

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING
9:00 a.m., Friday, July 20, 2012
Mohave County Board of Supervisors Chambers
700 W. Beale Street
Kingman, Arizona 86401

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John Salem, City of Kingman

Roll Call

Roll call by Board Secretary Lila Trimmer

In attendance: Kelly Anderson, Bill Feldmeier, Joe La Rue, Steve Christy (via telephone), Bobbie Lundstrom (via telephone, called in at 9:15 a.m.)

Absent: Hank Rogers, Victor Flores

Opening Remarks

Acting Chair Kelly Anderson thanked Mohave County and the City of Kingman for their hospitality for the tour of the Hoover Dam Bridge yesterday. It was spectacular. The dinner last night topped off a great day. He said that flying into Kingman, he saw a mine and found out that it was one of the world's largest molybdenum mines. It is one of the facts that you do not realize about this area of Arizona.

Call to the Audience

1. John Salem, Mayor, City of Kingman
2. Paul Johnson, Council Member/City of Yuma and Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

ITEM 1: District Engineer's Report — Mike Kondelis, Kingman District Engineer

Mike gave an update of the first big horn sheep-crossing bridges. The first year's monitoring recorded about 225 sheep crossings and another bridge recorded 150 crossings. This is far beyond their expectations. The proof is that the bridges are working.

He said the US 93 MP 2-17 project has been recognized with six awards. The latest award was AASHTO's 2012 America's Transportation Regional Award, Best Use of Innovation.

They have been working on the US 93 Corridor from I-40 down to Wickenburg for about 15 years. It has been divided up into three segments. The first segment is I-40 to Wikieup; second segment is Wikieup to the Santa Maria River, and then from the Santa Maria south to Wickenburg. The first efforts were in the center section which took about ten years to complete. He said the focus now is I-40 to Wikieup. There are eight projects left from the Santa Maria south to Wickenburg and three projects in the program to complete. They are Antelope Wash, Cane Springs, and Carrow Stephens.

Pavement Preservation Projects: SR66 Airway to Mohave Airport Drive is underway. Future projects are the I-40 weigh station to Ash Fork (WB) is scheduled in FY13; the I-40 Rattlesnake Wash to US 93 is scheduled in FY14; and other I-40 FY15 projects.

Bridge Preservation Projects: The I-40 Flat Top Wash Bridge (EB) is pending award today; I-40 East Kingman is scheduled in FY13; I-40 East Ash Fork traffic interchange and RR bridges are scheduled in FY15. The SR 89 Hell Canyon Bridge is a narrow bridge with a lot of heavy truck traffic, due to the

rock products in the area. We are working on more of an emergency type project to actually replace that bridge.

Major Studies: I-40 US 93 West Kingman System Interchange. Mike said that a lot of traffic is going to and from Vegas on the weekends and on holidays. The traffic actually gets backed up on I-40. They are in the design concept report phase right now to connect I-40 to US 93. By this time next year, they should have the solution for a system interchange out there and know what the costs are. The Rancho Santa Fe Parkway interchange formerly known as Rattlesnake Wash is a joint project with the City of Kingman. It has been shelved but they will continue to request funding for that, 70% ADOT funding and 30% Kingman funding. It provides not just the interchange on I-40 but a direct connection to the airport which has a lot of industry out there and a lot of truck traffic that now uses SR66.

SR95 Realignment: In the Bullhead City/Mohave Valley area, they have been working on a realignment study for a number of years. It has been stalled waiting on funding for a few years. Hopefully within the next month or two, that project will be back on track. They are looking at a new 42 mile segment that would connect SR68 just above Bullhead City all the way down to I-40 to the SR95 interchange. He said they looked at a realignment of SR95 in Lake Havasu City as well. They completed the feasibility study, yet that is on the shelf and they will request funding for the design concept report when the time is right.

ITEM 2: Director's Report

No report at this time.

ITEM 2A: Overview and Update (MAP-21) Legislation—Floyd P. Roehrich, Jr., Deputy Director

Floyd recognized the Arizona Division administrator for the Federal Highway Administration, Ms. Karla Petty. He said there is a strong relationship the department has with her team and the Arizona Division as well as MPOs and COGs and the transportation stakeholders. That has been instrumental of the successes of every project we have delivered. It is a pleasure that she made the trip up here.

Floyd provided copies of the summary of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act for the public and Board Members. He said that on the Federal Highway Administration <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov> website, there is a link to the MAP-21. This bill is less than two weeks old. It is a very significant benefit for the states and for transportation. It does go through to 2014 and identifies \$105 billion for that period. He said it extends the ability to collect gas tax through FY2016.

MAP-21 restructures the old core highway formula programs, which are now incorporated into the following new six core formula programs, i.e., National Highway Performance Program, Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program, Metropolitan Planning, and Transportation Alternatives. The states will receive a lump sum distribution and more flexibility and eligibility of where to spend those funds.

He said the Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (TIFIA) is a subprogram that was previously at about \$1 billion a year. It is so successful and so many states have asked for it that it has been increased to \$10 billion a year. It is a lending program different from a grant program where states through public private partnerships or other funding sources can apply and get funding early to start projects then the loans paid back.

He also said that there are changes to tolling. States will have the ability to greater expend the use of tolls, but there are conditions. It is for new capacities or improvements that do not take away the existing number of lanes.

The other major component (of MAP-21) is quite a bit. Performance measures and management systems will be put in place that we will work through it and establish how we make sure to verify the funding and improvements and planning and the programming to move forward to meet these national goals and conditions. There will be penalties if you do not comply. There are a number of timelines that still have yet to be determined. He said it is about a 600-page bill. Our legislative staff has been going through and evaluating and preparing it and see how to move forward. We will continue to brief the Board on conditions and the terms within it. For now we are comfortable knowing we have a program for the next 27 months. He said it will keep the program sound moving forward.

***ITEM 3: Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Joe La Rue and seconded by Bill Feldmeier, in a voice vote, the motion carries.

ITEMS 4: Financial Report — Kristine Ward

Kristine provided the HURF report comparing September 2006 forecasts to the pre-fiscal crisis of November 2011 and the impact of the economic crisis on the funds available to the Department and all HURF beneficiaries. The difference between the 2006 forecast and the 2011 actuals represents a loss of \$5.6 billion in funds. The impacts to the Department and Construction program were \$2.8 billion and the loss to the cities was \$1.7 billion, and to the counties was \$1.1 billion. The Aviation fund overall revenues are \$22.5 million for the year and is 10.3% below FY2011.

ITEM 5: Financing Program — Kristine Ward

Nothing to report at this time.

ITEM 6: Multimodal Planning Division Report — Michael Kies

Mike updated the Board on the Proposed I-11 Corridor Profile Study between Las Vegas and Phoenix. Mike said that the MAP-21 legislation did designate US 93 from Las Vegas through Kingman to Wickenburg as the future Interstate 11. Arizona and NDOT have partnered on a study to look at the corridor. The legislation does not bring any new funding to the state for this corridor. With this higher priority on the corridor, we do think in the future we will be able to compete for some of the discretionary funding that Floyd mentioned as part of the new legislation. Mike said he has been working closely with NDOT to finalize the scope of work for the feasibility study from Nevada to Arizona along the potential interstate corridor. The consultant team is on board. The contract and the scope of work are on the agenda for the Nevada Board of Directors meeting for this Monday, July 23rd. Assuming that the Nevada Board of Directors passes that contract, the consultant team will start immediately on the project. They will be given notice to proceed the next day. There will be four key meetings that will be scheduled. There will be two public meetings, one in Nevada and one in Arizona where the public will be invited to attend. The public meetings will show what the designation of I-11 means and what the study is intending to accomplish. The public will have the opportunity to give input. The other two meetings that will be scheduled in the next couple of months are stakeholders chartering meetings. These are meetings for all the interested stakeholders along the corridor, i.e., cities, counties, landowners, and interested business owners that have an interest along the corridor. Those chartering meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. The meetings include the overview of the study, what the designation means, and more important, how all these entities can become involved in the project, and what level they want to be involved in the project. The intention is to create advisory committees and focus groups so that stakeholders can be involved at any level they choose to in the study. He said, hopefully, the Nevada Board of Directors is passing

the contract on Monday then soon we will be on our way with the study.

***ITEM 7: Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) — Michael Kies**

Establish design project with funds for preliminary engineering to start design process for this TIGER IV Grant funded project while grant agreement being processed by USDOT.

ROUTE NO: I-15 @ MP 15.0
COUNTY: Mohave
DISTRICT: Flagstaff
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Virgin River Bridge #6 (Str #1619)
TYPE OF WORK: Design
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: George Wallace
PROJECT: H857401D
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish the design project in the FY 2013 Highway Construction Program. Funding is available from the FY 2013 Construction Preparation Subprogram #70013.

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NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 300,000

Motion to approve ITEM 7 was made by Steve Christy and seconded by Bobbie Lundstrom, in a voice vote, the motion carries.

ITEM 8: State Engineer's Report—Jennifer Toth

Jennifer reported on the status of projects under construction. There are 113 projects are under construction valued at about \$991 million. During June, the Department finalized 17 projects valued at \$136.2 million and 130 projects have been finalized year-to-date.

***ITEM 9: Construction Contracts—Jennifer Toth**

The proposed work is located in Yavapai County along Interstate 17 at milepost 252, approximately 10 miles south of Cordes Junction. The proposed work consists of drilling and equipping a water well system, installing new utility lines from the new well site to the existing pump house and storage tank, treating the potable drinking system at the existing residence and at the restroom building, rehabilitating the existing five ramada roofs located south of the existing restroom building, and other related work.

BIDS OPENED: June 22, 2012
HIGHWAY: PHOENIX-CORDES JUNCTION HIGHWAY (I-17)
SECTION: Sunset Point Rest Area
COUNTY: Yavapai
ROUTE NO.: I-17
PROJECT: STP-017-A(223)A 017 YV 251 H821001C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: Fann Contracting, Inc.
LOW BID AMOUNT: \$ 2,530,552.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,542,559.50
\$ OVER ESTIMATE: \$ 987,992.50
% OVER ESTIMATE: 64.0%
PROJECT DBE GOAL: 3.61%
BIDDER COMMITMENT: 3.62%
NO. BIDDERS: 3
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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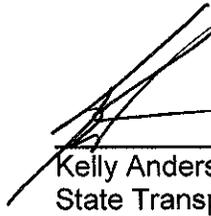
Motion to approve ITEM 9 was made by Bill Feldmeier and seconded by Joe La Rue, in a voice vote, the motion carries.

ITEM 10: Comments and Suggestions

Board Member Steve Christy made a suggestion. He would like to have a brief presentation at the next board meeting regarding the department's procedural policy and the mechanics behind it as far as how they select local firms to do the local work. He said there are issues down here in Pima County of the construction grants that were awarded to local firms but there were some awarded to other firms that were brought in from outside Pima County. He would like to have a discussion of how the department determines who is awarded certain contracts for local work and the facts of their selection.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bobbie Lundstrom and seconded by Steve Christy, in a voice vote, the motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.



Kelly Anderson, Acting Chair
State Transportation Board



Floyd P. Roehrich, Jr., Deputy Director for Policy
Arizona Department of Transportation