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10           Steve Stratton, Vice Chairman  
11           Sam Elters, Board Member  
12           Jesse Thompson, Board Member (Absent)  
13           Gary Knight, Board Member  
14           Richard Searle, Board Member  
15           Jenn Daniels, Board Member

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1 (Beginning of excerpt.)

2 MR. ROEHRICH: So please -- please mute your  
3 phone if you're not a board member.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: (Indiscernible) Floyd. You  
5 want to get started?

6 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. I'm -- I got 9:30. So  
7 if you want to go ahead and call the meeting to order.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: I will do that, and I'd like  
9 to say I'd like to have roll call.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. I'm going to start  
11 roll call.

12 Chairman Hammond.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Here.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Vice Chair Stratton?

15 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Present.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Mr. Thompson, absent.

17 Mr. Elters.

18 MR. ELTERS: Here.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Present.

20 Mr. Knight.

21 MR. KNIGHT: Present.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Present.

23 Mr. Searle.

24 MR. SEARLE: Present.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Present.

1 Ms. Daniels.

2 MS. DANIELS: Present.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you. We have quorum.

4 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, this is Floyd  
5 Roehrich. Just really quick, I just got a note from  
6 Mr. Thompson that said he's not going to be able to participate.  
7 So he will be absent from the special meeting.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you.

9 And by the way, thanks, everyone, for muting.  
10 The audio's good. And just so you know, you know, I got my  
11 office set up perfectly. I got my home set up perfectly. Well,  
12 I'm now remote with an iPad. I can see you folks. I guess you  
13 can hear me, but you can't see me. (Indiscernible.) I haven't  
14 figured that one out. But that's probably the least important  
15 of the three elements to have in this meeting today. So you  
16 won't be seeing me, but you will be hearing me.

17 Hope everybody's healthy and safe as we figure  
18 out this new normal of going about our lives with COVID-19  
19 running around. And again, thank you for taking the time for  
20 this special meeting. I know even in spite some of the stuff  
21 going on, we have schedules and we (indiscernible). At least  
22 we're trying to pretend we are, right?

23 But the purpose of this board meeting is to  
24 create and award a construction contract to add a commercial  
25 truck parking area to the Haviland rest area. It's on

1 Interstate 40, and a very important element that will provide  
2 much needed safe parking for the commercial vehicle drivers  
3 (indiscernible) the critical goods that we all -- all count on.

4 Again, keep your phone muted. We can tell when  
5 there's background noise. So (indiscernible) you're not the  
6 culprit.

7 Without any further commentary, let's go on to  
8 Item 1 on the PPAC agenda for discussion and possible action.

9 Greg Byres.

10 MR. BYRES: Thank you Mr. Chairman, board  
11 members. We have three items that we're bringing forward today.  
12 The first two items, it will be Item 1A and 1B, our project  
13 modifications, and the planning -- the Priority Planning  
14 Advisory Committee brings these forward with a recommendation  
15 for approval.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
17 Knight. I have a question.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Please, go ahead.

19 MR. KNIGHT: Greg, I noticed on 1B stated that  
20 that's going to be deferred to fiscal year FY '21.  
21 (Indiscernible) 1A will be deferred, what fiscal year that might  
22 be deferred to?

23 MR. BYRES: At this point in time, we don't have  
24 a date when this will come through. And speaking with the DE,  
25 this is a true need out on 95. So as we're looking at the

1 tentative program, we'll have a little bit better idea here  
2 within the next week or so.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. --

4 MR. KNIGHT: And my next question is I assume  
5 since these two items, 1A and 1B, (indiscernible) 8 million  
6 (indiscernible) moneys coming (indiscernible) --

7 MR. ROEHRICH: We need to explain that. That's  
8 what I was going to do.

9 MR. KNIGHT: -- contingency, and that's where the  
10 money's coming from for Item 1C.

11 MR. BYRES: (Indiscernible.)

12 MR. KNIGHT: It begs the question, we're going to  
13 use the 8 million for these two projects for 1C. Where are we  
14 going to get the 8 million -- I mean, it's gone. So where are  
15 we going to get the 8 million back in order to do 1A and 1B?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, Mr. Knight, let's  
17 real -- talk real quick a little bit about that. This truck  
18 parking on Haviland has to be accelerated in because we've  
19 identified it as a safety need given the increased amount of  
20 freight movement that is coming from California, and trying to  
21 ensure that we have safe distances and safe resting areas for  
22 those commercial drivers. So what we're doing is reprioritizing  
23 the funding that we have available to move this project into  
24 this year, and have advertised it under emergency procurement or  
25 accelerated procurement option.

1                   So as you said, PPAC Items 1A and 1B are projects  
2 that are still being developed. They're going to be  
3 reprogrammed or reprioritized later when funding is going to be  
4 identified. Greg's team is reprioritizing the whole program  
5 given the funding situation we're at now, but in order to create  
6 the revenue, as you said, the funds to do the park -- truck  
7 parking project, we have to move those projects out. So those  
8 funds then create the money for the truck parking project so we  
9 can get that accelerated and get that underway as soon as  
10 possible, and then those projects will get reprogrammed at  
11 another year in the future when we can find the funding.

12                   So this is really a reprioritization to address a  
13 critical need, which is the truck parking, by deferring some  
14 projects that we feel are less priority. They're still a  
15 priority that need to get addressed, but they're less priority  
16 than the truck parking at the Haviland rest area. So we're  
17 deferring those prongs to generate the funds to move forward  
18 with the construction of the parking, which will obviously be --  
19 create the new project 1C, and then award the project, which we  
20 did through an emergency accelerated procurement bidding process  
21 that we'll then get to award, and Steve will present that under  
22 Item 2. So that's really the purpose of this meeting.

23                   MR. BYRES: Correct. One of --

24                   MR. ELTERS: Mr. Chair.

25                   MR. BYRES: Oh, go ahead.

1 MR. ELTERS: Chairman, this is --

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead, Board Member Elters.

3 MR. ELTERS: This is Board Member Elters.

4 Following up on Board Member Knight's question, and I understand  
5 the relationship between those two projects being deferred and  
6 the Haviland rest area being accelerated. My question is the  
7 total dollar amount for the two projects is about eight and a  
8 half million dollars, roughly. The project cost for -- to defer  
9 the bridge on I-40 is approximately six and a half million.  
10 Isn't that the -- all three bids and the apparent low bidder is  
11 well below the State estimate. It appears to me that it can be  
12 funded with the deferral of the bridge project on I-40. So my  
13 question is: Is there a need to defer both of them at this  
14 time? Is it more of a technical reason than otherwise, or is  
15 the funding needed for this purpose?

16 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, Board Member Elters,  
17 these two projects were not selected at random. These two  
18 projects have high risk of making it within the 2020 budget  
19 year, fiscal year. So that's the reason that these two projects  
20 were selected. So it's -- it is a means of priority, but we  
21 didn't just do this at random. These two projects are probably  
22 not going to make it in 2020. So moving them out now allows for  
23 that contingency to come up high enough to support the Haviland  
24 project.

25 MR. ELTERS: Okay. That's understood, and that's

1 what I meant by any technical reasons to defer, and so thank  
2 you. That answers my question.

3 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
4 Knight. I have one last question.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Board Member Knight.

6 MR. KNIGHT: Thank you. Greg and Floyd,  
7 (indiscernible) --

8 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Can somebody mute their phone,  
9 please? There's background noise.

10 MR. KNIGHT: -- CARES Act for infrastructure, and  
11 it seems like this rest stop project in the Kingman area would  
12 qualify for -- certainly it's brought about from the COVID-19  
13 pandemic. It's the direct -- directly related to that. Has any  
14 thought been given to applying for federal -- some of the  
15 federal infrastructure funds that are available using COVID-19  
16 as the causation?

17 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, Board Member Knight,  
18 we have been looking at the possibility of any kind of grant  
19 money that has come forth through the CARES Act. We're still  
20 combing through to see if -- what the applicability is of trying  
21 to do that. So yes, there's a possibility of it, but we have to  
22 make sure that, in fact, it does the -- what we're going to  
23 apply the money for is reasonable and acceptable for any of  
24 those that have come through in the CARES Act. So we're in the  
25 process of doing that now.

1 MR. ROEHRICH: Hold on. Okay. Mr. Chair,  
2 Mr. Knight --

3 MR. KNIGHT: I understand that, and I thought  
4 that was (indiscernible) --

5 MR. ROEHRICH: You've got to award this thing  
6 today.

7 MR. KNIGHT: So if --

8 MR. ROEHRICH: I don't care.

9 MR. KNIGHT: -- we go ahead and fund this rest  
10 stop, and later on you find that it does qualify for some of  
11 those federal -- for the federal funding, would we still be able  
12 to be reimbursed for the money we spent on that rest area and  
13 get that money back from the feds?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair, Mr. Knight, this  
15 project is federally eligible, and it is going to use federal  
16 aid. It's the current federal aid that we have. Any  
17 infrastructure funds that come from the CARES Act or from any  
18 other funding that the Legislature might provide, that will have  
19 to be applied to other projects, because this will already have  
20 been funded, and we'll move forward with the contract and award  
21 it today.

22 What will help us do is projects that are either  
23 having to be deferred or projects that we're seeing what the  
24 funding shortfall we have, any funds that we get in the  
25 future -- which right now we don't know what those are yet --

1 any funds in the future could apply for that.

2 But I think -- I want to be clear. We're making  
3 the funds available out of the program today, which is federal  
4 as well. So we only have our match to it. And that moves this  
5 project forward, which is a priority for us, and then any  
6 future --

7 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Floyd.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: -- of the structure funds, we  
9 could apply to any other projects or any other need. Is that  
10 the Director --

11 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Floyd.

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Is that the Director? Yes, sir.

13 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Floyd, Mr. -- yeah. Floyd,  
14 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Knight, we've looked at the CARES Act that  
15 we've seen so far, and I would say that most of that money in  
16 the initial CARES Act is for transit, which we are passing  
17 through as the locals need that. So I haven't seen things in  
18 the CARES Act for horizontal infrastructure at this point.  
19 There may be, but so far our study of that bill hasn't revealed  
20 any.

21 Right now, we are in discussions with FHWA and  
22 USDOT what future federal funding may look like. But quite  
23 honestly, they don't know at this point. There's lots of  
24 unanswered questions as to the State's appropriations from the  
25 Highway Trust Fund, grants, matching funds. All of these issues

1 are up in the air.

2 And I will say that as we move forward, if we  
3 find that these projects are reimbursable from federal funds, we  
4 will obtain that reimbursement. But right now they just don't  
5 know, and Congress is trying to debate the next phase of federal  
6 funding for infrastructure. And so far I would say that  
7 probably the Congressional debate is not going well.

8 However, many groups such as the Associated  
9 General Contractors, ADOT, others are working with our  
10 policymakers to start talking about how federal funds can be  
11 more efficiently applied to the states, and that might include  
12 reducing grant matches. It might include reducing the silos or  
13 at least relaxing them between funding sources. The fed -- so  
14 there's a lot going on right now.

15 In the meantime, we have a safety problem with  
16 these trucks that are trying to haul cargo for COVID-19  
17 purposes, and we need this Haviland rest stop so that they can  
18 sleep. We just had a rollover in Yuma, in Dome Valley, as I  
19 know of, in the last day or two. The truck driver fell asleep  
20 at the wheel and rolled his truck.

21 So at this point, we need to fund the rest area.  
22 These other two projects are going to go into some sort of  
23 deferral status, but as we heard at the last board meeting,  
24 (indiscernible) are up in the air right now. So we will do  
25 everything we can to ensure that we get federal reimbursement

1 (indiscernible). The feds aren't ready to discuss how that's  
2 going to happen yet.

3 MR. ROEHRICH: Please mute your dog.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you very much, Director.

5 Additional questions from other board members?

6 Okay. I'd entertain a motion to approve Items 1A and 1B if the  
7 Board desires.

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

9 MR. KNIGHT: Second. Board Member Knight.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion by  
11 Board Member Elters, a second by Board Member Knight to approve  
12 the PPAC project modifications Items 1A and 1B.

13 Floyd, do you want to call for a roll call vote  
14 here?

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. I think we should do a  
16 roll call vote since we're -- it will be tough for us to get all  
17 the ayes. So why don't I go with Vice Chair Stratton.

18 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

20 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

22 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

24 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

1 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: And Chair Hammond, we have an  
3 approval if you want to vote.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: So that passes. That passes.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. (Indiscernible) Any  
7 opposed?

8 Did I move too quickly there for you, Floyd?

9 MR. ROEHRICH: No. You did perfect. We're on to  
10 Item C.

11 Please mute your phone, for the members of the  
12 public who are participating.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hello, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Yes.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Is there public speaking?

16 MR. ROEHRICH: So to the board members --

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: (Indiscernible.)

18 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Correct. There was no  
19 public speaking. No call to the audience agendaed. The Board  
20 was going to do a short meeting to create and award this  
21 emergency project as the Board chair identified, and that was  
22 it. The next public meeting for the Board will be May 15th, and  
23 that will have the full call to the audience with public  
24 participation. This was for public to observe and the Board to  
25 finish their business.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Then moving to item --  
2 PPAC new project 1C. Greg. (Indiscernible.)

3 MR. BYRES: Mr. Chairman -- yeah. Mr. Chairman,  
4 Board members, this Item 1C is a new project, and again,  
5 Priority Planning Advisory Committee brings this forth with a  
6 recommendation for approval.

7 MR. KNIGHT: Mr. Chair, this is Board Member  
8 Knight. Move to approve.

9 MS. DANIELS: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from  
11 Board Member Knight and a second from Board Member  
12 (indiscernible).

13 MR. ROEHRICH: It's Board Member Daniels. Yes,  
14 sir.

15 MS. DANIELS: Board Member (indiscernible).  
16 Perfect.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Any discussion?  
18 There's no discussion? Okay. Floyd, would you like to call  
19 roll call.

20 MR. ROEHRICH: So we'll start with Vice Chair  
21 Stratton.

22 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

23 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

24 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

1 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

2 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

3 MR. SEARLE: Aye. I would like a little  
4 explanation of the project, though, if we could.

5 MR. BYRES: So --

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay.

7 MR. SEARLE: Mainly the scope and the time frame.

8 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, Board --

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: If it's an approval, we can  
10 finish the voting and ask that the question be answered. Would  
11 that be appropriate, Floyd?

12 MR. ROEHRICH: Yes, sir. Why don't we do that  
13 since Mr. Searle did say aye? Let's finish the vote, and then  
14 we can expand the discussion.

15 So we're at Ms. Daniels.

16 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: And then Chair Hammond.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

19 Okay. And then a little discussion for Board  
20 Member Searle.

21 MR. BYRES: So Mr. Chairman, the Haviland  
22 expansion of their truck parking project, what you're going to  
23 see in the next item of the agenda, this was brought forward in  
24 both our freight study as well as our truck parking study. It  
25 was a high priority project. One of the big things is in the --

1 just the past few weeks, we've seen a major increase in truck  
2 parking along the ramps in that area, as well as it's full on a  
3 daily basis. So this is a very high priority project to get it  
4 going. The funding for design was already approved. So this is  
5 the funding for construction. And again, you're going to see  
6 this in the next item in the agenda.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: So (indiscernible) if there's  
8 additional explanation (indiscernible) Board Member Searle and  
9 the rest of the Board members additional questions. So let's  
10 move to Item 2, construction contracts.

11 MR. ROEHRICH: So with that, Mr. Chair, Item 2 is  
12 going to be presented by Steve Boschen. Dallas has another  
13 commitment.

14 Steve, can you hear me and are you unmuted?  
15 Steve, are you there?

16 MR. BOSCHEN: How about now, Floyd?

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Steve, we can hear you. You're  
18 unmuted now. So can everybody see the screen? I've got Item 2  
19 starting up, which shows the construction summary.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: So Steve, if you want to start,  
22 please. Steve, you're not coming across if you -- you were  
23 unmuted before. We could hear you before. Are you still there?

24 MR. BOSCHEN: How about now, Floyd?

25 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. We hear you now. Go ahead.

1 MR. BOSCHEN: Board member and members of the  
2 Board -- or Chairman and members of the Board, this is a really  
3 important contract for us. So thank you for hearing this today.

4 The State's estimate was 5 million, and we're  
5 going to go through the rest of it, but you can see to board  
6 that we are running at the pretty good clip. This was under.

7 So next slide, please. Lynn, can you move to the  
8 next slide?

9 MR. ROEHRICH: Yeah. We're getting there. We're  
10 getting there.

11 MR. BOSCHEN: There we go.

12 So this is the why, and I think you've heard  
13 about it. This was a picture taken about a week and a half ago.  
14 All of this parking is on the shoulders, and unfortunately, they  
15 also decide to park on I-40, meaning they park on the shoulders  
16 of I-40. This is a huge safety concern. So that's why we're  
17 addressing this today.

18 Next slide, please.

19 So some specifics. So the truck parking at  
20 Haviland, the existing parking in both the eastbound and  
21 westbound directions is a small amount. It's only seven parking  
22 stalls for trucks in each direction. The new for the eastbound,  
23 and that was the picture you saw before, we will be adding 22.  
24 So that's an increase of 300 percent, for a total of 29. The  
25 westbound, we will have 15 additional. So that will be a total

1 of 22. Almost a 200 percent increase. So quite a bit more  
2 capacity.

3           Again, the State's estimate was 5 million. We  
4 did receive a low bid of 3.9. The major reason is we  
5 overestimated how much it would cost to do the concrete paving  
6 just because of the speed that we asked for the bids. There was  
7 a question about schedule earlier. We are anticipating  
8 construction to start next week, and the target that was bid was  
9 opening by June 7th for substantial completion. That means that  
10 some of the (indiscernible) might need done, but we can open it  
11 to trucks. So a fairly quick time frame.

12           Chairman and Board members, we recommend award to  
13 the contractor, Fann Contracting. And I'll be happy to answer  
14 any questions.

15           MR. SEARLE: All right. We see a low bid of --  
16 Chairman Hammond, this is Searle. So we have a little bid of  
17 3.9 million. We had an estimate of 8. Where's the difference?

18           MR. ROEHRICH: Steve, could you answer that?

19           MR. BOSCHEN: Sorry, Floyd. Yeah. I've got to  
20 take myself off of mute.

21           Chairman and Board Member Searle, the difference  
22 there was the 8 million was a very conservative amount that we  
23 put into the program. Our actual estimate was 5 million. And  
24 yes, we did receive a low bid of 3.9. So it is overprogrammed,  
25 and obviously, it also came in under our State's estimate.

1 MR. SEARLE: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Unless the money goes back  
3 into the system to be reprogrammed in our five-year plan. Am I  
4 correct there, Floyd or Steve?

5 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chair, that is correct.

6 MR. BOSCHEN: (Indiscernible.) Chairman Hammond,  
7 that is correct. I do want to note that we are acting on two  
8 rest areas. This is one of them. The other one is on the other  
9 side of the state, and that is called Meteor Crater. That was  
10 also identified in the freight study. We are moving forward  
11 with that one, also, albeit with a different path. We actually  
12 had a contractor on board out there, and we will be proceeding  
13 with that one with a change order. So a different contracting  
14 method.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: That will come up at the next  
16 board meeting (indiscernible)?

17 MR. BOSCHEN: It actually will not make you aware  
18 of that, Chairman Hammond, because that's a change order, but it  
19 is a large change order. So we do need to make everyone aware  
20 of it.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: So Mr. Chair and board members, I  
22 want to make sure this is clear. The Meteor Crater was a  
23 project the Board had already awarded previously, but we were  
24 able to add some additional work to that by negotiating a change  
25 order to an existing contract to expand that parking. That will

1 not come back to the Board. That will be handled  
2 administratively by the Department. This is a new project  
3 that --

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay.

5 MR. ROEHRICH: -- we are asking the Board to  
6 award on this quick time frame, as we've already discussed.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Understood.

8 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Mr. Chairman, this is  
9 Steve.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Go ahead.

11 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: This is Steve Stratton.

12 Steve Boschen, are we having the same problem on  
13 I-10 anywhere? Floyd?

14 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Stratton, yeah.  
15 We're seeing an increase of commercial traffic on all our  
16 corridors, and you know, we are going to be looking at -- at  
17 other opportunities. We've also reached out to other entities,  
18 through the Arizona Commerce Authority, through -- I don't  
19 know -- the Governor's office, as well as trucking association,  
20 to look for other opportunities that trucks could park off of  
21 the roadway as well. Are there large parking lots? So there is  
22 a concerted effort to find additional parking and for ADOT to  
23 create additional parking where it can. So this will continue  
24 to be an issue that we will be working at as we evaluate or  
25 program and getting projects ready. So I can see us doing more

1 of these projects in the future.

2 DIRECTOR HALIKOWSKI: Floyd, Mr. Chairman,  
3 Mr. Stratton, this is the Director.

4 I think it's important to note that even before  
5 the COVID-19 crisis struck, freight studies were showing by 2040  
6 a 35 percent increase in freight moving through the state. So  
7 we knew and have known for some time that we need to make sure  
8 we have enough safety rest area capacity. They'd why we've been  
9 working with the Arizona Trucking Association and their research  
10 arm, ATRI, to do the study Steve was talking about, figure out  
11 where to strategically best place safety areas and what we need  
12 to do with the existing ones.

13 These studies are also being taken part of with  
14 other states such as Texas, New Mexico and California, as part  
15 of the I-10 corridor coalition study that ADOT got going. So  
16 it's not just the safety rest areas. It's also the accompanying  
17 technology that the freight companies will need in the future to  
18 know where parking's available, road conditions, et cetera. So  
19 I just want to be clear. This is not just COVID-19. We're  
20 seeing COVID-19 exacerbate the symptoms as we see more freight  
21 on the road trying to deliver critical supplies. So it's a  
22 combination of things that have been going on and that are now  
23 occurring as a result of the crisis. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thank you, Director.

25 Are there other questions? If not, I'd entertain

1 a motion.

2 MR. KNIGHT: Chair, this is Board Member  
3 Knight. I move to approve Item 2A (indiscernible).

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Do we have a second?

5 MR. ELTERS: I second that motion.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. We have a motion from  
7 Board Member Knight, a second from Board Member Elters to  
8 award the contract to Fann Constructions under Item 2A.

9 Floyd, would you like to call for the vote?

10 MR. ROEHRICH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll  
11 start with Vice Chair Stratton.

12 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: Aye.

13 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Elters.

14 MR. ELTERS: Aye.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Knight.

16 MR. KNIGHT: Aye.

17 MR. ROEHRICH: Mr. Searle.

18 MR. SEARLE: Aye.

19 MR. ROEHRICH: Ms. Daniels.

20 MS. DANIELS: Aye.

21 MR. ROEHRICH: Chair Hammond.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Aye.

23 Board members, that's the agenda. Is there any  
24 other items the Board wishes to discuss?

25 Okay. I would entertain a motion to adjourn

1 the board meeting (indiscernible).

2 VICE CHAIR STRATTON: So moved.

3 MR. KNIGHT: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Okay. Approved by Board  
5 Member Stratton, and second by Board Member -- was that  
6 Searle?

7 MR. KNIGHT: Knight.

8 MR. ROEHRICH: It was Board Member Knight, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Board Member Knight.  
10 Okay. Do we need a roll call on that?

11 MR. ROEHRICH: No. You can just say let's  
12 adjourn. I think it's unanimous.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Thanks a lot. I appreciate  
14 you time.

15 MR. ROEHRICH: Everybody be safe, please, and  
16 thank you so much for your time.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMMOND: Bye-bye.

18 (End of recording.)

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