

**MINUTES
OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
9:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2002
Town of Buckeye Council Chambers
100 North Apache
Buckeye, Arizona 85326**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2002, with Chairperson Dusenberry presiding. Other Board members present included: Vice Chairperson Ingo Radicke, Rusty Gant, Dick Hileman, Bill Jeffers, Joe Lane and Jim Martin. Also present were Director Victor Mendez, Debra Brisk, Deputy Director; Dick Wright, State Engineer; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Gary Adams, Assistant Director, Aeronautics Division; Mary Lynn Tischer, Director, Planning Division and Ron Aschenbach, Attorney General's Office. There were approximately 50 people in the audience.

OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE

Chairperson Dusenberry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. She thanked the Town of Buckeye for their hospitality Thursday night and introduced dignitaries in the audience.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Lonny Carmichael, Palo Verde land owner, said no one from ADOT has contacted him or his three brothers concerning their land which runs along the frontage of Highway 85. He said people have been assessing the historical significance of a house on the property. He expressed concern about the workers and crops they have located on the property. He stated it would be inconsiderate for the state to take his property without first considering the emotional ties he and his family may have to the land. He questioned how their concerns could be addressed when construction is scheduled to begin in July.

Sharon Hinkle, DSD Properties, Ltd., explained she, her sister and brother own property between the canal and the railroad track. She asked for assurances that they would continue to have access to their property from the frontage road.

Debbie Sanders, Buckeye resident, acknowledged that work needs to be done on Highway 85 to make it safer. She stated they have done what they can to obtain information concerning the project. She said Mike Turner contacted her just before Christmas to set up an appointment to appraise her property, at which time she asked to delay the appraisal until after the holidays. She explained they had a fire in their home on December 26, damaging their home and making it necessary to vacate the home for 48 days. She said Mr. Turner called again in mid-January requesting to come and appraise the property. She stated she asked Mr. Turner to wait until she

had a chance to repair the damage. She stressed that she was never told they would do a drive by appraisal of the property. She noted she has a beauty shop and a farm headquarters on her property as well as her residence. She expressed her opinion it was unfair for the appraiser to use values for properties ten miles away from her property. She stated she was not given fair warning by the state.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 55 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and put on the regular agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Victor Mendez reported he was in Las Vegas earlier in the week with the Western DOT Directors to discuss strategies and issues that effect the western states. He said all of the states appear to be in the same situation in terms of budget issues and most, except California, appear to be taking significant budget reductions at both the state and federal level. He said their position will be to continue to push for a minimum of \$27.7 billion and to leave the door open to negotiate for up to \$32 billion. He noted the Western Area Governor's Association requested their assistance in crafting their position for the reauthorization. He reported a meeting will be held with WGA staff members in early April to begin the input phase.

Mr. Mendez stated they still need \$108 million to complete the funding package for the Hoover Dam bypass project. He said he sent letters to Congressman Colby, Kyle, Pastor and Stump asking them to carefully consider the issue.

Mr. Mendez reported a 511 Conference will be held in Scottsdale next week, explaining 511 is the new nationwide traveler information system. He said people will be able to obtain information concerning road conditions, weather, closures, delays, traffic updates and public transit.

Chairperson Dusenberry pointed out callers have to know the name of the road or highway as well as major cross streets and/or milepost numbers. She suggested the system also reference geographical names and landmarks.

Legislative Report

Mr. Kevin Beisty provided copies of the letters sent to Senator Kyle and Congressman Stump. He also passed out copies of an email he sent out yesterday.

Mr. Biesty reported negotiations at the State Legislature concerning the budget fell apart because of a disagreement over \$2.5 million in tobacco tax monies. He said the bill is at the Governor's office. He stated the Senate began their hearing schedule again and the House will start on Monday.

Mr. Biesty stated they are currently awaiting a vote in the House and Senate on ADOT's bond bill. He said, ideally, they will read and vote on the bill in the House on Monday and transfer it to the Senate for their review and vote on Tuesday or Wednesday. He said the bill will then be sent to the Governor and hopefully concluded by next week.

Mr. Biesty stated he, Director Mendez, Mr. Wright and others met with Representatives Cooley and Nelson regarding soundwall issues. He said two competing amendments would have drastically altered how the department handles noise mitigation and would have been very detrimental. He said Representatives Cooley and Nelson ultimately withdrew the amendments. He said the Eminent Domain bill is still being considered and the House will likely vote on the Board Expansion bill early next week. He said the Light Rail Safety Oversight bill is awaiting discussion in the Senate and the Data Collection bill will be heard in House Transportation on Monday.

With regard to federal issues, Mr. Biesty stated he sat through briefings with staff members, but did not get clear information concerning RABA. He said three bills have been introduced, two of which keep things at the TEA 21 level. He explained the third bill, introduced by Chairman Young of the Appropriations Committee, basically declares the RABA mechanism null and void.

Mr. Mendez noted they met with the Transportation Security Agency while Governor Hull met with Governor Rich and both now have a clear understanding of the Hoover Dam security issue.

Financial Report

Mr. John McGee reported January RARF results were lower than expected, with actual results being down .03 percent from January 2001. He reviewed the Maricopa Transportation Excise Tax report for January 2002, stating net collections totaled \$157.1 million. He said they are currently running 1.4 percent over last year and three percent under the forecast. He stated Retail Sales is the major area that continues to bring down growth, explaining total RARF has grown 1.4 percent, while Retail Sales have actually shrunk .02 percent for the first seven months of the year. He said Contracting has been the major area of strength, up 3.4 percent over last year and six percent over forecast.

With regard to HURF, Mr. McGee reported total collections of \$95.8 million, 3.1 percent over the same month last year and 6.3 percent over the forecast. He stated year-to-date HURF collections now total \$705.5 million, 4.3 percent over last year and 1.6 percent over the forecast. He noted every category, except Motor Carrier, is outperforming its forecast and last year. He explained Motor Carrier is behind the forecast and last year's results because of the one time \$3 million refund.

Mr. McGee reviewed the Cash Management/Investment Report for January 2002, stating the department earned \$2.541 million in interest income on an average invested balance of approximately \$810 million. He said this represents an average return of 4.17 percent. He stated, year-to-date, the department has earned \$21.5 million, representing a 4.81 percent average return.

Mr. McGee reported a HELP Fund cash balance of \$123,166,189 as of February 28, 2002. He said total loan draws for the month totaled \$4.3 million, which was offset by interest income and loan repayments totaling approximately \$700,000. He noted the figures do not reflect six loans he will bring before the Board for consideration under Agenda Items 37 through 42.

Financing Program

Mr. McGee stated they were successful in issuing \$74,250,000 of HURF refunding bonds to replace \$64.1 million in higher interest bonds issued in 1999 and \$6.9 million in bonds issued in 1992. He said the net present value savings on the 1999 bonds ended up being 4.15 percent and the true interest costs were 4.753 percent. He noted interest rates have risen 25 to 35 basis points since they did the pricing.

Appointment of Underwriters; Transportation Excise Tax Revenue Bonds (Maricopa County Regional Area Road Fund) 2002 Series A

Mr. McGee explained they are planning to issue a \$40 to \$100 million Regional Area Road Fund bond issuance and will most likely bring a Resolution to the Board at its April 19 meeting. He recommended approval of a Resolution appointing Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc., Salomon Smith Barney and UBS PaineWebber, Inc. as managing underwriters.

Board Action: A motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Radicke and seconded by Mr. Hileman:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION BOARD APPOINTING MANAGING UNDERWRITERS FOR ITS PLANNED ISSUANCE OF TRANSPORTATION EXCISE TAX REVENUE BONDS (MARICOPA COUNTY REGIONAL AREA ROAD FUND) 2002 SERIES A.

The Board hereby appoints the following firms to act as managing underwriters in connection with its planned issuance of Transportation Excise Tax Revenue Bonds (Maricopa County Regional Area Road Fund) 2002 Series A.

Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc.	Senior Manager	50%
Salomon Smith Barney	Co-Manager	25%
UBS PaineWebber Inc.	Co-Manager	25%

The Board reserves the right to make changes in the management team designated above, if it is deemed to be in the best interests of the state.

Dated this 15th day of March 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McGee noted they intend to be in a position to price this issue as early as the end of April, however, the actual timing of the pricing will be determined by a number of factors.

***Board Minutes**

Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2001

Board Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2002

***2002 BOARD MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

April 5, 2002	ADOT/MAG & CTOC Joint Public Hearing/Phoenix	11:00 a.m.
April 12, 2002	Public Hearing/Tucson	9:00 a.m.
April 19, 2002	Public Hearing & Board Meeting/Flagstaff	9:00 a.m.
May 17, 2002	Winslow	9:00 a.m.
June 21, 2002	Sierra Vista	9:00 a.m.
July 19, 2002	Eagar	9:00 a.m.
August 16, 2002	Safford	9:00 a.m.
September 20, 2002	Nogales	9:00 a.m.
October 18, 2002	Apache Junction	9:00 a.m.
November 15, 2002	Yuma	9:00 a.m.
December 20, 2002	Tucson	9:00 a.m.

PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)

(Information, Discussion, Action as required)

ROUTE NO: SR 82 @ MP 5.50
COUNTY: Santa Cruz
SCHEDULE: FY 2003
SECTION: Santa Cruz River Bridge #1478
TYPE OF WORK: Bridge replacement
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,800,000 Funding Source: BR
PROJECT MANAGER: Tina Sisley
PROJECT: H466201C Item Number; 12602
REQUESTED ACTION: Reduce program amount by \$300,000 to \$2,500,000. Funds to be transferred to new project for right of way acquisition. **Funds return to the FY 2003 Highway Contingency Fund #72303.**
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,800,000

DECREASE AMOUNT: \$300,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,500,000

ROUTE NO: SR 82 @ MP 5.50
COUNTY: Santa Cruz
SCHEDULE: New Project
SECTION: Santa Cruz River Bridge #1478
TYPE OF WORK: Acquire right of way
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Dave Edwards
PROJECT: NA
REQUESTED ACTION: Add new project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction program in the amount \$300,000 for acquisition of right of way.
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$300,000

ROUTE NO: SR 82 @ MP 5.50
COUNTY: Santa Cruz
SCHEDULE: FY 2003
SECTION: Santa Cruz River Bridge #1478
TYPE OF WORK: Bridge replacement
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,500,000 Funding Source: BR
PROJECT MANAGER: Tina Sisley
PROJECT: H466201C Item Number; 12602
REQUESTED ACTION: Defer project to FY 2004 and increase program amount by \$2,200,000 to \$4,700,000 due to scope change from bridge widening to replacement, and addition of turn lane. See new funding sources below.
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,500,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$2,200,000
FY 04 Bridge Replacement Fund #76204 \$1,700,000
FY 04 District Minor #73304 \$500,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$4,700,000

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 11, 12 and 13 was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Radicke and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 256.00
COUNTY: Pima
SCHEDULE: FY 2003
SECTION: I-10; Mainline, Phase I
TYPE OF WORK: Construct mainline
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,500,000 Funding Source: IM
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Maucher

PROJECT: Item Number; 16503
REQUESTED ACTION: Delete project from the FY 2003 highway
Construction Program. **Funds return to the FY
2003 Highway Contingency Fund #72303.**

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 256.00
COUNTY: Pima
SCHEDULE: New Project
SECTION: Grant Road – Congress Street
TYPE OF WORK: Design mainline widening
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Funding Source: IM
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Maucher
PROJECT: NA

REQUESTED ACTION: Add new project to the FY 2003 Highway
Construction Program in the amount of \$5,500,000
for design of mainline widening. Project to be
advanced to FY 2002 on approval of HELP Loan.
**Funds available from FY 2003 Highway
Contingency Fund #72303.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,500,000

Board Action: A motion to approve items 14 and 15 was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded
by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously

ROUTE NO: SR 983
COUNTY: Pima
SCHEDULE: New Project
SECTION: Houghton Road
TYPE OF WORK: Corridor Study
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Maucher
PROJECT: NA

REQUESTED ACTION: Add new project to the FY 2002 Highway
Construction Program in amount of \$1,500,000 for
corridor Master Plan and Environmental Review.
See Funding Sources Below:

PAG 12.6% Funds \$500,000
PAG 2.6% Funds \$1,000,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,500,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr.
Radicke, seconded by Mr. Jeffers and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 226.00
COUNTY: Pinal

SCHEDULE: FY 2002
 SECTION: US 60 / SR 177 Traffic Intechange
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct TI improvements
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,300,000 Funding Source: STP
 PROJECT MANAGER: Vicki Bever
 PROJECT: H463901C Item Number; 17202
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,000,000 to \$2,300,000 due to scope changes to add retaining wall, noise wall and increase project length.
See funding sources below:

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,300,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$1,000,000
FY 02 Highway Contingency Fund #72302	\$300,000
FY 02 District Minor Fund #73302	\$200,000
FY 02 Pavement Preservation Fund #72502	\$500,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,300,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr Radicke, seconded by Mr. Jeffers and passed unanimously

ROUTE NO: US 70 @ MP 253.00
 COUNTY: Gila
 SCHEDULE: New Project
 SECTION: Jct. US 70 / SR 77
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct roadway lighting
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
 PROJECT MANAGER: Vicki Bever
 PROJECT: H530701C JPA # 00-140 / 11-9-2000
 REQUESTED ACTION: Add new project to the FY 2002 Highway construction Program in amount of \$207,000.
Funds available from FY 2002 District Minor Fund #73302.
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$207,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr Radicke, seconded by Mr. Jeffers and passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed for a short break, reconvening at 10:30 a.m..

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 212.17
 COUNTY: Pinal
 SCHEDULE: FY 2005
 SECTION: Florence Jct. - Gonzales Pass
 TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct roadway
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$15,000,000 Funding Source:

PROJECT MANAGER: Dave Edwards
PROJECT: H406301C Item Number; 12005
REQUESTED ACTION: Reduce program amount by \$4,000,000 to \$11,000,000. Funds to be used for right of way acquisition. **Funds return to the FY 2005 Highway Contingency Fund #72305.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$15,000,000
DECREASE AMOUNT: \$4,000,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$11,000,000

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 212.17
COUNTY: Pinal
SCHEDULE: New Project
SECTION: Florence Jct TI, US 60/SR 79
TYPE OF WORK: Acquire right of way
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Dave Edwards
PROJECT: NA
REQUESTED ACTION: Add new project to the FY 2005 Highway Construction Program in amount of \$4,000,000. Project will be advanced to FY 2002 contingent on approval of HELP loan. **Funds available from FY 2005 Highway Contingency Fund #72305.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$4,000,000

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 19 and 20 was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 280
COUNTY: Yuma
SCHEDULE: FY 2004
SECTION: I-8 to B-8, SR 280 (Ave 3E)
TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct roadway
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,000,000 Funding Source:
PROJECT MANAGER: Tamara Clarke
PROJECT: H604601C Item Number; 13504
REQUESTED ACTION: Reduce program amount by \$1,900,000 to \$100,000. Funds to be transferred to H468101C, I-8 Ave 3E (SR 280) Traffic Interchange. **Funds return to the FY 2004 Highway Contingency Fund #72304.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,000,000
DECREASE AMOUNT: \$1,900,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$100,000

ROUTE NO: I-8 @ MP 0.40
 COUNTY: Yuma
 SCHEDULE: FY 2004
 SECTION: Ave 3E TI (SR 280)
 TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct Traffic Interchange
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$8,000,000 Funding Source:
 PROJECT MANAGER: Tamara Clarke
 PROJECT: H468101C Item Number; 10004
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,900,000 to \$9,900,000. Project will be advanced to FY 2002 contingent on HELP loan approval. **Funds available from FY 2004 Highway Contingency Fund #72304.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$8,000,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$1,900,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$9,900,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 191 @ MP 318.00
 COUNTY: Apache
 SCHEDULE: FY 2003
 SECTION: Landfill Road – Standard Parallel
 TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,361,000 Funding Source: STP
 PROJECT MANAGER: James Reeves
 PROJECT: H557101C Item Number; 21003
 REQUESTED ACTION: Defer project from FY 2003 to FY 2004 due to program funding adjustments. **Funds return to the FY 2003 Pavement Preservation Fund #72503. New funds available from FY 2004 Pavement Preservation Fund #72504.**

ROUTE NO: SR 64 @ MP 276.00
 COUNTY: Coconino
 SCHEDULE: FY 2003
 SECTION: Grand Canyon – Open Vista
 TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$3,407,000 Funding Source: STP
 PROJECT MANAGER: Bill Lyons
 PROJECT: H555801C Item Number; 19703
 REQUESTED ACTION: Defer project from FY 2003 to FY 2004 due to program funding adjustments. **Funds return to the FY 2003 Pavement Preservation Fund #72503.**

New funds available from FY 2004 Pavement Preservation Fund #72504.

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 89 A @ MP 351.20
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2003
SECTION: Cottonwood, Blackhills Dr. - Jct. SR 260
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,209,000 Funding Source: STP
PROJECT MANAGER: Mazen Muradvich
PROJECT: H556401C Item Number; 20203
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$315,365 to \$1,524,365 due to estimate update. **Funds available from FY 2003 Pavement Preservation Fund #72503.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,209,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$315,365
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,524,365

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: I-17 @ MP 200.90
COUNTY: Maricopa
SCHEDULE: New Project
SECTION: Thomas Rd. – McDowell Rd., SB
TYPE OF WORK: Minor widening and striping
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
PROJECT MANAGER: Rich DeBoer
PROJECT: H600101C
REQUESTED ACTION: Add new District Minor project to the FY 2002 Highway Construction Program in amount of \$350,000. **Funds available from FY 2002 District Minor Fund #73302.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$350,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded by Mr. Jeffers and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 257.30
COUNTY: Pima
SCHEDULE: FY 2002

SECTION: Santa Cruz River, Ft. Lowell Road - Grant Road
 TYPE OF WORK: Soil cement; bank stabilization
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
 PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Maucher
 PROJECT: H313503C
 REQUESTED ACTION: Add a new District Minor project to the FY 2002 Highway Construction Program in a amount of \$400,000 for payment to Pima County Flood Control District (PCFCD) per JPA 95-86. PCFCD is constructing the bank stabilization project. Total Cost of Project is \$2,900,000. **Funds available from FY 2002 District Minor Fund #73302.**
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$400,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 260 @ MP 350.00
 COUNTY: Navajo
 SCHEDULE: New Project
 SECTION: Porter Mountain Road
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct traffic signal and right turn lane
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project
 PROJECT MANAGER: Talal Kamal
 PROJECT: HX12201C
 REQUESTED ACTION: Add new traffic signal project to the FY 2002 Highway construction Program in the amount of \$360,000. **See funding sources below.**

FY 02 Traffic Engineering Fund #71202	\$115,000
FY 02 District Minor Fund #73302	\$200,000
Town of Pinetop-Lakeside	\$45,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$360,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Radicke and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 89 @ MP 286.04
 COUNTY: Yavapai
 SCHEDULE: FY 2002
 SECTION: Peoples Valley – Kirkland Jct., Phase A
 TYPE OF WORK: Extend Box Culverts, Flatten Slopes and Construct Bridge Barrier
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$557,000 Funding Source: State
 PROJECT MANAGER: John Melanson
 PROJECT: H549901C Item Number; 26502

REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$254,000 to \$811,000 due to 95% plan update. **See funding sources below.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$557,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$254,000
FY 02 Bridge Funds #71402	\$82,000
FY 02 District Minor Fund #73302	\$172,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$811,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 86 @ MP 91.60
COUNTY: Pima
SCHEDULE: FY 2002
SECTION: Covered Wells
TYPE OF WORK: Minor roadway realignment and drainage structure replacement

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,700,000 Funding Source: STP
PROJECT MANAGER: Robert Mickelson
PROJECT: H424001C Item Number; 22400
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$463,000 to \$2,163,000 due to quantity revisions from the final PA estimates. **Funds available from FY 2002 Highway Contingency Fund #72302.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,700,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$463,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,163,000

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded by Mr. Jeffers and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 95 @ MP 143.00
COUNTY: La Paz
SCHEDULE: FY 2004
SECTION: Parker – Lakeside
TYPE OF WORK: Design roadway

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$500,000 Funding Source: State
PROJECT MANAGER: Mike Bruder
PROJECT: H511801D Item Number; 15504
REQUESTED ACTION: Advance project from FY 2004 to FY 2002. Advancement contingent on HELP loan approval.

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Radicke and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 89 @ MP 312.00
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2004
SECTION: SR 89 / SR 69 Traffic Interchange
TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct traffic interchange
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$14,300,000 Funding Source: State
PROJECT MANAGER: John Sterner
PROJECT: H395701C Item Number; 12604
REQUESTED ACTION: Reduce program amount by \$3,143,000 to \$11,157,000. **Funds to be transferred to program item #12704, SR 89 A Glassford Section Hill Ph II, via FY 2004 Highway Contingency Fund #72304.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$14,300,000
DECREASE AMOUNT: \$3,143,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$11,157,000

ROUTE NO: SR 89 A @ MP 321.00
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2004
SECTION: Glassford Hill Section, Ph. II
TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct roadway
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$3,500,000 Funding Source: State
PROJECT MANAGER: John Sterner
PROJECT: H520802C Item Number; 12704
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$3,143,000 to \$6,643,000. **Funds to be transferred from program item #12604, SR89/SR69 Traffic Interchange, via FY 2004 Highway Contingency Fund #72304.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$3,500,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$3,143,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$6,643,000

ROUTE NO: SR 89 A @ MP 321.00
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2003
SECTION: Glassford Hill Section
TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruct roadway
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$7,212,000 Funding Source: State
PROJECT MANAGER: John Sterner
PROJECT: H520801C Item Number; 14803
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$11,389,000 to \$18,601,000. Project to be combined with item

12704, Glasford Hill Section Ph II., and advanced to
FY 2002 Contingent on approval of HELP loan.
See funding sources below.

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$7,212,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$11,389,000
Glasford Hill Section PH. II, H520802C, #12704	\$6,643,000
Yavapai County	\$4,746,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$18,601,000

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 32, 33 and 34 was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Jeffers and passed unanimously.

- * Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)
 - Minutes – January 31, 2002
 - Highway Program Monitoring Report.

- * Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) Meeting Schedule
Transportation Board Room
206 S. 17th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(Meetings are held on Thursday unless otherwise noted)
 - April 4, 2002 @ 1:30 PM
 - May 2, 2002 @ 1:30 PM
 - June 6, 2002 @ 1:30 PM
 - July 3, 2002 @ 1:30 PM – (Wednesday)
 - August 1, 2002 @ 1:30 PM
 - September 5, 2002 @ 1:30 PM
 - October 3, 2002 @ 1:30 PM
 - October 31, 2002 @ 1:30 PM
 - December 5, 2002 @ 1:30 PM

HELP Loan

Mr. McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreements with, Yavapai County for the following construction project: SR 89A, Glasford Hill Section.

Board Action: A motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Jeffers and seconded by Mr. Radicke:

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A**

HIGHWAY EXTENSION AND EXPANSION LOAN APPLICATION FROM YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT.

The Board hereby accepts and approves the application for financial assistance from the Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program (HELP) as requested by Yavapai County, Arizona and as approved and recommended by the HELP Advisory Committee.

The Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to enter into a Loan Repayment Agreement relating to HELP Loan Number QYYV1S02U, Yavapai County, SR89A, Glassford Hill Project.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

HELP Loan

Mr. McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreement with, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the following construction project: SR 89A, Glassford Hill Section.

Board Action: A motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Radicke and seconded by Mr. Jeffers:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A HIGHWAY EXTENSION AND EXPANSION LOAN APPLICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT.

The Board hereby accepts and approves the application for financial assistance from the Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program (HELP) as requested by the Arizona Department of Transportation, and as approved and recommended by the HELP Advisory Committee.

The Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board and the Director of the Department to enter into a Loan Repayment Agreement relating to HELP Loan Number QDT14S02U, SR89A, Glassford Hill Project.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

HELP Loan

Mr. McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreement with, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the following construction project: SR95, Parker to Lakeside.

Board Action: A motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Jeffers and seconded by Mr. Hileman:

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A
HIGHWAY EXTENSION AND EXPANSION LOAN
APPLICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN
REPAYMENT AGREEMENT.**

The Board hereby accepts and approves the application for financial assistance from the Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program (HELP) as requested by the Arizona Department of Transportation, and as approved and recommended by the HELP Advisory Committee.

The Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to enter into a Loan Repayment Agreement relating to HELP Loan Number QDT15S02U, SR95, Parker-Lakeside Project.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

HELP Loan

Mr. McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreement with, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the following design project: I-10 Mainline Widening, Grant to Congress.

Board Action: A motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Radicke and seconded by Mr. Lane:

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A
HIGHWAY EXTENSION AND EXPANSION LOAN
APPLICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN
REPAYMENT AGREEMENT.**

The Board hereby accepts and approves the application for financial assistance from the Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program (HELP) as requested by the Arizona Department of Transportation and as approved and recommended by the HELP Advisory Committee.

The Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to enter into a Loan Repayment Agreement relating to HELP Loan Number QDT16P02U, I-10 Widening, Grant to Congress Project.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

HELP Loan

Mr. McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreement with, the Arizona Department of Transportation for the following construction project: Avenue 3E Traffic Interchange.

Board Action: A motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Hileman and seconded by Mr. Radicke:

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A
HIGHWAY EXTENSION AND EXPANSION LOAN
APPLICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN
REPAYMENT AGREEMENT.**

The Board hereby accepts and approves the application for financial assistance from the Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program (HELP) as requested by the Arizona Department of Transportation and as approved and recommended by the HELP Advisory Committee.

The Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to enter into a Loan Repayment Agreement relating to HELP Loan Number QDT17S02U, Yuma Avenue 3E Traffic Interchange Project.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

HELP Loan

Mr. McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreement with, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the following construction Project: US 60/SR 79 Traffic Interchange.

Board Action: A motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Radicke and seconded by Mr. Jeffers:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A HIGHWAY EXTENSION AND EXPANSION LOAN APPLICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT.

The Board hereby accepts and approves the application for financial assistance from the Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program (HELP) as requested by the Arizona Department of Transportation and as approved and recommended by the HELP Advisory Committee.

The Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to enter into a Loan Repayment Agreement relating to HELP Loan Number QDT18S02U, US60/SR79 Traffic Interchange Project.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

*	RES. NO:	2002-03-A-006
	PROJECT:	U-180-A-800 / 180CN215H410901R
	HIGHWAY:	FLAGSTAFF - VALLE

SECTION: Fine Ave. – Navajo Rd., Flagstaff
ROUTE NO.: U.S. Route 180
ENG. DIST: F
COUNTY: Coconino
RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way for
Widening improvements

* RES. NO.: 2002-03-A-007
PROJECT: F-053-1-624 / 087MA218H230602R
HIGHWAY: MESA - PAYSON
SECTION: Sunflower – M.P. 226
ROUTE NO.: State Route 87
ENG. DIST.: M / P
COUNTY: Maricopa / Gila
RECOMMENDATION: Establish state route as a state highway

* RES. NO.: 2002-03-A-008
PROJECT: S-080-A-800 / 080CH302H453501R
HIGHWAY: BENSON - DOUGLAS
SECTION: St. David – Clifford Wash
ROUTE NO.: State Route 80
ENG. DIST.: S
COUNTY: Cochise
RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way for
Drainage improvements

* RES. NO.: 2002-03-A-009
PROJECT: S-326-714 / 260YV218H386801R
HIGHWAY: COTTONWOOD-CAMP VERDE-
MOGALLON RIM
SECTION: I-17 – Camp Verde ECL
ROUTE NO.: State Route 260
ENG. DIST.: P
COUNTY: Yavapai
RECOMMENDATION: Establish state route as a state highway

STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT

- * Report on construction and projects completed in February, 2002.
- * Right of Way Acquisition Report for February, 2002.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Interstate, Non-Federal Aid

- * BIDS OPENED: February 28
HIGHWAY: YUMA BUSINESS ROUTE B8
SECTION: B8 at 10th Street, 12th Street, 14th Street
and Orange Avenue

COUNTY: Yuma
ROUTE NO: B-8
PROJECT: S-B08-A-501 08B YU 000 HX11001C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: C S Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 158,860.00

STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 162,100.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 3,240.00
% UNDER: 2%
NO. BIDDERS: 7
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: February 28
HIGHWAY: CORDES JUNCTION-FLAGSTAFF HIGHWAY (I-17)
SECTION: Willard Springs TI Overpass Northbound
(Structure #1583)
COUNTY: Coconino
ROUTE NO: I-17
PROJECT: I-017-B-501 017 CN 326 H592101C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: M A C Contracting Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 254,554.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 286,135.75
\$ UNDER: \$ 31,581.75
% UNDER: 11.0%
NO. BIDDERS: 7
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: February 22
HIGHWAY: CORDES JUNCTION – FLAGSTAFF HIGHWAY (I-17)
SECTION: I-17 Southbound, Milepost 245.2 to 249.8
COUNTY: Yavapai
ROUTE NO: I-17
PROJECT: I-017-A-504 017 YV 245 H602801C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Combs Construction Company, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 272,235.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 293,950.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 21,715.00
% UNDER: 7.4%
NO. BIDDERS: 4
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate, Non-Federal Aid

* BIDS OPENED: February 22
HIGHWAY: KINGMAN-SELIGMAN HIGHWAY (SR 66)
SECTION: SR 66, Milepost 62
COUNTY: Mohave
ROUTE NO: SR 66
PROJECT: S-066-A-505 066 MO 062 H598201C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Kiewit Western Co.
AMOUNT: \$ 594,863.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 542,850.00
\$OVER: \$ 52,013.00
% OVER: 9.6%
NO. BIDDERS: 4
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: February 28
HIGHWAY: STATE PARK OFF – SYSTEM (SR 82)
SECTION: Patagonia Lake State Park, Phase 2
COUNTY: Santa Cruz
ROUTE NO: SR 82
PROJECT: F-082-A-500 082 SC ASP H534301C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Dar-Hil Corporation
AMOUNT: \$ 843,787.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 995,000.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 151,213.00
% UNDER: 15.2%
NO. BIDDERS: 8
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Mr. Dick Wright explained they received a bid protest yesterday and are not prepared to make or hear arguments at this time. He recommended the item be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Board Action: A motion to table Item 53 until the April 19, 2002 Board meeting in Flagstaff was made by Mr. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Radicke and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED: February 28
HIGHWAY: MESA-PAYSON HIGHWAY (SR 87)
SECTION: Mazatzal Rest Area
COUNTY: Gila

ROUTE NO: SR 87
PROJECT: S-087-B-501 087 GI 235 H549601C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: T & T Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 63,577.50
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 77,046.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 13,468.50
% UNDER: 17.5%
NO. BIDDERS: 5
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded by Mr. Jeffers and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED: February 22
HIGHWAY: PRESCOTT-FLAGSTAFF HIGHWAY
SECTION: SR 89A @ Robert Road
COUNTY: Yavapai
ROUTE NO: SR 89A
PROJECT: S-89A-A-504 089 YV 323 HX11101C
FUNDING: 50% State 50% Town of Prescott Valley
LOW BIDDER: SPE Systems, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 116,920.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 133,040.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 16,120.00
% UNDER: 12.1%
NO. BIDDERS: 6
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

COMMENTS: The apparent low bidder at the bid opening was Trans Tech Electric, L.P. with a bid of \$113,180.00 which is 19,860.00 or 14.9% below the estimate. The second low bidder was SPE Systems, Inc. with a bid of \$116,920.00 or 12.1% under the estimate. Trans Tech Electric, L.P. holds an A-17 and L-11 License and SPE Systems, Inc. holds an A-General Engineering License. The Registrar of Contractors has determined that the scope of work required for this project is beyond that allowed under an A-17 or L-11 license. Therefore, staff recommends award to SPE Systems, Inc. who holds an appropriate license.

Mr. Wright presented this item, explaining Trans Tech Electric, LLP was the apparent low bidder, however, SPE Systems filed a protest questioning Trans Tech's licensing. He stated they requested an opinion from the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, who agreed with SPE that Trans

Tech did not have the correct license at the time of bidding. Mr. Wright recommended award be made to the second low bidder, SPE Systems.

Mr. Michael O'Bansky, Vice President, Trans Tech Electric said they feel the project is a traffic signal project, not a road widening or reconstruction project. He explained that over 93 percent of the project is electrical related, with less than \$8,000 of the \$113,000 project for non-electrical work. He stated a general contractor would not have the necessary experience and would have to subcontract the work out. He said they have been awarded and successfully completed many projects throughout the state. He asked the Board to reconsider awarding the project to SPE Systems, stating Trans Tech meets the requirements to complete the project.

In response to Mr. Radicke's question, Mr. O'Bansky explained Trans Tech has an A-17 (Electrical) license, while SBE Systems has an A (General Engineering) license.

Mr. Hileman asked Mr. O'Bansky if they have performed similar work for ADOT in the past under the same license. Mr. O'Bansky responded yes, explaining a majority of their work has been ITS and Freeway Management System work. He listed a number of jobs they have done for the state in the past, including a ramp meter project that included over 40,000 feet of striping. He noted they were recently awarded the Phase VII project on I-10, which has over 1,200 feet of curb and gutter. He stated they subcontract the curb and gutter work out.

Chairperson Dusenberry asked Mr. O'Bansky if it is their intent to subcontract the work out on this project. Mr. O'Bansky stated yes.

Mr. Ron Aschenbach, Assistant Attorney General, said staff's recommendation is well grounded in Arizona law and is an applicable and legal alternative resolution to this matter. He pointed out the bid documents specifically state that all bidders must have the appropriate license. He said, pursuant to A.R.S. §28-6293, the contract can only go to the lowest responsible bidder, as defined by the standard and specifications included as part of the bid documents. He noted Section 102.16 states that it is the bidder's responsibility to determine what license is needed and the bidder must have the license at the time bid documentation is submitted. He pointed out that, under A.R.S. §32-1103 and 1104, the Registrar of Contractors has the sole power and authority to issue licenses and to provide the administrative rules which indicate what type of work may be done by a specific contractor and specific license. He said, in this particular case, curb and gutter work cannot be done under Trans Tech's current license. He stated it would be unfair to other bidders to allow Trans Tech to bring in subcontractors subsequent to the bid opening. He stated staff's recommendation would be the legally viable option.

In response to Board member Martin's question, Mr. Aschenbach said he is not familiar with the specific circumstances of Trans Tech's prior contracts, however, Barry Crockett contacted the Registrar of Contractors who specifically stated curb and gutter work cannot be done under an Electrical license. He said it is possible Trans Tech got away with it in the past because no one contacted the Registrar of Contractors to determine if they were allowed.

A member asked if Trans Tech would be required to have a General Contractor's license before doing a subcontract. Mr. Aschenbach said he is not familiar with the provision, but offered to research the issue.

Mr. Hileman stated Trans Tech bid the project as it had on previous projects and performed quality work on past projects. He expressed his opinion, they should make an exception to allow Trans Tech to obtain the correct license. Mr. Aschenbach stated a past discrepancy does not excuse future discrepancies. He stated the Board is required to follow law, regardless of whether mistakes were made in the past. He noted there has been no indication of reasonable compliance that would allow Trans Tech to proceed contrary to the statutes and rules promulgated by the Registrar of Contractors.

Mr. Aschenbach confirmed for Chairperson Dusenberry that the Board does not have authority to make an exception to the statute. He said deviating from the standard specifications could set a precedent and cause problems in the future.

Mr. Jeffers asked if the projects previously awarded to Trans Tech were federally funded. Mr. Aschenbach stated he did not know. Mr. Jeffers asked if the Board would have been aware of the issue had a protest not been filed. Mr. Aschenbach stated they likely would not have known.

Mr. Mendez clarified that, while the Board can deviate from the specifications, it cannot deviate from a statute. He explained Trans Tech was awarded previous projects because the department was not aware of the licensing issue at that time.

Board Action: A motion to award the contract to SPE Systems was made by Mr. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED:	February 28
HIGHWAY:	SIERRA VISTA – BISBEE HIGHWAY (SR 92)
SECTION:	SR 92 @ St. Andrews Drive
COUNTY:	Cochise
ROUTE NO:	SR 92
PROJECT:	S-092-A-504 092 CH 323 HX07201C
FUNDING:	67% State 33% City of Sierra Vista
LOW BIDDER:	C S Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT:	\$ 76,072.00
STATE ESTIMATE:	\$ 129,350.00
\$ UNDER:	\$ 53,278.00
% UNDER:	41.2%
NO. BIDDERS:	1
RECOMMENDATION:	AWARD

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED: February 28
 HIGHWAY: AGUA FRIA FREEWAY
 SECTION: 67th to 59th Avenue
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 ROUTE NO: 101L
 PROJECT: S-101-A-502 101L MA 018 H598501C
 FUNDING: 59% State 41% City of Glendale
 LOW BIDDER: D B A Construction Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 388,555.00
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 488,800.50
 \$ UNDER: \$ 100,245.50
 % UNDER: 20.5%
 NO. BIDDERS: 5
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Gant, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED: January 31
 HIGHWAY: RED MOUNTAIN FREEWAY (SR 202)
 SECTION: Country Club Drive to Gilbert Road
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 ROUTE NO: SR 202
 PROJECT: RAM-202-A-502 202 MA 013 H492103C
 FUNDING: 93% State 7% City of Mesa
 LOW BIDDER: M. Anderson Construction Corp.
 AMOUNT: \$ 2,132,822.20
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 2,345,609.80
 \$ UNDER: \$ 212,787.60
 % UNDER: 9.1%
 NO. BIDDERS: 5
 RECOMMENDATION:

COMMENTS: State Engineer will provide update for discussion.

Mr. Wright presented this item, stating he sent a letter to Mesa requesting that they agree to take over the maintenance of the landscaping after the construction and establishment period. He said he will request an official response by the middle of next week. He said preliminary information indicates the Transportation Panel will recommend to the City Council that, unless the state agrees to modify all of their landscaping projects and ask everyone to share the burden, they will not agree. Mr. Wright stated, if that is the case, the project will die and the state will do some seeding and other activities to control erosions. He noted the City of Scottsdale has verbally agreed to take over the

maintenance on their upcoming landscaping projects. He recommended the Board table the item until the April 19 Board meeting. He said they will hold a telephonic Board meeting if Mesa agrees to take over the maintenance so that it can be awarded prior to the end of the 60 day period.

Board Action: A motion to table Item 58 until the April 19th Board meeting in Flagstaff was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Radicke and passed unanimously.

(Non-Interstate Federal-Aid ("P" projects do not need FHWA concurrence, but must comply with DBE regulations; other projects are subject to FHWA and/or local government concurrence and compliance with DBE regulations)

* BIDS OPENED: February 28
HIGHWAY: GLOBE-SHOW LOW HIGHWAY (US 60)
SECTION: Seneca – Becker Butte
COUNTY: Gila
ROUTE NO: US 60
PROJECT: STP-060-E(003)A 060 GI 286 H524901C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: LaFarge Corporation
AMOUNT: \$ 2,631,996.05
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 2,988,578.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 356,581.95
% UNDER: 11.9%
NO. BIDDERS: 6
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: February 28
HIGHWAY: ORTEGA LAKE-ST. JOHNS HIGHWAY (SR 61)
SECTION: Concho Lake - Blackridge
COUNTY: Apache
ROUTE NO: SR 61
PROJECT: STP-061-A(001)A 061 AP 367 H525101C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: LaFarge Corporation
AMOUNT: \$ 1,284,511.90
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,418,879.75
\$ UNDER: \$ 134,367.85
% UNDER: 9.5%
NO. BIDDERS: 11
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: February 28
HIGHWAY: CORDES JUNCTION-PRESCOTT HIGHWAY

SECTION: Walker Road – Heather Heights Road
SECTION: SR 69 @ Holiday Drive
COUNTY: Yavapai
ROUTE NO: SR 69
PROJECT: STP-069-A(1)P 069 YV 292 H525401C
STP-069-A-502 069 YV 294 HX10901C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
50% State 25% City of Prescott
25% Yavapai County

LOW BIDDER: Fann Contracting, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 1,264,716.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,402,065.15
\$ UNDER: \$ 137,349.15
% UNDER: 9.8%
NO. BIDDERS: 5
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: February 22
HIGHWAY: KAYENTA-UTAH STATE LINE (US 163)
SECTION: El Capitan Wash – Utah State Line
COUNTY: Navajo
ROUTE NO: US 163
PROJECT: STP-163-A(005)A 163 NA 406 H528501C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State

LOW BIDDER: FNF Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 1,949,247.36
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,824,849.00
\$ OVER: \$ 124,398.36
% OVER: 6.8%
NO. BIDDERS: 3
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Radicke, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

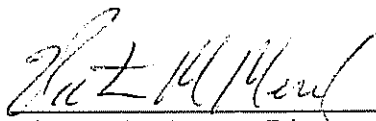
ADJOURN

Board Action: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hileman, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Katie Dusenberry, Chairperson
State Transportation Board



Victor M. Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.