

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9:00 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2017

Moenkopi Legacy Inn

One Legacy Lane

Tuba City, AZ 86045

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board member Jesse Thompson.

Roll call by Board Secretary Linda Priano

In attendance: Deanna Beaver, William Cuthbertson, Joe La Rue, Jack Sellers, Mike Hammond, Jesse Thompson and Steve Stratton.

Absent: None.

There were approximately 30 people in the audience.

Opening Remarks

Chairwoman Beaver thanked Hopi Tribal Chairman, Herman Honanie and his wife Arlene, Vice Chairman, Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr., Hopi Department Transportation Director, Michael Lomayaktewa, along with his staff, Jollette Arrieta and Melsa Yowyteewa, for graciously hosting the board members and coordinating the activities. She also thanked Celestino Youvella, Transportation Committee Chairperson and Norene Kootswatewa, Tribal Council Representative, who provided a brief history on the Hopi culture. She also thanked the traditional dance group, Paiute, who performed while the board members were being served a traditional Hopi meal that included Noqkwivi (mutton & hominy) and Somiviki (a mixture of blue corn, ash juice and sugar, wrapped in corn husks) at the Hotevilla Center. Chairwoman Beaver also thanked Anna Silas for her hospitality when they visited the Hopi Cultural Center. Each board member also thanked everyone involved for the memorable evening. Chairwoman Beaver also recognized Arlando Teller, who originally suggested the board hold a meeting in the area.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

Floyd Roehrich reminded all attendees to fill out survey cards to assist our Civil Rights Department.

Call to the Audience:

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

1. Herman Honanie, Chairman, Hopi Tribe, re: expressed his appreciation to the Board for coming to the area and voiced his concerns of road conditions and cuts on SR264. He also stated he would like to know the process to have the road renamed to Hopi Code Talker Road. He also asked ADOT to sit down with Hopi representatives to discuss pros and cons of transferring a road to the state and discussed the condition of BIA Route 87 and Route 2.
2. Hubert Lewis, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi, re: welcomed the Board to Northern Arizona to show the communities in the area that they are also being recognized. He wished everyone safe travels home.
3. Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi DOT, re: discussed the safety infrastructure needs due to the fatalities within the Hopi Reservation boundary. He thanked Arlando Teller for his role in bringing the board to the area. Director Lomayaktewa also thanked Lynn Johnson, ADOT District Engineer, for the positive partnership they have, as well with the Navajo partners in addressing safety concerns. He added Hopi is also seeking assistance from Department of Public Safety to make a presence back on Hopi.
4. Ivan Sidney, Village Administrator, First Mesa, re: discussed deteriorated conditions on Hwy. 264 from MP368 to MP403 and the need for highway safety improvements throughout the village. He discussed Right of Way issues between MP 380 to MP402 regarding tribal telephone and fiber optics being placed without permission, as well as waterlines from MP396 to Kings Canyon. He also expressed a need for an airport.
5. LeAnne Roy, GIS Supervisor, Navajo DOT, re: provided an appropriation position statement and requested funding from ADOT through the STIP. A detailed handout of funding needs was provided to the Board.
6. Christian Price, Mayor, City of Maricopa, re: Asked the Board to make the SR 347 overpass a reality, which is on the current agenda for approval. He noted the process of partnerships and reminded everyone of the importance of this project. He requested clarification on the projected completion date when it was discussed under the agenda item.
7. Chris Bridges, CYMPO Administrator, re: provided an update on SR 69. He noted additional funding was approved to bring the total contribution for construction to \$1 million. He added safety funding eligibility for the median portion of the project may be available, which could help reduce the cost of the project. He invited the Board to the Rural Transportation Summit, which will be taking place in Prescott on October 25.
8. Lois Wakimoto, Supervisor, Mohave County, District 5, re: spoke on behalf of the community. She urged the Board to consider local input before moving forward with the new roundabouts. She explained that rerouting would cause many of the existing businesses to close and will push more traffic into residential and school areas. She also discussed her concern of safety issues if the roundabouts were put in place.
9. Hildy Angius, Mohave County Supervisor, District 2, re: she asked the board to convince ADOT not to build two roundabouts on Hwy. 95 in Fort Mohave. She stated that she has never seen her constituents so angry and motivated and added that resolutions will be passed this month from several elected board and board members. She provided the Board with a packet that contained a sampling of letters voicing their concerns and to seek alternative solutions.
9. Duane Eitel, Traffic Engineer, Casa Grande, Sun Corridor MPO, re: Thanked the Board for the HURF Exchange. He noted there is a rule that states a project has to be completed within two years. He stated he would like to see if the two years can be extended or that a process be made so that he can be assured that if unforeseen issues come up (right of way, etc.) they will not be penalized.
10. Karen Flenniken, Mohave County Transportation Commission, Vice Chair, re: asked the Board to reconsider the two planned roundabouts on Highway 95 as many businesses, residents, and visitors will suffer. She added other options should be on the table before the roundabouts get built. She stated residents complain that the current roundabout has a poor design that gets flooded and residents just do not like it.
11. Jeannette Buckley, Lake Havasu MPO, re: provided the Board with a resolution to encourage ADOT to seek alternative funding sources for the I-15 Transportation Roadway Improvements.
12. Norma Bowman, Program Manager, Navajo DOT, re: Discussed the education-based Navajo Nation Highway Safety Strategic Plan and how the plan is currently being implemented.
13. David Wessel, Manager, Flagstaff MPO re: Discussed a resolution to encourage ADOT to seek additional funding sources for the I-15 Transportation Roadway Improvements and also provided a brief update on their efforts regarding the Fourth Street bridges over I-40. He thanked the Board for awarding a trail connection and roadway improvements project near Northern Arizona University and noted the project is almost complete.
14. Harris Polelonema, Board Member, Moenkopi Village Board, re: stated they are seeking funding for the Moenkopi bridge and road because it is unsafe. He also discussed a new planned community on Lower Moenkopi Village and is seeking funding.
15. Anthony Huma, Director, Hopi EMS, re: discussed RSA and safety issues along MP 385-393, as well as at MP378. He explained that there are no shoulders on these roads and they have very heavy pedestrian traffic.
16. Arlando Teller, Deputy Director, Navajo DOT, re: stated they take pride on the partnerships they have with the local, county and state agencies. He noted that there is a need to have a specific contact person at ADOT, so that they can close the gap even further. He also advocated for preservation maintenance dollars to Northern Arizona. He thanked the Board for approving the Tuba City airport grant and noted there are five more airports in the area.

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CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: With our call to the audience complete, we now will move on to Item 1, the district engineer's report. So Lynn, take the stage.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Board and ADOT staff and visitors here today. Thank you so much for coming to the Northeast District. We very much appreciate it. It's been a long time, and we -- I wanted to report out on a lot of the projects we have recently completed, those we're working on now and some of the future projects. But first -- you want to (inaudible) clicker (inaudible).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. That's the...

CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: That's the recorder.

MR. JOHNSON: That's not the -- sorry. Okay. Thank you.

First I want to talk about our district. The Northeast District's a very large district, and it's very overwhelming at times for me as the district engineer, and I want to call out a special thanks to my staff.

I have got a fantastic staff who helps me take care of the issues and evaluate the needs in the district. I've got an assistant DE in the north. His name is Ed Wilson. I've got another assistant in the south. His name's Matt Moul. He takes care of the White Mountain area, and Randy Routhier is our development engineer. He pushes these projects from scoping or

1 inception to construction.

2 And then we have three -- or resident engineers,
3 two seniors, Elaine Cooke, Carl Erickson and Richard Young, who
4 take care of the construction. Without those folks and their
5 hard work, we would -- we -- it would be very difficult for us.

6 The other thing that I wanted to mention is that
7 I believe we have some very good relationships with our tribal
8 partners, and some of those folks I've worked with for a long
9 time, and I very much value and appreciate those relationships.
10 Mr. Mike LaMont, do -- we've worked together for, what, 15, 16
11 years now, and it started when he was a -- in Whiteriver, down
12 (inaudible) BIA. And I appreciate the working relationships.

13 And with that stated, we really do need to
14 continue our partnership meetings with the Navajo tribe and with
15 the Hopi tribe, and we hope to be setting those -- some more of
16 those meetings up soon, and I look forward to that.

17 Some of the recently completed projects, and I
18 should have brought a copy in front of me, but -- and I don't
19 want to dwell on these too much, but you can see we've been
20 doing a lot of preservation work from all the way up near Four
21 Corners, Laguna Wash Bridge, and I'll show you a couple pictures
22 later on that. The Burnside to Fish Wash project is nearly
23 completed now, and I'll have photos on that also in a minute.
24 The rock fall project on I-40 and several other pavement
25 preservation projects scattered throughout the district.

1 We have a great need for pavement preservation
2 and bridge preservation, as has been stated already, and we
3 really, really appreciate the support that you all can give us
4 to get those things addressed, and we hope to obtain more
5 funding in the future, because we do have some concerns.

6 Go ahead. Next.

7 The Burnside/Ganado phase, this is phase 3 of 3
8 on Highway 264. This is the third phase of three phases of
9 HSIP, a safety funding project to provide shoulders on that
10 route. And that's because of the accidents and the safety
11 concerns out there. Included in -- with that while we were
12 there, we replaced a bridge, the Ganado Wash Bridge, and also a
13 -- did a pavement preservation project to overlay the entire
14 roadway.

15 Next slide.

16 Along with those project -- that project, there's
17 several incidental items. We've put in new -- very large
18 multi-plate pipes with head walls to address some concerns
19 there. Subgrade replacement and stabilization on that project
20 was critical, and that item overran significantly, because once
21 we got out there, we found some unstable clays that were very
22 saturated, that were very problematic, and we dug those out and
23 replaced those, and we have a very stabilized roadway now.

24 Next slide.

25 This is the bridge structure itself of Ganado

1 Wash. This is adjacent to the historic Hubbell Trading Post.
2 So we worked well with the Hubbell Trading Post partners there
3 and addressed their concerns, and the bridge I have to just say
4 is now complete.

5 Next slide.

6 I just wanted to mention on Highway 264 we have
7 done a lot of work, and it all started with a safety concern and
8 the HSIP funding. Phase 1, Cross Canyon to Summit -- Summit is
9 at the top of the mountain just near Window Rock. That project
10 was complete for a little over \$11 million. Phase 2 was Fish
11 Wash to Cross Canyon, and that was almost 15 million, and then
12 the phase 3 was almost 24 million. And we have put a lot of
13 money into that roadway, and now it has shoulders and a new
14 pavement, and it's a very nice looking roadway, and we're happy
15 to report that.

16 But in addition to that, we've done other
17 projects on 264 from Ganado out towards Steamboat, all the way
18 to Steamboat. Another 6 million in the last few years, for a
19 total of roughly 40 miles worth of improvements.

20 And then I'm happy to say we did do some chip
21 seals in the last couple years on 264 between Tuba City and
22 Keams Canyon. We -- I understand Mr. Ivan Sydney's concerns
23 about the other portions of the road. We are working on those
24 sections and trying to get funding to address those, also.

25 Next slide.

1 Another project we recently completed was a rock
2 fall project on Interstate 40 near Holbrook. You can see from
3 this photo the underlying clays were eroding over the years and
4 causing the cap rock to fall down, and we were lucky we only had
5 one accident as a result of the rock. We got minor funding --
6 next slide please -- and we were able to complete that project
7 this summer. That was a lot -- a fun project to construct just
8 because of the size of the equipment and the nature of the work.
9 They brought that slope down and laid it back. And the bottom
10 right is a photograph of the completed slope. So that will be a
11 huge safety improvement for as long as that road is in
12 existence, we hope.

13 Next slide.

14 Laguna Creek Bridge was replaced. This is on 160
15 up near Four Corners. It was replaced four or five years ago,
16 and we've been concerned ever since, because this meandering
17 stream bed, and every flood would take that erosion closer to
18 the bridge abutments. So we worked very hard at getting a
19 project to do an erosion project.

20 Next slide, please.

21 And I'm happy to report that that has just
22 finished here within the last month, and that's what it looks
23 like. We have gabion mattresses and baskets that are, you know,
24 buried now, but they will protect that bridge for -- for --
25 hopefully forever now. So we're happy to report that's been

1 completed.

2 Next slide.

3 A few other projects of significance I want to
4 mention. 73 in Whiteriver, down on the White Mountain Apache
5 Reservation, was the largest pavement preservation project we
6 did this summer. That is nearly complete with final striping
7 and a few incidentals remaining on that project. And then we do
8 a lot of local government projects in the White Mountain area.
9 This lower right picture just is an example of the one in Show
10 Low that we did with some drainage issues there. And those
11 local projects keep us quite busy.

12 Next slide.

13 There are a few other pavement preservation
14 projects that I wanted to mention. On -- one on I-40. One near
15 Chinle on 191. 260, a little shoulder widening project near
16 Show Low, and then a couple on 180. This will be south of
17 Springer Road, between Springer Road and Alpine.

18 Next slide.

19 Okay. Currently we are working on another local
20 project, a bridge rehabilitation project for the Navajo County
21 on the Woodruff-Snowflake Bridge, and that's a historic
22 structure. That will be a fun project to rehabilitate, but the
23 contractor is ready to start within the next week or two on that
24 one.

25 State Route 377 between Snowflake and Holbrook is

1 just finished up, also. That's the one that we got special
2 funding because the road started deteriorating very quickly, and
3 we were able to take care of that one.

4 Highway 60, we call it the "flying V," down just
5 north of the Salt River Canyon. That's going to kick off in the
6 next couple of weeks also, and we'll probably go into winter
7 shutdown and finish the majority of the work next season.

8 And then the chip seal down through the Salt
9 River Canyon is completed now, and that was on both sides of the
10 canyon. And we're glad that we've been able to see a little bit
11 of (inaudible) that roadway.

12 Next. Next slide.

13 The project is advertised right now, and the bids
14 are going to be open in November. There's a drainage issue we
15 have up on 163 near Monument Valley. Now, this is an
16 interesting project, because we had -- every time it rained, the
17 water would run over the top of the roadway and flood the
18 roadway, and we got experimenting and looking around, and we dug
19 a hole where we thought the drainage should be. We found an
20 8-foot diameter pipe that we didn't even know was there. The
21 entire drainage on both sides of the roadway has silted up so
22 much that the pipe has just disappeared. So we have the project
23 now that we're going to raise the road and fix that drainage
24 problem. But that's a continuing problem with the silting of
25 the waterways and drainages, and we have a struggle keeping up

1 with it.

2 Another drainage project on the Adamana traffic
3 interchange near Holbrook. The drain -- the TI is just in a low
4 spot, and it never did have proper drainage. So we're going to
5 be starting that project in the next couple weeks, also.

6 Show Low to 40th Street is one of the leftover
7 major projects from years ago that we're widening to a five-lane
8 section in the community of Show Low. And that's underway, and
9 that should be completed by the -- by Christmastime.

10 And then last but not least, we have another
11 local government project over in Springerville that we'll be
12 working on.

13 Next slide.

14 For next season, Chinle Wash Bridge up on 160
15 near Four Corners, that's another bridge replacement project
16 that will be advertised for next year. The Laguna Creek Bridge
17 projects is a very large structure near Kayenta that will also
18 be replaced, and then another bridge down on 180, which is a
19 simple scour project. A couple other pavement preservation
20 projects, the 191. And then finally, on 377, between Heber and
21 Holbrook, we have a minor project to reconstruct some curves
22 there that have been problematic.

23 Next slide.

24 Now, I didn't call out the specifics on these
25 projects, but for the three years '19, '20, and '21, these are

1 the -- the total amount. You can see the stars there just
2 showing the locations of pavement projects in the district.
3 This has us very concerned, like as has been mentioned before,
4 because that's not (inaudible) projects for a three-year period,
5 and we're getting behind all the time. But we -- I must say I'm
6 not appreciative for having project -- we do appreciate that,
7 but we're very concerned about falling behind.

8 Next slide.

9 And the same with the bridge projects. Some of
10 those are replacement. Most of them are deck rehabilitations
11 and scour projects. And those stars indicate where those
12 projects will be located for that three-year period. I know
13 we're working hard at identifying our needs. We just need to
14 find funding somehow.

15 Next slide.

16 I want to mention this 191 Chinle into Many Farms
17 safety study. The community's very concerned about the safety,
18 as are we, because of the many accidents through that section.
19 We've started a study with -- officially with a consultant.

20 Next slide, please.

21 The study area is 30 miles from 440 to 470.

22 Next slide.

23 And the purpose of the study is to recommend
24 projects that we can take and apply for funding through HSIP and
25 also minor funding. That's really the only options we have for

1 funding nowadays.

2 The next slide.

3 And that study will be complete by December, but
4 we're not going to wait for that study to be completed. We are
5 going to be submitting some safety HSIP projects for
6 consideration on that section, and we hope they will be funded.
7 And with that, we're also going to apply for minor funds to go
8 with the HSIP funds, assuming we can get those. We think
9 they'll probably be pretty successful to do some real workup on
10 that section of roadway.

11 Next slide.

12 And with that, I would like to thank you once
13 again for visiting the district and coming up into the northeast
14 section of the state. Thank you very much.

15 Do you have any questions?

16 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Just for clarification, this
17 PowerPoint presentation will be available on our State
18 Transportation Board website with -- where it says Agendas,
19 Minutes and Presentations. So it's available to the public.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. I -- we now will move
22 on to director's report, and Mr. Roehrich, will you take over
23 for Mr. Halikowski?

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Madam Chair, and
25 members of the Board.

1 The director sends his apologies. He's been sick
2 with the flu all week. But quite frankly, Dallas and I were
3 scheduled to drive up with him. So I'm glad he stayed back. I
4 think both of us can say the last thing we want is what he's
5 suffering with. He had laryngitis earlier in the week. He
6 could barely speak, and he finally went on antibiotics, and the
7 doctor said you better rest. So he's back there. He does
8 apologize.

9 He has no last minute items, but he did want to
10 make sure to remind the Board if there are issues that you need
11 him to address, please either work with him or let me know, and
12 we'll make sure that we have those on future meetings. With
13 that, that's the end of the director's report.

14 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

15 Okay. We'll now move on to the consent agenda.
16 Is there anything that anyone would want to move or make any
17 consideration? I think I did just want to make a note on Item
18 3V of the consent agenda. It said the bid opens August 25th of
19 2016. I think it was a typo, because I looked at the
20 attachments, and they all said 2017.

21 And then Item 3X, it says District 6, and if I'm
22 not mistaken, I think it's District 3. Like I said, they're
23 minor, but...

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, that's a project
25 issue. I'm looking at Dallas, so... I know you're looking at

1 me, but I'm going to look at Dallas.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Otherwise, if there's no --
4 nothing additional with regard to the consent agenda, do we have
5 a motion for the consent agenda as presented?

6 MR. SELLERS: So moved.

7 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member
8 Sellers. Is there a second?

9 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Seconded by Board Member
11 Cuthbertson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

12 All those in favor?

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
15 motion carries.

16 Well, that was a big chunk of our meeting. Now
17 we will move on to the legislative report.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Mr. Roehrich.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: And again, the director's out.
21 There's not a lot to report. At the state level, obviously
22 we're in that period of time as we start preparing for the
23 session which started January. So we're still tracking if there
24 are any statewide issues that may come up legislatively.

25 In addition, there have been a few things

1 federally. So what the director would like to update is wanted
2 to talk about the recent passing of the automated vehicle bill
3 by the U.S. House of Representatives. They passed a package
4 that leaves intact the existing lines of authority between the
5 state and federal government, but under this bill, the federal
6 government will continue to regulate the design, manufacture and
7 performance of automated vehicles while the state will retain
8 ownership over licensing, registration, insurance and traffic
9 enforcement.

10 So basically, what Congress is starting to do is
11 outline some of the public policy issues that will need to be
12 addressed as we see what industry and technology emerges and we
13 see where industry goes with automated vehicles. It is the
14 first step of what will probably be a long discussion as we see
15 their implementation and we see the expansion of those vehicles
16 on our system. So this was a good meeting. Industry was
17 responsive to it, because they're starting to see a government
18 now start laying out some of the public policy issues that will
19 need to be addressed as they advance automated vehicles.

20 In addition, after Congress passed, Secretary
21 Chao has started to provide guidance through the USDOT and
22 Federal Highway Administration. So states and local governments
23 will start seeing guidance from them as well as additional
24 directions where the federal DOT and other agencies, National
25 Highway Transportation Safety Administration and those are going

1 to start using models that states can develop policy from. So
 2 we're starting to see Congress now acknowledge and has tried to
 3 catch up to industry, but as we all know, private industry and
 4 business, they're going to move a lot faster than us. Our
 5 development of our public policy issues are going to need to be
 6 sped up, and we're starting to see the start of that.

7 One of the -- the other issues, that was a
 8 positive, at least for us, is in the short-term, as part of the
 9 disaster relief that Congress and the White House have agreed
 10 to, it also extended the three month debt ceiling as well as the
 11 spending authority by federal government. This pertains to the
 12 ability of us to continue to get their federal aid funding,
 13 basically through the mid-December, and then they'll obviously
 14 have to take it up how the rest of the federal fiscal year goes,
 15 and I imagine Ms. Ward will have something to talk about on her
 16 financial report as well.

17 And the last part is the House has also passed an
 18 additional self-driving act, which maintains the existing line
 19 of authority, again, between the federal government and the
 20 state. It's in conjunction with the House bill. So we're
 21 starting to see those -- those activities, as I said, on public
 22 policy start shaping.

23 With that, Madam Chair, that's the end of the
 24 legislative report.

25 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

1 Does anyone have any questions?

2 Okay. We'll move on now to Kristine, the
 3 financial report. She's smiling.

4 MS. WARD: You know, I try to smile every month,
 5 regardless of the circumstances.

6 All right. Let's see here. I unfortunately will
 7 be starting out with -- and I'm kind of somewhat happy you can't
 8 see the slides right now that will be uploaded, because the very
 9 first one for our HURF financial report, this is the first time
 10 I've ever actually had to put a red X on a -- on one of our HURF
 11 forecasts.

12 We are right now behind our forecast, and we are
 13 out of our target range, which is plus 2 percent, minus 1
 14 percent. What this means in terms of actual dollars is if you
 15 were to say, "Okay. Well, how much does that being off forecast
 16 cost us?" That's about \$6 million less than the forecast.
 17 We're only two months into the year. So this is not something
 18 that is concerning me at this time. We'll be watching it. You
 19 know, remember when we do our annual forecast, we then flow
 20 those forecasts over a 12-month period, and this could be
 21 somewhat influenced by that flow. Just how we flowed the
 22 dollars.

23 The primary factor that is off is our use fuel.
 24 Diesel tax is significantly behind forecast. The second factor,
 25 and that's about -- actually it's about 50 percent of why we're

1 behind. The other factor is VLT. It's further behind the
2 forecast than we -- we had forecasted higher growth than we
3 actually experienced.

4 Like I said, not concerned at this time. We'll
5 be watching closely, and I'll be keeping the report -- reporting
6 to you.

7 In terms of the Regional Area Road Fund forecast,
8 that is in a cautionary status. We -- but in that we are out of
9 forecast range. This one is mildly less concerning, however,
10 because we are -- we had received more funds than we originally
11 forecast. So, of course, this one is not a concern at this
12 point. We like getting a little bit more, even if it means our
13 forecasts are a little off. The primary driver in this is we've
14 got retail sales came in above forecast.

15 So moving on to our updates, in terms of the
16 federal aid program. This -- on August 31st, we received our
17 figures from FHWA on what we're going to get in terms of August
18 redistribution. You'll recall that every August, the FHWA looks
19 at their numbers and sees what doctors are -- gathers figures
20 from states, see what dollars are available and what can be
21 reallocated and distributed in the form of what they call August
22 redistribution.

23 We planned and it was built into the program, we
24 estimated receiving \$35 million in August redistribution moneys.
25 So the program was built on us receiving that amount of money.

1 We actually received \$59 million worth of funds. I have to put
2 some minor caveats on the joy you might be experiencing from
3 hearing that.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Of course.

5 MS. WARD: First let me start with, keep in mind
6 we have to expend those dollars very quickly. We received them
7 on 8/31. Were notified on 8/31. We have to have them spent
8 within two weeks. What we do is we take those dollars and we
9 essentially pay some bills ahead on projects that you have
10 already -- have already been authorized by this board. So those
11 dollars have already been applied on projects that will -- that
12 would have been paid for over the next three years. So they've
13 been applied, and what will happen is then those dollars will be
14 freed up in those subsequent years of the program, and as we go
15 through this next programming cycle, you will have the
16 opportunity to apply those dollars to projects.

17 So the caveats, let me kind of add that part in.
18 One of the reasons the redistribution is higher than we had
19 forecast is because FHWA was delayed in distributing what you've
20 heard of as the FASTLANE grants which are now called INFRA
21 grants. Please don't ask me what INFRA stands for right this
22 moment with this mic in front of me. But what happens is
23 because they didn't get those grants distributed in -- as
24 quickly as they had hoped, those dollars rolled down, flowed
25 down and led to more dollars being distributed through the

1 August redistribution process. Consequentially, what will
2 happen is two years of those grants will come off of the top of
3 our FY 2018 funding, federal fiscal year. And so we will see
4 lesser funds in a subsequent year because they are given to us
5 in a -- in this current fiscal year.

6 Are there any questions on that? Does that make
7 sense to people?

8 MR. THOMPSON: (Inaudible.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Does anyone have any
10 additional questions on that one?

11 MS. WARD: The reason I try to make that -- make
12 that clear is from your perspective, I can imagine, okay, these
13 are dollars that are -- that are immediately available, and
14 unfortunately, that's just not -- not the way the system -- the
15 process works.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So we actually pay for
17 doing a job that's so much fun.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Give us a little time to
19 percolate and we may get back to you.

20 MS. WARD: Very good.

21 MR. LA RUE: (Inaudible.)

22 MS. WARD: Yes, Madam Chair, Board Member
23 Sellers. You actually do pay me to do a job that's a lot of
24 fun, and I was sitting back there thinking, "Oh, this is great.
25 Look what we get to build."

1 But moving on --

2 MR. LA RUE: (Inaudible.)

3 MS. WARD: -- if there are no questions on --

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: We do have one question.

5 Mr. Thompson would like to...

6 MR. THOMPSON: On several occasions I mentioned
7 that (inaudible) -- on several occasions I have mention the need
8 to provide assistance to communities (inaudible) a remote area,
9 particularly up here. Now, in Navajo County, working with our
10 partnership, Navajo and Hopi tribe were looking at the TIGER
11 grant. Now, where -- what's the status of the TIGER grant at
12 the moment, and would this grant fall into this category that
13 you're talking about?

14 MS. WARD: The TIGER grant and the August
15 redistribution process that I'm discussing right now are not
16 related.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

18 MS. WARD: I do not know the status. Dallas can
19 speak to --

20 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

21 MS. WARD: -- what's being applied for. I
22 apologize. I'm not familiar with it.

23 All right. So next I actually have something
24 that -- oh, a little happier to report on. More completely
25 happy.

1 Oh, I don't have another slide for that. I
2 apologize.

3 So back in July, you authorized the department to
4 issue \$75 million in grant anticipation notes, essentially, you
5 know, bonding, debt. We went to the market on August 30th and
6 had a very, very successful pricing. Overall, the interest
7 rates we paid on a 15-year term with 2.36 percent. If you've
8 tried to get a loan, you will probably recognize that that is a
9 very, very good interest rate. That is largely due to the fact
10 that the department has got a very solid credit rating. As for
11 a point of context, this particular issue, bond issue, was
12 garnered the lowest rates that we have ever garnered on a GAN
13 issue. So congratulations.

14 And ironically, it was the day after North Korea
15 put a ballistic across the top of Japan, and I will tell you
16 that when we were talking in the pre-pricing call, it was an
17 interesting discussion. This will be a trend, however, because
18 the last time we -- a previous time we went to market, the ruble
19 collapsed, and we also had a very successful pricing. So I'm
20 not going to examine trends here.

21 So we also -- what was also additionally
22 successful about this particular pricing was that we appealed to
23 a much broader base of buyers than we have in the past. The
24 investors that we sold to this time not only incorporated groups
25 that had previously purchased ADOT GANs, but we also saw an

1 increased participation, and that bodes well for future issues
2 as well. You always want to expand those folks that are
3 interested in investing in your bonds. So I would -- with that,
4 I'd like to thank Morgan Stanley -- was our senior lead manager
5 for the issue, and Citigroup and JP Morgan were co-managers,
6 co-managing underwriters. They did a fantastic job of opening
7 up additional investors and -- and as well, we -- I'd like to
8 thank RBC Capital Markets, because they are our financial
9 advisers and consistently do a very good job.

10 Lastly, the financial management services staff,
11 this requires bond issues, requires a significant investment by
12 the -- by staff time. It takes quite a bit of effort to do a
13 bond issue, and I want to thank my just special staff.

14 With that, I will gladly take any questions.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Anybody have any questions of
16 Kristine?

17 Board Member La Rue.

18 MR. LA RUE: You know, Madam Chair, I first want
19 to congratulate Kristine, because that's a phenomenal placement
20 and a phenomenal rate. And secondly, I -- I'm amazed at how you
21 were able to trigger that missile launch, you know, I mean,
22 because that -- well, you know, we facetiously say that, but
23 that caused a very sudden flight to safety for a very short
24 amount of time, which depressed rates.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

1 MR. LA RUE: Had a beautiful time for our
2 placement, and when you think a rate of 2.36 for a 15-year rate
3 for a government agency, the ten-year federal treasuries, which
4 are the safest thing on the planet, was around 2.2. So, I
5 mean, this is just a -- a phenomenal rate. So thank you.

6 The question there, though, is what was our
7 projection on a rate that we were modeling, and if we came in
8 under that, there should be some additional capacity somewhere
9 in the system, I think. It may not help me because I may not be
10 around long enough, but it might help others.

11 MS. WARD: Madam Chair, Mr. La Rue, that's a very
12 astute question. Every time -- when we do our modeling of what
13 we anticipate to pay in terms of rates, I pretty consistently
14 use a very, very conserve 5 percent. So the debt service, the
15 debt service that we will be paying based on having gotten 2.3
16 percent, our debt service payments will be lower, and therefore,
17 the dollars that we are not using on debt service for that issue
18 will be flowing into the program, and you will see it in the
19 next programming cycle.

20 MR. LA RUE. Very nice. Very nice. Thank you
21 very much. That's a huge win for everybody in Arizona, because
22 it's going to be cycled back through into our next program.

23 MS. WARD: Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

25 Okay. Now we will move on to the Multimodal

1 Planning Division report that is going to be presented by Greg.

2 MR. BYRES: Good morning, Madam Chair, Board.

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Good to have you, Greg Byres.

4 MR. BYRES: I've got just three items that I was
5 going to go through, and I've got a couple of slides set up, but
6 we'll go through them if I can figure out how to work it. Won't
7 advance.

8 The three that I have was based on -- first I
9 wanted to go through our aviation group and the status on what's
10 going on with the aviation fund. We have the FSL grant that
11 we've been working on. We started off -- it's the only current
12 grant program that we have going. We started off fiscal year
13 '17 with \$3.2 million. We have since been drawing down on that.
14 There's a couple of projects that will be coming up later on on
15 the agenda that we're going to ask approval for. With those
16 included, that grant amount has been drawn down to about 1.2
17 million.

18 We went through and spoke with all of the
19 airports or as many of the airports as we could across the state
20 to make sure that that 1.2 million that we still have left in
21 our program is going to be covering all of the grants that are
22 coming up for the remainder of FY '17. It looks like we will be
23 able to fund all of those that are coming in, with the exception
24 of one. We've got Sky Harbor is coming in with a very large
25 grant application, and I have meetings with them next week to

1 see if we can defer that out until '18 so that we can fulfill
2 all of our requirements for '17 with the current program that we
3 have.

4 The next program is the SL program, and that's
5 been put on hiatus until 2020, but as we start approaching
6 bringing that program back in, we're currently working on a set
7 of processes to make sure that as that program comes up, we're
8 -- we have a programmatic system set up for projects that will
9 handle all the funding on that. Also, when that comes back in,
10 we're projecting it to come in at the same levels as what it had
11 in previous years before it was put on hiatus.

12 One of the big reasons that we're trying to set
13 all these processes in place is so that we can start working off
14 of a program system with a set budget so that we can take and
15 make sure that, one, we're working fiscally, not necessarily
16 fiscally constrained, because we have a flow of income coming
17 into the State Aviation Fund, but more so that we're -- we're
18 working on a set budget on projected revenues coming in. So
19 that's coming up.

20 The third grant program that we have is the
21 Airport Preventative Maintenance System program. That is coming
22 back online for FY '19. So we are currently working with all
23 the airports, bringing projects in so that we can start
24 programming those projects. And it is also, again, projected
25 that we'll be bringing that program back in at the same levels

1 as what we had in previous years coming in.

2 One of the big things that we're trying to do
3 with all of these, as we bring these back in is making sure
4 that, one, we're using good fiscal requirements for the program
5 so that we can take and encumber that money as quickly as
6 possible so that we can keep any sweeps from occurring that have
7 happened in the past so that we're -- that's the biggest thing
8 that we're trying to do is making sure that those encumbrances
9 occur as quickly as possible so that we don't get swept any
10 funds in the future.

11 One of the next things that we've got in aviation
12 is a new group manager. We're currently recruiting for that
13 group manager. We're hoping to have somebody on board within
14 the next month or two. It's our plan to have that -- we're
15 going through, trying to get some -- enough funds into that
16 position to make sure that we're recruiting where we really need
17 to be recruiting.

18 And so the next item that I had is the -- we've
19 got the Arizona freight plan, state freight plan. That freight
20 plan is part of the FAST Act, and it requires each state to put
21 together a state freight plan and then update it on a five-year
22 basis. Freight funding appropriation to the State that runs
23 from FY '16 to FY '20 averages about 20 million a year. The
24 funds that we have already -- that have come into the program
25 for 2016 and 2017 have not been utilized on any projects. We're

1 waiting for the freight plan to be finalized to come through so
 2 that we can utilize all of that money in the program that's
 3 being recommended within the plan. Each year that that funding
 4 comes through, we have three years to spend that money. So --
 5 so we're not losing any of it. We're actually -- we'll be right
 6 online in putting that money to use as it goes through the
 7 program.

8 The plan defines critical freight corridors in
 9 both the rural and the urban areas. So one of the -- all of the
 10 rural freight corridors are represented in the plan or they've
 11 been put together as part of the plan. The urban freight
 12 corridors occur mostly within the MAG and PAG areas, and so MAG
 13 and PAG have taken and actually they're the ones that put
 14 together those urban corridors, with the exception of a small
 15 portion that is related out to greater Arizona, and that small
 16 portion, we designated within the Prescott Valley area.

17 And so all of those are -- as a matter of fact,
 18 MAG should be finaling theirs up by the end of this month. We
 19 already have their projected, but it hasn't been approved
 20 through all their boards yet. PAG has. They've already gone
 21 through theirs, and we've received it to put into the plan. And
 22 so...

23 Yes.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Stratton.

25 MR. STRATTON: Has the corridors for the rural

1 Arizona been finalized?

2 MR. BYRES: Yes, they -- they haven't been
 3 finali- -- we've -- they're in the final draft, but we took and
 4 there was set criteria that was put forth by Federal Highway
 5 that defines those -- those rural and urban corridors. And so
 6 we applied that, and the one that -- that -- one area that we
 7 had that hit the best fit was the area that we're looking at in
 8 the Prescott Valley.

9 MR. STRATTON: And once staff finalizes it, will
 10 it come to this board for approval?

11 MR. BYRES: It will. I was going to get to that.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For approval.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 MR. BYRES: For approval. No. This is for --
 15 it's going to be presented to you in October.

16 MR. STRATTON: We will have those -- a list of
 17 those routes, though?

18 MR. BYRES: Yes, you will. It's all in there.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Did I -- just to clarify
 20 things, you said that would be at the October meeting?

21 MR. BYRES: Correct.

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Is that going to be a
 23 problem?

24 MR. STRATTON: No. That's fine.

25 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Because you said --

1 MR. STRATTON: As long -- I'll get the packet.

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, Mr. Stratton, you
4 will see that before then. We'll make sure that you're given a
5 chance to see and it comment on it. But I want to be very clear
6 here. It will be presented to you, but it's administrative
7 approval. So it's not a board approval. But you will be
8 informed of it, and then you will be able to comment on it as we
9 get ready to finalize it, and then the director submits it
10 administratively.

11 MR. STRATTON: And that's fine. I didn't mean to
12 insinuate we needed to approve it. I just wanted the --

13 MR. ROEHRICH: I want to be clear on that.

14 MR. STRATTON: -- information of what was on that
15 list and what wasn't, and it won't be a problem. Madam Chair, I
16 intend to call in (inaudible) October meeting.

17 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

18 A couple of other things that we've got. The
19 plan itself also recommends projects that go forth utilizing the
20 freight money. In that, the Federal Highway has mandated
21 exactly how -- or the criteria utilized for those projects. But
22 we've also taken and set additional criteria through the Freight
23 Advisory Committee, which has been very active in putting all of
24 this together. So what we've done is in selecting those
25 projects, we've utilized the existing program and applied money

1 towards projects that have already been approved in that
2 program, with the exception of some money that's been set aside
3 for projects that will actually come out of the utilization of
4 this plan. So there's some money that's set aside for that.

5 The final draft has been completed. We're
6 putting the finishing touches on a couple of items that the --
7 we got comments from the freight advisory committee on. We're
8 submitting that to Federal Highway at the end of this month.
9 They requested that they get that early. Every state is putting
10 these plans out. The deadline is December 4th. So they wanted
11 to know if they could get it a little bit early for their
12 review. So we're putting that out, and you will also be getting
13 it before next month's meeting as well. So that's what we've
14 got on the freight plan if there's any questions on that.

15 The next item we had is the Long Range
16 Transportation Plan that we've been putting together. That is a
17 25-year outlook that -- this plan looks at 2016 to 2040. One of
18 the biggest items in this report is we go through extreme
19 detail, and the gap that occurs between the needs for expansion,
20 modernization and preservation and the funding -- the needs
21 throughout this entire 25-year period and the funding that we
22 have projected for the next 25 years, there's a huge gap in
23 this. I mean, extreme. Which you're all very much aware of.

24 So one of the big things that we've got that
25 comes out of that is the MAG and PAG regions, through their

1 tax-approved funding initiatives, will probably still have or
 2 will have expansion and modernization projects. But when it
 3 comes to the Greater Arizona area, we're -- pretty much the only
 4 thing that we can fund is strictly preservation. The only way
 5 that we can do modernization and expansion projects is possibly
 6 through grants that we may be getting such as the INFRA grant
 7 that we're currently putting forth for the I-17 project. So
 8 there's a -- there's a huge realization in there that's brought
 9 forth in this -- in this plan.

10 MR. STRATTON: Madam Chair.

11 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Stratton.

12 MR. STRATTON: Your analysis that there will be
 13 -- can't be any expansion is making the assumption this board
 14 does stay with the amount of pavement preservation and does not
 15 move that money?

16 MR. BYRES: That's only -- only our
 17 recommendation in this. It's not --

18 MR. STRATTON: Thank you for the clarification.

19 MR. BYRES: It is certainly up to the Board to do
 20 any -- approve any such thing.

21 MR. SELLERS: Madam Chair.

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Sellers.

23 MR. SELLERS: Just a comment on that. You know,
 24 the MAG Prop 400 expires in 2026, I think, and then we're
 25 talking about how to -- how we want to go forward with Prop 500

1 or whatever. The concern I personally have is that it's become
 2 very clear to most of us that for our economic future, statewide
 3 planning is really critical, and I get concerned about all the
 4 local plans perhaps diminishing our ability to sell a statewide
 5 plan. So anyway, that's just -- just a comment.

6 MR. BYRES: If I can comment. Oh.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Could he finish
 9 responding to that, and then Board Member Hammond.

10 MR. BYRES: Madam Chair, boardmen, we've been
 11 working as closely as possible with the -- all of the MPOs and
 12 COGs and putting together our long range plan. They have long
 13 range plans as well that they're working on. So we've tried to
 14 incorporate as much of that as possible.

15 There's a huge amount of data that we've
 16 collected in putting this all together. One of the big things
 17 that you'll see when you see this plan, which will be coming
 18 before this board, before the next meeting, is we've got -- the
 19 plan itself is a fairly small report. It's got tons of data in
 20 it. It's got tons of graphics in it. It's very simple to read,
 21 but it's got a lot of information in it. But there's a huge
 22 amount of backup that goes with that report. If we try to
 23 incorporate it altogether, nobody would ever read it. Nobody
 24 would ever use it. So we try to put this plan together so that
 25 it's a usable document for everybody. So hopefully when you see

1 it, you'll see what I mean. And like I said, there's tons of
2 backup that goes with it, if anybody ever wants it, that we can
3 certainly put forth as well.

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Board Member Hammond.

5 MR. HAMMOND: Two quick comments.

6 I understand the need for long-term planning
7 (inaudible) required by federal law. I can tell if you I'm
8 alive 25 years from now looking back on this plan, it won't look
9 anything like (inaudible). We can all be sure of that. But the
10 real danger is because of the State's inability to come up with
11 a state plan is these pick-offs of a half a cent sales tax here,
12 an increase in property tax there. We're -- the tipping point
13 is real close to where the state isn't going to be able to do
14 anything because individual counties and cities are starting to
15 do something, which is just a comment. I don't have a solution.

16 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you. Did you --

17 MR. LA RUE: No.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Oh, okay. Just affirming.

19 MR. LA RUE: Don't forget Jesse.

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Oh, Board Member Thompson.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Madam Chair, you've heard a lot of
22 -- we heard a lot of information being communicated about
23 various projects. And in this long range plan, there seems to
24 be a possibility to get them (inaudible) program, and a lot of
25 the comments are that we need to be more attentive to the

1 preservation funding geared towards the northeastern part. Now,
2 what is it that we're not giving the state for their
3 consideration and giving more dollars for the projects
4 (inaudible)?

5 MR. BYRES: If I may, Madam Chair, board members,
6 in our five-year plan that we put together, which we're working
7 on currently, that's one of the biggest things that we're
8 working on is trying to pull projects in that we can take and
9 prioritize. And we run through what's called a P2P process.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Right.

11 MR. BYRES: So in that P2P process, we take and
12 start prioritizing projects. But there's -- there's a huge
13 amount of criteria that goes into it. One of them is the
14 geographic location of the projects as well so that we get an
15 even distribution of projects throughout the state.

16 But there's also other items within that -- the
17 other criteria that we follow through in putting those together
18 and specific mandates that we have to meet. So it all depends
19 on where those projects hit as to where they come into our
20 program, but that program, when it comes through this board, is
21 also approved by the board. So you do get another look at it as
22 we bring it forward.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, members of the
24 board --

25 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member La Rue. Not La

1 Rue. Excuse me. Roehrich.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Just a couple comments I want to
3 make on that, Greg.

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Not La Rue. Excuse me.
5 Roehrich.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Remember the long range plan is
7 less about specific projects as it is about a funded strategy,
8 looking at how we're going to focus on preservation, how we're
9 going to focus on modernization, how we're going to focus on
10 improvement areas, (inaudible) some unique corridors or some
11 unique features. Through this board is where you look at that
12 five to ten year process. That's when you bring in the
13 project-specific information, and that's where the people of
14 this board, you kind of look at the distribution of where the
15 funding is, specifically to those projects through that.

16 What this strategy is going to do in this long
17 range plan is identify a level of need, kind of a magnitude of
18 need. It's going to talk about, you know, some funding
19 specifically on a higher level. Multi billion dollars need to
20 be spent over time under these strategic approaches to it. But
21 then the specificity that comes out of it is through that five-
22 year program, that ten-year development model that this board
23 that helps prioritize and set those standards. So that the long
24 range plan isn't specific to project as it is to funding and
25 transportation improvement needs and areas that are strategic

1 value.

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Is there any additional
3 questions?

4 MR. BYRES: That was all I have for our update.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Thank you.
7 Now we will move on to the Priority Planning
8 Advisory Committee.

9 MR. BYRES: Madam Chair, let me bring this up
10 here. We have several items that we're bringing forth for
11 approval that came out of the priority planning action
12 committee. So I'd kind of like to go through and group these
13 together.

14 Items 7A through 7C are -- there's three project,
15 modification projects that were approved by the Priority
16 Planning Action Committee for recommendation for approval
17 through this board that I'd like to bring forward to start with.

18 MR. LA RUE: Move to approve as presented, 7A
19 through 7C.

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion to approve Items 7A
21 through 7C to accept and approve the project.

22 MR. STRATTON: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Second -- let's see.
24 Motioned by Board Member La Rue, seconded by Board Member
25 Stratton to approve Items 7A through 7C.

1 All those in favor?
 2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
 3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
 4 motion carries.
 5 We'll now move on to Items 7D through 7G.
 6 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Madam Chair.
 7 Those 7 -- 7D through 7G, four new projects,
 8 again, that were brought forth to this board with
 9 recommendations from the PPAC. I would like to mention that
 10 Item 7G is contingent upon MAG approval, and that is set for the
 11 27th of September.
 12 MR. HAMMOND: Motion to approve.
 13 MR. LA RUE: Second.
 14 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member
 15 Hammond, second by Board Member La Rue to approve Items 7D
 16 through 7G.
 17 I just did -- if you could just clarify for me
 18 the endangered species support, that aspect of --
 19 MR. BYRES: That's actually part of our
 20 environmental program.
 21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.
 22 MR. BYRES: And what it's doing is it's just
 23 taking and allowing the funding to occur for the enhancements of
 24 that program that we --
 25 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

1 MR. BYRES: -- run through our environmental.
 2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Without further
 3 discussion, all those in favor?
 4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
 5 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
 6 motion carries.
 7 Now we'll move on to Items 7H through 7L.
 8 MR. BYRES: Madam Chair, those Items 7H through
 9 7L are five new airport projects that were recommended by PPAC
 10 for approval by the board. Those are coming out of our FSL
 11 grant funding program.
 12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Is there a motion to accept
 13 and approve --
 14 MR. SELLERS: Move for approval.
 15 MR. THOMPSON: Second.
 16 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member
 17 Sellers, seconded by Board Member Thompson to approve 7H through
 18 7L.
 19 If there's no additional discussion, all those in
 20 favor?
 21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
 22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
 23 motion carries.
 24 We'll move on now to Item 8. The Passareli Farms
 25 Airstrip application for urban airport approval.

1 MR. BYRES: Madam Chair, board members, again,
2 this is for the Passareli Farms Airstrip. There's an
3 application for urban airport. As per State Statute 28-8205,
4 the State Transportation Board is required to approve all new
5 urban airports within a 24-mile boundary of an urbanized area.

6 Approval shall be granted based on two sets of
7 criteria. The first criteria is the construction of the new
8 airport is consistent with the state, regional and local
9 aviation systems plans. The applicant has gone through and met
10 with multiple agencies, and none of the agencies have come up
11 with items for -- or rationale for denying this.

12 The second item that we have for criteria is the
13 state, regional, local aviation plans consider local aviation
14 plans including airspace and air safety land use compatibility
15 and priority of funding. In this particular case, there's no
16 public funding being utilized, for this as a private airfield,
17 and they have taken and met with the County, met with National
18 Guard, met with FAA, met with the Pima air traffic control
19 tower, and all of those agencies have -- or none of them have
20 put forth any information to not go forward with this. So it is
21 our recommendation for approval of this.

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Board Member Sellers.

23 MR. SELLERS: Yeah. And this is strictly a --
24 going to be a private airport? Who will use the airport?

25 MR. BYRES: This is strictly a private airport,

1 and the applicant, I believe this is pretty much his private
2 airstrip.

3 MR. SELLERS: Okay. Because I know how ticklish
4 airspace can become, and so I guess I'm okay that all these
5 other agencies have looked this and approved it. But -- so I
6 guess some concerns.

7 MR. BYRES: Madam Chair, board members, they've
8 actually gone through and jumped through a massive amount of
9 hoops to try and get to this point. So one of the biggest items
10 that they had is there is certain criteria that they do have to
11 fill as far as contact with Pima control tower. So that has to
12 -- that information has to be at both ends of the airstrip so
13 that there is -- there can be contact made.

14 MR. SELLERS: Okay.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: And I guess I just have two
16 questions. One, was this possibly an airstrip that was on the
17 farm that was just kind of a primitive airstrip and now it's --
18 or is it absolutely brand-new?

19 MR. BYRES: I'm not sure if it was a previous
20 airstrip, but the application is for a new. So as if it was --
21 there was nothing there prior.

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, just as a point, the
24 owner of that airfield --

25 MR. BYRES: Yeah. He's here.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: -- who is here, if you have
2 specific questions and you want to ask him, but please limit it
3 to those questions that you need answered. I would say -- and
4 unless, Michelle, you say otherwise -- I think he's available to
5 answer any of those specific questions.

6 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Well, then the follow-
7 up question that I had was just under our -- the information
8 that was provided to us, it said the executed letter of
9 agreement is within this packet, and I could not find an
10 executed letter, so... I don't know if that's something --

11 MR. BYRES: We will --

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: -- can someone just affirm
13 that it is on file or?

14 MR. BYRES: It should have been part of the
15 packet. We can certainly make sure that it is.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Well, on page 303, it's just
18 talking about the application has had its proposed construction
19 by the local National Guard Picacho Air Traffic Control, FAA,
20 all enemies of this proposed development, and then it says
21 executed letter of agreement is within the packet, and I just
22 didn't see it. So is that what you're talking about?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

24 MR. ROEHRICH: But Madam Chair, that's an
25 administrative thing that we have to correct.

1 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Greg's team will have to correct
3 it.

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. So we're just -- for
5 our standpoint --

6 MR. ROEHRICH: He has it and he will make sure
7 that --

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

9 MR. BYRES: Yes.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: -- you will all receive a copy of
11 it. It has been executed. All conditions required for your
12 approval have been met.

13 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

14 MR. STRATTON: Madam Chair.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Stratton.

16 MR. STRATTON: Being that all the agencies have
17 approved this, I'll move for approval.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. There's a motion by
19 Board Member Stratton to accept and approve Item 8, which is the
20 Passareli Farms airstrip application for urban airport approval
21 as presented.

22 All those in --

23 MR. LA RUE: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Seconded by Board Member La
25 Rue.

1 Okay. There's a motion and a second. All those
2 in favor?

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
5 motion carries.

6 We'll move on now to the state engineer's report.

7 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 Currently, ADOT has 112 projects under
9 construction totaling about \$1.56 billion. In July we finalized
10 18 projects, totaling 34.3 million, and year to date, we have
11 finalized 35 projects.

12 A couple other things I wanted just to give you a
13 heads up. In two weeks, Arizona is hosting the annual meeting
14 for AASHTO, the American Association of State Highway
15 Transportation Officials. It will be in downtown Phoenix at the
16 Sheridan. It is an annual conference. More of a business
17 meeting. There's one day of really conference, but the rest is
18 business meeting, but I just want to make you aware.

19 To help Kristine out, INFRA is Infrastructure For
20 Rebuilding America. The current grant has \$1.75 billion.
21 Basically, they took two years' worth of FASTLANE when they
22 combined and put it together.

23 To answer Member Thompson's question, TIGER,
24 Transportation Investment For Generating Economic Recovery,
25 there was a recent notice -- a (inaudible) notice that the --

1 it's coming out. \$500 million -- \$500 million are available.
2 120 percent of it is for rural projects. Those rural projects
3 have to be at least \$1 million. And that (inaudible) has been
4 out. ADOT has not identified projects at this time. We're
5 looking and reading the requirements to see what would be most
6 competitive.

7 MR. HAMMOND: I have a question.

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Hammond.

9 MR. HAMMOND: Are you done?

10 MR. HAMMIT: Yes, sir.

11 MR. HAMMOND: When's the I-10 -- two I-10
12 components going to start construction?

13 MR. HAMMIT: Madam Chair, Member Hammond, the --
14 I believe the Picacho opens next Friday, if I remember right.

15 MR. HAMMOND: The bid or the project?

16 MR. HAMMIT: The bid.

17 MR. HAMMOND: Okay.

18 MR. HAMMIT: The bid will open, and then we'll
19 come to the Board the following -- we're probably -- we won't be
20 turning dirt until the first of the year.

21 MR. HAMMOND: And then the one north of that is?

22 MR. HAMMIT: It will advertise this month. And
23 so it will open bids before Christmas, but turn dirt probably
24 early spring.

25 MR. HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you.

1 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Any additional questions, the
2 engineer's report?

3 MR. THOMPSON: Madam Chair.

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Yes. Board Member Thompson.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Is it your recommendation that the
6 entity that was -- applied for the TIGER grant work with you on
7 this?

8 MR. HAMMIT: Madam Chair, Member Thompson,
9 depending on the -- where the application is, it is -- if it's
10 on a state highway, definitely we would be happy to work. If it
11 is on a local route that ADOT does not have jurisdiction, we
12 would not -- we would -- I would offer staff that has worked on
13 it to give some assistance, but it would be an individual
14 application. But if it was a state route, like Mayor Price
15 mentioned earlier, in 2015 we received a grant for the 347
16 project. That same year, Phoenix submitted their own project
17 for about \$10 million. ADOT was not a part of it. It was off
18 our system, and they were awarded one. So we're happy to help,
19 but if it's off our system, then the local jurisdiction would be
20 submitting that application.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Any other questions?

22 Okay. We'll move on now to contracts.

23 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank
24 you, Board, for your approval on the consent Items 30 through
25 3Y. Eleven projects were approved. We have eight projects to

1 have some justification.

2 We did have a -- this is a pretty large agenda
3 for awarding projects. We're awarding -- if everything goes
4 through, around \$65 million worth of projects. Year to date, we
5 are -- the State's estimate's about \$89 million. Low bid, 84
6 million, leaving the difference, we're under -- the project's
7 coming in under the State's estimate by about \$5.3 million, or 6
8 percent.

9 We're ready for the first item?

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Yes. Item 9A.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 10A.

12 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah. The
13 addendum made it Item 10A.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's 10A.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Oh, excuse me. 10A. Yes. I
16 apologize.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

18 MR. HAMMIT: Yeah.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: And I should have caught
20 that, because she had already told me.

21 MR. HAMMIT: This project is in Graham County.
22 It's for some roadway improvements. The low bid was
23 \$317,206.20. The State's estimate was \$436,975.15. It did come
24 in under the State's estimate by \$119,768.95, or 27.4 percent.
25 As we've reviewed the bids, in talking to the low bidder, they

1 did have a plant right close to the project, and they had some
2 material closer. So we saw better-than-expected prices for the
3 borrow and asphalted concrete, as well as mobilization. The
4 department has reviewed the bids and believes it is a responsive
5 and responsible bid and would recommend award to CKC
6 Construction & Materials, LLC.

7 MR. STRATTON: Move for approval.

8 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: We have a motion by Board
10 Member Stratton.

11 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: A second by Board Member
13 Cuthbertson. A double second?

14 MR. HAMMOND: Okay. I withdraw my second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: To approve Item 10A as
16 presented to the bidder CKC Construction & Materials, LLC.

17 If there's no further discussion, all those in
18 favor?

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
21 motion carries.

22 We'll move on now to Item 10B.

23 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

24 This project is in Payson. It was -- it is to
25 reconstruct a roadway and add a bike lane. The low bid is

1 \$1,297,667.97. The State's estimate was \$1,010,000. It was
2 over the State's estimate by \$287,667.95, or 28.5 percent. On
3 this project, the State is waiting for the Town of Payson to
4 acquire some right-of-way, which they have not. The department
5 does recommend postpone to a future board meeting to allow
6 Payson to come up with that right-of-way.

7 MR. STRATTON: Move to postpone with a question.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. There's a motion by
10 Board Member Stratton, seconded by Board Member La Rue to
11 Approve Item 10B postpone with a question.

12 MR. LA RUE: It's actually Jesse.

13 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Jesse -- oh, excuse me. The
14 second was Board Member Thompson.

15 MR. STRATTON: Have you been in contact with
16 Payson about the extra 6 percent and they're able to pay that?

17 MR. HAMMIT: Madam Chair, Mr. Stratton, I believe
18 -- we have been in contact, and I believe they are prepared to
19 make up the difference. The issue was it's just taking a little
20 longer to acquire the right-of-way.

21 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. So the motion is by
23 Board Member Stratton, seconded by Board Member Thompson to
24 postpone Item 10B as presented.

25 All those in favor?

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
3 motion carries.

4 We'll move on to Item 10C.

5 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

6 This project is in the city of Avondale. It's to
7 upgrade some traffic signals. It's adding some of the
8 pedestrian countdown heads is the major part of the project.
9 The low bid was \$459,699. The State's estimate was \$417,227.50.
10 It was over the State's estimate by \$42,471.50, or 10.2 percent.
11 When we reviewed the bids, we saw higher-than-expected pricing
12 for the asphaltic items, very low quantities. After review, the
13 department believes we have received a responsive and
14 responsible bid and would recommend to CS Construction, Inc.

15 MR. LA RUE: Madam Chair, I move to award the
16 contract to CS Construction, Inc.

17 MR. SELLERS: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member La
19 Rue, seconded by Board Member Sellers to approve Item 10C as
20 presented to CS Construction, Inc.

21 If there's no additional questions, all those in
22 favor?

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? Motion
25 carries.

1 We'll move on now to Item 10D.

2 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

3 Item 10D is a bridge scour protection project on
4 Interstate 10 near the New Mexico boarder. The low bid was
5 \$301,992.10. The State's estimate was \$272,480.20. It was over
6 the State's estimate by \$29,511.90, or 10.8 percent. We saw
7 higher-than-expected pricing in the structural excavation and
8 clearing and grubbing. The department has reviewed the bid and
9 believes it is a responsible and responsive bid and recommends
10 award to Southwest Concrete Paving Company.

11 MR. CUTHBERTSON: So moved.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board -- motion by Board
13 Member Cuthbertson. Second?

14 MR. STRATTON: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: By Board Member Stratton to
16 approve Item 10D as presented with the lowest bidder being
17 Southwest Concrete Paving Company.

18 If there's no additional discussion, all those in
19 favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
22 motion carries.

23 We'll move on now to Item 10E.

24 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25 This is a pavement preservation project on

1 Interstate 40 just east of the 93 junction. The low bid was
 2 \$4,498,989.89. The State's estimate was \$5,579,172. It was
 3 under the State's estimate by \$1,080,182.11, or 19.4 percent.
 4 We saw lower-than-expected pricing in most all of the asphalt
 5 items. We saw a very good price with our oil, as well as we saw
 6 better prices for (inaudible). We have reviewed the bid and
 7 believe it is a responsive and responsible bid and recommend
 8 award to Fisher Sand & Gravel, doing business as Southwest
 9 Asphalt Paving.

10 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

11 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member
 12 Stratton. Do we have a --

13 MR. LA RUE: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Seconded by Board Member La
 15 Rue to approve Item 10E as presented, with the lowest bidder
 16 being Fisher Sand & Gravel Company, d/b/a as Southwest Asphalt
 17 Paving.

18 If there's no additional discussion, all those in
 19 favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
 22 motion carries.

23 We'll move on now to Item 10F.

24 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25 This is a project on US-70 in the Bylas area.

1 This project at one point were lots of little projects that got
 2 combined into one bigger project. So it includes some safety
 3 improvements, some pathways, some turn lanes and a railroad
 4 crossing. The low bid was \$9,096,538.12. The State's estimate
 5 was \$7,922,159.35. It was over the State's estimate by
 6 \$1,174,378.77, or 14.8 percent. We saw higher-than-expected
 7 pricing in our materials. We -- it was a little longer haul
 8 than we had priced out and lower production rates. Lots of
 9 small work. We have reviewed the bid and believe it is a
 10 reasonable and responsive bid and would recommend award to FNF
 11 Construction, Inc.

12 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

13 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member
 15 Stratton, seconded by Board Member Hammond to approve Item 10F
 16 as presented, with the low bidder being FNF Construction, Inc.

17 If there's no additional discussion, all those in
 18 favor?

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? Motion
 21 carries.

22 We'll move on now to Item 10G.

23 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

24 Item 10G is also on US-70 about 20 miles west of
 25 the other project. The project is funded by the San Carlos

1 Apache tribe, and it is to add some two-way left turn lanes on
 2 US-70. The low bid was \$856,168.15. The State's estimate was
 3 \$598,364.15. It was over the State's estimate by \$257,804, or
 4 43.1 percent. We are working with the San Carlos tribe, and
 5 they're reviewing to see if they have the additional funds. The
 6 department recommends postpone the action until a future board
 7 meeting while that examination of the funds can be done.

8 MR. STRATTON: (Inaudible) postpone.

9 MR. LA RUE: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member
 11 Stratton, seconded by Board Member La Rue to approve the
 12 postponement of Item 10G for a future -- future board meeting.

13 If there's no additional discussion, all those in
 14 favor?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
 17 motion carries.

18 We'll move on now to Item --

19 MR. LA RUE: So we're done?

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: -- 9H.

21 Christian's -- are you still here? He's hanging
 22 in there (inaudible).

23 MR. LA RUE: He's waiting so patiently. Maybe we
 24 need a break.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we take a break?

1 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: A recess or something.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Motion to disapprove.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

4 MR. HAMMIT: Madam Chair, this is probably a new
 5 project to the board. It is on State Route 347. It is a
 6 railroad overpass. The low bid was \$23,103,780.95. The State's
 7 estimate was \$28,349,581.16. It was under the State's estimate
 8 by \$5,245,800.21, or 18.5 percent. We -- when we talked to the
 9 contractor, we saw that they had higher production rates. So
 10 they saw some advantages there. They had a material source very
 11 close to the project, which gave them better pricing on
 12 removals, excavation, borrow, and with their source closer, we
 13 saw better (inaudible) prices. We have reviewed the bid. The
 14 department has and believes it is a reasonable and responsive
 15 bid and would recommend award to Ames Construction, Inc.

16 MR. STRATTON: So moved with comment and
 17 question.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

19 MR. LA RUE: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: The motion by Board Member
 21 Stratton with a comment and --

22 MR. STRATTON: Question.

23 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: -- question, and seconded by
 24 Board Member La Rue to approve Item 9H, with the low bidder
 25 being Ames, A-m-e-s, Construction, Inc.

1 MR. STRATTON: Dallas --

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Mr. Stratton.

3 MR. STRATTON: I'm wondering if you could answer
4 Mayor Price's question about the length of work.

5 MR. LA RUE: Construction (inaudible).

6 MR. HAMMIT: Let me see. I emailed it out as
7 soon as he asked, and the construction time is 15 months. I
8 will look to see where that seven months came from. Probably
9 some state engineer, and if it was over the last three years,
10 me, but I will look and see where that misinformation came from.

11 MR. STRATTON: If you could get --

12 MR. HAMMIT: But the contract time is 15 minutes.

13 MR. STRATTON: Thank you. I move to approve.
14 Also, my -- another question was is this the last we're going to
15 see of you now (inaudible)?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

17 MR. LA RUE: That should be a condition to vote
18 that he doesn't show up.

19 MR. STRATTON: I did discuss this with former
20 Board Member Anderson. He was very delighted this is on the
21 agenda, and I just wanted to say congratulations to the Town of
22 Maricopa and thank you for your participation (inaudible). It
23 does (inaudible). That's all, Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Yeah. And I would just add
25 this is an example of where two entities have partnered together

1 to make things happen, so...

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And this only has to pass
3 by a simple majority, right?

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Yeah.
5 The motion is to approve Item 9H as presented
6 with the --

7 MR. LA RUE: 10.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 10H.

9 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Oh, 10H.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We would have to come
11 back.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: 10H. 10H.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: We were going to correct it
14 administratively.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Oh, okay.

16 MR. LA RUE: (Inaudible.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: I changed all of them but
18 that one.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Good thing you're on top of
21 it.

22 To approve Item 10H as presented to award to the
23 low bidder of Ames Construction, Inc.

24 All those in favor?

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The
2 motion carries. You got it. (Inaudible.)

3 MR. LA RUE: All right. And I'm still on the
4 board.

5 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Now we will move on to
6 Mr. Roehrich evidently.

7 MR. LA RUE: Suggestions.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, I'm just waiting for
9 -- for you to -- obviously I'd love any suggestions.

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: You're moving faster than I
11 am.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: I'm usually -- yes, ma'am. We've
13 all got a long ways to drive.

14 So a couple of things. Just a reminder that the
15 next board meeting is October 20th. It will be in Prescott
16 Valley in collaboration with the Rural Transportation Summit,
17 which will be the 18th and 19th, which will be in Prescott at
18 the conference center. So just to remind everybody of that.

19 And now if there are any suggestions or topics
20 that we need to be planning for, Madam Chair, we're here to take
21 those.

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Hammond.

23 MR. HAMMOND: Just real quick out of respect for
24 the Mohave folks that keep coming to our meetings, we probably
25 ought to get an update, maybe a quick one at the next planning

1 session on the process. You know, my observation is ADOT does a
2 pretty good job (inaudible). Maybe do that (inaudible) --

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: If I could just share, I
4 think there is going to be a meeting --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Well, Madam Chair, can i
6 (inaudible)?

7 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. All right.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Madam Chair, Mr. Hammond,
9 we have been -- obviously the district engineer, Alvin Stump,
10 has been out there and coordinating with them. The -- he has
11 escalated that through the state engineer to the director
12 office. The director is planning to go out and meet with them.
13 We were originally planning to do it, in consideration of the
14 Rural Transportation Summit, that week leading into the summit
15 and to the board meeting. Unfortunately the director has a
16 conflict and is not going to be available. So now what we are
17 planning to do is either try to find an opportunity the week
18 before or the week after the board meeting.

19 So what I would recommend, Mr. Hammond, is as
20 soon as we can have the meeting and have a chance to further
21 look at the discussions and that, then we'll bring it to the
22 board. Whether that's October or November, I would think no
23 later than November, we will be back. But these projects are
24 still going through the development, the approval process and
25 development. So we're still probably a couple years away before

1 our construction activity would be made, but we're trying to get
2 to the decision making process if possible this year, maybe
3 early next year.

4 So I agree, Mr. Hammond. It's a great
5 suggestion. We will bring that back specifically, just like
6 we've been tracking some of the other projects that have been
7 brought forward in the past to consider, State Route 69, the 4th
8 Street Bridge and some of the others. So we will bring that
9 back as soon as we can have that meeting, but it has been
10 escalated. I know, Mrs. Beaver, you have been asked to be part
11 -- participate in that as well.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: And --

13 MR. ROEHRICH: And we will start coordinating
14 that discussion.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Even with the speakers here
16 today, they -- they were already coming today, but they are in
17 agreement with what is being planned, so...

18 MR. STRATTON: Madam Chair.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Stratton.

20 MR. STRATTON: I have two items, and it would be
21 up to staff whether this should be at a regular meeting or a
22 work session on these. The first one would be the concern for
23 the city of Casa Grande with the two year completion with the
24 (inaudible) exchange. I think we need to discuss that. And the
25 second one being since we have received multiple resolutions

1 from cities, towns, MPOs, COGs, whatever about alternative
2 funding with I-15, I think I'd like to hear staff's input on
3 that and discussion of the board. That one I would like to be
4 at a work session.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, Mr. Stratton, yes,
6 we'll plan on both of those.

7 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This project's -- one's
9 this year and one's next year. So it's a little sooner.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Oh, it is? Okay.

11 Madam Chair, the state engineer just pointed out
12 that the 95 projects will be next year. So we are needing to
13 work the final decision on that, which is I still think why
14 we're on track with that. Let's have that meeting in the next
15 month or so when we can get our -- your schedule and the
16 director's schedule along with the local leadership there, and
17 then still bring that back at appropriate -- as soon as we can
18 get that done to (inaudible).

19 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Is there any --

20 MR. THOMPSON: Madam Chair.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Thompson.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Maybe I -- we can get the
23 information from (inaudible) staff (inaudible) we have several
24 tribal -- Hopi tribal counsel members here and also their
25 transportation folks. Their major concern over the years has

1 been the Hopi health care center airport. I'd like to know the
2 status of that, if it's already -- request has been submitted
3 for funding, and if not, how do we go about getting it on
4 (inaudible).

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, Mr. Thompson, we will
6 -- obviously we can't answer that, because that -- it's not
7 agendaed. It's a request.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Right.

9 MR. ROEHRICH: We can put that together as an
10 agenda, come back, and then we will present what the
11 coordination elements have been regarding that airport and the
12 possibility of working together where funding may be available.
13 So that will be an agenda item, and we can do that -- we can try
14 to plan for that next month.

15 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

17 (End of excerpt.)
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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the September 15, 2017 State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Cuthbertson and seconded by Board Member Sellers. In a voice vote, the motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. MST.



Deanna Beaver, Chairwoman
State Transportation Board



Floyd Roehrich, Jr., Executive Officer
Arizona Department of Transportation