

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9:00 a.m., Friday, February 16, 2018

City of Yuma
Council Chambers
One City Plaza
Yuma, AZ 85364

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Beaver.

Roll call by Board Secretary Linda Priano

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

Absent: None. There were approximately 30 people in the audience.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Cuthbertson gave a special thanks to Commander, Colonel Ross C. Poppenberger, US Army, and his staff, who kindly hosted a tour of the Yuma Proving Grounds for the board members and ADOT staff. He stated the tour was fascinating, informative, and showed how the facility impacts transportation in the region. Vice Chair Sellers stated he was impressed not only by the tour, but also in the continuing development of Yuma.

Board member Beaver stated tour participants had the opportunity to experience riding on a Stryker and Military ATVs while at the YPG and thanked all involved for the tour and dinner. Board member Thompson stated he was impressed by the number of people who took the time to attend the dinner and stated it was very informative. Board member Hammond stated the dinner and conversation were very good. The Chair also thanked YMPO Executive Director, Paul Ward and City of Yuma Mayor Nicolls and their staff for hosting the dinner and the board meeting.

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. Richard Lunt, Greenlee County, Supervisor, re: requested installing signage reminding motorists to share the road on Hwy. 70, as it continues to be a very popular road for cyclists.
2. Paul D. Ward, P.E., Executive Director, YMPO, showed a brief video of the US95 commute and traffic volumes. He added US95 is the only roadway that connects I-10 and I-8, within Yuma County, and only has one lane in each direction. He requested that widening the road on US95 be made a priority.
3. Gary Knight, City of Yuma, Deputy Mayor, re: thanked the board for accepting the invitation to have a board meeting in Yuma and also discussed the importance of Yuma Proving Grounds.
4. Barbara Goodrich, City of Flagstaff, Interim City Manager, re: discussed the progress of the IGA for the Fourth Street Bridge Project.

5. Miles Begay, Navajo County, Tribal Transportation, re: provided a letter from Verna Yazzie, President of the Tsidi To'ii Chapter, requesting an gift in kind donation of milling material to improve BIA Route N2 in Birdsprings, Arizona. The letter stated during inclement weather the route becomes impassable, creating unsafe road conditions.
6. John Hansen, Manufacturing Association, Chairman Kamma, re: emphasized the importance of Kingman as a transportation hub and the necessity of the I-11 (West Kingman) bypass. He also discussed the importance of I-40 and I-95 and asked that it be completed more quickly than what is planned. He also discussed two interchange accesses in Kingman on Route 66.
7. Matt Patterson, Town of Pinetop Lakeside, Public Works Director, re: discussed a new pathway that connects a school to a local park and stated the town and council thank the board and ADOT staff for their partnership on this.

1 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPT OF ELECTRONIC
 2 PROCEEDINGS, ADOT - STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD, was reported
 3 from electronic media by TERESA A. VANMETER, RMR and a Certified
 4 Reporter in and for the State of Arizona.

5 Board Members:

6 William Cuthbertson, Chair
 7 Jack W. Sellers, Vice Chair
 8 Michael S. Hammond, Board Member
 9 Steven E. Stratton, Board Member
 10 Jesse Thompson, Board Member
 11 Deanna Beaver, Board Member
 12 Sam Elters, Board Member

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2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Next on the agenda, Item
 3 1, Paul Pantane, Southwest District Engineer, will provide the
 4 district engineer's report for information and discussion.

5 MR. PANTANE: Good morning, Mr. Chair and board
 6 members, and I hope your stay in the Yuma area in the Southwest
 7 District has been a pleasant one. So today I just want to give
 8 you a snapshot of some of the happenings that are going on in
 9 our state or within our district, and... Real quick, our
 10 district composes the three counties. We have all of Yuma
 11 County, parts of La Paz and Maricopa Counties, and when you have
 12 a big region like this with over 3,000 lane miles, it takes a
 13 lot of good staff to make things happen in order to (inaudible)
 14 on a reliable transportation system.

15 So there's just a few staff I wanted to
 16 recognize, but there's many others. There's over 70 employees
 17 within the district that all work together, both construction
 18 and maintenance, to make things -- projects happen for us.

19 So quickly, I just want to give you some of our
 20 past accomplishments over some of the completed projects within
 21 the district. There's over -- close to \$47 million of
 22 construction we completed over the last year, consisting of
 23 preservation, modernization and beginning of a new port
 24 expansion. I'll just highlight a few of these projects.

25 And (inaudible) we did also do the Mohawk rest

1 area. I don't know if some of you coming in through -- headed
2 east or west toward Yuma had a chance to stop there, but that
3 was a nice facility that we closed for over four or five years,
4 and we rehabbed it and got it back open to the public.

5 So this is on -- on US-95, the recently completed
6 project. This was a new structure. It was a previously at
7 grade crossing at Fortuna Wash, and we built this new bridge
8 over the last year, and it was a big accomplishment. A lot of
9 times when we had severe rains in the area, the road would get
10 closed, prohibited some of the traffic getting to the
11 destinations north and south.

12 This is in Quartzsite, Exit 17, is a west TI
13 project, just a modernization, spot improvement. What the scope
14 of the project was, the picture on right was a lot of truck
15 traffic here on Exit 17, so we did some ramp -- on and off ramp
16 improvements to help facilitate turning movements and traffic
17 getting to -- on and off the interstate.

18 You know, in a lot of rural Arizona, you have
19 these typical interchanges that are two lane interchanges that
20 as development comes in, that creates problems for the
21 existing urban TIs, and so those are things that we have to
22 come back and improve as the communities grow.

23 This is just here in town, Exit 1, as you're
24 coming in from California. On the left was the existing
25 before condition. It was typical half urban type design, and

1 what we did was during work congestion, peak hour times, we'd
2 get some backups on the ramp. So we installed a roundabout
3 there to help facilitate traffic flow and increase capacity, and
4 the project worked out real well. Not a whole lot of complaints
5 on it. You know, we had a couple naysayers, but for the most
6 part, the roundabout's functioning very well on this off ramp.

7 We'll get into some current construction. And we
8 have our couple -- these are preservation projects on interstate
9 10. One of them was a pretty good size from 70-80. The other
10 one is upcoming here in the very near future. That is
11 Interstate 8.

12 Feel free -- if there's any questions, feel free
13 to ask them.

14 So modernization, our current construction
15 projects, we have five ongoing projects. A couple of these
16 are partnership projects, and I'll just go through some of
17 these real quick.

18 This is Exit 7 here on Interstate 8. The picture
19 on the left is the existing condition before. The scope of the
20 project is to construct two roundabouts, one on each side of the
21 interchange, and so we -- we built this project up into two
22 seasons during the harvest season. This time of year, there's a
23 lot of traffic, and this is a principal arterial that leads to a
24 lot of the cooling sheds.

25 And if you look on the picture on the left --

1 excuse me -- on the right, and you go -- you look to the left,
 2 this is also the SR-195 interchange that leads to San Luis. So
 3 if you go south into the picture, on the left, it takes you to
 4 SR-195, down to San Luis. So we built the interchange on the
 5 north side -- or the roundabout on the north side, and come this
 6 summer, in May, we're going to begin to finish construction on
 7 the north part of the interchange -- or the south part and
 8 construct that roundabout as well, so... This interchange
 9 receives a lot of truck traffic because of the cooling sheds
 10 close by, and so far this roundabout is functioning very well
 11 with the truck traffic.

12 The next project is just a sign project. You
 13 know, the signs are important for the motorists to get to their
 14 destination. So this one goes from Gila Bend to Interstate 10,
 15 and just upgrading all the guide signs and other miscellaneous
 16 signs throughout the region there.

17 This is one of our bigger projects. This is the
 18 Ehrenberg Port of Entry 2. This is phase 2. Phase 2 consists
 19 of building the new administrative buildings. That's the second
 20 picture on the right there, from the right. And so it's
 21 ongoing. It's a lot of work. We're also building an auxiliary
 22 lane on the interstate to facilitate trucks emerging onto
 23 Interstate 10 eastbound, and the project is going well. There's
 24 a few hiccups along the way, but things are moving forward.

25 This is a joint project, kind of an

1 enhancement-type project. The city of Yuma, it's one of the
 2 gateways as we come in from California. This is a spot --
 3 spot improvement, landscaping, just amenities to help
 4 facilitate pedestrian as well as enhance the appearance as you
 5 come into the Yuma area.

6 This is another joint project with ADOT, City of
 7 Yuma and Yuma County. The project consisted of widening
 8 portions of Avenue 3E, which is the pictures on the right. It
 9 went from a two-lane road to five lanes on Avenue 3E. It also
 10 was part of a preservation project on old Highway 95. A lot of
 11 the portions of Highway 95 through town have been turned back to
 12 the local jurisdiction. As part of those turn backs, funding --
 13 there was funding obligated to do these improvements.

14 Upcoming construction, there's one pavement --
 15 two pavement preservations and three modernization-type
 16 projects. We'll go through those.

17 First project is in Mohave County -- excuse me --
 18 La Paz County, as you come into Parker. This is Mohave Road
 19 intersection, and this is spot improvement using safety funds.
 20 Another scope of the project is to install traffic signals at
 21 this location. The -- this area -- we did look at a roundabout
 22 as the first option, but due to the amount of oversize loads
 23 that come in from California along this route, that the
 24 preference was to go to a typical traffic signal-type
 25 intersection to accommodate the movements through the

1 intersection.

2 Similar type project. This is here --
3 intersection improvement traffic signals. This one here is at
4 -- just on US-95 at Avenue 8E. As you can see, the picture on
5 the left, you have an offset intersection. The scope of the
6 project installs a new signal, but also aligns the
7 intersection using HSIP safety funds. Avenue 8E is one of the
8 main entrances into the Arizona Western College campus, and so
9 this will facilitate folks going to and from campus.

10 Excuse me.

11 This project here is State Route 72. We have two
12 projects that we packaged as one -- or we are packaging as one.
13 And the first project on your left is a -- almost a 20-mile long
14 pavement preservation on State Route 72. This is a -- you know,
15 part of this route is part of the wide load corridor. They come
16 in from California, and then they take 95 to 72 and head up to
17 I-10. And so this project has been long overdue, and we're
18 looking forward to improving that section on 72.

19 Then the picture on the right, it's -- we -- La
20 Paz County participated financially in improving that
21 intersection. We're going to install left- and right-turn
22 lanes. This is near Bouse, Arizona. This access leads to the
23 Bouse Elementary School. And so there's been concern over the
24 years of traffic going to and from the school. So La Paz County
25 paid for a good portion of the design, and it will be under

1 construction here this fall.

2 Then these are just all of the local projects for
3 this fiscal year. They're important to the community. So as
4 you can see, we're well over \$5 million as far as local
5 projects. All the types of funding sources are involved, HSIP,
6 bridge funds, SPD funds. And so all of these projects are small
7 nature, but they're -- they require the same amount of
8 administrative effort because of the federal funds. And some of
9 these -- you know, future projects with the new HURF swap that's
10 come back, that, you know, we'll be able to maybe minimize some
11 of these local projects.

12 Here I just want to say thank you to the Board.
13 Over the last three fiscal years in our district, we've had over
14 \$105 million just in State projects, but in our district we
15 administer the local projects on their behalf, because they're
16 not -- they don't have the certified acceptance, so -- for them
17 to do their own administration, but as you can see, this asks
18 for continual funding in our region to help improve our
19 transportation system.

20 Then I just wanted to throw this one in there,
21 because we all know what -- how infrastructure is to new
22 development, and this is over the last year, we've had these --
23 let's see, eight new developments come in. There's, like, five
24 new truck stops being proposed along both Interstate 10 and 8,
25 and APS is building a new warehouse near Interstate 85, and 85

1 in Maricopa County. So a lot of things happening. The economy
2 seems to be going in the right direction, and I just wanted to
3 share that. But, you know, our roads do make a difference.
4 These people don't build a truck stop if they don't see the need
5 in the future so accommodate.

6 Any questions?

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: I had one. Just for my
8 own curiosity. You mentioned turn backs on State Route 95 kind
9 of through the town of -- or around the town of Yuma. What was
10 the driving --

11 MR. PANTANE: When we built the new SR-195
12 alignment, part of the local contribution was taking back
13 portions of the existing business aid and US-95 that traversed
14 through San Luis, Summerton and city of Yuma, along with Yuma
15 County. There was -- we turned back over 20 miles of road when
16 we built the new lane.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Any questions?
18 Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. PANTANE: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Item 2 on the agenda is
21 the director's report. Unfortunately, Director Halikowski can't
22 be here today, but Floyd, do you have an update on -- from the
23 director?

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes. He
25 does send his apologies. He was intending to make it, but an

1 issue came up that he needed to be back in Phoenix today.

2 He did not have any items on the agenda, but what
3 he did want to make sure to stress again to the board members,
4 that there are issues that come up that if you need anyone to
5 address, please let either the director or myself know. We will
6 make sure that we'll get it prepared. Bring it to these
7 meetings so he can address those issues with the -- with the
8 Board. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

10 Okay. Moving on to Item 3 on the agenda, the
11 Board will consider items considered, including in the consent
12 agenda for information and possible action. Board members,
13 are there any items on the consent agenda that you would like
14 to have pulled for individual discussion?

15 MS. BEAVER: Chair, I would like to make a
16 motion that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Motion by Board
18 Member Beaver.

19 MR. SELLERS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Seconded by Vice Chair
21 Sellers.

22 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Any opposed? The motion
25 passes.

1 Okay. Moving on to Item 4 on the agenda. The
2 Board will present the legislative report, for information and
3 discussion only.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So just a
5 few items on the state level, and I'm going to hit the federal
6 level real quickly.

7 So on the state level, there are two joint bills
8 working their way through: House Bill 2166 and Senate Bill
9 1146. This has to deal with vehicle fees for alternative fuel
10 VLT. These would amend the bill, requiring the director to set
11 a vehicle fee to be paid at the time of registration and to
12 deposit those fees in the Highway Patrol Fund to fund the
13 Department of Public Safety's. Basically, this is a fair share
14 assessment that would eliminate the exception that alternative
15 fuel vehicles pay right now. They have a very small 1 percent
16 assessed value, and it would assess the value as it would with
17 any other vehicle. Both of these bills are currently moving
18 through the legislative process and have committee support, but
19 have not yet received a full vote of either the House or the
20 Senate.

21 In addition, there -- another joint bill, House
22 Bill 2165 and Senate Bill 1147. It's a county excise tax.
23 These bills would allow counties to increase their taxing
24 authority to a limit of one cent to be put towards
25 transportation construction on local projects. This is -- an

1 analysis of the bill shows that this would probably largely
2 impact Pinal County, as other counties have already reached
3 their taxing limit. The Senate version of this bill is awaiting
4 a vote of the full chamber, while the House version did not pass
5 its required committee but may be considered before the end of
6 this session. So not sure if either -- if at least the House
7 bill will move forward. The Senate bill is awaiting the full
8 chamber vote.

9 And then the last bill that we're tracking is
10 2514, and it's the HURF distribution: Cities, towns and
11 counties. This bill would require the Department, prior to
12 the normal HURF distribution process, to distribute 18 million
13 to rural counties and local governments, 9 million to counties
14 with populations with less than 215,000. That would basically
15 be 200,000 to each county and the rest distributed based on
16 population, and then 9 million to cities and towns with a
17 population of less than 7,500, 100,000 to each city and the
18 town, and the rest distributed based on population. This bill
19 was passed by the House Transportation & Infrastructure
20 Committee. It would be given a full vote of the House pending
21 a hearing of the Rules Committee. So (inaudible) pass the
22 House, then would have to go to the Senate for reconciliation
23 before it would make its way to the Governor.

24 But those are the bills locally that we are
25 tracking. Are there any questions with that?

1 MR. STRATTON: On the bill concerning the sales
2 tax for the counties, is that -- if it's passed, would that go
3 to a vote of the (inaudible) county, or does the Board of
4 Supervisors have the authority to pass that?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Stratton, I
6 believe it gives the counties the authority to go to the
7 (inaudible), if I'm not mistaken, and increase what they
8 currently have up to what would be the one cent.

9 I want to see if there's anybody shaking their
10 head or nodding just to be completely fair. Okay. So I'm
11 seeing some nodding. But when he looked at me, (inaudible)
12 shook their head. So I'm going with that's the answer.

13 And then real quickly, on the federal level,
14 the biggest issue that's happened on the federal level
15 regarding transportation, Mr. Chair and board members, was the
16 President has released his draft infrastructure proposal this
17 past week. I know that Ms. Priano had sent it to all the
18 board members, at least a link to that. It was a fairly large
19 document. If you need copies of that or something, let me
20 know.

21 But if you've had a chance to look at it, it
22 does lay out, if you will, some principles regarding how the
23 administration and the President looks to expand the
24 investment in infrastructure with the smaller portion of being
25 direct funded, about 200 billion over 10 years, but using that

1 money to stimulate between 800 billion to 1.3 trillion in
2 non-federal investment. Basically, looking for a larger
3 contribution from local governments as well as trying to
4 leverage private investment -- private funding as investment in
5 infrastructure.

6 They're also expanding the infrastructure package
7 beyond what most people had originally thought as
8 infrastructure, to really emphasize not just roads and
9 bridges, but water, wastewater facilities, ports, harbors,
10 airports, the energy grid, broadband deployment and other
11 infrastructure needs.

12 As we said, the major elements was after the
13 200 billion, which would be distributed by somewhat a formula,
14 they would develop an incentive program where about 100
15 billion would be directed to projects -- oh, excuse me. The
16 current funding level would be distributed by formula. This
17 200 billion would be in addition to what our normally funded
18 federal aid would be, and this 200 billion would be directed
19 towards projects that include a contribution of 80 percent
20 from the locals with a 20 percent match from the federal
21 government out of this fund. So it's a more incentive-type
22 program.

23 They are setting aside 50 billion for a rural
24 program that will be given to state governors in the form of
25 block grants to pay for projects in rural areas. These would be

1 set out by a population-based distribution, but it would be at
2 the level -- or at the local level for specific projects.
3 Included in these projects would be travel, transportation
4 areas as well.

5 There's a transformation project program. 20
6 billion is set aside to fund projects that fundamentally change
7 the way infrastructure is designed, delivered or operated or any
8 other conceptual approach to delivering infrastructure that is
9 innovative, exploratory or ambitious.

10 An infrastructure financing program, 20 billion
11 is provided to try to beef up the TIFIA program, the WIFIA,
12 the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Fund, and the
13 Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Services.

14 Again, these are financing mechanisms that
15 require a payback into the system with a smaller amount of
16 interest, usually a more reasonable amount of financing charges
17 to continue to keep those services open -- services offered in
18 the future. And there's a strong emphasis on trying to reform
19 environmental and the permitting process to get projects --
20 commitments down to less than 24 months if possible.

21 At this time, these are all given out as guiding
22 principles. They still are going to require working their way
23 through Congress on what would specifically be (inaudible) law.
24 And then after a law (inaudible) passes, they would have to go
25 through a process of defining the rules and guidelines that

1 would have come out from the regulatory agencies that would
2 following this.

3 There's still quite a ways to go, but the
4 administration is starting to push the dialogue on
5 transportation and transportation funding.

6 So with that, Mr. Chair and board members, I'll
7 try to answer any questions.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Board Member Thompson.

9 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman --

10 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Mr. Thompson, can you please
11 use your microphone.

12 MR. THOMPSON: I'd like to talk a little bit
13 about 2495 and also SB 1488. Maybe it's time I brought it to
14 the attention of the Board and other agency as well that there's
15 a need to do a project improvement on the route that's referred
16 to as H60 on the Hopi reservation, and it would benefit our kids
17 getting to school as well as that it would help economically for
18 those communities in the area. And those two bills are still at
19 the state level, and the discussion is still taking place.

20 At the moment, I don't know what type of efforts
21 are going to be put in place, because they have -- those bills
22 have not been heard yet. But the push is still there that we
23 want to be able to bring the stakeholders to the table and give
24 -- put up enough funding so they be used as the leverage for
25 maybe future TIGER grants and/or be part of the formula that we

1 establish for that infrastructure proposal. So again, thank you
2 for allowing me to do an update on that.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Any comments or
4 discussions for the legislative report?

5 Okay. We'll move on to Item 5 on the agenda.
6 Kristine Ward, Chief Financial Officer, will provide an update
7 on the financial report for information and discussion.

8 MS. WARD: Well, good morning. I will have to
9 say I attended the tour at Yuma Proving Grounds last night,
10 yesterday evening, that the stresses of my job are looking de
11 minimis after some of the things we were taught about last
12 night. I very much appreciated that. Happy to go back to my
13 minor little problems.

14 So as far as our HURF report, the financial
15 report this morning, we are completely within target. So that
16 kind of sums up -- and I'm very pleased with that. HURF
17 specifically, year to date we are a little bit below forecast,
18 .1 percent, and we have brought in about 835 million in
19 revenues. Gas tax is a little above forecast. Diesel is a
20 little below forecast. VLT is also just a little below
21 forecast. So we're -- we are well within target there, and
22 we're quite pleased that we're holding to those estimates.
23 Last month we bought about 27,000 new cars, so feel free to go
24 out and buy a few more.

25 In terms of the Regional Area Road Fund, RARF,

1 year to date, we've brought about \$209 million. We're a little
2 bit above forecast. Retail sales, running a little above,
3 contracting, a little below, and restaurant and bar, a little
4 below. But again, we're right within forecast, and we do not
5 have concerns there.

6 In terms of additional updates, with regards to
7 Floyd, you had mentioned the plan that came out from the
8 administration in the last week, and I would emphasize that
9 that component with regards to the incentives program, which
10 is where 100 billion of that 200 billion is discussed, that 20
11 -- that 80 percent match requirement is of significant
12 concern. Basically, we come back to the same issue of we
13 still have got an underlying revenue problem, and we need that
14 revenue in order to make these matches and so forth.

15 With regards to one where (inaudible) point out
16 and Floyd, you discussed the HURF dist- -- the bill that is
17 currently going through with regards to the HURF distribution.
18 That bill with regards to the \$18 million, that would -- if that
19 bill goes through, that will impact this program, and we will
20 have to adjust our numbers because approximately half of that 18
21 billion -- 18 million per year will impact this program, the
22 program that will be presented to you here. And so we would
23 have to reduce. That distribution starts in 2020, according to
24 the proposed legislation, and so that would hit \$9 million a
25 year each year of the program that you're being presented.

1 With that, I would gladly take any questions.

2 Wow. Have a wonderful day.

3 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Thank you.

4 Item 6 on the agenda, Greg Byres, Director of
5 Multimodal Planning Division, will present the 2019 to 2023
6 Tentative Five Year Transportation Facilities Construction
7 Program for review and approval for public hearing and comment.

8 MR. BYRES: Get the right one up here.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry about that. There
10 it goes.

11 MR. BYRES: Now we got it.

12 Chairman, board members, the slide presentation
13 that I have today is pretty much just a repeat of what you've
14 seen in the past. I was just going to go through it real
15 quick just so you can kind of see what we've got.

16 This kind of -- this presents what we've got
17 for proposed funding and where we're hitting. That black line
18 that you're seeing through that is -- comes from our Long Range
19 Transportation Plan, trying to target that \$320 million for
20 preservation. Shows where we're at and exactly what we've got
21 for both -- for expansion as well as modernization projects that
22 we've got going that are proposed in this tentative plan.

23 This is kind of a comparison to what we did in
24 the previous five-year program, the '18-'22, which had 36
25 percent in the preservation and 52 percent in the expansion, and

1 there's only a 1 percent change across that -- in this current
2 tentative plan.

3 In the Greater Arizona area, again, we're
4 looking at 63 percent preservation, 17 percent expansion, and
5 20 percent in modernization.

6 For the 2019 year, these are just a few of the
7 expansion projects. We've got the \$69 million on 189. We've
8 got \$5 million planned for the design on 93, as well as 15
9 million for the Anthem-Sunset on I-17, as well as the 10
10 million that's coming through the MAG region as well.

11 For the 2020, expansion projects that we're
12 looking at, we've got the 10.2 million that we're looking at for
13 the 4th Street bridge up in Flagstaff, as well as we've got the
14 93 projects, which we're running at 41 million.

15 For the '21 and '22 expansion projects, now we've
16 got the 69 project at \$10 million and Prescott Lakes Parkway, as
17 well as on 93, which is the Cane Springs design project, as well
18 -- and we also have the 260 Lion Springs design, and again, the
19 I-17 Anthem to Sunset and a widening north of Anthem that,
20 again, is (inaudible).

21 Expansion projects in 2023, we've got the 93
22 project for Cane Springs. So it would be going to construction,
23 as well as the Big Jim Wash design, which is scheduled for
24 construction in '25 at 33 million, and 260 Lion Springs
25 construction at 45 million.

1 So in our future development program, which are
 2 out years of 2024 through 2028, again, you can see the trend
 3 that we have for our expansion projects, which is by the time we
 4 get to 2028, we have down at zero for proposal in this tentative
 5 -- well, it's not in this tentative program. These are the
 6 outer years. But this kind of gives you an idea of what we're
 7 -- where we're headed trying to follow along and move the Long
 8 Range Transportation Plan.

9 For the MAG region, again, they have several
 10 projects that they're putting forth in this tentative program,
 11 which -- the projects on I-10, I-17, State Route 24, State
 12 Route 30, US-60, State Route 85, on the 101, the 202 and again
 13 on the 303.

14 In the PAG region, several projects are proposed
 15 on I-10 as well as I-19. We've got a couple projects on SR-87.
 16 86 has a project, and the 210 in the city of Tucson.

17 For our airport program, what we've got proposed
 18 for the -- for our F -- FLS program, that's currently scheduled
 19 with \$5 million, \$5,003,600, to be exact. Our APMS, we're going
 20 to reactivate that program with \$5 million. Our SL program will
 21 still be -- we will not be utilizing that. It will be coming
 22 back up in 2020. Grand Canyon National Airport at 785,000, and
 23 airport development, the group projects at 800,000.

24 So with that, we're making a recommendation to
 25 the Board that the Board authorizes publication of the Tentative

1 2019 Through 2022 Five Year Transportation Facilities
 2 Construction Program as presented and authorizes the Arizona
 3 Department of Transportation pursuant to ARS §28-6952 to proceed
 4 with public hearings regarding this tentative program.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Do -- does anybody
 6 have questions for Mr. Byres?

7 MS. BEAVER: I will make a motion as Mr. Byres
 8 stated. The only thing is I would like to know how are we going
 9 to consider incorporating the letter into it?

10 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: So I believe, Deanna, the
 11 letter has to do with the long range plan, not the tentative
 12 five-year plan.

13 MS. BEAVER: Oh, okay. Excuse me.

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Right. Yeah. Yeah.

15 MS. BEAVER: It's a long range plan --

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Right.

17 MS. BEAVER: -- but I also -- it somewhat
 18 reflects on this. But granted, you're correct.

19 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yeah. Okay. So --

20 MS. BEAVER: The motion stands.

21 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: So we have a motion?

22 MS. BEAVER: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN LA RUE: Okay. Do we have --

24 MR. STRATTON: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So we've got a

1 motion and -- by Board Member Beaver and a second by Board
2 Member Stratton.

3 Do we have discussion?

4 MS. BEAVER: And I don't know, this may be
5 premature, because it's more for a comment. And I don't know
6 if I can just go ahead and make a comment based on something
7 that we were provided last night. It doesn't directly, but
8 for -- for in the future where it could be looked at with more
9 -- looked at with more purpose.

10 Specifically, at the dinner last night, there
11 was a slide provided that used a comparison of various rural
12 routes similar to US-95, specifically between Araby Road and the
13 Yuma Proving Grounds. That stretch is 15 miles, and the annual
14 average daily traffic count on that is 8,500 miles, and there's
15 only two lanes of traffic. It used to -- through comparables,
16 SR-87, which is Shea Boulevard to Giselle Road, which is a
17 48-mile stretch, with 9,800 daily travelers, and that's a
18 four-lane. The other comparison was US-89, Silver Saddle Road
19 to Gray Mountain Trading Post, which is a 22-mile stretch, with
20 8,500, which is the same amount of trail travel, travelers, and
21 that's also a four-lane. And the final comparison was SR-82,
22 Bisbee to Ramsey Canyon, which is a 27-mile stretch, with -- on
23 a lesser scale, 5,800 daily travelers, and it's also four lanes.

24 So I guess my question is the US-95/Araby Road to
25 the Yuma Proving Grounds does have some strong merit to me, and

1 I think we need to -- I don't -- we're not there in the process,
2 but what can we do to be looking -- putting a focus a little bit
3 more on that one?

4 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes.

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Beaver, what -- I guess what
7 I'd like to say is we're not at that process. What we're
8 asking is to adopt the tentative program so we can go to our
9 public hearing. Those comments would come out during public
10 hearing either by the locals submitting them or a board member
11 bringing them forward, and then staff would analyze those and
12 look at those as we evaluate all the comments that we receive
13 on the tentative program and decide which ones would -- how it
14 would affect the program so that we can present it to the
15 transportation board. So at this point I'd say we move that
16 motion and we act on that motion, and then that comment would
17 come in as part of the public hearing process over the next few
18 months. That would be part of our analysis.

19 MS. BEAVER: Thank you.

20 My situation is I -- in probability I may not be
21 here for all of the process because I will be having a
22 replacement. And so I just wanted to get it on the record that
23 it was the -- a comment that I would like to put forward in my
24 capacity as a board member presently, and I realize it's not the
25 comment period, but if somehow it could be incorporated into the

1 comments, I would appreciate that.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mrs. Beaver, yes, but
3 unless you're willing to (inaudible), hopefully you will still
4 be a citizen of the state, and you have the right to voice your
5 opinion at any meeting that we have. We'd be happy to have you
6 present them.

7 Mr. Chair, I do want to go back to the motion
8 if there are no other comments.

9 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Yes.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Because we do need to amend the
11 motion.

12 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. So -- you need to
13 amend the motion, did you say?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir.

15 (Inaudible conversation.)

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: So the motion that
17 appears up on the screen there, is that the motion -- you need
18 to amend that particular motion?

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, we do.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: We do need to amend the motion. I
22 need to make a motion that says the Board authorizes the
23 publication of the tentative 2019 through 2023.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: '23. Yeah.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: It's got a run date out there. So

1 2023 Five Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program as
2 presented, and the rest of it is fine.

3 MR. CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Okay.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) public
5 agenda. Correct.

6 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Yes. Okay.
7 Good.

8 So I've got a motion that the Board authorizes
9 the publication of the Tentative 2019 Through 2023 Five Year
10 Transportation Facilities Construction Program as presented and
11 authorizes the Arizona Department of Transportation pursuant to
12 ARS §28-6952 to proceed with public hearings regarding this
13 tentative program. That's -- is --

14 MS. BEAVER: I stand with the amended.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. We've got the
16 amended motion and we had a -- we've already got a second. Is
17 that -- okay. That's -- okay. I've got a motion and a second.
18 We've had some discussion. All in favor?

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Opposed? Okay. The
21 motion passes. Thank you.

22 Okay. So we're moving on to Item 7, the
23 Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan adoption. Mr. Byres.

24 So the board members will recall that in our
25 study session a couple weeks ago, we had an opportunity to

1 refuse and discuss this plan, and while there seemed to be
 2 general agreement, given the funding status currently that --
 3 that the -- the plan put together by staff's in the best
 4 interest of the State. We had some concern and asked to have
 5 a letter -- a cover letter added to the package, and I think
 6 board members have all had a chance to take a look at that
 7 individually. So we'll get a chance to kind of collectively
 8 look at that, I guess, and Mr. Byres will lead us through that.
 9 So thank you.

10 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, board
 11 members. Again, you've seen this presentation that I have.
 12 Just go through it real quick just so we're -- everybody kind of
 13 remembers where we're at.

14 In the 25-year outlook, we have a total need for
 15 the highway system of \$53.3 billion. Recommended investment
 16 choice for statewide, we're looking at 326 million in
 17 preservation, 161 million in modernization and 436 million in
 18 expansion. In the MAG and PAG regions, in MAG, we're looking at
 19 343 million in expansion, 6 million in preservation, and 43
 20 million in modernization. In the PAG region, we're looking at
 21 93 million in expansion and 27 million in modernization.

22 In the Greater Arizona area, we're looking at 320
 23 million in preservation, and 91 million in modernization. There
 24 is a set aside that we're looking at of 5 percent so that we can
 25 utilize that money for potential expansion projects that would

1 come through grants for any kind of third party that we -- that
 2 happens to come through.

3 There was comments once this plan was put out.
 4 We generated 120 comments altogether. Those comments were in
 5 general concurrence with preservation and safety priorities. We
 6 broke those down into categories. Project specific comments was
 7 at 41 percent more transportation funding needs broke out to 14
 8 percent, need more focus on alternative modes was at 11 percent,
 9 provide follow up information on needs performance was at 8
 10 percent, and still need new expansion projects in Greater
 11 Arizona, 7 percent of those comments.

12 So with that, we are recommending to the Board
 13 that the Board adopt the Arizona Statewide Long Range
 14 Transportation Plan as presented and adopt the State
 15 Transportation Board cover letter as presented, but I know Floyd
 16 has some additional (inaudible).

17 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, members of the
 18 Board, I just want to go back to the letter. I think the motion
 19 is just fine, but I just want to make sure that -- that you had
 20 a chance -- in front of you should each be a copy of the letter,
 21 and if there are any additional further edits or discussions
 22 where you need to discuss those publicly here and now.

23 I do want to point out that as we've started to
 24 work on this letter and review the draft, because it's in the
 25 language of the Board, I want to make sure that the Board is

1 fine with it. You're going to see that the last component of
 2 where we summarize kind of the Board-specific comments under
 3 those three bullets, we took the information that we had
 4 discussed from the study session as well as from the review
 5 and basically whittled it down to the three primary comments and
 6 to ensure that -- which we expect that the Board would want us
 7 to do, we aligned the discussion of revenues with the Governor's
 8 executive budget summary that came out, because he talked in
 9 reference to the need for revenues as well.

10 So I just want to make sure to point out that
 11 those three final bullets are our opinion aligned with the
 12 Governor's strategy moving forward and the concerns with that as
 13 well. And with that I can say if there are any comments
 14 specifically on the letter, you each have a draft there. I've
 15 got one here that if you're fine with this, you adopt this
 16 motion and you adopt this letter, we'll have each of you sign
 17 it, and we'll make sure you all get a copy and that the original
 18 gets attached to the long range plan when it's submitted. But
 19 if you've got changes or any edits, then we need to discuss them
 20 now so we finalize the letter before we ask you to sign it.

21 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Board Member
 22 Hammond, a comment?

23 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah. I don't have any changes,
 24 Floyd, but the study session was public. So anyone that was
 25 there knows that, I think, as board members, we want a fairly

1 strong message that there's a shortfall of funding, and that we
 2 need to do something maybe that staff can't do, which is kind of
 3 take a position soft or hard. We really have to look at the
 4 different funding sources. I appreciate the need to align with
 5 the Governor's strategic plan, but I do think verbally, if we
 6 can't do it by letter, all of us including those in the room
 7 today just need to stress to whomever will listen that is in a
 8 position to help that we need funding sources. An 80/20 rule on
 9 a federal infrastructure plan does no good if we can't come up
 10 with the 80 percent on our side. So it -- that was the intent
 11 of the Board. The letter -- the letter goes there, so I'm
 12 comfortable, but I would have loved to see it stronger.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mr. Hammond, again,
 14 this is your letter. If you want to go there, we'll write that.
 15 I just did not know as staff what to do. I need to go with the
 16 Board, what the Board wants. So if that's language you want,
 17 you tell us, then we can address that in the letter.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: I don't know if -- has
 19 everybody else had a chance to review it? I know probably you
 20 just got this this morning. Have you -- have board members had
 21 a chance to look through it?

22 MR. ELTERS: Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Mr. Elters.

24 MR. ELTERS: Yes. I had a chance to look at the
 25 letter and ask if it was revised. I do believe it adequately

1 and accurately reflects our thoughts, discussion, concerns and
 2 intent to communicate what Board Member Hammond just
 3 articulated. The fact that it aligns with the Governor's
 4 budget, I think is important, but it does, in my judgment,
 5 align well with our concerns and thoughts.

6 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you. Board
 7 Member Thompson.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairperson, members, there
 9 is a lot of projects that will definitely need some help from
 10 the Board and the Governor as well. The project that would
 11 really benefit our kids on the rural remote area and that
 12 would really benefit a community economically, the funds that's
 13 coming from here aren't eligible to apply to those dollars -- to
 14 those projects. (Inaudible.) The letter is well written, but
 15 in time we also need to let the Governor know that there are
 16 other needs out there that he particularly needs to look at and
 17 be familiar with the problems I'm addressing at the moment. He
 18 -- I'm sure that he's got different other ways to try to fund
 19 these projects, or (inaudible) H60 project I'm talking about,
 20 and but it doesn't have to be addressed now, but maybe in the
 21 future that we can let the Governor's staff know that this is of
 22 a concern as well. So again, thank you for my...

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.
 24 Board Member Sellers?

25 MR. SELLERS: Yeah. I think all in all, the

1 letter is well done, and I don't have any real major problems.
 2 The thing that I don't see in the letter is any reference to the
 3 comments that we made around how important statewide
 4 infrastructure is for the future of our economy, that without
 5 any expansion of our statewide infrastructure, we're -- our
 6 economy could suffer in the future. I think communicating that
 7 letter to our Legislature is really for us.

8 MS. BEAVER: Chairman, I would agree with
 9 Mr. Sellers, and that's kind of the -- relates to that comment
 10 the gentleman from Kingman made about the situation up there
 11 where Nevada is full speed ahead. Well, they approved a tax.
 12 Our state Legislature doesn't even want to look at changing
 13 our tax -- gas tax, or anything else for that matter, at the
 14 present. So, you know, we can't even look at trying to compare
 15 and compete with Nevada as far as, you know, having a source of
 16 funds, a dedicated source of funds for the highway projects that
 17 they're working on up there that we can't do here, at least at
 18 the present.

19 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So we've got --
 20 we've got a couple things at hand here. First we need to -- and
 21 I think there's -- there's general consensus on the long range
 22 plan as presented. We -- and I guess -- is there a timing on
 23 this long range plan? It's not -- you know, it's not like the
 24 state plan that we're going to be reviewing here next -- but
 25 there was some sense of urgency in trying to get this message

1 out quickly while the Legislature was still in session. Is that
2 correct?

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, that's exactly it.
4 We were hoping to get it in their hands at the start of the
5 session in January, but obviously we had to go through in the
6 study process and then the letter. If (inaudible) in the
7 letter as Board Member Sellers asked of me, and we had another
8 comment within that, I think it's appropriate to have it in
9 the letter. I mean, it's a great comment, but it means we're
10 going to lose the money, because we're going to have to do --
11 bring it back next month or agenda a special meeting in order to
12 get it done.

13 I guess I don't want to not say there's a value
14 in getting that statement in. I'm just wondering if we get this
15 long range plan in, if this letter at least conveys that, but
16 then knowing that there will be further transportation
17 discussion, do we bring back in that in another avenue to
18 enforce future transportation discussions? It goes back to,
19 like, the key commerce corridors discussion that the director
20 has been presenting, which he's -- he hasn't presented to the
21 Governor and the staff, but doesn't highlight that point in our
22 long range plan.

23 So Mr. Sellers is right, that probably is
24 something that is worth bringing up. Do we need to bring it up
25 now or do we bring it up over the course of this next year's

1 transportation discussion goes on? Because there's going to be
2 a lot of discussion on transportation as we see what the federal
3 government does and then how we as a state decide to react to
4 that so we can get access to those additional funds. Because as
5 Ms. Ward said, right now we would have a very difficult time
6 having any additional funds to capture an incentive program.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: So I'm leaving it to the Board.
9 How -- (inaudible) do you want to get into this letter now in
10 order to get this moved up to the administration, to the
11 Governor and the Legislature while they're in session.

12 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Board Member
13 Sellers -- Stratton. I'm sorry.

14 MR. STRATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

15 I do agree with Jack's comments that it could be
16 put in there. I believe the letter captures the comments the
17 Board made at the work session, and it's well known, very well
18 known. I do believe there's some urgency to this, to get it in
19 while the Legislature is meeting. I would like to see us go
20 ahead and sign this letter today, and at some point in time in
21 the future make additional comments whenever appropriate
22 concerning the infrastructure comments that Mr. Sellers...

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll second that if that
24 was a motion.

25 MR. STRATTON: It was a comment.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: A comment. Okay. You
 2 second that comment.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second that comment.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Board Member Sellers.

5 MR. SELLERS: Yeah. And I agree with that.

6 Probably the most critical thing that is included in the
 7 letter right now is the idea that if federal funds require
 8 matching funds, then we need to do something to address that,
 9 and that is currently in the letter.

10 MS. BEAVER: Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes.

12 MS. BEAVER: I would just like to add that I
 13 think in support of Mr. Roehrich's comment, I think even, like,
 14 the freight -- you know, where we're addressing the freight
 15 within the -- within the state and that, there's other avenues
 16 that we can probably touch more heavily on the point that
 17 Mr. Sellers was trying to make, you know, because all of that
 18 has to do with that, you know, linkage of states and you know,
 19 the travel of the, you know, product and --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have to move
 21 (inaudible).

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. I kind of like the
 23 idea of, you know, not getting too many messages wrapped up in
 24 one letter. So maybe it is good. Maybe it will work to have
 25 just a more distinct message on that particular case later on.

1 So I -- anyway, I appreciate the discussion by the Board. I
 2 think it's -- I think that's -- and I appreciate Mr. -- Board
 3 Member Hammond's comments. I think that that goes a long way.
 4 I mean, maybe verbally what we need to do sometimes is also
 5 promote things.

6 But so with that, is -- do -- I guess is -- do we
 7 have a motion that the Board adopt the Statewide Long Range
 8 Transportation Plan as presented and adopt the State
 9 Transportation Board cover letter as presented?

10 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

11 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

13 MS. BEAVER: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. I got a --

15 MR. HAMMOND: Too late.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: I got a motion by --

17 MS. BEAVER: Oh, double second.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: -- Board Member Stratton,
 19 and a second by Board Member Hammond. All in favors?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Motion passes.
 22 Thank you.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair, board
 24 members. I would like to make sure that before you leave, you
 25 sign this.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Or I'm just going to write John
3 Hancock above your name. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

5 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So we're at Item 8
7 on the agenda. Staff will present an update on the current
8 planning activities pursuant to ARS \$28-506, for information and
9 discussion only. Multimodal Planning. Mr. Byres.

10 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, board members, our
11 biggest priorities in the Multimodal Planning have been these
12 two items that you've just addressed, so we really don't have a
13 whole lot of anything new going on. I do want to state that we
14 are currently working on our work program for next year so that
15 we can get it budgeted and so forth. We've got corridor studies
16 that we're looking at, as well as continuing to work on our P2P
17 program, our Decision Lens tool, trying to get it up and fully
18 operational as well. So those are the things that we're
19 currently working on, but again, these past two are -- have
20 taken most of our time as high priority.

21 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. I appreciate that.

22 Move on to number -- Item Number 9, Priority
23 Planning Advisory Committee. Staff will present a recommended
24 PPAC action to the Board, including consideration of changes to
25 the Fiscal Year 2018 to 2022 Statewide Transportation Facilities

1 Construction Program, for discussion and possible action.

2 Mr. Byres.

3 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, board members, the
4 Priority Planning Action Committee is (inaudible) forth the
5 recommendations for approval. A couple of items. The first
6 item is 9A, which was actually taken care of in Item 6 of the
7 agenda. So we'll go on to 9B through 9F, which are project
8 modifications. One note that I have on this is on Item 6C, this
9 is contingent upon approval of the PAG Regional Council, and
10 they have (inaudible) today.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: That's Item 9C?

12 MR. BYRES: That was 9C. Correct.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

14 MR. BYRES: And with that, I stand for any
15 questions you may have on those items.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions on modifications
17 9B through 9F?

18 MR. SELLERS: I move for approval.

19 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. I've got a motion
21 to accept and approve project modifications Item 9B through 9F
22 as presented by Board Member -- Vice Chair Sellers, and seconded
23 by Board Member Thompson. Any discussion?

24 All those in favor say aye.

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. The motion carries.
 2 MR. BYRES: The items we have is Items 9G through
 3 9I. These are new projects that, again, the PPAC is
 4 recommending for approval by the Board.
 5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Any questions on Items 9G
 6 through 9I?
 7 Okay. Do I have a motion to accept and approve
 8 new projects, Items 9G through 9I as presented?
 9 MS. BEAVER: So moved.
 10 MR. THOMPSON: Second.
 11 CHAIRMAN LA RUE: Moved by Board Member --
 12 MS. BEAVER: Beaver.
 13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: -- Beaver, and seconded by
 14 Board Member Thompson. All those in favor say aye.
 15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
 16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. The motion passes.
 17 MR. BYRES: Thank you.
 18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Item 10, State
 19 Engineer's Report. Steve Boschen, IDO Division Director will
 20 provide us with the status of the highway projects under
 21 construction.
 22 MR. BOSCHEN: Mr. Chair and board members, I'm
 23 going to present the summary of the active projects. There's
 24 103 active projects going on right now at a price of 1.5
 25 billion. The finalized year to date, 58 contracts. So that's a

1 correction. That's 58 contracts. There are actually
 2 (inaudible) 62 projects. So some of those that we combined
 3 projects into contracts. 208 million have been closed out.
 4 Then we did finalize in January 8 million on nine projects.
 5 We do have a little bit of a slower project closeout process,
 6 which (inaudible) our financial folks, Kristine (inaudible).
 7 But it is an improved process. We do have a little bit of a lag
 8 right now (inaudible). So you'll see that number increasing.
 9 So it won't look so bad next time.
 10 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Got a question,
 11 Mr. Boschen. Board Member Hammond.
 12 MR. HAMMOND: Where are we in the I-8/I-10 --
 13 I-8/I-10 funding process or -- is it out to bid now, that
 14 stretch?
 15 MR. BOSCHEN: So I-8 to I-10, you're talking
 16 about the section through Casa Grande, Board Member?
 17 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah.
 18 MR. BOSCHEN: We did receive a bid on that, and
 19 it was an A plus B bid, which means that they bid on time, and
 20 we got a very competitive bid on that. We should be starting
 21 construction in about a month or two.
 22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.
 23 MR. BOSCHEN: The next slide is probably one that
 24 some of you have probably seen before, and I think Greg Byres
 25 showed a slide about the I-10 reliever, which is another word

1 for SR-30. It has changed names recently. So it if you haven't
2 heard, Tres Rios is now SR-30 in the MAG region. So that's the
3 name that MAG adopted.

4 And that concludes my state engineer's report. I
5 could answer any questions.

6 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions? Okay. Thank
7 you.

8 We'll move on to item 11, construction contracts.

9 MR. BOSCHEN: Mr. Chair, Board, thank you for
10 approving the six on the consent agenda. However, we have seven
11 that we have to talk about. So the first is -- and I have two
12 items highlighted here. I'm going to explain when I go through
13 them, those two that are highlighted are because of funding
14 challenges that we had with them. We are going to go ahead and
15 approve those.

16 So the first one is District 5 up in the
17 St. John's area. We do we did have some differences. It did
18 come in -- this is our only one that came in under budget. We
19 did have very (inaudible) asphaltic concrete, (inaudible) for
20 pavement and milling. We do have a local contractor up there,
21 and he can use his own (inaudible) plant. So we do recommend
22 award to Hatch Paving & Construction.

23 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions by the Board?

24 Okay. I've got a motion to accept and approve
25 staff's recommendation to award the contract for Item 11A to

1 Hatch Paving & Construction, Inc., as presented.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, so moved.

3 MR. STRATTON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved by Board Member
5 Thompson, seconded by Board Member Stratton. All in favor?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. BOSCHEN: The next one we have is Item 11B.

8 It's in District 1 in the Avondale area. We have a little bit
9 above the threshold, so the (inaudible) a little bit higher than
10 we thought, and we had some miscellaneous concrete items. We do
11 think it's a responsive and responsible bid, and we do recommend
12 award to Roadway Electric. And we do have a local match on this
13 one. So that was where we were chasing some funding. That was
14 one of the ones that was highlighted. It was in your board
15 package as postponed. It is now in it for award. We do have
16 commitment from the local.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Questions by the
18 board members?

19 Okay. Motion to accept and approve staff's
20 recommendation to award the contract for Item 11B to Roadway
21 Electric, LLC, as presented.

22 MR. ELTERS: So moved.

23 MR. HAMMOND: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved -- motion by Board
25 Member Elters, seconded by Board Member Hammond. All in favor?

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Motion carries.

3 MR. BOSCHEN: The next one we have is Item 11C,
4 and I think we heard this one earlier during the public comment
5 period. District 5, Pinetop Lakeside. A little bit over, but
6 again, we were waiting for a local match on this one. So the
7 local agency has secured the funding, and we recommend award.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions?

9 Okay. A motion to accept and approve staff's
10 recommendation to award the contract for Item 11C to Hatch
11 Construction & Paving, Inc., as presented.

12 MR. THOMPSON: Chairman, I would so move for
13 approval.

14 MS. BEAVER: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Moved by Board Member
16 Thompson, seconded by Board Member Beaver. All in favor?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: The motion passes.

19 MR. BOSCHEN: Next is Item 11D, District 6, Yuma.
20 Again, very, very close here. We're at 9.2 percent. We were
21 waiting for some local match (inaudible) for the overages
22 (inaudible) asphalt (inaudible) was a little bit higher, and the
23 chip seal (inaudible) material was higher. Staff does feel that
24 this is a responsive and responsible bid, so we recommend award.

25 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions?

1 Okay. We're going to motion to accept and
2 approve staff's recommendation to award the contract for Item
3 11D to Cemex Construction Materials South, LLC.

4 MS. BEAVER: Beaver Chairman, so moved.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Motion by Board Member
6 Beaver.

7 MR. SELLERS: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Second by Vice Chair
9 Sellers. All in favor?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Motion passes.

12 MR. BOSCHEN: Mr. Chair, board members, we are
13 halfway there.

14 So Item 11E, District 1, El Mirage, really small
15 job out on US-60 and Thunderbird Road. It was a demo project.
16 We estimated 19,000. The difference was huge, but we do
17 recommend award -- it is reasonable. The mode was a little bit
18 higher in this case, so it's for a new intersection in this
19 area. We do recommend award.

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Questions?

21 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, I so move.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

23 MR. STRATTON: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Motion by Board Member
25 Elters, seconded by Board Member Stratton to accept and approve

1 staff's recommendation to award the contract for Item 11E to
 2 Breinholt Contracting Company, Inc., as presented. All in
 3 favor?

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay.

6 MR. BOSCHEN: Item 11F, our District 4 in the San
 7 Carlos area. We had a little bit higher asphalt (inaudible) and
 8 a little bit higher asphaltic concrete. We are seeing
 9 (inaudible) up in price. The difference was 10.7 percent. We
 10 did feel it's a responsive and responsible bid, and we recommend
 11 award to J. Banicki Construction.

12 MR. STRATTON: So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Motion by Board
 14 Member Stratton.

15 MS. BEAVER: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Second by Board Member
 17 Beaver to accept and approve staff's recommendation to award the
 18 contract for Item 11F to J. Banicki Construction, Inc., as
 19 presented. All in favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. BOSCHEN: Item 11G is District 6, Lake
 22 Havasu. This is a drainage project, and now we have one of our
 23 worst differences, 50.5 percent difference. So what the heck
 24 happened? We should have taken some notes from one of Paul's
 25 projects earlier where there's a lot of (inaudible) that happen

1 up in this area because the (inaudible) get really strong with
 2 the drainage out there. So the concrete channel and (inaudible)
 3 the estimate on that, meaning our staff and also the consultant.
 4 We have a (inaudible) structure on there, and the mobilization
 5 was higher. We did have three fairly competitive bids. We do
 6 recommend award to Technology Construction.

7 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Questions?
 8 Discussion?

9 Okay. Got a motion to accept and approve staff's
 10 recommendation to award the contract for Item 11F to Technology
 11 Construction, Inc., as presented.

12 MS. BEAVER: So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Motion by Board Member
 14 Beaver.

15 MR. SELLERS: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Seconded by Board Member
 17 Sellers -- Vice Chair Sellers. All in favor?

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. SELLERS: I am as 11G, though; isn't it?

20 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Did I misspeak that?

21 MR. SELLERS: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Item 11G.

23 MR. SELLERS: I think you said 11F.

24 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: I could have. I could
 25 well have. So Item 11G. Thank you.

1 Item 12, Mr. Roehrich will provide an update on
2 former U.S. Route 80 designation process.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

4 So at last month's -- maybe it wasn't last month,
5 December -- whenever it was, the Board did approve the scenic
6 designation -- historic designation of former U.S. Route 80, but
7 only within the jurisdiction of the local governments. The
8 state portions of former U.S. Route 80 are being evaluated by
9 staff. That is ongoing. We feel that that's wrapping up, but
10 there are a couple of shortfalls in the application that was
11 submitted by the group that Mr. Clinco represented. We have to
12 do a little bit more work on the resource analysis so we can
13 submit that to the state library so they can review it.

14 In the meantime, we've started drafting the
15 languages that we -- that go into the intergovernmental
16 agreements with the local governments that have the
17 jurisdictional routes and former U.S. Route 80. So we can sign
18 knows IGAs, and we can start moving forward with the signing and
19 the other marketing aspects of that. That draft language should
20 be finalized soon, and they will be going out, starting
21 coordinating with the local governments. But in fact,
22 Mr. Clinco has offered to help within (inaudible) so we're going
23 to use his contacts as we start going around and working with
24 the local governments.

25 So we're finalizing the review of our internal

1 report. We still have to go to the Arizona Historical Advisory
2 Committee, which we hope to do, I hope, next month, if we can
3 get on their agenda, but in the next few weeks, we'll
4 (inaudible). And then once we complete all that, we'll be able
5 to come back to the Board and talk about any of the existing
6 infrastructure that was former U.S. Route 80, if it meets
7 historic, it meets the requirement, so then we have the court
8 designate those routes. So the local coordination continues.
9 We're still in the middle of finalizing the analysis of the
10 parts that are state routes, and then we'll -- again, we'll be
11 back to the Board.

12 Our commitment was that we would update the Board
13 every month on where we're at. So I'll give you another update
14 next month, and as soon as we have completed our analysis and
15 completed the process, we'll bring any segments that are on the
16 state highway to moved forward for adoption.

17 With that, Mr. Chair, I'll ask if there are any
18 questions.

19 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Questions by board
20 members? Okay. Hearing none.

21 Thank you, Floyd.

22 Item 13, suggestions for future board meetings
23 agendas. Any --

24 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, if I could, just a
25 couple of things to talk about that. So starting next month,

1 the board meeting is on March 16th, and it's in Sahuarita.
 2 That, again, if you remember, will be a joint public hearing on
 3 the tentative program then followed by the -- the traditional
 4 board meeting. So for the next three months, we will be doing
 5 the combined tentative program hearing as well as the board
 6 meeting. So again, we'll -- between Ms. Priano and myself,
 7 we'll coordinate all the activities. She'll have the
 8 festivities agenda, things like that set up. But just a
 9 reminder, starting next month we have the public hearing process
 10 along with the traditional board meeting.

11 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Yes. Okay.

12 MS. BEAVER: Chairman (inaudible), I -- a few
 13 months ago, we had had presenters come to us from Mohave County
 14 with regard to the roundabouts that are going in on 95, and more
 15 recently, we just got an additional letter from them. And so I
 16 don't know if we can have that on a meeting or just have it --
 17 you know, be updated as far as what -- where we stand on that,
 18 because those were projects that we're -- we're moving ahead as
 19 roundabout, but even the leadership of Mohave County seems like
 20 they have just dug their heels in on that, and they are a state
 21 highway. We do have a concern about safety up there, and so we
 22 have a liability as long as those roads stay under our umbrella
 23 of the State as opposed to a county road. So I'd just like some
 24 kind of update for the Board as far as what's going on out there
 25 and how we're working with them as far as to try and remediate

1 whatever the issues are.

2 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. So -- so are you
 3 suggesting maybe an update from staff on the -- now, is that --
 4 is that project in the design stage? Is that where we're at on
 5 the project?

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, Mrs. Beaver, if you
 7 remember, it's in the study phase.

8 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Study, study phase.
 9 Right.

10 MR. ROEHRICH: So the -- and the district
 11 engineer has been working with the locals, and they have some
 12 more meetings. We're very happy -- we can provide an update
 13 next month. We can provide an update next month. We'll bring
 14 in an update on where we've been at in the coordination process
 15 and the study process. We'll agenda that.

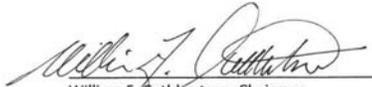
16 MS. BEAVER: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN CUTHBERTSON: Okay. Other suggestions?
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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the February 16, 2018 State Transportation Board meeting was made by Board Member Stratton and seconded by Board Member Hammond. In a voice vote, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. MST.



William F. Cuthbertson, Chairman
State Transportation Board



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