8A to FNF Construction as presented.

12 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

15 Would you poll Member Howard?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard, your vote?

17 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. Motion carries.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Go ahead.

20 MS. MERRICK: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman
21 Knight.

22 Next slide, please.

23 If we can go to Item 8B. Good. This is a local
24 project with the City of Globe. It's the Pinal Creek Bridge
25 replacement project on Cottonwood Street, which is a local

1 street. The low bid did come in over the State estimate by
2 883,131.

3 After speaking to the low bidder, we learned that
4 the construction of this project is more difficult than what he
5 initially expected, because it has a challenging small bridge
6 site and access, and that cost was reflected in the bid items.
7 And what I mean by small access is this bridge is only 109 feet
8 long, and so on the north side, running perpendicular, we have a
9 railroad. On the south side, we have a road, and the bridge is
10 going over a creek. And so it's just a really small workable
11 area that changed the production rates from what we assumed.

12 With further review on the contract documents, we
13 believe the bid does more accurately reflect the project costs.
14 We have been in contact with the City, and they would like to
15 move forward with this project as well. We do -- we do feel
16 it's a responsive and responsible bid and would recommend award
17 to Combs Construction.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions or discussion
19 from the -- yes.

20 MR. MAXWELL: Just one -- I just want to make
21 one -- this one caught my attention because it's so far over
22 bid, but all four bids were within less than 10 percent of each
23 other. So it shows that all four contractors -- and we had four
24 contractors, and that's big deal --

25 MS. MERRICK: Correct.

1 MR. MAXWELL: -- bidding on it. They all were
2 within 10 -- you know, less than 10 percent of each other, so I
3 do support that.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) was a little
5 low.

6 MR. MAXWELL: Exactly.
7 (Speaking simultaneously.)

8 MR. MAXWELL: Therefore I move.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Therefore you move?

10 MR. MAXWELL: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: To award 8B. Do I have a
12 second?

13 MS. DANIELS: Second. Sorry.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
15 Member Maxwell and a second from Board Member Daniels to award
16 Item 8B to Combs Construction Company, Inc., as presented.

17 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

20 Would you poll Member Howard?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard, your vote?

22 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. Chairman, the motion
24 carries.

25 MS. MERRICK: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Go ahead.

2 MS. MERRICK: Thank you, Chairman Knight.

3 May we go on to the next slide, please? Great.

4 So this is Item 8C. It's a local project. It's
5 the Town of Queen Creek, near Crismon Road alignment. It's a
6 multiuse pathway project. The project is over the state
7 engineer's estimate by 738,470. And after speaking with the
8 contractor, due to the dense vegetation -- of course, this is a
9 multiuse pathway, so it's a long, linear project, which is more
10 narrow than what we're accustomed to working in, and due to the
11 dense vegetation and the confined work area, somewhat similar to
12 the other one, it's apparent that our State estimate was
13 underestimated.

14 So upon discussing with the low bidder and
15 further review of the contract documents, we do believe that
16 this accurately reflects the cost of the project. The Town
17 would like to move forward with the project. We did speak with
18 them. The Queen Creek council did approve the additional
19 funding needed at Wednesday's meeting, which is two nights ago.
20 So we do feel this bid is responsive and responsible, and we
21 would recommend award to Haydon Construction.

22 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any discussion from the Board?
23 Questions? Hearing none.

24 I will entertain a motion to award Item 8C to
25 Haydon Companies, LLC, as presented.

1 MR. MECK: So moved.

2 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
4 Member Meck, a second from Board Member Searle to award Item 8C
5 to Haydon Companies, LLC.

6 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

9 Poll Member Howard.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Member Howard, your vote?

11 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. Chairman, the motion
13 carries.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Last item.

15 MS. MERRICK: Thank you.

16 Next slide, please.

17 This is Item Number D. Again, another local
18 project. This is in Mohave County, up on Northern Avenue. It
19 is a safety improvement -- safety improvement project. It
20 includes some sidewalks, curb and gutter, driveways, some
21 pavement markings, insert some video detection and a signal up
22 there.

23 The project is over the State estimate, with a
24 difference of 834,150, which is close to 90 percent. There was
25 only one bidder. Staff does not feel this is a responsive and

1 responsible bid, so our recommendation is to reject all bids.

2 We did speak with Mohave County, and they would
3 like to move forward and repackage by reducing the scope and
4 look at re-advertising this project in the near future, and we'd
5 like the opportunity to work with them on that.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any questions from the Board?
7 Yes, Member Maxwell.

8 MR. MAXWELL: (Inaudible) since we see ones that
9 come this far over bid that the city or the county don't want to
10 move forward. In this case, you have (inaudible) it's not
11 responsive, it was the specifics on why you think it's...

12 MS. MERRICK: It's one bid, and it's 90 percent
13 over. We did look at the concrete sidewalk and driveway and the
14 mobilization costs, but we still don't think that those items
15 would actually make it a responsive bid. I don't have any
16 details on those specific items necessarily here today. I can
17 certainly get them for you.

18 MR. MAXWELL: Thank you. I just --

19 MS. MERRICK: Yeah. I think --

20 MR. MAXWELL: Appreciate it. Appreciate it.

21 MS. MERRICK: Yeah. One of the important things
22 here to remember is that Mohave County does want to move forward
23 with this, but we would need additional money from them to move
24 forward with this. And so what they're -- what they're looking
25 at is, you know, reducing the scope and maybe try to get into

1 those monetary boundaries, and we're willing to work with them
2 on that.

3 MR. MAXWELL: Okay. Thank you very much.

4 MS. MERRICK: Uh-huh.

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

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any further questions or
7 discussion on Item 8D? Hearing none.

8 I will entertain a motion to reject all bids on
9 Item 8D as presented.

10 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: So moved.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board
13 Member Searle, a second from Board Member Thompson to reject all
14 bids on Item 8B.

15 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

18 Board Member Howard?

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Your vote, Board Member Howard?

20 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Chairman. The motion
22 carries.

23 MS. MERRICK: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: That concludes Item 8. Item 9.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: So -- and there's no presentation

1 for this, Jeremy. So we're done if you want to just log out of
2 the presentations. We're done. Thank you.

3 So Chairman Knight and Board Members, working
4 with the incoming chair next year, we have looked at the dates
5 and locations for the calendar year 2024 of the board meeting.
6 What we'll present before you are the dates.

7 And I do want to point out that traditionally
8 it's been the third Friday of the month that we've met, and
9 we'll continue that next year, with the exception of January.
10 If you see January, it is the second Friday of the month. And
11 working with Mr. Searle, we determined that statutorily it says
12 before the third -- before the third Monday of the month, the
13 Board should meet and designate their officers for the year.
14 This third Friday actually meets that requirement -- or excuse
15 me -- the second Friday meets that requirement. So we decided
16 with his guidance we're going to go ahead and meet earlier in
17 January, but we'll continue on from there with the third Friday
18 of the month through the rest of the year.

19 You'll see we also have some planned study
20 sessions, specifically around the tentative program and getting
21 that process moved forward as we enter the public hearing and
22 final acceptance. There is room later on in the year if you
23 wanted to add in another study session or another meeting if
24 there are topics that the Board wants to discuss. So we've kind
25 of left that open, and we'll figure out that throughout the year

1 as we move forward.

2 I want to point out another issue, and that is at
3 the October meeting, we're going back to Prescott. The Rural
4 Transportation Summit is there. So again, we're minding the
5 board meeting with the same week as the summit. So that will
6 continue on.

7 And just prior, I had a discussion with
8 Mr. Searle, and he asked us to look at a location for Buckeye
9 next year. And so, Mr. Searle, I don't know if you wanted to
10 consider Buckeye in August instead of a virtual-only meeting or
11 if you wanted to look at some of these other locations. We've
12 already reached out to a lot of them to see if their facilities
13 are available, but if there's a better month for that, I can go
14 ahead and coordinate that and let them know that we've made an
15 adjustment.

16 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: Mr. Roehrich, I would like to
17 look at it in the spring, if we can.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. I will do that.

19 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: So whether it's our February
20 or March meeting.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. So what I'd ask is for
22 the Board to go ahead and approve these locations and dates as
23 presented with the addition of looking at Buckeye as an
24 alternative location in the early spring time frame, as
25 identified. And when I have that finalized, I'd bring that back

1 as an amendment to these dates and locations.

2 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: So we could still vote on
3 these and change it.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. Absolutely. I would say
5 vote on these with the note that the motion would include
6 looking at locating the date for Buckeye to replace one of these
7 other locations in that spring time frame as Mr. Searle has
8 asked.

9 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any further discussion? Yes,
10 Ted.

11 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chair, I got one. I guess the
12 question's really for Vice Chair Searle. We talked a little bit
13 about the meetings last time. Is there any overriding reason
14 we're doing a virtual meeting at all? I mean, for -- prior to
15 the pandemic, we traveled every month, and I think the most
16 important thing we do is get out and meet the community, so I'm
17 just curious. Is that --

18 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: This is (inaudible) issue.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Well, then I'll ask Floyd. Is
20 there any reason we want to do one in (inaudible)?

21 MR. ROEHRICH: There is no statutory reason or
22 any other reason other than (inaudible) preference. We are fine
23 meeting every month. The Board has gone one month virtual, so I
24 ask do you want to do that again. If you would prefer, when I
25 reach out to one of these members in February or March, I could

1 offer them August as a fill-in, and then put Buckeye the first
2 string, we could be there, but we are fine with that. It is
3 really up to the -- statutorily, it's the board chair that sets
4 the date and locations. So it is only a recommendation. It's
5 up to the Board. So with that, then I'd say --

6 MS. HOWARD: Chairman Knight, I do have a request
7 as well.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Mrs. Howard. Go ahead.

9 MS. HOWARD: If I may. Were you finished, Floyd?
10 I'm sorry. I would also like to propose possibly the August
11 meeting being held in Graham County. We certainly have the
12 facilities and the means for the State here. I know it's been
13 many, many, many years since they've had a meeting in Graham
14 County.

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: (Inaudible) Graham County.

16 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Incoming Chair and
17 Board Members, this is your meeting. We will -- we will go
18 ahead and schedule that if that's the guidance, but what I would
19 like to say --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Board --

21 MR. ROEHRICH: -- (inaudible) together, we look
22 to go to every district at least once, a lot of them twice
23 depending upon, you know, how many meetings you have. So again,
24 it's -- where's that balance? Whatever the Board wants is a
25 balance.

1 MR. MAXWELL: And, Mr. Chair, and (inaudible), I
2 would strongly recommend we don't do virtual meetings if we
3 don't have to.

4 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I'm good with that.

5 MS. HOWARD: Mr. Chair, if I may, you
6 requested --

7 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Go ahead.

8 MS. HOWARD: -- (inaudible) would be Safford. It
9 would be a combined effort with Safford, Thatcher, Pima. We can
10 have it at the Graham County building, in their board room
11 there, and they have plenty of hotels (inaudible) to do that
12 here.

13 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: And it being my district, I
14 would have a hard time saying no.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: So, Mr. Chair, then, we would look
16 at --

17 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: You've got to put it in August?

18 MR. ROEHRICH: -- with the approvals, with the
19 exception of finding the date for Buckeye in February or March,
20 and August to be at Graham County, approve those, but if you
21 want me to go back and meet with those folks and make the
22 adjustments, I could bring it back in December.

23 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: I will go ahead and make the
24 motion to approve the proposed meeting dates and locations as
25 discussed, with moving one of the spring dates to Buckeye, and

1 to explore the August meeting to be in Graham County.

2 MR. MAXWELL: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any -- who has -- who seconded?

4 MR. MAXWELL: I did.

5 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Any further discussion?

6 I have a -- I have a motion from Board Member
7 Searle, a second from Board Member Maxwell to -- as stated.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: We have the recording, so please,
9 let's stop there. (Inaudible.)

10 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: All those in favor signify by
11 saying aye.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any opposed?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mrs. Howard.

15 MS. HOWARD: That's an aye, and thank you,
16 Mr. Searle.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Motion carries.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you all. Moving
19 from Item -- moving on to Item 10.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So --

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: The State Transportation Board
22 policies.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Go ahead, Floyd.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: So statutorily, the Board needs to

1 review and adopt policies every two years. It's been
2 traditional. We've done it on odd years. Last time we did it
3 was 2021. I polled staff. I've sent this out to board members.
4 I received no requests to get it modified or add to the policies
5 at this time. So what I am proposing is that we approve the
6 State Transportation Board policies 2023 will be the rollover
7 and addition of the 2021 policies, with no edits at this time.

8 I will point out that the Board can address their
9 policies at any time that they want and bring an issue forward,
10 but to meet the statutory requirement, I'm asking for formal
11 approval of the policies and reaffirming them in 2023.

12 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Thank you, Floyd.

13 Any discussion from the -- from the Board?

14 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman (inaudible).

15 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes, Jesse.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Floyd, I know for the last 12
17 months, a lot of the discussion here has taken place over a lot
18 of issues. Now, thinking about all those, you don't know that
19 there's any --

20 MS. HOWARD: Sorry to interrupt. If you could
21 turn on his microphone.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Is your microphone on?

23 MR. THOMPSON: Now it's on.

24 All right. Again, to go back to the -- a lot of
25 discussions have been taking place over certain issues over the

1 last 12 months, and you don't know that there's anything that
2 needs to -- that needs to be brought at this time to address
3 those issues that were brought up?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: So --

5 MR. THOMPSON: Do you think everything's just
6 fine at this point?

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson, I
8 believe you're asking two questions. If we need to make any
9 adjustments -- and I don't have any recommendations at this
10 time, but they're the Board policies. If you have
11 recommendations, then please let me know.

12 And then your second question was: Is everything
13 fine? I don't know if everything's fine. Every month we
14 address a lot of issues. A lot of them -- some of them are
15 practice as how we approach things, whether it's project-wise,
16 funding-wise, planning-wise, things like that. Those are
17 addressed as kind of the natural course of our business and the
18 relationship between the Department and the Board, and I don't
19 know that we need to finalize those as a policy, but I won't
20 take the lead from the board members.

21 If you think there's something there that we need
22 to formalize in a policy, please let me know what it is so we
23 can start drafting it, but I've not been approached with doing
24 any of that.

25 And from the staff's perspective, if we make a

1 decision that's just the practical matter of how we do
2 something, we're just going to implement that, but if you feel
3 we need to formalize that in a policy, we will do that. So if
4 you've got more specifics, Mr. Thompson, I'm willing to take
5 that, put something together and then present it back to the --
6 to the board members.

7 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you. (Inaudible.)

8 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: (Inaudible.) If any board
9 member does have a suggestion for -- this is -- this
10 particularly pertains to the board policies and procedures that
11 we're going to vote on now, but that's what this specifically
12 pertains to. So if you do have a suggestion and you'd like to
13 see something done differently or changed or added, put it down,
14 write it down and give it to Floyd, and then he can see that it
15 gets agendized so that we can talk about it at a board
16 meeting -- at a board meeting.

17 Yes, Member Daniels.

18 MS. DANIELS: Thank you.

19 Thanks for clarifying. I was going to ask the
20 question, like, is there a comparative document, because I
21 couldn't see there was any changes. So thanks for clarifying
22 that there weren't any.

23 I know that several months ago we were getting
24 regular reports on how each of the public comments was followed
25 up on, and I did not receive that for the Governor. So if we

1 could just make sure that that's -- and I did check the board
2 policies, and it does basically say that it would be responsive
3 and provide a written response, so it's in there, but if we
4 could please get those responses so we can make sure that the
5 people that take the time to come and speak at our board
6 meetings or submit comments online are getting those responses.

7 MR. ROEHRICH: Board Chairman, Ms. Daniels,
8 that's on me. I did not do it this month, so yeah.

9 MS. DANIELS: Thank you.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: That's fine.

11 MS. DANIELS: Yeah. (Inaudible.) I do read
12 them.

13 (Speaking simultaneously.)

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Any other -- any other
15 questions or comments from the Board at this time?

16 Okay. Then we'll move on to --

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Well --

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: We need a -- we need a motion
19 we need --

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: -- a motion to approve the
22 State Transportation Board policies of 2023 as presented.

23 VICE CHAIR SEARLE: So moved.

24 MR. THONMPSON: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: I have a motion from Board

1 Member Searle, Vice Chair Searle, and I have a second by Board
2 Member Thompson to approve the State Transportation Board
3 policies 2023 as presented.

4 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: All opposed?

7 And Board Member Howard?

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Your vote, Board Member Howard?

9 MS. HOWARD: Aye.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you. The motion carries.

11 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Now we can move on to Item
12 Number 10. No. Item Number 11.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Item Number 11, suggestions.

14 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Are there any -- I know we've
15 kind of covered this briefly in a previous agenda item, but are
16 there any suggestions for future agenda items from the Board?

17 MS. DANIELS: Chair, I have one minor request.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes.

19 MS. DANIELS: I have one minor request, and that
20 is I know that some of the board members get the paper or hard
21 copy of the agenda with (inaudible). I get the digital version
22 of that, but the different agenda items are not thumbnailed in
23 the PDF, which make it so I have to scroll through by reading
24 things to get to the next. Just for ease of use for anybody
25 that's downloading the agenda and the board materials online to

1 have those thumbnailed makes a really big difference in the
2 efficiency of being able to utilize that document. So it's -- I
3 know when you upload it, it can be a pretty minor adjustment
4 when you're uploading that to have that included, but that would
5 help me a lot.

6 MR. MAXWELL: It would be help me as well.

7 BOARD MEMBER: Yeah. It would --

8 MS. DANIELS: I'm doing a lot of scrolling with
9 this. And also --

10 BOARD MEMBER: Well, (inaudible.)

11 MR. MAXWELL: And it would save me a lot of
12 paper, because I do like to print it out, but when I'm rushed on
13 time, I print all 440 pages --

14 MR. ROEHRICH: 445 pages.

15 MR. MAXWELL: -- and I (inaudible) the PDF --

16 MR. ROEHRICH: This is the biggest agenda we've
17 ever had. (Inaudible.)

18 MS. DANIELS: Save a tree.

19 (Inaudible conversation.)

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, obviously, Board
21 Member Daniels, absolutely. We'll get it. I say absolutely,
22 because I don't know what the hell you said, but absolutely.
23 I'm going to go back -- because I don't even know what you're
24 asking, but I have (inaudible). I'm going to go back and work
25 with Linda and IT to --

1 MS. DANIELS: If I just get a verbal --
2 (Speaking simultaneously.)

3 MS. DANIELS: Okay. Thank you.
4 (Speaking simultaneously.)

5 MR. ROEHRICH: I didn't know there was an issue
6 with the PDF, but we're going to go back and look at it.

7 MS. DANIELS: I didn't actually think you were
8 going to be the one to thumbnail the agenda, to be clear.
9 (Indiscernible.)

10 MR. ROEHRICH: I just want to make sure I can
11 explain it. That's why I'm going to go back and listen to the
12 recording.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thumbnails.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can show you an example.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: I'll take your word for it.
16 (Inaudible.) We have people who are going to solve this.

17 MR. MAXWELL: Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Yes. Member Maxwell.

19 MR. MAXWELL: Yes. I just -- in our next study
20 session, I know it's a little early, but I'd like to add
21 something on just some of the options to our different
22 communities on how to help maintain the cleanliness of the state
23 highways, particularly the federal highways, because we've got
24 medians in the middle. (Inaudible) we've got a very passionate
25 member from down in Greenlee County who's doing everything she

1 can to try to help solve the problem, but obviously, we don't
2 want citizens running into the middle of medians to try to pick
3 up trash. So I'd like to kind of have that addressed at some
4 point so we know when they engage with us what opportunities
5 there are to help get that done.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

7 BOARD MEMBER: And I will piggyback on that. It
8 is (inaudible).

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, it's
10 an issue we're chasing all over the state, but it is one that I
11 think we would like to come and have that discussion, especially
12 in front of the public on how we can better keep our roadways
13 clean. It's a safety issue as well as the cleanliness.

14 MR. MAXWELL: And just to -- it's -- sometimes it
15 is trash, and some of it's just the trash that you -- sometimes
16 it's, you know, parts of cars that were in accidents that are
17 there for an extended period of time. And once it makes to the
18 middle of the median, there's no rush. There's nobody worried
19 about it causing another accident or anything. It's not like
20 (inaudible) curb appeal. Potentially, if a car does go in the
21 median, they hit those, those issues could be a factor in how
22 significant (inaudible). Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: Anything else from the Board?

24 Floyd, would you like to update us on our next
25 board meeting?

1 MR. ROEHRICH: The next meeting, the last meeting
2 for the year, right before the holidays, will be in the town of
3 Yuma. We'll meet, and board chairman's last meeting as chair.

4 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: All right.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Last full meeting as chair.

6 CHAIRMAN KNIGHT: (Inaudible.) Looking forward
7 to it.

8 Well, we've covered all of the agenda items on
9 this month's agenda. There being no further business for this
10 board, we're adjourned.

11 (Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.)

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Adjournment

Chairman Gary Knight adjourned the State Transportation Board Meeting on November 17, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03a.m. PST.

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Gary Knight, Chairman
State Transportation Board

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Jennifer Toth, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation