

**State Transportation Board Telephonic Meeting  
10:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, 2019  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
Administration Building  
Executive Conference Room  
206 S. 17th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Sellers called the State Transportation Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call by Board Secretary**

A quorum of the State Transportation Board was present by teleconference. Chairman Sellers, Vice Chairman Hammond, Board Member Stratton, Board Member Thompson, Board Member Elters and Board Member Knight participated by teleconference. Board Attorney, Michelle Kunzman, also participated by teleconference. There was one member of the public present.

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act**

ADOT Executive Officer, Floyd Roehrich, Jr. reminded all attendees to please fill out the optional survey cards to assist our Civil Rights Department.

**Call to the Audience for the Board Meeting**

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the State Transportation Board. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. No members of the public requested to speak.

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

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3 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Moving on to call to  
4 the audience. I do not have any white request cards. We do  
5 have --

6 MR. ROEHRICH: One general public here.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

8 MR. ROEHRICH: Did you want to take an  
9 opportunity to speak?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, sir.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: Okay. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Okay. Then we will  
13 move on to the consent agenda. Does any member want any item  
14 removed from consent?

15 Hearing none, I -- do I have a motion to approve  
16 the consent agenda as presented?

17 MR. ELTERS: So move.

18 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

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21 MS. PRIANO: So is that Elters?

22 MR. ROEHRICH: So I heard for movement, Board  
23 Member Elters, and for a second, I heard first was from Board  
24 Member Knight. Does that sound correct?

25 MR. ELTERS: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yes.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 All in favor vote aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? The motion  
6 carries.

7 Okay. We will now move on to Agenda Item 2, the  
8 PPAC items, with Greg Byers, for discussion and possible action.

9 Greg.

10 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

11 Mr. Chairman, we have ten items to bring forward  
12 today to the Board. We are bringing these forward with a  
13 recommendation for approval. The first four items are  
14 modifications. These are Items 2A through 2D, and again, we  
15 bring these forward with a recommendation for approval.

16 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Is there a motion to approve  
17 PPAC project modifications of Items 2A through 2D?

18 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move to do so. I  
19 would like to pull Item 2C for further discussion.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, then Mr. Elters, is  
21 your motion to approve Items 2A, B and D?

22 MR. ELTERS: Correct.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Do I have a second?

24 MR. HAMMOND: I second it.

25 MS. PRIANO: Who's that?

1 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yeah.

2 MR. HAMMOND: I think I was first.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: I think it was Mr. Hammond was the  
4 -- Mr. Hammond has seconded.

5 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yeah. If you would, please,  
7 when you make a motion or second a motion, just state your name,  
8 please.

9 Okay. All in favor of the motion to approve  
10 Items 2A, B and D vote aye.

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion  
13 carries.

14 Mr. Byres.

15 MR. BYRES: Thank you.

16 Do we need to discuss Item 2C?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Item 2C. He asked and we did not  
18 vote on that, so you ask specifically to ask for a motion on 2C,  
19 and then Mr. Elters can ask his questions.

20 MR. BYRES: So again, we bring 2C with a  
21 recommendation for approval. That's all.

22 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Board --

23 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Byres, I don't  
24 understand this item. I wonder if you can take a little bit of  
25 time and explain to me what this is all about. The

1 justification of the request just says funding is needed for MAG  
2 to reimburse City of Phoenix positions to work on the South  
3 Mountain Freeway project full time. I don't understand what  
4 that means, and I'd like to be enlightened before we take action  
5 on this item.

6 MR. BYRES: So board members, Mr. Chair, what  
7 this is is we've had people working on the 202 project from the  
8 City of Phoenix. This is reimbursement going back to them.  
9 This has come through MAG. MAG is aware of the increase in the  
10 funds for this -- for these positions, which is -- that is the  
11 reason for this -- these additional funds.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: And Mr. Chair, Mr. Elters, what  
13 we've done here is because of the amount of coordination between  
14 Pecos, 40th Street, all of the interaction with the City, in  
15 order to ensure that we get responsive comments back from them,  
16 and they're actively involved in getting decisions made -- and  
17 there is obviously help when we've had to deal with Ivanhoe and  
18 other issues, as well as with the GRIC -- we have an IGA where  
19 we agreed to fund people there who would be dedicated 100  
20 percent to ensure that project stays on schedule, and this is  
21 the funding for that.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. ELTERS: So -- okay. So you're funding  
24 individuals to act as a liaison over public outreach by work?

25 MR. BYRES: That is correct, and they have been

1 acting in those capacities. This is reimbursement back to the  
2 City for that.

3 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yeah. I --

4 MR. ELTERS: (Inaudible.)

5 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yeah. Board Member Elters,  
6 just so you know, I did question this item, and -- in the  
7 chairman's review of the agenda as well.

8 MR. ELTERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I  
9 -- I trust your judgment, and I appreciate the response. So  
10 with that, Mr. Chairman, I move to -- I make a motion to approve  
11 this Item 2C as well.

12 MR. HAMMOND: Second. Mike -- Board Member  
13 Hammond.

14 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion and a  
15 second. Any discussion?

16 All in favor vote aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion  
19 carries.

20 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman, the next items we bring  
21 forward is Items 2E through 2G. These are new projects being  
22 brought forward with a recommendation for approval.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Is there a motion to approve  
24 PPAC new project Items 2E through 2G?

25 MR. STRATTON: So moved. This is Steve, and I do

1 have a request on Item 2E, also. My --

2 MR. HAMMOND: I'll second Steve's motion. Board  
3 Member Hammond.

4 MR. STRATTON: I would request a monthly update  
5 emailed to my email on this project, please.

6 MR. BYRES: Can --

7 MR. HAMMIT: This is -- Mr. Chairman,  
8 Mr. Stratton, this is Dallas. Yes, we can do that.

9 MR. STRATTON: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Any further discussion?

11 MR. HAMMOND: That was on Item 2G? Steve?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: E.

13 MS. PRIANO: E.

14 MR. STRATTON: 2E, Lion Springs.

15 MR. HAMMOND: Okay. That makes more sense.

16 Thank you.

17 All right. I second. I didn't hear exactly what  
18 you said.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Any further discussion?

20 All in favor vote aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion  
23 carries.

24 MR. BYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 The next items we have is Items 2h through Item

1 2J. These are airport projects that are being funded out of the  
2 aeronautics fund, and we bring this forward with a  
3 recommendation for approval.

4 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Is there a motion to approve  
5 airport projects 2H through 2J?

6 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, so moved. This is  
7 Knight.

8 MR. STRATTON: Second by Steve.

9 MR. THOMPSON: I second. Jesse Thompson.

10 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion and a  
11 second. Any discussion? All in favor vote aye.

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion  
14 carries.

15 Moving on to Agenda Item 3, construction  
16 contracts, for discussion and possible action.

17 Mr. Hammit.

18 MR. HAMMIT: Mr. Boschen's going to sit in for me  
19 since I've been out of the office.

20 MR. BOSCHEN: Mr. Chair, board members, thank you  
21 for awarding the two on the consent agenda. We do have two that  
22 we need to discuss.

23 The first one is a pavement rehab project on I-8.  
24 We did get good news. We're 20 percent under on the bid. The  
25 question will be why, and the why is we have swung the pendulum,

1 probably overestimating binder and asphaltic concrete, the  
2 material. So we did get some very favorable bids on this. It  
3 was 20 percent under, but staff's recommendation is to award to  
4 Fisher Sand & Gravel, doing business as Southwest Asphalt  
5 Paving.

6 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Is there a motion to award  
7 Item 3A to Fisher Sand & Gravel Company, doing business as  
8 Southwest Asphalt Paving, as presented?

9 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
10 Knight. I move to approve Item 3A.

11 MR. STRATTON: Second by Steve.

12 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Thank you.

13 We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

14 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chair, this is Elters. Just a  
15 quick comment. It's interesting and a positive thing to see  
16 that all three that are in this case on this project were not  
17 far apart from each other, and all three were under the  
18 Department estimate. So that's a good thing. Maybe it's a  
19 trend that we'll see more of in the future.

20 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
21 Knight. Maybe we need to do more in Yuma County.

22 MR. ELTERS: Sure.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: All in favor vote aye.

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion

1 carries.

2 MR. BOSCHEN: Mr. Chair, our next project is on  
3 I-17, and it's a really exciting project for ADOT and the  
4 region, because what this drainage improvement will do is take  
5 three pump stations offline and create a gravity drain system.  
6 Unfortunately, the low bid was 19.2 percent over, and although  
7 that is within the Board's purview, our MAG partner wants to  
8 postpone this and do this as part of a rebalancing that will  
9 occur in September. So we will bring this back to the Board in  
10 September with the hopes of awarding it. But right now we are  
11 postpone -- we are recommending postponing of this project.

12 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Do we have a motion to  
13 postpone Item 3B as presented?

14 MR. THOMPSON: So moved. This is Thompson.

15 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman (inaudible).

16 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Who was --

17 MR. ELTERS: Second by Elters, with the intent of  
18 -- to follow up.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion and a  
20 second. Any discussion?

21 MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Boschen, I think  
22 you broke up. I didn't hear your response as to the explanation  
23 as to why this is being postponed.

24 MR. BOSCHEN: So Mr. Chair and Board Member  
25 Elters, I was at the far end of the table. Hopefully you can

1 receive me better now.

2 The reason for the --

3 MR. ELTERS: (Inaudible.)

4 MR. BOSCHEN: Good.

5 The reason for the postponement is because the  
6 amount is above what is within MAG's purview of what they would  
7 award. Anything that is above 5 percent over is a material  
8 change. So that is different than the State Board of  
9 Transportation's 10 percent rule. We are working to align  
10 those, but that's a discussion that we are having with Eric  
11 Anderson so that we don't get into this challenge again.

12 We are hoping -- we are moving forward with MAG's  
13 rebalancing, and this is going to be accomplished in September.  
14 So we will bring this back to the Board in September. We have  
15 asked the low bidder if he will hold his bid, and it has been  
16 affirmative, so we will bring this back to the Board in  
17 September. Right now we're recommending for postponement while  
18 we work it out with MAG.

19 MR. ELTERS: Okay. So thank you, Mr. Boschen,  
20 and Mr. Chair. It sounds like there is no -- that there's no  
21 problem here. It's just a matter of coordination, and that  
22 answers my question. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. Thank you.

24 We have a motion and a second. Is there any  
25 further discussion?

1 All in favor vote aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed? That motion  
4 carries.

5 All right. Moving on to our final agenda item,  
6 Agenda Item 4, any suggestions from the Board?

7 Hearing none, is there a motion to adjourn the  
8 meeting?

9 MR. THOMPSON: So moved.

10 MR. STRATTON: Second by Steve Stratton.

11 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Okay. We have a motion and a  
12 second.

13 MS. PRIANO: Who was that?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Thompson was the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Yeah.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

17 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: All in favor say aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN SELLERS: Any opposed?

20 This meeting is adjourned.

21 (End of recording at 10:16 a.m.)

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**Adjournment**

***A motion to adjourn the August 16, 2019 State Transportation Board Telephonic Meeting was made by Board Member Thompson and seconded by Board Member Stratton. In a voice vote, the motion carried.***

**Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. MST.**



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Jack Sellers, Chairman  
State Transportation Board



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