

**MINUTES
OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
STUDY SESSION
9:30 A.M., Thursday, September 5, 2002
Arizona Department of Transportation
Board Room
206 South 17th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a study session at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 5, 2002, with Chairman Katie 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; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Dick Wright, State Engineer; and Dale Buskirk, Acting Director, Transportation Planning Division. There were approximately 20 people in the audience.

Chairperson Dusenberry called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“Draft” Board Policies

Chairperson Dusenberry reviewed the draft Transportation Board Policies and asked for Board members’ comments and questions.

A member suggested they add System Preservation to the list of Commitments. The Board agreed, recommending it be added as the fourth commitment.

The Board discussed the inclusion of “(whenever tribal boundaries are crossed)” in Item 1 under National and International Cooperative Planning Policy. The Board decided to remove the language.

It was recommended Policy 15 – Local Use of Rights-of-way for Bus PullOuts Policy be included as Item 3 under Policy 4 – Multi-modal Facilities Policy. The Board agreed.

With regard to Policy 11, Mr. Jeffers suggested they provide for Board approval of the plan ADOT develops and implements for each highway level of development.

Under Policy 16, it was decided the Board’s support of adequate staffing and cross training at Ports of Entries will be listed as a separate bulleted item. Additionally, “Motor Vehicle Division” in the second bulleted item was changed to “ADOT”.

In response to Mr. Jeffer’s concern with regard to Policy 17, the Board agreed to clarify the language in Item 1, indicating the policy refers to roadways that are functionally classified as local roads.

Upon Mr. Mendez's recommendation, the Board added a bullet item under Policy 19, stating the Board will advocate legislation that will support or increase transportation funding for the state.

With regard to the new Page 16, the Board discussed whether full scoping should be completed before a project can be included in the program. Ultimately, the Board felt it would be unrealistic to require full scoping, but that projects should be scoped as fully as possible to provide a better idea of the costs involved.

The Board elected to remove Item 3 under Policy 33 and add a new Item 4 indicating the Board's desire to maintain the state's bond rating.

Mr. Martin pointed out Policy 36 makes no reference to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principals.

Other minor text changes and typographical/grammatical corrections were also noted.

The Board indicated their acceptance of the draft Policies as modified. Chairperson Dusenberry stated the Policies will go to public hearing at the Board meeting in Nogales.

Desert Springs Equipment Pass Project (Littlefield, Arizona)

Mr. Dick Wright, State Engineer, updated the Board regarding the Desert Springs Equipment Pass Project in Littlefield, Arizona. He explained I-15, located in the northwest corner of the state, was planned in the late 1950's and constructed in the mid-1980's when few people lived in the area. He said the area is currently being served by an equipment pass and is requesting a second equipment pass.

Monty Holme, representing the Desert Springs community, said one small and dangerous interchange currently serves thousands of acres. He said the area's economic development is slow, despite a number of Arizona residents who travel through the area into St. George to work. He stated their area plan indicates the area will double over the next two or three years, however, the County will not let subdivisions into the area due to its lack of adequate access. He expressed his opinion there is a desperate need for the interchange. He displayed photographs of the one-way equipment pass, explaining it is the only access for a large number of residents, school buses, trucks, emergency vehicles and pedestrians. Mr. Holme discussed a petition currently being circulated among local residents, listing their concerns and reasons for characterizing the second pass as an immediate emergency. He noted a number of major landowners have threatened to litigate if necessary. He said the school's principal and bus driver have both expressed concern about transporting students through the tunnel. He submitted a letter from the Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire Department Fire Chief, stating the lack of room in the tunnel results in response delays. He stated the tunnel's roofline buckles somewhat and has been scraped by larger vehicles. He pointed out the tunnel is completely unusable when flooded.

Mr. Wright noted construction on a drainage pumping system will begin next month, taking water to the existing creek area to the west.

Mr. Holme stated the tunnel is very dark and requires two or three seconds for a person's eyes to adjust. He played a short video showing normal daily congestion. He said, despite the fact people feel an interchange was promised, their proposal is to widen the underpass to two lanes and provide for pedestrian access. He noted the ramps would not have to be modified.

Mr. Wright explained a previous study looked at a second equipment pass, paralleling the existing pass, with additional space for a pedestrian walkthrough. He said they have asked Transportation Planning to update the study and he expects the project to cost \$1.5 million. He said, while they would typically ask the local community to share in the cost, there is no community base or developer to draw from in this case.

In response to a member's question, Mr. Holme stated there have been a number of accidents, but thankfully no deaths.

Chairperson Dusenberry asked how many residents live in the Littlefield area. Mr. Holme estimated 3,500 to 3,800 residents in the greater Littlefield area.

Mr. Radicke asked if HES funding would be available. Mr. Mendez said they would have to reprioritize the projects in the HES program and show an accident history. Mr. Holme said, unfortunately, no one has kept track of the number of accidents.

Mr. Radicke asked where the next closest alternative access is located. Mr. Holme explained the next access point is either 1.5 miles in one direction or 15 miles in the other.

The meeting recessed for a short break.

Long Range Plan

Dale Buskirk, Acting TPD Assistant Director, presented the Long-Range Transportation Plan's draft goals and objectives. He stated the goals and objectives were based on the mission statement and looked at ADOT, regional and local agency transportation plans; other Arizona agency plans; long-range planning efforts from neighboring states; long-range planning efforts in pioneer vision states; and four Arizona-specific issues papers. He reviewed the mission statement, stating to achieve the mission the plan must be fiscally responsible; provide citizens with transportation choice; emphasize accountability; be responsive to change; harmonize with Arizona's proud tradition and unique diversity; encourage coordination of transportation and land use planning at the state, regional and local levels; and address air, transit, rail, highway, bicycle and pedestrian travel. He said they are currently finishing Phase I of the effort. He identified access and mobility, safety, economic vitality, stewardship and environmental sensitivity as the long-range goals, reviewing the performance factors used to determine the level to which each goal is achieved. Mr. Buskirk stated the draft goals and objectives will evolve based on public and stakeholder input through the initial partnering events, data availability, their ability to support performance evaluation and the MoveAZ team's assessment. He explained the goals and objectives will be used to support the performance evaluation methodology, to conduct transportation system performance analyses, to identify and prioritize transportation projects and

programs, as a frame for transportation policies and as a basis for boundaries of the system alternatives to be considered.

John Pein reviewed in detail how each goal correlates and supports the Board's policies. He said, while no Board policy deals with the safety goal and two policies did not fit with the MoveAZ goals, the Board's validation of the mission statement endorses those goals by implication. Mr. Buskirk emphasized that, overall, the goals fit closely with the Board's policies, even to the level of specific objectives.

Mr. Pein demonstrated the Long Range Plan (Move AZ) Web Site, explaining it is intended as a resource for the public to learn more about the plan. He pointed out the website will save money on outreach efforts and increase the dissemination of information.

Mr. Pein reviewed their near-term next steps, including Stakeholder Focus Group meetings in late-September and Regional Public Forum meetings in mid-October. He explained the Data Team met in August to discuss data needs and shortfalls. He said various Input Teams will meet in October to discuss performance measures and in November to look at program tradeoffs and planning. He noted a Working Group meeting will be held September 6, wherein they will discuss the Phase I report and the startup of the public involvement process. He said they will also review the performance based planning approach.

A member asked how their timeframe matches up with the timeframe of other transportation agencies around the state. Mr. Buskirk said the forum involved all major regional planning entities in an effort to develop a cooperative development schedule. He stated, however, the time schedule has since gotten out of synch, explaining it is extraordinarily difficult to coordinate the development of plans. He assured the Board they are cognizant of where all of the regional entities are in their planning processes and will attempt to coordinate their process as much as is feasible.

Director Mendez asked if Board members will be invited to the public forums. Mr. Buskirk said it is their intent to keep the Board fully involved in the plan's development. Mr. Pein offered to provide all of the information to any Board members interested in attending the forums. He said, however, it is their intention to minimize ADOT's involvement in the forums, explaining they hope to create an environment where the public feels comfortable to comment.

Five Year Plan Process Improvements

Debra Brisk, Deputy Director, updated the Board regarding the Five-Year Program Process. She said she, Mr. Wright, Ms. Tischer and Mr. McGee looked at how the program process could be improved. She explained the five year program is a statement to the public of how they plan to address the state's transportation needs. She said all projects in the program must be scoped prior to entering the program and costs must reflect the final scoping document costs. She stated all increases in project costs during the design stages will be done through the Project Review Board and PPAC process. She noted exceptions can be made for projects not scoped if approved in writing by the State Engineer and followed through within the PPAC process. She said the Department is implementing a process for performance based planning within the 2005 to 2009

program. She stated ADOT's Fiscal Year 09 project listing within the Five Year plan, as well as each subsequent program update, will be based on the Long Range Plan criteria. She explained project scoping documents must follow a process for review to ensure all stakeholders get review input into the project scope. She said all project costs associated or targeted for usage from a Subprogram must be approved by the subprogram manager. She recommended the Project Review Board Project Change Request form be adjusted to indicate the subprogram's manager concurs with the funding from their subprogram. She stated they are establishing a team to look at an agency-wide Intergovernmental Agreement policy, integrating the process of programming IGAs and identifying the level of financial commitment involved. She stated they no longer assume Public Lands Highway Grant Program or Federal Discretionary funding until the application is accepted or the request is approved. She said, when possible, the same designer used during scoping will follow through with design. She explained project increases will be based on current criteria and go through a process of approval. She stated there will be no end of the year project increases within the program update cycle. She noted TPD and ITD will monitor projects that go to PRB and PPAC. Ms. Brisk stated the financial impact of all policy or business changes should be part of the review and approval process. She said Mr. McGee is currently looking at the inflationary factor to see how it can best be integrated into the program. She stated Mr. McGee is also establishing a working group of financial staff representing the Department, MAG, PAG and Statewide regions who will meet to consider and develop recommendations for improving and funding the Five Year Program discount factor.

Mr. Jeffers asked if any consideration was given to advancing projects. Ms. Brisk explained advancing a project would change its schedule, requiring that it go through the PRB and PPAC process.

Increase Federal Funding and Project Selection Criteria

Mr. John McGee, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Division, updated the Board regarding the increase of federal funding received from the FY 2003 appropriation. He reviewed the upside and downside financial potentials he originally discussed during his June 6 presentation. He announced the President signed HR4775 which essentially states the RABA adjustment for FY 2003 will be zero. He explained the Five Year Program financial plan assumed a base level program of \$27.8 billion and a RABA adjustment totaling (\$4.4 billion) for a total program amount of \$23.4 billion. He said, assuming the base level program as specified in TEA21 is ultimately in the final appropriations bill, Arizona's share would total \$433 million and ADOT's share would total \$333 million. He noted Congress still has to take action with regard to the base level funding numbers. He said they will not know the final numbers until November or December.

Mr. McGee stated, given the fact it appears there will be an additional \$50 million in federal funding for FY 2003, the Board has several options. He said the most conservative action would be to do nothing in FY 2003 and reevaluate the situation as part of the FY 2004-2008 program update. He stated, conversely, the Board could increase the FY 2003-2004 program's size, spending the entire \$50 million. He said a more moderate action would be for the Board to choose to increase the FY 2006-2007 program's size, avoiding an immediate impact on the program.

With regard to the downside potential, Mr. McGee stated the national and Arizona economies have not improved. He noted July Maricopa RARF collections were the worst in nine months. He said HURF collections continue to do well, however, they expect a continued lag in Federal Highway Trust Fund collections. He reviewed DPS funding allocations, stating the program assumes a better economy by FY 2004 and that the legislature would start funding more of DPS with General Fund monies. He said, so far, it appears they may have understated the FY 2004 and 2005 allocations. He said the biggest downside potential is that an attempt could be made to redirect VLT funds in an effort to balance the FY 2003 and 2004 budgets. He pointed out the VLT is not constitutionally protected.

With regard to the additional federal monies, Mr. McGee recommended they take the more moderate approach, increasing the FY 2006-2007 program. He explained the recommended approach recognizes additional federal funds will be received in FY 2003 and allows the FY 2003-2004 program to proceed even if some additional funding cuts are made. He said the recommendation avoids the possibility of moving projects into FY 2003-04, only to have to move them back out again. He said it also preserves their bonding capacity for the future and saves some interest costs.

Mr. Jeffers expressed his opinion the additional federal monies should be incrementally disbursed throughout the program, starting in FY 2003, explaining placing the money in a contingency fund could make it susceptible to other groups looking for additional funding. Ms. Brisk explained they are looking at deferred projects and projects scheduled in later years to see if they can be brought into the FY 2006/07 timeframe. She said they will also look at programs that were part of the original FY 2003/04 program, but were later removed or delayed to see if they can be brought back into the program. Mr. Jeffers pointed out they could face higher interest rates if bonding is deferred.

Mr. Radicke stated he is comfortable with Mr. McGee's recommendation.

Ms. Brisk offered to brief the Board on this issue at the next study session.


In response to a member's question, Mr. Kevin Biesty, Legislative Liaison, stated he does not foresee the Legislature coming into session until October. He noted, however, the Governor could decide to call them into session at any time.

Adjournment

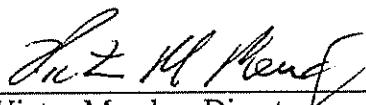
No closing comments were made.

Board Action: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Katie Dusenberry, Chairperson
State Transportation Board



Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

**MINUTES
OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
BOARD MEETING**

9:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2002

City of Nogales Council Chambers

777 North Grand Avenue

Nogales, Arizona 85621

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2002, with Chairperson Dusenberry presiding. Other Board members present included: Ingo Radicke, Vice Chairperson; 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; Kevin Biesty, Legislative Liaison; and Dale Buskirk, Acting Director, Planning Division. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE

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

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Rudy Jacobson, Director of Engineering, City of Nogales, asked the Board to keep the travelers who cross the border every day, placing stress on the system, in mind when it makes its decision concerning projects in their area. He said he is impressed with ADOT staff, commending them for their thoroughness.

Marco Lopez, Mayor of Nogales, thanked the Board for coming to Nogales. He said they will be talking about the upcoming Cyberport Project a lot over the coming years as it will have a vital impact on Nogales' economy.

Steve Sanders, Engineering Manager, Globe, asked the Board to consider what it can do to help fund passing lanes on U.S. 60 between Miami and Superior. He said traffic in the area of the widening project on U.S. 70 will increase with the opening of the new school and asked the Board to help fund that project. He also stressed the importance of the Gonzales Pass project. He thanked the Board for the overlay through Globe/Miami and the project on U.S. 70 at Parados San Carlos.

Sister Esther Hughes, Lourdes Catholic School, addressed the Board concerning the need for speed reduction measures on S.R. 82. She explained they are concerned about the safety of their students and parents because traffic in the area has more than doubled. She submitted a letter explaining their position.

David Arana, School Board Member, Lourdes Catholic School, reviewed the situation on S.R. 82, stating the signs warning of the reduced speed limit are inadequate and do not effect the desired results. He asked the Board to seriously consider and immediately act upon their request for the safety of their students.

Patrick Spain, Patagonia resident, commented on the condition of Highway 83, stating the four miles beyond mile marker 7 are extraordinarily dangerous. He pointed out the roadway north of mile marker 7 was recently paved, however, is beginning to wash out. He submitted a petition on the matter.

Bobby Thompson, Hereford resident, echoed Mr. Spain's comments.

Douglas Fleming, Vice President, Fish Haven, Inc., asked the Board to pave the last five miles of Highway 83. He explained trees and rocks intrude onto the roadway, noting some people have taken it upon themselves to mark them with reflective tape and paint. He said there have been a number of accidents on the roadway, resulting in injuries and traffic backups. He submitted a petition as well as written first hand accounts and photographs of the accidents. He pointed out the state is legally responsible for the road.

Gail Spain, Treasurer, Parker Springs Water Company, echoed Mr. Fleming's comments.

Mary Ann Mareno, Executive Director, Globe/Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation, thanked the Board for the sidewalk at Parodot, stating it was one of the premiere safety issues on the reservation. She asked the Board to complete S.R. 188 from DeVore Wash to Sportsman's Haven, stating it is necessary for economic development, recreation and tourism reasons. She also requested passing lanes and safety pullouts in both directions on U.S. 60, pointing out the road has heavy truck traffic. She agreed traffic on U.S. 70, from McMillan Wash to the Railroad Overpass, will increase tremendously when the school opens and passing lanes will be needed.

Chuck Busby, Vice-Mayor, Town of Quartzsite, thanked the Board for the Highway 95 project in Quartzsite, stating it has met all of their expectations. He suggested, as an economical alternative, that they complete the short distance between B-10 and the traffic interchange on the east end of town during Phase I. He also proposed passing lanes on Highway 95, stating they would go a long way toward alleviating traffic problems during the winter months. He explained truck traffic and winter visitors create a lot of frustration and result in traffic delays.

Maria Virginia Dabdoub, Nogales resident, said they have operated a transit business for over 30 years, but have been experiencing problems with other transit services invading their routes. She said traffic and safety problems are being created on Grand Avenue. She said the other buses have no established routes or schedules, resulting in three buses converging at one stop. She expressed her opinion all bus companies should be required to establish routes and schedules and carry adequate insurance coverage. She asked the Board to ask the City of Nogales to impose her proposed requirements.

Chairperson Dusenberry explained the Board does not have the regulatory authority necessary to control bus service. She recommended Ms. Dabdoub continue to work with the city.

Ms. Dabdoub pointed out the buses affect traffic on Grand Avenue and should be regulated.

John Maynard, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, thanked the Board for coming to Nogales. He said Santa Cruz County has approximately 40,000 residents, 20,000 of whom live outside the city of Nogales. He expressed his opinion transportation needs in other parts of the county are overshadowed by the port and Nogales. He said Highway 82 is an economic generator for the communities of Patagonia and Sonoita and it is feared that the road will eventually become four lane. He thanked ADOT staff for working with them to keep the restroom facility south of town on Highway 82 open and operating. He reported 90 percent of the Rio Rico community does not have sidewalks, creating safety issues. He stated Santa Cruz County took approximately \$60,000 in HURF funds to contract with an engineering firm for a local transportation study in the northern part of Rio Rico, east of the Santa Cruz River. He said the results are not in, but he suspects they will recommend extending Hamilton Drive north to the Tubac bridge or building another bridge across the river.

Joe Adamson, on behalf of the Rotary and Board of Brokers, echoed Mr. Maynard's comments.

Annie McGreevy, head of Friends of Scenic Highway 82, said they are concerned about the proposed \$5.3 million bridge across the Santa Cruz River near Little Red School. She explained, last summer, the bridge was expanded to 65 feet 10 inches, wide enough for four lanes of traffic. She asked the Board to raise the proposed sidewalk two inches to allay their fears. A written copy of her comments was submitted for the record.

William Ehfrig, Sonoita resident and President of the Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum, explained their organization met six years ago to draft a comprehensive land use plan for northeast Santa Cruz County. He said Santa Cruz County is currently in the process of developing a countywide comprehensive land use plan. He stated an important part of their plan calls for the community of Sonoita/Elgen to constantly seek opportunities to work cooperatively with federal, state and county agencies. He said ADOT has funded a program to draw up a management plan for the scenic highway, with the possibility of making it a federal scenic highway in the future. He stated the plan has been completed, but not yet published. He encouraged the Board to be aware of the county's plans and cooperate with the county whenever possible.

Quentin Lewton, Friends of Scenic Highway 82, expressed concern about the roundabouts at the intersection of Highways 82 and 83. He said the bridge at Little Red School has grown from 44 feet to 65 feet and from \$2.2 million to \$5.3 million. He asked the Board to consider providing adequate multimodal accommodations.

Chairperson Dusenberry asked Mr. Mendez to explain to those interested the rationale behind the changes to the bridge.

Doug Webster, Patagonia resident, said he would like Highway 82 to remain the same, expressing concern that it could become a future truck route if expanded to four lanes.

Julie Holding, Patagonia resident, said she supports the comments of Friends of Scenic Highway 82.

Linda Kennedy supported previous comments about the importance of keeping the bridge's two lane design.

Bob Hathaway, Nogales resident, said his family went through the process of rezoning property near the airport several years ago. He stated the Supervisors approved the rezoning and, despite an opposing group's efforts to collect signatures, voters approved the rezoning. He stated the bridge, as planned by ADOT, is vital to sustain the will of the people. He stated he supports the bridge as designed.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dennis Alvarez, District Engineer for Nogales, updated the Board on the status of current and planned projects in the area. A written copy of his report was submitted for the record.

Mr. Mendez commented on the progress at the I-10/I-19 interchange, stating he is very pleased.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes of the August 1, 2002 study session and Items 31 and 42 were pulled from the consent agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Brisk thanked Nogales for their hospitality. She reported staff will attend the ASHTO conference in October and will brief the Board at their next meeting. She said an Executive Order came out of the USDOT on Wednesday talking about streamlining the environmental process. She explained it will look at environmental stewardship and streamlining of the environmental review of important transportation infrastructure projects. She said it will be a cabinet level taskforce, reporting directly to the President. She stated ADOT will work with FHWA to identify projects it wants to initiate within the process.

Ms. Brisk stated the project on I-10, west of the Loop 303, is funded and will be constructed by DMB Developers for the Varado Community. She said construction is expected to last 18 months.

Legislative Report

Kevin Biesty said there have been a number of discussions in Washington regarding environmental streamlining and stewardship. He said he participated in the ASHTO Reauthorization Committee last week and received word Representative Don Young from Alaska will soon release a bill that deals with some of the environmental issues. With regard to the TEA reauthorization, Mr. Biesty said work will probably not occur until after all 2003 appropriations bills have been completed. He said there has been little in terms of funding of the Hoover Dam Bypass bills.

Mr. Biesty said he was surprised by some of the election results, noting 12 incumbents were defeated. He noted four of the 10 House members that were defeated sit on the House Transportation Committee. He said, according to a JOVC report issued to the Legislature last Monday, revenue collections for the first two months of 2003 were \$65.7 million below the forecast. He stated the President and Speaker have both issued plans, the details of which he expects to receive soon. He said they are currently working with Director Mendez on whether or not ADOT will have a package this legislative session.

The Board recessed for a short break.

Financial Report

Mr. McGee submitted FY 2002 Year End Reports for the Highway User Revenue Fund and Regional Area Road Fund as well as the Debt Financing Program report dated July 31, 2002. He reported July RARF collections were 2.1 percent below the same month last year and 2.6 percent below the estimate. He stated the sharp decrease was due mainly to a 13.6 percent decrease in Contracting revenue collections, noting Contracting has posted three consecutive months of decline. He said August RARF results are much better, explaining total collections were 3.6 percent higher than last August and 2.0 percent over the forecast. He said, year-to-date, collections now total \$43.835 million, compared to \$43.555 million last year and a forecast of \$44.009 million. He pointed out Retail Sales revenue increased 4.4 percent over last year, posting the strongest gain since November 2001.

Mr. McGee reviewed the August 2002 Highway User Revenue Fund report, stating collections were 5.5 percent above last year and 1.1 percent over forecast. He noted, however, the fairly large month-over-month variance was the result of last August's \$3.3 million Motor Carrier refund payment. He stated year-to-date collections now total \$177.097 million, 3.4 percent over last year and .7 percent above the estimate. He stated Vehicle License Tax has been the major area of strength, while Gas Tax and Use Fuel Tax are down slightly.

Mr. McGee updated the Board on the status of the Cash Management/Investment Program, stating ADOT earned \$2.223 million on an average invested balance of \$707.5 million at an average interest rate yield of 3.7 percent.

Mr. McGee reported the HELP Fund cash balance as of August 31, 2002 totaled \$121 million, down \$8 million over last month due to \$12 million in loan draws and \$3 million in loan repayments. He reviewed a chart indicating the regions where HELP loans have been made, noting approximately 44.7 percent of all loans have been made in the Maricopa region, 32.9 percent were made in the statewide region and 22.4 percent were made in the PAG region. He also reviewed a map showing where loans have been made throughout the state, noting loans have been made to every county except Greenlee County.

Financing Program

Mr. McGee stated Chairperson Dusenberry, Vice Chairperson Radicke, Director Mendez, Deputy Director Brisk, ADOT staff and the financial advisor met with Moody's and Standard & Poore's rating agencies to update them on issues relative to the Department's funding and financial plans. He said they asked the agencies to reaffirm their HURF rates by October 1, putting them in position to price the Series 2002B issue by the end of October. He reviewed the pre-pricing review, stating updated information will be brought to the Board at next month's meeting.

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B

Mr. McGee presented and recommended approval of a Resolution authorizing the Board's anticipated issuance of Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000,000.

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

Master Lease Agreement with Alltel Communications of the Southwest Limited Partnership

Mr. McGee presented and recommended approval of a Master Lease Agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Alltel Communications of the Southwest Limited Partnership for the lease of telecommunications sites.

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

BOARD MINUTES

- * Study Session Minutes – August 1, 2002
- * Board Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2002

Chairperson Dusenberry asked to have the first sentence of the second paragraph on Page 78 deleted from the minutes of the August 1, 2002 study session. She also noted the second paragraph on Page 82 should be modified to read "...the State Legislature set aside about \$500,000 of Airport Flight Funds money to match federal grants that come out of the program."

Board Action: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2002 study session as modified was made by Mr. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Radicke and passed unanimously.

* **2002 REMAINING BOARD MEETING DATES:**

October 18, 2002	Board Meeting – Apache Jct.	9:00 a.m.
November 15, 2002	Board Meeting – Yuma	9:00 a.m.
December 20, 2002	Board Meeting – Tucson	9:00 a.m.

PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)

FY 2003 - 2007 Transportation Facilities Construction Program Requested Modifications

SCHEDULE:	FY 2003
SECTION:	Rodeo-Chediski Fire Relief
TYPE OF WORK:	Repair of fire damaged roadside features such as right of way, fencing, guardrail, signs and trees.
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,255,000 Funding Source: ER
PROJECT MANAGER:	Lonnie Hendrix
PROJECT:	N/A
REQUESTED ACTION:	Add program line item to the Highway Construction Program in amount of \$3,255,000 for repair of fire damage from the Rodeo-Chediski fire. Funds available from cashflow and will be reimbursed with FHWA Emergency Relief Funds (ER)
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,255,000

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

ROUTE NO:	I-10 @ MP 135
COUNTY:	Maricopa
SCHEDULE:	FY 2003
SECTION:	83 rd Ave – 59 th Ave
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct auxiliary lanes and noise walls
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$13,500,000 Funding Source: IM
PROJECT MANAGER:	Vince Li

PROJECT: H591001C Item Number: 18903
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by 2,100,000 due to the addition of roadway lighting upgrades from 91st Ave to 27th Ave. **Funds available from FY 2003 Title II Safety Fund #72803.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$13,500,000
FY 2003 Title II Safety Fund #72803 \$2,100,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$15,600,000

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

COUNTY: Statewide
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Model Deployment of Regional Multimodal 511 Travel Information System
TYPE OF WORK: Traveler information system integration
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Tim Wolfe
PROJECT: H626201X
REQUESTED ACTION: Add new project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in amount of \$1,425,000.
See funding sources below:

Federal Grant \$1,140,000
FY 03 Highway Contingency #72303 (Match) \$285,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,425,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 189
COUNTY: Santa Cruz
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Nogales Port of Entry
TYPE OF WORK: Construct ITS/CVO system
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Don Dunno / Marian Thompson
PROJECT: H528204C
REQUESTED ACTION: Add new project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in amount of \$68,929.
See funding sources below:

Federal Border Infrastructure Program (BIP) Grant \$65,000
FY Port of Entry Fund #74703 \$3,929
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$68,929

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

ROUTE NO: SR 101 L @ MP 17.00
COUNTY: Maricopa
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: 75th Ave - 27th Ave
TYPE OF WORK: Continus lighting
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Mike Marietti
PROJECT: H607001C
REQUESTED ACTION: Add a new Title II safety project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in amount of \$1,305,451. **Funds available from FY 2003 Title II Safety Fund #72803.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,305,451

ROUTE NO: SR 202 L @ MP 9.00
COUNTY: Maricopa
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: SR 101L - Country Club
TYPE OF WORK: Continus lighting
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New
PROJECT MANAGER: Mike Marietti
PROJECT: H606901C
REQUESTED ACTION: Add a new Title II safety project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in amount of \$317,711. **Funds available from FY 2003 Title II Safety Fund #72803.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$317,711

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 13 and 14 was made by Mr. Gant, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: Old US 60 @ MP 189.00
COUNTY: Maricopa
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Sossaman - Meridian (EB)
TYPE OF WORK: Culvert repairs
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Request
PROJECT MANAGER: James Reeves
PROJECT: H604801C
REQUESTED ACTION: Add a new district minor project to the FY 2003 in amount of \$210,000 due to wear of timber tops over culverts. **Funds available from FY 2003 district**

Minor Fund #73303.

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$210,000

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

COUNTY: Mohave
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: Virgin River Bridges # 4, 5 & 6
TYPE OF WORK: Bridge Deck Rehabilitation (NB & SB)
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Arobindo Dutt
PROJECT: H602901C
REQUESTED ACTION: Add a new bridge deck rehabilitation project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in the amount of \$2,500,000. **Funds available from the FY 2003 Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Fund #78903.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,500,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 260 @ MP 310.10
COUNTY: Navajo
SCHEDULE: FY 2004
SECTION: Overgaard - Cottonwood Wash
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,866,000 Funding Source: NH
PROJECT MANAGER: Kevin Kozel / Tim Wilson
PROJECT: H585901C Item Number; 19404
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$380,000 to \$3,246,000 due to addition of materials quality incentives and updated cost estimates. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Pavement Preservation Fund #72504.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,866,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$380,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$3,246,000

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

ROUTE NO: US 95 @ MP 96.00

COUNTY: La Paz
SCHEDULE: New Project Request
SECTION: US 95 South of Quartzsite
TYPE OF WORK: Drainage improvement
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: David Harmon
PROJECT: H529201C
REQUESTED ACTION: Add a new District Minor project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in the amount of \$630,000. **Funds available from the FY 2003 District Minor Fund #73303.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$630,000

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

COUNTY: Statewide
SCHEDULE: FY 2003
SECTION: Statewide – Enhancement
TYPE OF WORK: Projects of Opportunity
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$110,000 Funding Source: TEA
PROJECT MANAGER: Cheryl Banta
PROJECT: Item Number; 75003
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,000,000 to \$1,110,000. Current balance of fund is \$11,000. **Funds Available from Statewide Enhancement Projects #75603.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$110,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$1,000,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,110,000

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

COUNTY: Statewide
SCHEDULE: FY 2004
SECTION: Statewide – Enhancement
TYPE OF WORK: Projects of Opportunity
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,000,000 Funding Source: TEA
PROJECT MANAGER: Cheryl Banta
PROJECT: Item Number; 75004
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. **Funds Available from Statewide Enhancement Projects #75304.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$1,000,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,000,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 80 @ MP 364.00
 COUNTY: Cochise
 SCHEDULE: New Project Request
 SECTION: Douglas Strategic Weigh and Inspection Station
 (NE Corner SR 80 & US 191)
 TYPE OF WORK: Design and construct weigh/inspection station
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Request
 PROJECT MANAGER: Bruce Purrier
 PROJECT: H624301D/01C
 REQUESTED ACTION: Add a new project to the FY 2003 Highway
 Construction Program in the amount of \$1,055,143.
See funding sources below.

Federal Border Infrastructure Program (BIP)	\$995,000
FY 2003 Port of Entry Fund #74703	\$60,143
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,055,143

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

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 184.0
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 SCHEDULE: New Project Request
 SECTION: Val Vista Drive TI
 TYPE OF WORK: Design intersection improvements
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$303,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Floyd Roehrich
 PROJECT: N/A
 REQUESTED ACTION: Add new traffic intersection design project to the
 FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in to
 amount of \$303,000. **Funds available from
 FFY 2002 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
 (CMAQ) funds.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$303,000
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ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 181.4
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 SCHEDULE: New Project Request
 SECTION: Stapley Drive TI
 TYPE OF WORK: Design intersection improvements

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$313,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Floyd Roehrich
 PROJECT: N/A
 REQUESTED ACTION: Add new traffic intersection design project to the FY 2003 Highway Construction Program in to amount of \$313,000. **Funds available from FFY 2002 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$313,000

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 22 and 23 was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously.

- * Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)
 - Minutes – August 1, 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 @ 1:30 PM unless otherwise noted)
 - October 3, 2002
 - October 31, 2002
 - December 5, 2002

RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

- * RES. NO: 2002-09-A-040
 PROJECT: S-275-801 / 082SC005H466501R
 HIGHWAY: NOGALES - TOMBSTONE
 SECTION: Santa Cruz River Bridge
 ROUTE NO.: State Route 82
 ENG. DIST: T
 COUNTY: Santa Cruz
 RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way as a state route for bridge replacement

- * RES. NO: 2002-09-A-041
 PROJECT: M-950-2-701 / 008BYU000HX11001R
 HIGHWAY: YUMA URBAN AREA
 SECTION: Yuma Business Route
 ROUTE NO.: Interstate Business Route 8
 ENG. DIST: Y
 COUNTY: Yuma

RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way as a state route and state highway for the installation of traffic signals

* RES. NO: 2002-09-A-043
PROJECT: I-8-2(71)146 / 008MA146H088801R
HIGHWAY: YUMA – CASA GRANDE
SECTION: Table Top Rest Area
ROUTE NO.: Interstate Route 8
ENG. DIST: Y
COUNTY: Maricopa
PARCEL: 7-2611-A
RECOMMENDATION: Disposal by extinguishment and relinquishment to The Bureau of Land Management

* RES. NO: 2002-09-A-044
PROJECT: 600-0-701 / 101LMA002H081103R
600-0-702 / 101LMA007H080703R
HIGHWAY: AGUA FRIA FREEWAY
SECTION: Jct. I-10 – Glendale Avenue
Glendale Ave. – Jct. U.S. 60
ROUTE NO.: State Route 101 Loop
ENG. DIST: M
COUNTY: Maricopa
RECOMMENDATION: Disposal by abandonment to the City of Glendale

* RES. NO: 2002-09-A-046
PROJECT: 600-7-803 / 202LMA000H538101R
HIGHWAY: SANTAN FREEWAY
SECTION: Arizona Ave. – Gilbert Rd.
ROUTE NO.: State Route 202 Loop
ENG. DIST: M
COUNTY: Maricopa
RECOMMENDATION: Establish a portion of Corridor as a controlled access state highway

RES. NO: 2002-09-A-047
PROJECT: 999YU000H626901R
SECTION: Roll to Arlington Railroad Corridor
ENG. DIST: Yuma
COUNTY: Maricopa & Yuma
RECOMMENDATION: Further investigation of railroad corridor for possible future acquisition

Mr. Mendez changed the recommendation on this item, stating he now recommends approval of a resolution recommending the Department pursue research and contract

negotiations towards acquisition of the railroad corridor as set forth in project 999YU000H626901R. Joe Neblett gave a brief history of this item.

Mr. Radicke asked how deep the property rights go. Mr. Neblett said, unfortunately, the Department would only receive surface rights, explaining the railroad wants to keep the subsurface rights due to their value.

In response to Mr. Gant's question, Mr. Neblett agreed the property most likely contains contaminants, stating the issue of who will be responsible for cleaning the property remains to be resolved. Mr. Mendez explained when the issue came up, they saw it as a way for the transportation interest to preserve the corridor. He said it would take a major effort to implement passenger rail in the future if the railroad abandons the corridor and it has not been preserved by the Department. He noted many stakeholders were interested in preserving the corridor.

Chairperson Dusenberry asked what would happen to the \$650,000 if the deal does not go through. Mr. Mendez explained it would remain where it is until the Legislature moves it back. He assured Chairperson Dusenberry the funds would not revert if the deal is not finalized by the end of the calendar year.

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

RESOLUTION

VICTOR M. MENDEZ, Director, Arizona Department of Transportation on September 20, 2002, presented and filed with this Transportation Board his written report, recommending the Department pursue research and contract negotiations towards acquisition of the railroad corridor as set forth in the above referenced project, and as depicted in Appendix "A".

WHEREAS acquisition of the railroad corridor is authorized under Laws 2002, Chapter 328, Section 26;

WHEREAS because of these premises, this Board finds necessity and convenience require the recommended research and contract negotiations for the acquisition of the railroad corridor; and

WHEREAS any negotiated contract will be approved by a majority vote of the Arizona Department of Transportation Board prior to its execution; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Director is adopted and made part of this resolution. The total costs of acquisition of the railroad corridor shall not exceed the monies appropriated in said legislation above.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2002

Mr. Acosta suggested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues. Chairperson Dusenberry suggested they wait to enter into an Executive Session until they have more definitive results of the investigation.

Mr. Acosta said it is evident there is a lot of uncertainty with regard to this matter. He explained his office is concerned that the resolution, as proposed, could be seen as carte blanche for the Department to make acquisitions without adequate safeguards in place. He pointed out many railroad easements have a condition that the easement terminates if the railroad ceases to use the property for railroad purposes. He said there is also a question as to whether the railroad has the right to assign or otherwise transfer the easement. He stated there are also a number of uncertainties in terms of the environment.

Mr. Radicke expressed his opinion the Department's staff has the experience and knowledge necessary to do the right thing.

Upon a call for the question, the motion passed unanimously.

* RES. NO: 2002-09-A-048
PROJECT: S-326-715 / 260YV206H386802R
S-326-714 / 260YV218H386801R
HIGHWAY: COTTONWOOD-BRIDGEPORT
COTTONWOOD-CAMP
VERDE-MOGOLLON RIM
SECTION: Cottonwood - I-17
I-17 – Camp Verde ECL
ROUTE NO.: State Route 260
ENG. DIST: P
COUNTY: Yavapai
RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way as a
state route and state highway for
improvements.

* RES NO: 2002-08-A-033
PROJECT: S 170-A-700/170GI271H512101R
HIGHWAY: PERIDOT – SAN CARLOS
SECTION: Jct. U.S. 70 – San Carlos
ROUTE NO: State Route 170
ENG. DIST: G
COUNTY: Gila
RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way for
widening improvements.

STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Interstate, Non-Federal Aid

BIDS OPENED: August 23
HIGHWAY: YUMA BUSINESS ROUTE (B-8)
SECTION: B-8 @ Catalina and @ 22nd Street
COUNTY: Yuma
ROUTE NO: B-8
PROJECT: S-B08-A-505 008B YU 002 HX12901C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Westmoor Electric, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 79,004.75
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 100,655.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 21,650.25
%UNDER: 21.5%
NO. BIDDERS: 8
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

BIDS OPENED: July 26
HIGHWAY: YUMA-CASA GRANDE HIGHWAY (I-8)
SECTION: Ligurta Wash Bridge, EB & WB
COUNTY: Yuma
ROUTE NO: I-8
PROJECT: I-008-A-503 008 YU 024 H576001C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Hunter Contracting Company
AMOUNT: \$ 1,068,476.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,303,239.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 234,763.00
%UNDER: 18.0%
NO. BIDDERS: 7
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

* BIDS OPENED: August 29
HIGHWAY: TOPOCK-KINGMAN HIGHWAY (I-40)
SECTION: Colorado River - Topock
COUNTY: Mohave
ROUTE NO: I-40

PROJECT: I-040-A-507 040 MO 000 H561101C
 FUNDING: 100% State
 LOW BIDDER: Gonzales Construction Co., Inc. dba
 Gonzales Guardrail & Fencing
 AMOUNT: \$ 61,353.35
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 58,175.50
 \$ OVER: \$ 3,177.85
 %OVER: 5.5%
 NO. BIDDERS: 2
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Interstate Federal Aid (projects do not need FHWA concurrence, but must comply with DBE regulations)

* BIDS OPENED: August 29
 HIGHWAY: YUMA-CASA GRANDE HIGHWAY (I-8)
 SECTION: Telegraph Pass
 COUNTY: Yuma
 ROUTE NO: I-8
 PROJECT: STP-008-A(009)A 008 YU 014 H587801C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: HMS Construction Inc. dba
 HMS Conco Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 67,170.00
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 71,580.00
 \$ UNDER: \$ 4,410.00
 %UNDER: 6.2%
 NO. BIDDERS: 2
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: August 29
 HIGHWAY: CASA GRANDE – TUCSON HIGHWAY (I-10)
 SECTION: Ina Road – Prince Road
 COUNTY: Pima
 ROUTE NO: I-10
 PROJECT: IM-010-D(005)A 010 PM 248 H610401C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: The Ashton Company, Inc.
 Contractors & Engineers
 AMOUNT: \$ 1,588,550.81
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 2,062,427.00
 \$ UNDER: \$ 473,876.19
 %UNDER: 22.3%
 NO. BIDDERS: 8
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

* BIDS OPENED: August 23
HIGHWAY: MESQUITE-LITTLEFIELD-NORTH HIGHWAY (I-15)
SECTION: Littlefield TI
COUNTY: MO
ROUTE NO: I-15
PROJECT: STP-015-A(003)A 015 MO 009 H532301C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: Show Low Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 271,706.50
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 275,382.50
\$ UNDER: \$ 3,676.00
%UNDER: 1.3%
NO. BIDDERS: 3
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate Federal-Aid ("A" "B" 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: August 29
HIGHWAY: WICKENBURG-KINGMAN HIGHWAY (US 93)
SECTION: No Name & Placerita Section
COUNTY: Yavapai
ROUTE NO: US 93
PROJECT: NH-035-1(057)B 093 YV 152 H497201C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: R.E. Monks Construction Company, LLC
AMOUNT: \$ 12,210,635.11
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 13,953,114.45
\$ UNDER: \$ 1,742,479.34
%UNDER: 12.5%
NO. BIDDERS: 5
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: August 23
HIGHWAY: COTTONWOOD-CAMP VERDE
MOGOLLON RIM HIGHWAY
SECTION: Cottonwood-Camp Verde, Segment 2
SECTION: Camp Verde Main Street
COUNTY: Yavapai

ROUTE NO: SR 260
 PROJECT: AC-STP-326-(012)A 260 YV 218 H386803C
 PROJECT: TEA-260-A-(001)A 260 YV 220 H563001C
 FUNDING: 91% Federal 6% State
 3% Camp Verde Sanitary District
 LOW BIDDER: Ames Construction, Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 24,471,183.55
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 27,551,294.00
 \$ UNDER : \$ 3,080,110.45
 %UNDER: 11.2%
 NO. BIDDERS: 6
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Mr. Wright recommended the Board move to award the contract to Ames Construction Company under two conditions: 1) that the Department reaches agreement with the Stuckey land owners and 2) that the Department receives clearance and concurrence from the Federal Highways Administration.

Board Action: A motion to award this contract to Ames Construction under the conditions that the Department may not execute the contract until the conditions of an agreement with Stuckey land owners is in effect and clearance and concurrence is made by FHWA was made by Mr. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Radicke and passed unanimously.

* BIDS OPENED: August 29
 HIGHWAY: I-10-, I-17 AND SR LOOP 101
 SECTION: Various Ramp Metering Locations
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 ROUTE NO: N/A
 PROJECT: CM-900-A(031)B 999 MA 000 H595601C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: Trans Tech Electric, L.P.
 AMOUNT: \$ 418,830.20
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 485,358.50
 \$ UNDER: \$ 66,528.30
 %UNDER: 13.7%
 NO. BIDDERS: 4
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate Federal-Aid (required FHWA concurrence and compliance with DBE regulations)

* BIDS OPENED: August 23
 HIGHWAY: NOGALES PRIMARY CONNECTION (SR 189)
 SECTION: SR 189 @ Nogales Port of Entry

COUNTY: Santa Cruz
 ROUTE NO: SR 189
 PROJECT: CBI-990-4(007)X 189 SC 000 H587901C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: Trans Tech Electric, L.P.
 AMOUNT: \$ 660,432.50
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 654,984.00
 \$ OVER: \$ 5,448.50
 %OVER: 0.8%
 NO. BIDDERS: 5
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate, Non-Federal Aid

* BIDS OPENED: August 29
 HIGHWAY: KINGMAN-SELIGMAN HIGHWAY (SR 66)
 SECTION: Kingman to Kingman Airport, Phase II & Phase III
 SECTION: SR 66 @ Airport Road
 COUNTY: Mohave
 ROUTE NO: SR 66
 PROJECT: S-066-A-501 066 MO 059 H564001C
 PROJECT: S-066-A-506 066 MO 061 HX13001C
 FUNDING: 100% State
 LOW BIDDER: Combs Construction Company, Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 1,115,454.85
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,258,895.00
 \$ UNDER: \$ 143,440.15
 %UNDER: 11.4%
 NO. BIDDERS: 6
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: August 29
 HIGHWAY: ORACLE JUNCTION – FLORENCE HIGHWAY (SR 79)
 SECTION: Bunyan Wash
 SECTION: SR 79 @ Milepost 107.87
 COUNTY: Pinal
 ROUTE NO: SR 79
 PROJECT: F-081-1-509 079 PN 105 H493201C
 PROJECT: S-079-A-500 079 PN 107 H543201C
 FUNDING: 100% State
 LOW BIDDER: Carson Construction Co., Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 332,500.00
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 390,409.20
 \$ UNDER: \$ 57,909.20

%UNDER: 14.8%
NO. BIDDERS: 8
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: August 23
HIGHWAY: PARKER-BULLHEAD CITY HIGHWAY (SR 95)
SECTION: Needles - Courtwright
COUNTY: Mohave
ROUTE NO: SR 95
PROJECT: S-095-D-504 095 MO 226 H556801C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Kiewit Western Co.
AMOUNT: \$ 325,959.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 360,740.50
\$ UNDER: \$ 34,781.50
%UNDER: 9.6%
NO. BIDDERS: 4
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: August 23
HIGHWAY: SAN LUIS-YUMA-QUARTZSITE
HIGHWAY (US 95)
SECTION: Milepost 55, Drainage Crossing
SECTION: Milepost 57, Drainage Crossing
COUNTY: Yuma
ROUTE NO: US 95
PROJECT: U-095-B-504 095 YU 055 H529001C
PROJECT: U-095-B-505 095 YU 057 H529101C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: J. Banicki Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 1,372,732.00
STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 1,585,873.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 213,141.00
%UNDER: 13.4%
NO. BIDDERS: 6
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: August 23
HIGHWAY: AGUA FRIA FREEWAY
SECTION: Glendale Avenue-Union Hills Drive
COUNTY: Maricopa
ROUTE NO: SR 101
PROJECT: S-101-A-501 101 MA 007 H600601C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Five G, Inc.

AMOUNT: \$ 841,022.20
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 796,438.00
 \$ OVER: \$ 44,584.20
 %OVER: 5.6%
 NO. BIDDERS: 6
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: September 6
 HIGHWAY: PIMA FREEWAY (SR LOOP 101)
 HIGHWAY: PRICE FREEWAY (SR LOOP 101)
 SECTION: Pima Corridor
 SECTION: Price Corridor
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 ROUTE NO: SR 101
 PROJECT: RAM 101-B-505 101L MA 024 H623601C
 PROJECT: RAM 101-B-502 101L MA 056 H623701C
 FUNDING: 100% State
 LOW BIDDER: PCL Civil Constructors, Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 2,841,567.26
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 4,036,054.40
 \$ UNDER: \$ 1,194,487.54
 %UNDER: 29.6%
 NO. BIDDERS: 2
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

* BIDS OPENED: September 11
 HIGHWAY: ST. JOHNS-SANDERS HIGHWAY (US 191)
 SECTION: Zuni Wash Bridge
 COUNTY: Apache
 ROUTE NO: US 191
 PROJECT: U-191-D-502 191 AP 331 H625001C
 FUNDING: 100% State
 LOW BIDDER: J-H Supply Company, Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 53,410.00
 STATE ESTIMATE: \$ 55,260.00
 \$: \$ 1,850.00
 %: 3.4%
 NO. BIDDERS: 2
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

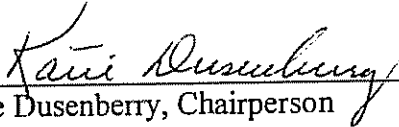
CONSENT AGENDA

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

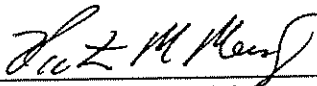
ADJOURN

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


The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



Katie Dusenberry, Chairperson
State Transportation Board



Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

 *Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.