

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

9:00 a.m., Friday, October 20, 2017

Prescott Valley Library Auditorium

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Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

**Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairwoman Deanna Beaver.

**Roll call by Board Secretary Linda Priano**

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

**Absent:** None.

There were approximately 45 people in the audience.

**Opening Remarks**

Chairwoman Beaver thanked Prescott Valley for hosting the meeting. She also discussed the success of the Rural Transportation Summit and thanked NACOG and CYMPO for their roles in the event. She stated it was well attended, with great representation. Jack Sellers added it was impressive with the attendance of very involved and interested legislatures who discussed our transportation challenges. Jesse Thompson echoed Board Member Sellers and stated it was a very successful event. Chairwoman Beaver also discussed the release of the motion picture movie "Only the Brave", which depicts the elite crew of Hotshots that fought the Yarnell Hill fire in June 2013. Chairwoman Beaver asked for a moment of silence in honor of the nineteen firefighters that lost their lives on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, naming each one.

**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. Craig Brown, CYMPO Chair, Yavapai County Supervisors, re: thanked the board for coming to Prescott Valley. He discussed the importance of regional partnerships and thanked Alvin Stump for his help.
2. Mary Mallory, CYMPO Vice Chair and Prescott Valley Council Member, re: Discussed the congestion on SR69. She also discussed the ½ cent sale tax increase that took place a few years back and how they used the revenue, which was approximately \$3 million. She stated the community can see their money at work. She added that it takes a lot to maintain roads in our state and the local and state officials need to come together for the betterment of the state, because people and businesses depend on it.
3. Vincent Gallegos, Lake Havasu MPO, Director, re: stated he is the new Director of the Lake Havasu MPO. He also commented on the Rural Transportation Summit and plans of holding the 20<sup>th</sup> year event in Lake Havasu.
4. Jack Husted, Past STB Chair, re: commented on the Rural Transportation Summit and offered his assistance and help.
5. Christian Price, Mayor, City of Maricopa, re: he invited members to the groundbreaking of the overpass of SR347 on November 20<sup>th</sup>. He discussed fatalities that had occurred on SR347 and Riggs Road, which continues to be a problem. He suggested rumble strips, flashing lights, or other options that could help people pay attention while on the roads.

6. Hildy Angius, Mohave County Supervisor, District 2, re: asked the Board to convince ADOT not to build two roundabouts a mile apart on Hwy. 95 in Fort Mohave. She stated there are other alternatives. She added she has never seen her constituents so angry and motivated. Ms. Angius noted that they recently had a productive meeting with ADOT staff regarding these roundabouts.
7. James Barber, Mohave Valley Constituent, re: stated he does not support building the two roundabouts on Hwy. 95. He suggested putting safety features in place such as fixing the lights or putting in flashing lights.
8. Richard Lunt, Greenlee County Supervisor, re: stated his concern in the increase of bicyclists on Hwy. 70 due to being featured in many cycling magazines. He added that the shoulders need to be in good shape for these riders. There has also been an increase in motorcyclists on Hwy. 191, which is a National Scenic Byway and has also been featured in many magazines. These visitors boost the local economy so it is important that our roads are welcoming to them. He also stated Greenlee County would be happy to host an upcoming board meeting.
9. Barbara Goodrich, City of Flagstaff, Deputy City Manager re: Thanked the Board and ADOT for their partnerships on current projects. She also discussed the funding on the Fourth Street Bridge Project. She added that the 4.26% sales tax expires in 2020 and Flagstaff has reinstated a Citizens Transportation Tax Commission and will provide ongoing updates to the Board.
10. Gary Knight, City of Yuma, Deputy Mayor re: discussed the heavy traffic volume between Hwy. 95 between Fortuna Road and the Yuma Proving Grounds, which is currently two lanes and needs to be four. He noted this is a unique opportunity and may qualify for Department of Defense funds, which could greatly reduce the amount of state funds needed. He also invited the board to hold a meeting in the area.
11. Paul Ward, Yuma MPO, Executive Director, re: requested additional focus on the US/SR 95 corridor. He provided a detailed letter to the Chairwoman and Board members for their consideration.

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: We now will move on to the

3 director's report. Mr. Roehrich, can you report for the

4 director?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. Madam Chair, I can report

6 that the director has a conflict and couldn't be here, and we

7 have no items at this time.

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

9 We'll move on now to the consent agenda. Do we

10 have a motion?

11 MR. LA RUE: So moved.

12 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motioned by Board Member La

14 Rue. Seconded by Board Member Thompson approve the consent

15 agenda as presented. If there's no additional discussion, all

16 those in favor?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The

19 motion carries.

20 Now we'll move on to the legislative report.

21 Mr. Roehrich.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 Mr. Stratton, I just wanted to acknowledge we did

24 hear your voice, your vote on that. So it barely came through,

25 but we did hear.

1           So Madam Chair, the local legislative report,  
2 right now the Department's working with the governor's office to  
3 look at proposed legislative packages for this upcoming session.  
4 We'll likely be able to have details on what the governor agrees  
5 with and what we are planning to take towards the legislative  
6 session before the end of the year, and our legislative team is  
7 looking at giving you a more comprehensive update as those --  
8 coordination with the governor's office finalize.

9           At the federal level, there's the -- the new  
10 INFRA grant that was established. It was the old FASTLANE grant  
11 program. So INFRA grant program by the Trump administration.  
12 It's the Infrastructure For Rebuilding America grant.

13           ADOT is in the process of proposing on Interstate  
14 17 to get a grant that would look -- that would look at the  
15 ability to add general purpose lanes, as well as reversible  
16 lanes, between Black -- Anthem Way and Black Canyon City, one  
17 lane in each direction, general purpose lane, and from Black  
18 Canyon City to Sunset Point is a reversible lane. That proposal  
19 is due, I think, in November if I remember, and so we're looking  
20 at about a \$300-million-plus project with -- partially funded by  
21 local funds, but then partially funded through the INFRA grant.  
22 That will be submitted.

23           In addition, the Department is working on  
24 submitting the State Route 189 project for a TIGER grant. As we  
25 continue the coordination with the local residents as well on

1 the possibility of a public-private partnership, we're -- a  
2 potential commercial vehicle fee could be added to help fund  
3 that, as well as dedicated funds from the City and the County,  
4 as well as the the overweight funds that ADOT receives. That  
5 will be working through. I think those are due, if I don't  
6 remember -- I think they're due at the end of the month, or  
7 maybe those are November. Okay. So we're working on the TIGER  
8 grant.

9           In addition, ADOT recently received a \$6 million  
10 advanced technologies grant. That fund is to be used to put in  
11 deployment of intelligent signal prioritization, computer  
12 coordinated freeway transit and arterial information systems, as  
13 well as a few other special event -- activities on the Loop 101  
14 corridor in the valley. We're working with the locals on taking  
15 that grant money and moving it to construction. We're then  
16 coordinating with the Maricopa County Department of  
17 Transportation, Valley Metro, as well as some of the other local  
18 governments.

19           Recently, the Senate Commerce Committee approved  
20 the bill to regulate the testing and the deployment of automated  
21 vehicles. We're continuing to work locally to determine the  
22 guidance of the information of how that will be implemented at  
23 the local level as we continue to see the industry pushing  
24 forward on more and more self-driving vehicle technology, as  
25 well as other technologies related to transportation

1 infrastructure. We're continuing to coordinate and work that --  
2 with our federal partners and our local partners on those  
3 activities.

4           And an update on an infrastructure plan by the  
5 administration and Congress. At this time there's a lot of talk  
6 and discussion going on, but it does look as if an  
7 infrastructure package will wait until Congress and the  
8 administration address tax reform, the budget, and possibly  
9 another look at that health care before infrastructure is  
10 addressed. We'll continue to monitor this. But given this time  
11 of the year, it's potentially that this issue could become  
12 something that will push into 2018.

13           Madam Chair, members of the Board, that's the  
14 legislative update.

15           CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

16           Now can we move on to the financial report? I  
17 don't see Kristine.

18           MR. ROEHRICH: Forgot about that.

19           CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Are you Kristine? That's  
20 okay.

21           MR. ROEHRICH: Madam, I completely forgot.

22           Madam Chair, Kristine Ward unfortunately had a  
23 conflict. She had to ask to be excused from the meeting. So  
24 yes, I'm going to give you a quick overview, and as I always say  
25 on the financial report (inaudible).

1           Got it? Excuse me. I had to come down here so I  
2 could address her slides, although I don't really know what I'm  
3 going to tell you about her slides.

4           Anyway, you can look at them. They're pretty.  
5 They're colorful. But I guess the main point she wanted to make  
6 was that our revenues have -- although they've stayed very much  
7 kind of real close to on target of her estimate, but as you can  
8 see, the -- it's barely keeping up within the range of variance  
9 of the forecast. At this time she doesn't see that as a  
10 potential issue that could affect the program or the project  
11 listing, and it should continue on. But hopefully the trend  
12 will start picking up as we head through the holiday season and  
13 in early next year, but right now, her revenue projections are  
14 pretty much just on forecast or just a little bit below  
15 forecast, and that's the Highway User Revenue Funds.

16           On the RARF funds, the Regional Area Road Funds,  
17 again, we've had a pretty weak showing as far as just very  
18 moderate growth, if any, if any growth, but it stayed within  
19 forecast, which, again, means that the program and the project  
20 list out there is good enough to move forward. So there  
21 shouldn't be any impacts. But we are not seeing any heavy  
22 growth at this point, and we'll see how the rest of the year  
23 goes, realizing that the holidays is the biggest growth period  
24 for revenues. And unless a -- again, either Congress or the  
25 Legislature addresses funding for this year, we're pretty much

1 just maintaining the same levels of funding that we've had.

2 She had no additional federal update other than  
3 what was presented by the legislative team. She does apologize  
4 that she couldn't make it. Next month she hopefully will be  
5 able to give a better update, and you can see where some of the  
6 revenue situations are at.

7 At the time, Madam Chair, there's no further  
8 legislative report.

9 MR. LA RUE: Madam Chair.

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Yes.

11 MR. LA RUE: Floyd, could you ask Kristine to  
12 look at the diesel tax, and maybe next month -- because it's  
13 been trending below her forecast, and I think it's actually  
14 below last year's actual to this year's actual, which,  
15 anecdotally, I see more trucks on the roadway. And so it would  
16 be interesting if she could drill in to find out why we're  
17 trending less. And I guess the concern would be that are these  
18 guys finding alternative fuels that's impacting us, and is --  
19 how do we pick that up in the model?

20 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, Mr. La Rue, I will  
21 definitely ask her to look into that and see if she can weed  
22 down into that information.

23 MR. LA RUE: Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you.

1 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: And I apologize, and I want  
2 to ask legal counsel on this. We had received a letter from the  
3 the -- Ross Coppenburger (phonetic), the colonel of the U.S.  
4 Army commanding down there at Yuma, and I was wondering if his  
5 letter could be incorporated into the public comments from  
6 Mr. Ward and Mr. Knight.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, we did receive those.  
9 We've got a copy here, just like another letter that Mr. Ward  
10 had also provided us, but he only had one copy. We'll make  
11 copies for all the Board, but they will be part of the call to  
12 the audience record of the meeting.

13 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Thank you.

14 Okay. Now we will move on to the Multimodal  
15 Planning Division report. Greg Byres.

16 MR. BYRES: Madam Chair, Board members, before I  
17 get started on this, one of the -- one thing I'd like to inform  
18 you is last week, on last Friday, we submitted a TIGER grant  
19 application for the 189 project, which encompasses 189 as well  
20 as the new interchange at I-19. So we've put that in, and it  
21 was a really good looking application. So I think we've got a  
22 good shot at that. So that was for \$25 million.

23 And so to get going on this, we'll start off with  
24 the current state of the five-year plan. Right now we've got  
25 proposed projects have been submitted. We're going through the

1 P2P process, which is being implemented, and the district  
2 meetings are occurring over the next couple weeks. So we'll  
3 start getting all the input from them through the P2P process.  
4 We will start the planning level scoping, which we're going to  
5 develop a team to do this. So it will be the first year that  
6 we're actually doing this, and the whole purpose of it is to  
7 help develop a little tighter scope on all of our projects as  
8 well as a better estimate of the projects before they go into  
9 the program so that hopefully, in the long term, as these  
10 projects come along, we'll start seeing fewer and fewer  
11 amendments for the projects as we go through the programs. So  
12 that's the intent of this new program.

13 The other thing we've got is we're going to start  
14 utilizing Decision Lens, which is a new tool that we have that  
15 will start seeing how we work -- how each of the different  
16 projects affect the different categories and which we're now  
17 reporting to Federal Highway. So what -- we're playing with it  
18 this year, but we plan on implementing it next year so that we  
19 can see how -- what kind of progress we're making on our program  
20 as we implement it and start our metrics that we start reporting  
21 through to Federal Highway. So --

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Can I just comment on that?  
23 Decision Lens, it was about a year ago, wasn't it, that Decision  
24 Lens did sort of a workshop, is what I would call it, down in  
25 Phoenix, and several of us attended, and so it's interesting to

1 see how that's going to evolve.

2 MR. BYRES: From what we've already utilized it,  
3 and if you saw the presentation, you'll see how the dashboards  
4 work, and you'd get to see how the movement of -- it's very live  
5 -- it's a live exercise, but you can go through, as long as you  
6 have all the data added, so -- but our plan is to utilize it so  
7 that we can adjust on the fly in a very quick manner. So that's  
8 the intent.

9 Our next item that we have is we've got the  
10 freight plan. I was just going to give you a quick update on  
11 it. I gave you an update last month on our freight plan. We  
12 did submit that to Federal Highway. That was submitted on the  
13 30th of September, which is ahead of schedule. It's actually  
14 due December 4th. So they're in the -- they're reviewing it as  
15 we speak. I had thought that you had all received copies of  
16 that draft, but if you haven't, we will definitely get those to  
17 you as quick as we can. One of the big things is we're waiting  
18 for those comments to come out from Federal Highway so that we  
19 can finalize that plan and get you a final copy as well. So  
20 that's coming up. There's -- like I said, I gave you an update  
21 on that last month, so I don't want to kind of go through it  
22 again with you.

23 Then a couple other things that we've got going  
24 in MPD. We've got the transit group that -- right now they're  
25 working with multiple agencies. They've taken and -- one of the

1 big things that we've got is Federal Highway has mandated that  
2 our oversight for rail has to be certified, but our program has  
3 to be certified, and that goes into effect, I believe, the --  
4 I'm trying to think. I think it goes into effect the end of the  
5 year. And we are currently -- have all of our personnel going  
6 through their training. We're actually ahead of schedule on  
7 trying to get that certification put in place so that we can  
8 meet the mandate that's coming out. It's not Federal Highway.  
9 It's through the FTA. But that mandate is coming through.

10           Also, on our 5310, the seniors and disabled  
11 program, we're currently distributing the scope of work to each  
12 of the agencies that -- those contracts are to be executed with  
13 the funds available October 1. Actually, they were -- they were  
14 available October 1.

15           On our 5311 program, which is a two-year program,  
16 we're just entering into the second year on that. So that's  
17 going, actually, very well. That's reducing a massive amount of  
18 paperwork between each of the different entities as well as for  
19 ADOT.

20           So -- and then, also, the transit planning  
21 grant's due October 26th for the COGs and the MPOs. So we're  
22 looking for those to be coming through.

23           So -- and then last, we've just got a couple of  
24 items. Our research group continues to work to minimize the  
25 research time frames that we're working on for projects instead

1 of stretching them out for multiple years if we can. We're  
2 trying to minimize those so that we can expedite the final  
3 reports coming out.

4           We're also initiating new measures to streamline  
5 and expedite the evaluation process for products that are going  
6 onto our approved product list. We've got some new software  
7 that's coming in, and so that will drastically reduce our time  
8 frame and so that vendors that are coming in, trying to get on  
9 to our approved products list, we can process through much  
10 quicker, so...

11           On the data management side, we're continuing to  
12 collect mobile data for HPMS. We've got the vans running across  
13 the state. They've already pretty much finished up the north --  
14 northern part of the state, which we were trying to get done  
15 before winter hit. And so they're starting to move south.  
16 We're about 30 percent complete for that project. So -- and  
17 it's going very well. It's amazing how much data we're starting  
18 to collect. So luckily, all of that's going to the cloud, and  
19 so we're not having to manage it within ADOT. So it's working  
20 out really slick.

21           Let's see here. We've also got -- we're  
22 initiating a couple of projects that are also associated with  
23 that mobile data that will utilize 3D LIDAR. We'll be utilizing  
24 -- there's one project we have on SR-60, and then we have  
25 another one that's going to be on I-19. So what we're trying to

1 do with this is also come up -- use as much new technology as we  
 2 can to start getting into the 3D realm so that we can expedite  
 3 projects as quick as possible. So with these pilot projects, if  
 4 they work out very well, then we can start implementing and  
 5 start collecting much more data, as well as reducing the design  
 6 time that we have on some of our projects. So that's the whole  
 7 intent of what we're doing there.

8 Let's see here. On our aeronautics side, we had  
 9 the Arizona Aviation Association conference on Sunday and Monday  
 10 of this past week, where we put -- put together a presentation  
 11 for everyone on what's happening with our aviation plan, with  
 12 our SL program coming back online in 2020, and our APMS program  
 13 coming back online on 2019 so that each of the different  
 14 airports can start getting their projects online so that we can  
 15 start putting together our programatic program so that we can  
 16 start getting these projects in and onto the five-year plan so  
 17 that as soon as we can, we can start encumbering those funds so  
 18 that -- keep any sweeps from occurring into the Aviation Fund.

19 So we're also participating with FAA on an All  
 20 Hands meeting. That's coming up next week, which has been  
 21 really good, because we've been able to conduct quite a bit of  
 22 business with -- directly with FAA, coordinating with each of  
 23 the different airports as well as all -- on all the tribal  
 24 airports. In fact, that was -- that's going to be one of the  
 25 big topics that we bring up this coming week.

1 So that's it for the MPD update.

2 MR. SELLERS: Ms. chair.

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Yes. Board Member Sellers.

4 MR. SELLERS: For your data management, you  
 5 mentioned that you're using LIDAR. Are you also using drones  
 6 for -- for surface mapping?

7 MR. BYRES: On these pilot projects, no. We're  
 8 strictly using the LIDAR data. The drones, we're -- we are  
 9 starting to implement those. We -- on the roadway side, survey  
 10 has -- they already have certified pilots for the drones.  
 11 They're working on a program to -- so that we can utilize those  
 12 in different areas. There's some -- in some cases limited  
 13 access that we have that FAA allows, but I think one of the big  
 14 things that we're going to start seeing the drone use is on the  
 15 construction side so that we can do verification surveys. So I  
 16 think that's going to be one of the big areas.

17 MR. SELLERS: Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Questions?

19 Board Member Thompson.

20 MR. THOMPSON: Greg, many of the rural and remote  
 21 communities, including Native American reservations, they don't  
 22 have too many options of securing additional dollars, and all we  
 23 have now is hope that that TIGER grant will be able to survive  
 24 within the next few years so at least that we can have that  
 25 option to have (inaudible) to gain some additional dollars and

1 improve many roads. That will pretty much (inaudible) improving  
2 the economic development in the rural remote area. And again, I  
3 do thank you for your discussion on airports within the tribal  
4 communities. Thank you.

5 Thank you, Madam.

6 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

7 Board Member La Rue.

8 MR. LA RUE: Madam Chair, I think it's probably  
9 happening, I just -- (inaudible) Greg, we had a lot of projects  
10 come up in a call to the audience about this area and that area.  
11 I'm assuming you're reaching out to all these individuals,  
12 talking to them and showing them how they can bring those  
13 projects through the planning cycle.

14 MR. BYRES: Yes. We -- the -- our planners have  
15 tremendous outreach to all the different COGs and MPOs, and  
16 that's on a very constant basis. And so that's -- we try and  
17 have that going. One of the things that came up in those  
18 conversations was us generating potentially a monthly newsletter  
19 so that we can get a little more information out to people on a  
20 regular basis so that everybody's getting a common thread. So  
21 that's some of the information that came out of this past  
22 summit.

23 MR. LA RUE: All right. Thank you, Greg.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you. (Inaudible.)

25 Are we moving now on to the next item? Priority

1 Planning Advisory Committee report?

2 MR. BYRES: That's me again, Madam Chair.

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: That's you. Okay.

4 MR. BYRES: The Priority Planning Advisory  
5 Committee has met and come up with recommendations to the Board.  
6 We have multiple projects, but I'd like to break these down into  
7 three different segments. We have Items 6A and 6B, which are  
8 two project modifications that we are requesting approval from  
9 the Board.

10 MR. LA RUE: So moved.

11 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member  
13 La Rue, seconded by Board Member Cuthbertson to accept and  
14 approve the project modifications, Items 6A through 6B as  
15 presented.

16 All those in favor?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed?

19 MR. STRATTON: Aye.

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: I heard it. The motion  
21 carries. We heard you.

22 We'll move on now to the next items, 6C through  
23 6E.

24 MR. BYRES: Again, the PPAC has recommended these  
25 projects for approval for the Board.

1 MR. LA RUE: So moved.

2 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member La Rue  
4 and seconded by Board Member Hammond to accept and approve the  
5 new projects, Items 6C through 6E, as presented. All those in  
6 favor?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The  
9 motion carries.

10 We'll move on now to airport projects. I have 6F  
11 through 6T.

12 MR. BYRES: And again, PPAC recommends approval  
13 of these items by the Board.

14 MR. THOMPSON: Motion to move for approval.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member  
16 Thompson. Is there a second?

17 MR. SELLERS: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Seconded -- double  
19 seconded -- by Board Member Sellers.

20 If there's no additional discussion, all those in  
21 favor?

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The  
24 motion carries.

25 We'll move on now to -- thank you --

1 MR. BYRES: Uh-huh.

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: -- on that.

3 We'll move on to the Tentative Statewide Long-  
4 Range Transportation Plan discussion and adoption for public  
5 review. Greg Byres.

6 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Madam Chair, Board  
7 members.

8 We are presenting the Long-Range Transportation  
9 Plan to the Board this morning, so I have a presentation that  
10 I'm going to go through. I'm going to try and go through it as  
11 quick as we can. I believe you all have copies of that plan  
12 that were given in your packets. So you should be -- or have  
13 that information available. So I'll kind of go through it. If  
14 you have any questions, I stand for those questions.

15 So the purpose of this -- of the Long-Range  
16 Transportation Plan is to provide a policy as well as direction  
17 to ADOT, MPOs, COGs and other partners on transportation  
18 performance, needs and priorities. It also establishes a  
19 data-driven, performance-based policy framework to guide future  
20 project recommendations to the Board. It has a focus on  
21 defining a recommended investment choice, which is a RIC, which  
22 you'll see all the way through that plan, to help ADOT best  
23 invest limited resources in the -- limited resources in the  
24 state system and address statutory requirements for the five-  
25 year plan update.

1           The Federal Highway has set goals for our  
2 long-range plan, which include safety, infrastructure  
3 conditions, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight  
4 movement and economic vitality, and environmental  
5 sustainability. So all of those are addressed within the plan  
6 that we've currently performed.

7           In putting together this plan, we tried to get as  
8 much stakeholder involvement as we possibly could. So we had  
9 meetings that were attended by in excess of 400 people. We also  
10 took and put the information out on websites to try and get as  
11 much information from all of the stakeholders as well as the  
12 public. So we've got a considerable amount of reaction both  
13 through the different means of the website as well as through  
14 Facebook and also through survey respondents. So there's --  
15 there was a considerable amount of public outreach.

16           The stakeholder workshop, which I believe you  
17 were talking about where we demoed the Decision Lens, the Board  
18 stakeholder participation was very broad within that. We used  
19 the Decision Lens, like I said, as well as results influenced in  
20 the plan's recommendations that we presented in the plan.

21           So the citizen survey results that we put forth  
22 were kind of interesting. One of the big things was is how  
23 stakeholders think about ADOT's allocation of funds. So one of  
24 the big things is not only does the -- us as the professionals  
25 putting this together look at trying to utilize the majority of

1           our funding in Greater Arizona area for preservation, but it's  
2 also reflected in the survey that was provided by the public.  
3 So that's -- information is also provided within the plan.  
4 So...

5           Oops. I think I went too far. There we go.

6           The -- this particular slide takes and shows the  
7 needs of all modes of transportation, not just highway, but also  
8 provides -- looks at public transit, aviation, operations and  
9 maintenance, passenger rail, as well as bike and ped. And if  
10 you'll look at the total dollar amount that we're talking about  
11 here, that's \$98.3 billion, with a B. So that's a considerable  
12 amount of money that we're talking about to keep all of those  
13 modes going.

14           The categories of highway need and investment,  
15 which you're very much aware of, are also -- are preservation,  
16 modernization and expansion, which are all addressed within the  
17 plan on our recommendations. For the 25-year highway needs,  
18 what we're looking at is -- for preservation, we're looking at  
19 about \$9.2 billion; in modernization, \$9.9 billion; expansion,  
20 \$34 billion, for a total of \$53.3 billion, and again, this is  
21 for statewide, so...

22           Our recommended investment choice statewide,  
23 again, this is the entire state, if you look at the dial that  
24 we've got, we're looking at 161 million for modernization, 436  
25 million for expansion, and 326 million in preservation funding.

1 And again, this is both urban and rural areas. So it includes  
2 MAG, PAG, and all of the Greater Arizona areas.

3 So this is just a representation of what is  
4 utilized in MAG and PAG. One of the big things that I'd like to  
5 bring up that's not mentioned on this slide, but it is in the  
6 report that you have or the program that you have, is there's a  
7 caveat on -- we show a little bit of money being utilized for  
8 preservation in MAG. There's also money that's utilized in PAG,  
9 but as that funding is utilized in PAG, it's also projected out  
10 in the rack (phonetic). So there's a payback that comes through  
11 as well. So -- and there's a caveat that's listed in there that  
12 you can read on that.

13 That's all.

14 The recommended investment choice statewide --  
15 let's see here. Yeah. That's what we're looking at is --  
16 again, has the preservation, modernization and expansion with  
17 those all pulled out. For the Greater Arizona area, this is  
18 what we're recommending. We've got preservation at 320 million.  
19 We have modernization at 91 million. So -- and again, these are  
20 the recommendations that are made in this plan as part of a  
21 policy overview.

22 So one of the big things that I'd like to kind of  
23 go through real quick with a couple of slides is just kind of  
24 showing where we're at with the need for preservation as it  
25 applies to -- to the pavements across the state.

1 Oops.

2 This is kind of a quick review of how pavements  
3 -- the life cycle of pavement and the costs that are associated  
4 with paving. As we do go through and do these preservation  
5 projects, we extend the life of the pavement cycle, and so it's  
6 extremely important that we do these preservation projects so  
7 that we can stretch it out and keep the costs at a minimum.

8 If we miss some of these preservation cycles, the  
9 costs start escalating in a huge amount -- in a huge way. It  
10 becomes exponential in the costs that we're talking about. So  
11 if we start missing some of these cycles, as you can tell in the  
12 slide, we're looking at potential of going from \$1 to a  
13 potential 6 to \$10 to take care of that same -- that same  
14 pavement if we start missing these cycles.

15 So in our current plan that we had in the past,  
16 as far as preservation goes, if you look at the total amount  
17 of --

18 MR. ROEHRICH: You're taking too long. The  
19 orchestra is playing you off with music.

20 MR. BYRES: Obviously so. I need to speed it  
21 up.

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, this dropped his  
23 call.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

25 MR. BYRES: So as we go through the

1 preservation --

2 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) try again.

3 MR. LA RUE: Yeah. Go ahead.

4 MR. STRATTON: Yes. Thank you.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Mr. Stratton. Okay.

6 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. STRATTON: (Inaudible.)

8 MR. BYRES: So as the preservation cycles go, if  
9 we start missing those, like I said, we end up with an  
10 exponential amount of money to try and build it back up and get  
11 it back going again. So -- but one of the big things is that in  
12 our preservation program that we have, in any given year, we're  
13 roughly touching about 3 percent of our roadways, of our  
14 highways. So it's -- there's -- you know, funding just isn't  
15 there to keep up with a lot of what we're doing.

16 So if we take and look at keeping the current  
17 funding levels and the percentages of funding that are spent on  
18 preservation, this slide kind of tells you exactly what we're --  
19 where we're going over time, and it's -- this represents the  
20 condition of pavements that we have that are in good condition,  
21 fair condition and poor condition. And it's not a pretty  
22 picture when -- as we start extending this out over an extended  
23 amount of time. So funding, you know, this has been -- this  
24 drum has been beat all week, but here we go again with exactly  
25 needing more, so...

1 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Hammond.

2 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah. (Inaudible) really shows  
3 this (inaudible) this Greater Arizona (inaudible) Yuma folks on  
4 that road between Yuma and Quartzsite. So what you're basically  
5 saying, without partnerships, within the ADOT 25-year budget,  
6 there really is no expansion money available for rural Arizona?

7 MR. BYRES: We're recommending that we utilize as  
8 much as we possibly can for preservation. That's the  
9 recommendation in here. Exactly.

10 MR. HAMMOND: Thank you.

11 MR. BYRES: Let's see here.

12 And just to wrap this up, what we're looking for  
13 in the Greater Arizona is focusing on preservation for the state  
14 of highways, bridges, keep -- keep it as high a priority as  
15 possible and work with the COGs and MPOs. In the MAG and PAG  
16 regions, respect their federal designation as leads for the  
17 metro area planning; preserve state highways as appropriate.  
18 Projects, use this plan and framework to guide ADOT project  
19 recommendations to this board through the five-year program  
20 process. And as far as requesting an action, at this particular  
21 time, we're asking to adopt the tentative plan for a 45-day  
22 public review and comment. So that's what we're currently  
23 asking for at this point. Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Do we have a motion to accept  
25 and approve the Tentative Statewide Long-Range Transportation

1 Plan?

2 MR. LA RUE: Madam, (inaudible) clarification.

3 Are we asking to approve it or just to --

4 MR. BYRES: Adopt.

5 MR. LA RUE: Public review.

6 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: For public review.

7 MR. BYRES: Yeah.

8 MR. LA RUE: Yeah. So I would move that we are  
9 putting it out for public review.

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. The motion as I  
11 understand from Board Member La Rue is motion to accept and  
12 approve the Tentative Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan  
13 and adoption for public review as presented. Is there a second?

14 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Seconded by Board Member  
16 Thompson. Is there any additional discussion?

17 Mr. Stratton, is there anything? No?

18 MR. STRATTON: No. I'm good with it.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. All those in favor.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The  
22 motion carries. We'll move on now -- thank you -- to the state  
23 engineer report. Dallas Hammit.

24 MR. HAMMIT: Good morning, Madam Chair and Board.

25 As far as on the state engineer's report,

1 currently we have 118 projects under construction, totaling  
2 about \$1.55 billion. In September we finalized eight projects,  
3 totaling 124.6 million, and we're -- to date, we've finalized 43  
4 projects.

5 A couple other quick notes I wanted to give you  
6 on the state engineer's report. We talked about two grants this  
7 morning, the INFRA and the TIGER. As you remember last year, we  
8 got a FASTLANE grant. I wanted to let -- you know, the job at  
9 Picacho, we put that into two projects on Interstate 10. The  
10 Picacho job opens today. I was looking. I was hoping I would  
11 see a number, but I haven't seen it come in yet. And then the  
12 one at -- in the Casa Grande area, I-8 to Early opens in  
13 December, but both of them have been advertised and are moving  
14 forward. So we will have both of them -- you will have action  
15 on one of them before Christmas, and the other in January is  
16 what we anticipate.

17 I think it was Mr. Sellers that asked about  
18 drones. In the planning, one of the other areas in engineering  
19 that we're using them for is bridge inspection. Our bridge  
20 inspectors many times crawl around under these bridges that are  
21 hard to get to. That's a technology we're looking at for using  
22 on bridge inspection as well, and we used a grant from Federal  
23 Highways from the Every Day Counts program to fund some of those  
24 drones. So we're taking advantage of that technology there.

25 And the thing I had is we've reported out that we

1 were entering into an agreement with Federal Highways for NEPA  
 2 assumption. This is that the State would take on the authority  
 3 of approving NEPA on our projects, and we're doing this in two  
 4 phases, one, our categorical exclusions, our smaller projects,  
 5 and last year, it would have covered, I think, about 98 percent  
 6 of the work we put out. That process is moving forward, and as  
 7 of this morning -- we plan to post on Federal Register. So to  
 8 get this approved, we posted on the Federal Register for 30 days  
 9 so people can comment concerning the State taking it over. That  
 10 will happen on December -- or excuse me -- October 24th. So  
 11 next week. So by the end of the year, early next year, we look  
 12 to have ADOT having the authority on the CEs, the categorical  
 13 exclusions.

14 The full NEPA, our EISs and EAs, we're going to  
 15 continue that process, and we're looking at sometime around this  
 16 time or later next year. So we are moving forward with that  
 17 process. We're excited. Karla Petty with the division has been  
 18 a great partner in making this happen.

19 That's all I have for the state engineer's  
 20 report.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

22 Okay. We will now move into our construction  
 23 contracts. Mr. Hammit.

24 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank  
 25 you, Board, for approving the two items in the consent agenda.

1 We have five projects to justify. One of the  
 2 things I wanted to point out is year to date, projects that have  
 3 gone out, the State's estimate's been a little over 1. -- or  
 4 \$102 million. The low bid's come in at about 97.3, or the bids  
 5 have come in about 4.6 percent under the estimate. A lot of  
 6 those were very big projects that came in lower. So we'll see  
 7 as we go through if we continue with that. As you see in this  
 8 meeting, we're about 5.6 over the estimate, but they are smaller  
 9 projects.

10 The first project that needs to be justified is  
 11 Item 10A [sic]. It's on Interstate 10. It's a rock fall  
 12 project in the Benson area. The low bid was \$1,635,584.85. The  
 13 State's estimate was \$1,988,488.87. It was under the State's  
 14 estimate by \$352,904.02, or 17.7 percent. We saw better-  
 15 than-expected pricing for the rock excavation. The Department  
 16 has reviewed the bid and believes it is responsive and  
 17 responsible and recommends award to FNF Construction, Inc.

18 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Do we have a motion to accept  
 19 and approve the staff's recommendation to award the contract for  
 20 Item 9A to FNF Construction, Inc.?

21 MR. CUTHBERTSON: So moved.

22 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member  
 24 Cuthbertson. Seconded by Board Member Hammond to accept and  
 25 approve the motion.

1 All those in favor?

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

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

5 Item 9B.

6 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

7 This is a pavement improvement project at the  
8 Blake Ranch Road traffic interchange just east of Kingman. On  
9 this project, the low bid was \$1,577,766.73. The State's  
10 estimate was \$1,282,907.33. It was over the estimate by  
11 \$294,859.40, or 23 percent over. We underestimated some work in  
12 the concrete items. We underestimated the duration. So when  
13 the -- we talked to the contractor, their duration was about --  
14 for that concrete item, it was about twice as long. So we  
15 underestimated the labor, and that went into the items for  
16 concrete paving, quality control and some of their survey work.  
17 We have reviewed the bid and believe it is a reasonable and  
18 responsive bid and would recommend award to FNF Construction,  
19 Inc.

20 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Do we have a motion to accept  
21 and approve staff's recommendation to award the contract for  
22 Item 9B to FNF Construction, Inc.?

23 MR. SELLERS: So moved.

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member  
25 Sellers. Is there a second?

1 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Second.

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Seconded by Board Member  
3 Cuthbertson. The motion is to accept and approve the staff's  
4 recommendation as presented.

5 All those in favor?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The  
8 motion carries.

9 Item 9C.

10 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

11 This project is on State Route 80. It is a  
12 bridge scour and deck preservation project. The low bid was  
13 \$1,494,000. The State's estimate was \$1,320,738.60. The -- it  
14 was under the State's -- excuse me -- over the State's estimate  
15 by \$173,261.40, or 13.1 percent. And you're going to see a very  
16 similar explanation on the next one, because they're both  
17 similar projects. These projects we're using a polyester  
18 modified concrete. It's a -- an add mixture, a polymer that we  
19 add to the concrete on site. It's very expensive. It is not  
20 the same kind of polyester that Floyd wore in high school in his  
21 suits, but it is a --

22 MR. ROEHRICH: Hey, what do you mean? I still  
23 wear (inaudible).

24 MR. HAMMIT: You still wear it today. That's why  
25 you haven't worn a jacket since I've known you.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible.)

2 MR. HAMMIT: But this does extend the life of our  
3 bridges, and it is an add mixture that we're using. On this  
4 project, we did see higher-than-expected pricing. One of the  
5 things, this is a little further out, and -- but we have  
6 reviewed the bids and do believe it is a responsive and reason  
7 -- a reasonable and responsive bid and would recommend award  
8 to K E & G Construction, Inc.

9 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Do we have a motion to accept  
10 and approve the staff's recommendation --

11 MR. CUTHBERTSON: So moved.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: -- to award --

13 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. The motion to accept  
15 and approve staff's recommendation to award the contract for  
16 Item 9 --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: C.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: C.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: 9C. I was looking at 9D  
20 being almost the same -- to K E & G Construction, Incorporated.

21 All those in favor?

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

25 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: (inaudible.)

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam, I want to make sure we've  
2 got the --

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Cuthbertson motion and  
5 Mr. Hammond seconded.

6 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Second.

7 MR. HAMMOND: Thank you.

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: My apology.

9 We now will move on to Item 9D.

10 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair, and I  
11 understand the confusion.

12 Very similar project. A bridge scour and  
13 preservation. This one's on State Route 82. The low bid was  
14 \$527,974. The State's estimate was \$323,294 .90. The -- it was  
15 over the State's estimate by \$204,679.10. The -- it was 63  
16 percent over. In looking at the bids, it was the same item, the  
17 polymer. But I can give you the -- on the bid prices, on the  
18 one just before, the bid price, the unit price was \$205 per  
19 square yard. This one was 420. One of the big differences,  
20 this project only had 425 square yards to place. The other one  
21 had 2,037. So the economy is scale. There are certain fixed  
22 costs in getting started. We didn't take that into account  
23 between there. We have reviewed the bids and believe it is a  
24 responsive and responsible bid and would recommend award to K E  
25 & G Construction, Inc.

1 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Is there a motion to accept  
2 and approve the staff's recommendation to award the contract for  
3 item 9D to K E & G Construction, Inc.?

4 MR. CUTHBERTSON: So moved.

5 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Is there a second?

6 MR. HAMMOND: Second. I do have one question,  
7 though.

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Board Member Hammond.  
9 The motion was by Board Member Cuthbertson. The second by Board  
10 Member Hammond.

11 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah. I'm noticing two bids on  
12 this one (inaudible). Is that normal? (Inaudible)?

13 MR. HAMMIT: Two things. With the type of  
14 construction and then the location, this being in an area where  
15 you have a -- a bidder that does pretty well in the southeastern  
16 part of the state, so some of the other bidders more centralized  
17 to the Phoenix area or northern areas aren't bidding in that  
18 area. So I think it's location, and then with this polyester --  
19 this type of construction, there's not a bunch of contractors  
20 that have experience. And on this one, \$500,000, you're not  
21 going to attract your big bridge builders on that as well.

22 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Board Member Thompson.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Can we (inaudible) how we're  
24 able to make up the difference?

25 MR. HAMMIT: How do we make up the difference in

1 the --

2 MR. THOMPSON: The wide range of difference  
3 between the estimate and the (inaudible) approved.

4 MR. HAMMIT: Madam Chair and Member Thompson, is  
5 the question how do we make it up, or why is there --

6 MR. THOMPSON: How do we make up?

7 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: I think the difference,  
8 maybe, with regard to the overages and --

9 MR. THOMPSON: Uh-huh.

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: -- under.

11 MR. HAMMIT: So how we make it up is when we have  
12 projects that come in under, we put that into a contingency  
13 fund, and like I stated earlier, we're about -- let me go back  
14 to it real quick -- 4,000,000 -- we -- this year alone, we've --  
15 we're 4,000,000 under the State's estimate. So that \$4 million  
16 has gone into a contingency fund. So when we have a project  
17 that goes under, we build it up, and then when we go over, we  
18 start whittling it down. So that's where the money goes and  
19 comes that supports these projects.

20 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Thank you.

22 I just have one observation, I guess. And I  
23 don't know that we can do anything about it, because both of  
24 these bids look like they were for the same contractor, and if  
25 your point that you were making with regard to because I could

1 buy bulk in that same product that they were using on the one  
 2 project, but there was less that they -- they were purchasing  
 3 for the second project, I would assume they're probably buying  
 4 it all at the same time, the amount, but because the bids are  
 5 separate, you can't kind of commingle. Is that -- it just seems  
 6 like they're probably getting a lower rate for this because  
 7 they're probably buying it at the same time as they're buying  
 8 the other.

9 MR. HAMMIT: Madam Chair, on both of these  
 10 instances, the -- this type of work, the prime contractor is not  
 11 doing the work. They have a subcontractor. I do not know if  
 12 the -- it's the same subcontractor. I would guess that's a good  
 13 possibility since it's the same prime, but I don't know that it  
 14 is the same subcontractor. When we talked to them, they just  
 15 mentioned it was their sub doing this type of work.

16 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: It's just an observation, I  
 17 guess, more than anything. But we can't mix the two bids  
 18 together. So the motion is to accept and approve the staff's  
 19 recommendation to award the contract for Item 9D to K E & G  
 20 Construction, Inc.

21 All those in favor?

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: All those opposed? The  
 24 motion carries.

25 We'll move on now to Item 9E.

1 MR. HAMMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 Item 9E is a landscaping project in the Phoenix  
 3 metro area. This is at Interstate 10 and the 303 interchange.  
 4 The low bid was \$3,861,693. The State's estimate was  
 5 \$3,317,258. It was over the State's estimate by \$544,435, or  
 6 16.4 percent. In reviewing the bids, we saw  
 7 higher-than-expected pricing in the rock mulch, the granite,  
 8 some of the electrical work having to do with the irrigation and  
 9 the landscape establishment. The Department did review the bids  
 10 and believed it is a responsible and responsive bid and would  
 11 recommend award to Brightview Landscape Development, Inc.

12 MR. LA RUE: So moved.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Motion by Board Member La  
 15 Rue. Seconded by Board Member Thompson to accept and approve  
 16 the staff's recommendation to award the contract for Item 9E to  
 17 Brightview Landscape Development Inc.

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

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

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

23 We're moving on now to Item 10, suggestions for  
 24 future board meetings. We do have the study session coming up  
 25 (inaudible).

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, if I could, I'd like  
 2 to make a couple of comments. Exactly as you said, coming up on  
 3 the 31st of October is the Board study session. At that time we  
 4 would be looking at some topics with the Board Chair. One of  
 5 them is to review the Board policies by statute. Every two  
 6 years, in this case on the odd year, the Board needs to review  
 7 their (inaudible) policies and make any updates or adjustments  
 8 to them. As staff, we've been reviewing them. I've previously  
 9 submitted them to the Board. So at the study session, we'll  
 10 talk about any recommendations or comments that come up on the  
 11 Board policies, and then hopefully at the November -- or no  
 12 later than the December Board meeting, then we'll bring back any  
 13 edited policies for the Board to affirm those. So we'll review  
 14 the Board policies.

15 In addition, Kristine is going to give an update  
 16 on the HURF exchange program that we have been working toward.  
 17 I know she had previously talked about it earlier this year.  
 18 She's getting ready now to start the implementation. She wanted  
 19 to give an update to the Board on that, and we also were going  
 20 to get an update on the wrong-way driver program, where we've  
 21 been at this summer as we've started implementing the  
 22 (inaudible) cameras, as well as the notification system. We  
 23 were going to get an update on that.

24 And then at the end of those topics, there was  
 25 going to be a transportation -- the Traffic Operations Center

1 tour for any of the board members that wish to take that. So  
 2 that's what we have planned now for the study session.

3 In addition, the last item, I just want to remind  
 4 everybody, on the 17th of November, our next Transportation  
 5 Board meeting, will be in -- hosted and will be -- take place in  
 6 the (inaudible.)

7 Those are the updates I have now, Madam Chair.  
 8 Any agenda items or topics that the Board would like to  
 9 consider?

10 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Mr. Stratton.

11 MR. STRATTON: Madam Chair, thank you.

12 Floyd, I'd like to get an update on the  
 13 Renaissance Festival permit for traffic control. I attended a  
 14 Copper Corridor mayor's meeting last Tuesday, which includes  
 15 many cities and towns in Pinal and Gila County, and that was a  
 16 big topic of discussion. I'd like to review where that's at,  
 17 what's going on with that.

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, Mr. Stratton, we will  
 19 put that on the study session agenda. Is that what I  
 20 understood? (Inaudible.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Which meeting were you  
 22 wanting it on, Mr. Stratton?

23 MR. STRATTON: I -- on the work session  
 24 (inaudible).

25 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Work session.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, Madam.

2 MR. STRATTON: Just to discuss it.

3 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Do we have any -- any  
4 additional?

5 Board Member La Rue.

6 MR. LA RUE: You know, Madam Chair, I think we've  
7 all received a lot of communication regarding the monument  
8 (inaudible) race. I'm not certain I'm totally clear on  
9 (inaudible) ADOT's (inaudible) totally clear on how that's --  
10 whether we're going to take action on it or how that's going to  
11 work its way out. So (inaudible) some future meeting clarify  
12 that.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, Mr. La Rue, we can do  
14 that. When you work on the -- I'll respond to that with the  
15 director, and then we'll get back with the Board members.

16 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Based on my understanding, is  
17 this is something that should be handled administratively, and I  
18 don't know if you'd like to talk one on one, and if that is  
19 insufficient, then maybe we could look additionally at having --

20 MR. LA RUE: Well, Madam Chair, thank you.

21 I -- (inaudible) it looks like it's a director's  
22 discretionary function, but I think (inaudible) reporting back  
23 to the Board (inaudible) what is the process and how does the  
24 process document and what is the purpose, that might be  
25 information (inaudible) back to the Board so as we get the

1 communication (inaudible) react to it if anybody (inaudible).

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, (inaudible).

4 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: The one thing that I would  
5 like to ask, and I don't know if it would be at a study session,  
6 if it would be at a Board meeting or if it would just be  
7 administratively. But because I'm going off the Board, with the  
8 Rural Transportation Summit coming up, their 20th anniversary,  
9 an idea of (inaudible) has offered to work on the history. I  
10 know I talked with Kevin Adams, who he has some history, and  
11 Vincent and Jeanette from up there at Lake Havasu MPO and Justin  
12 with WACOG. Is it -- how do we go about asking for assistance  
13 if we're needing copies of minutes in terms of (inaudible) see  
14 if there's anything that's needed, you know, to access staff,  
15 you know, where they can pull minutes for us or something to  
16 that effect?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, all they need to do  
18 is contact Lynn or myself and start the coordination process on  
19 what they're looking for, and then we could research and work  
20 with them on that. If something from that discussion needs to  
21 come back and get the Board involved with, then we'll agenda it,  
22 come back and discuss it. For now, we can do all the staff  
23 coordination --

24 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: -- and give them -- and work with

1 them (inaudible) --

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: Okay. Well, we've got a year  
3 to work on it, so -- but I'm not going to be here to be in this  
4 capacity to ask if we could have it done. So that's why I was  
5 wanting to do it now.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: And that's why I wanted to push  
7 it off, because maybe I won't be here either.

8 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: You've already left once and  
9 came back.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: (Inaudible) just say that's  
11 Linda's problem. I'm kind of feeling that.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: If there's no additional  
13 suggestions for future agenda items --

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Madam Chair, there's just one  
15 final item I want to say. I want to obviously thank the Board  
16 and all the work that they do, but sometimes at these meetings  
17 we just get so involved in the transportation activities, we  
18 forget about what's going on in everybody's personal life. I  
19 want to take this time to congratulate Michelle Kunzman, who on  
20 October 7th just got married, and she took time out of her  
21 honeymoon to make sure to be here to support the Board. That  
22 dedication's fantastic. So we do take the honeymoon. If you  
23 need to call in, we'll have the phone ready for you.

24 MS. KUNZMAN: Thank you.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: But congratulations.

1 MS. KUNZMAN: Thank you.

2 CHAIRWOMAN BEAVER: I think (inaudible). Anyway,  
3 congratulations. And what a sparkler.

4 MS. KUNZMAN: Thank you.

5 (End of excerpt.)

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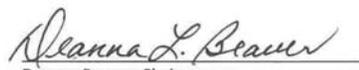
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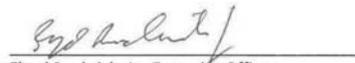
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**Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn the October 20, 2017 State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Hammond and seconded by Board Member Thompson. In a voice vote, the motion carries.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m. MST.

  
Deanna Beaver, Chairwoman  
State Transportation Board

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