MINUTES
OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 2, 2004
City of Flagstaff Council Chambers
211 West Aspen Avenue
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001-5399

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 2, 2004, with Chairperson Bill Jeffers presiding. Other Board members, Vice Chairperson Rusty Gant, Dick Hileman, Delbert Householder, Joe Lane, Jim Martin and Si Schorr were unable to attend due to poor weather. Also present were John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division; Kim Stevens; and Arnold Burnham. There were approximately 70 people in the audience.

Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Jeffers called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced dignitaries in the audience. He explained today's public hearing is the third in a series of three to go over the tentative five year programs.

Al White, Councilman from the City of Flagstaff, welcomed the Board to Flagstaff. He expressed their appreciation for the hard work and cooperation given to them by the Board, ADOT administration and the Planning Division. He stated the East Flagstaff traffic interchange will significantly improve safety for drivers and pedestrians and enhance the entrance to town. He explained Coconino County supported moving the airport traffic interchange project out of the program in order to accommodate the East Flagstaff traffic interchange. He stated, in a good-faith effort to place the airport traffic interchange into Year 2009 and because estimates for the East Flagstaff TI are encouraging, he believes the Board should examine available resources and attempt to put the Airport traffic interchange project back in the program.

FY 2005-2009 Tentative Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

Mr. Burnham explained the approval process started with obtaining revenue forecasts which were then updated on February 3. He said PPAC reviewed the tentative program, which then went to the Transportation Board on February 20 and was approved to be brought before the public. He stated the first public hearing was held in Phoenix on March 5 and the second was held in Tucson on March 19. He explained that once the public hearings are completed, they will bring the tentative program back to the PPAC on June 2 and the Transportation Board on June 18 for final approval.

Mr. Burnham stated the program is divided into two major areas, sub-programs which totals approximately $269.6 million and major construction projects which totals $326 million, of

which MAG receives $152.2 million, PAG receives $49.2 million and the Thirteen Other Counties receive $89.2 million. Mr. Burnham reviewed the program modifications, stating Rest Area Preservation funding was increased to $3.6 million and $600,000 was transferred from Environmental Services Data Recovery to Support Services. He reported $150,000 was also added to Legislative Services in 2005 due to reauthorization. With regard to construction modifications, Mr. Burnham stated the passing lane project on I-10 between Ocotillo Road and SR 90 is being increased from $3 million to $10.3 million and the Fort Grant TI is being increased from $6.6 million to $8 million. He noted funding for SR93, Antelope Wash, was reduced from $26.8 million to $24.3 million. He said they are committing $8 million a year to the Area Service Highway and the East Flag TI is being accelerated, however the JP Powell Road portion of the project has been pushed into a future year. He stated they will add $50 million into the I-10 Picacho Peak to Red Rock project and $8.2 million has been programmed for the McGarry's Wash section on SR 93. He said they are waiting to speak with the Pavement Preservation people to determine which line items will be brought out for the third year of the program. He said other projects will be brought to the Board as scoping is completed and cost estimates are defined.

FY 2005-2009 Tentative PAG Area Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

Mr. Burnham reported major construction projects were allocated $49.2 million and subprograms were allocated $18.5 million for a total distribution of $67.67 million. He noted the PAG region is also allocated special 2.6 funding. He stated they are looking at doing additional construction for main line widening on I-10 between Pinal Air Park Road and Marana and Valencia-Ajo Road Phase II on I-19 will receive $8 million in additional construction money. He said they will continue widening SR 77 at Oracle Road and I-10 from Ruthrauff to Prince will be reconstructed to eight lanes. He explained the 2.6 funding will be used to cover increased costs on I-10 between Ruthrauff and Orange Grove and to complete the I-10/I-19 traffic interchange landscaping project. He said $1 million will also be used to do some work on the frontage road system on I-19 at the Canelo and Continental TI's. He reported they will be matching funds with Oro Valley on the $75,000 Tangerine Road project.

FY 2005-2009 Tentative MAG Area Transportation Facilities Construction Program.
(*Projects selected for FY 09 have not gone through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) approval process.)

(Noreen – For some reason Mr. Kang's presentation was not actually included in the written transcript. Since the presentations don't differ much between public hearings so I just used his presentation from the Tucson public hearing)

Mr. Kang explained there are three main funding sources for the Life Cycle Program, RARF, HURF, and federal funds. He reported 103 miles of new freeway have been opened to traffic, with 30 miles currently under construction, 22 miles under design and 8,377 acres of right-of-way acquired. He stated five miles of the Santan Freeway between the I-10 and Price TIs opened in November 2003 and the Board has awarded six construction projects since the last certification. He stated costs have been updated based on the latest cost estimates and they have

edited and updated the local government funding based on the latest cost update and oral negotiations. He said two Santan Freeway construction projects have been combined into one project for efficiency purposes and a separate $8.7 million utility project was created from a construction project on the Red Mountain Freeway between Power and University.

Mr. Kang stated, annually, ADOT and MAG staff cooperatively develops a program to address the tentative program, identifying funding sources as well as projects to be included in the program. He said this year's funding estimate is $192.6 million, minus the MAG sub-program estimate of $30.3 million, for a total of $162.3 million available for the upcoming program. He stated nine projects are included in the 2009 program, five construction projects and four related to financial or preliminary engineering activities. He stated the first major construction project consists of the second phase of construction of a distributor system on I-10 in central Phoenix/Tempe area. He said the next two projects also consist of improvements to I-10 both in the southeast valley, from Route 202 south to Riggs Road, and in the north valley. He stated there is also a project in the west valley on SR 85 and shoulder improvements on SR 87 north of the Tohono National Forest boundary. He noted the most expensive financial activity will be the $40 million to pay debt service for the acceleration of the Regional Freeway Program which was advanced from 2014 to 2007. He stated $1 million has been programmed for design concept report work and environmental studies for future projects associated with the half-cent sales tax extension and $4.1 million has been designated for various design plans and associated activities for construction projects in 2011 and 2012. He said, lastly, $3 million has been programmed for various interchange improvements around the MAG region. He pointed out the program will be reviewed and modified accordingly should there be positive public support for the half-cent sales tax extension in November.

FY 2005-2009 Tentative Airport Development Program.

Kim Stevens explained the five year program involves about 88 airports, 62 of which are considered primary in the system. He said the remaining 26 airports are classified as secondary airports, which are smaller general aviation airports, many with dirt fields. He noted there are also several Indian-owned airports that are recognized, but ineligible for federal funding in the program. He stated the Aviation Fund is the primary funding source and the Flight Property Tax, aircraft licensing, aviation fuel tax, and the Grand Canyon revenue are all revenue sources. He explained the Flight Property Tax accounts for 45 percent of revenue, stating, however, it has been subjected to cuts by the Legislature in their attempt to balance the state's budget. He said it is their understanding and the program has been based on the assumption that 100 percent of the Flight Property Tax will be restored in July. He sated their projections for the five-year program begin with a funding balance of $3.7 million, with revenue from the Flight Property Tax at a little over $12 million, aircraft registration at $3.6 million and other sources at almost $7.5 million. He stated expenditures include $1.9 million for administration, $2.5 for the federal match, $3.8 million for pavement preservation, $8.4 million for state and local grants and $2 million for airport development loans.

Mr. Stevens said of the projects listed by the sponsors, 1,100 are in the five year program, noting only 29 requested projects were not funded. He stated that number will change significantly if

the Flight Property Tax is not returned. He identified their top funding priorities as the federal project funding, the pavement preservation program and state planning.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Dan Brown, City Councilman from Page, commented more people attended the Page MoveAZ presentation than attended the Flagstaff presentation, stating it shows the level of interest the people of Page have in transportation. He noted two Navajo Nation Council representatives and numerous chapter officials also attended. He asked the Board for their previously requested rest area, explaining they hope to have a visitors' center and use the rest area to enhance economic development in the area.

Harry Begay, Vice President, Coppermine Chapter House, through his interpreter, Faron Morgan, expressed deep appreciation for the $100,000 appropriated by the Board for the study. He said his community still needs a highway and that it is imperative that they get the bill quickly. He said the Gap, Coppermine, Lichee and City of Page will accommodate the Board with breakfast and lunch at their May 21 meeting in Chinle.

Mr. Jeffers noted the Board received a letter from Mr. Curley of the Navajo Nation, expressing the same gratitude.

Dave Barber, Deputy Director, WACOG, thanked the Board for the quality staff working in the Kingman and Yuma District Engineers' offices. He stated communication between the Yuma District Office and the elected officials and staffs of the communities is much improved, enhancing everyone's understanding of the projects to be constructed and those needed in the future. He expressed concern that only two construction projects are listed in the five year program, stating road infrastructure in La Paz is critical to the continued economic health of the county. He said the Quartzsite Rock and Gem Show is one of the largest events in the region; however, if deteriorating conditions and congestion persist, he warned the event could be shifted to another destination within the state or other surrounding states. He commended Bill Alfier's office and the consultant, as well as other ADOT staff, for resolving issues with the 2005 state route improvements planned on 96. He further expressed concern about the bottleneck that will be created upon completion of the Hoover Dam. He explained a fifteen mile stretch of two-lane roadway prior to reaching the four-lane divided highway is full of grade changes, curves, limited sight distances and beautiful scenery, resulting in potential distractions and creating less than ideal driving conditions. He said he is also concerned about Highway 93 south of I-40 to Wikieup, explaining the Transportation Improvement Program calls for only two of the thirteen sections to be constructed and one to be designed. He stated the remaining ten sections have to be completed for the entire length of the NAFTA/CANAMEX Corridor to be improved within the Kingman District. He commended ADOT on the directive to begin the soil stabilization process earlier, stating the grass and flowers that now cover portions of Highway 93 south of Wikieup will bring rewards in terms of erosion control. He commended the Transit Division, stating the three public transit programs in Mohave County provide exceptional service in Lake Havasu, Bullhead and Kingman. He also thanked Dick Harmon for his representation of their area.

Pete Byers, Mohave County Supervisor, thanked the Board for the 95 project in Havasu and for the other projects provided in his district and county. He said he is also concerned about the bottleneck that will be created on US 93 north once the bypass is completed. He asked the Board to look at Highway 93, south of Kingman, as well as constructing a new traffic interchange somewhere in Kingman. He also mentioned traffic problems associated with the closing of Davis Dam.

Phil Moon, Vice Mayor, City of Kingman, agreed US 93 south of the dam and south of Kingman are of great concern. He also agreed a new traffic interchange is needed in Kingman

W. Mark Clark, Transportation Division Manager, Lake Havasu City, noted Lake Havasu City is currently budgeting for a mid-decade census to be conducted next year. He said, based on the results of the census, they anticipate forming an MPO in 2006. He expressed appreciation for the multi-use path installation as part of the $5 million project in Lake Havasu. He said they also appreciate the District's interaction on the town walk. He thanked the Board for the passing lanes, stating they are an excellent way to immediately address flow problems. He asked the Board to continue the spot improvements, given that the north and south sections of the highway will not be widened to five lanes in the near future. He also mentioned the importance of highways in La Paz County, stating they serve as a connection to Lake Havasu City as well. He encouraged the Board to consider increasing funding for transit resources, noting Lake Havasu City added to its general funding for their transit system in direct response to both need and the decreasing transit funding.

Chuck Busby, Vice Mayor of Quartzsite, echoed comments of pervious speakers concerning Highway 95, characterizing the intersection of Highway 95 and Highway 72 as a death trap. He thanked the Board for the projects currently underway on Highway 95. He said they still look forward to completing the B-10 project in Quartzsite, claiming he was led to believe the final portion of the B-10 would be done in 2009. He expressed his opinion the traffic interchange on the west end of Quartzsite is atrocious, stating eighteen-wheelers are clogging the two-lane traffic interchange five days a week.

Chairperson Jeffers asked Mr. Busby for an update on the well situation. Vice Mayor Busby said a public hearing was held last week, noting only 13 people attended. He said most of the people who attended were from the local historical society that runs the Tyson Wells Museum. He stated they were all in agreement to record the well and build a highway.

Jim Boles, Mayor of Winslow, expressed appreciation for their new District Engineer, Dave Sites, stating he is very impressed with Mr. Sites' sincerity and commitment. He also thanked ADOT for working with them to resolve issues concerning their two TEA21 grants. He said Winslow has put forward $1.1 million and has asked NACOG to move funds they were to receive in 2005 up in order to complete the Mike's Pike extension so that businesses at the 253 traffic interchange will not be adversely impacted when the interchange is reconstructed. He asked the Board to put extra paving on the interchange so that it can be used for many years to come.

John Dobrinski, Coconino County Public Works Director, expressed appreciation for all of the projects within the northern Arizona area. He said improvements to the East Flagstaff traffic interchange will result in tremendous safety improvements and benefit not only local residents, but the traveling public as well. He stated, however, the Board of Supervisors, the Public Works Department and the citizens of the county are very supportive of putting the J.W. Powell interchange back into the program. He thanked John Harper and his staff for their assistance and support.

Robert Newtson, Director of Corporation and Foundation Relations, Grand Canyon National Park Foundation, was not present, but his written comments were read into the record. Within his comments, he thanked the Board for the $978,900 transportation enhancement grants they received from ADOT to assist with the Grand Canyon Greenway project. He also thanked Mr. Mendez and his staff for their cooperation and support with regard to two Federal Public Lands Highways discretionary grants in support of construction of the Greenway project. He further thanked political leaders, such as Janet Napolitano, John McCain, Jon Kyl and Rick Renszi for their support of the project.

Jay Howell, Chairman of the Board of La Paz County Supervisors, thanked the Board for ongoing projects in La Paz and Mohave Counties. He voiced his support of Mr. Busby's request for completion of the B-10 project. He expressed appreciation for the Board's quick action on the Vicksburg Road/Highway 60 signage issue, stating accidents seem to have dropped off tremendously. He also thanked the Board for the right-of-way cleanup in the Linden area of Highway 60, stating the cleaning out of Centennial Wash Bridge will help provide flood protection to the town of Linden. He passed on Supervisor Eden's appreciation for work being done in his district.

Chairperson Jeffers announced the special meeting scheduled for after the public hearing will not take place due to the lack of a quorum.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Bill Jeffers

Bill Jeffers, Chairperson
State Transportation Board

Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

MINUTES
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING
OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
11:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 6, 2004
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ROOM 135
206 SOUTH 17TH AVENUE,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

The State Transportation Board met in official session for the Special "Telephonic" Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. All board members took part in this telephonic board meeting via phone, except for Delbert Householder, who could not partake. Those physically present for the meeting were John McGee, Dan Lance, Arnold Burnham, Ron Aschenbach, Joe Acosta, Dale Buskirk, Doug Forstie and Noreen Grasse.

Board Chairman, Bill Jeffers, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and did a roll call of all board members.

The Agenda consisted of the following for Discussion and Possible Action:

John McGee presented to the board.

***ITEM 1:** **Direction To Proceed: Grant Anticipation Notes**
Staff will present a Resolution directing Department staff, Financial Advisor And Bond Counsel to take all actions necessary precedent to its planned issuance of Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2004. (For Discussion and Possible Action – John McGee.)

A Short discussion took place among the Board before a motion was made.

BOARD ACTION: A Motion was made to approve the above referenced Resolution by Rusty Gant, seconded by Dick Hileman and carried unanimously.

Dale Buskirk presented to the board.

***ITEM 2:**	COUNTY:	Statewide
	SCHEDULE:	FY 2004
	SECTION:	Statewide Emergency Fund
	TYPE OF WORK:	Emergency project contingency
	PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$800,000
	PROJECT MANAGER:	William Higgins
	PROJECT:	Item #; 72104
	REQUESTED ACTION:	Increase program amount by $800,000 to $1,600,000 due to unanticipated emergency repairs. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Program Adjustment Fund # 72304.**
	PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$800,000
	INCREASE AMOUNT:	$800,000
	NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$1,600,000

A short discussion took place among the board before a Motion was made.

BOARD ACTION: A Motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Si Schorr, seconded by Rusty Gant and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

BOARD ACTION: A Motion to adjourn the telephonic board meeting was made by Rusty Gant, seconded by Dick Hileman and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at: 11:20 a.m.

Bill Jeffers, Chairman
State Transportation Board

Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

MINUTES
OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING

9:00 A.M., Friday, April 16, 2004
The Santa Cruz County Complex
2150 N. Congress Drive
Nogales, Arizona 85621

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 16, 2004, with Chairperson Jeffers presiding. Other Board members present included: Vice Chairperson Rusty Gant, Dick Hileman, Delbert Householder, Joe Lane, Jim Martin and Si Schorr. Also present were Director Victor Mendez; Debra Brisk, Deputy Director; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division; and Kim Stevens. There were approximately 35 people in the audience.

OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE

Chairperson Jeffers led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked the City of Nogales for their hospitality. He then introduced dignitaries in the audience.

John Maynard, Chairperson, Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors, welcomed the Board and ADOT staff members to Nogales. He thanked Dennis Alvarez and his staff for the excellent work they have done in Santa Cruz County, stating the improvements have made a big difference in truck traffic. He said the east frontage road is a one-way road, creating a local traffic problem. He said they are asking staff to look at connecting the west frontage road between Ruby Road and Rio Rico Drive. He stated they also need funding for a west frontage road between Country Club and Ruby Road, noting it is one of the fastest growing areas in the county. He said he is concerned about rumors of turn backs of state routes to local jurisdictions, particularly with regard to Highway 83. He said they, too, have seen a reduction in HURF funds, making it difficult to cover the county's existing needs. Mr. Maynard said they continue to study how traffic flows through the interchange of Highway 82 and 83. He expressed his opinion they are making some progress with regard to maintenance practices on Highway 82. He pointed out many people continue to believe Highway 82 is a scenic highway and that diversion of interstate truck traffic off that highway would not only save ADOT maintenance money, but enhance the lives of residents in the community.

Manny Ruiz, County Supervisor, presented the Board members with a pin, making them honorary members of Santa Cruz County. He commended Dennis Alvarez, stating he has been a tremendous asset to the county. He explained the county currently receives $3.1 million from HURF funding; however, $381,000 was taken out of that funding this year to help balance the state budget. He said, broken down, they are left with about $2,415 per week that can be spent on maintenance and repair of their roadways. He stated they currently have 397 miles of paved roads and 330 unpaved miles within the county, making turn backs of any significant roads to the county devastating. He urged the Board not to burden local tax payers with maintaining those

roads. He asked the Board to design the Ruby Road to Country Club frontage road, noting middle and elementary schools are both located in the area. He also asked the Board to consider having the Ruby Road to Yavapai west frontage road opened as well, stating it would help alleviate traffic on the interstate and provide an alternate route should an accident block the interstate.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Chuck Ciruli, Chairman, Fresh Produce Association of America, presented each Board member with a box of mangos. On behalf of the produce industry, he said ADOT did a fabulous job on Rio Rico and Ruby Road. He commented on the number of trucks that travel through the area, stating the number will only increase in the future. He said the produce industry now ships year-round, with over 1,500 truck loads shipped during the peak winter months. He stated the infrastructure will have to grow drastically over the next few years to meet demand.

Mike Ortega, Douglas City Manager, expressed their appreciation for the energy and effort ADOT staff put forth within their region. He asked the Board to include US 191 north of Douglas in MoveAZ, explaining the highway from El Frida to Wilcox is in poor shape and in significant need of drainage, shoulder and safety improvements. He encouraged the Board to include US 191 as part of MoveAZ.

Ron Morris, former County Supervisor, asked the Board to implement the planning process that would complete the west frontage road system in Rio Rico. He also urged the Board to complete the construction on I-10 between SR 83 and SR 90, noting an obstruction currently precludes wide load traffic.

Martha Rascon, Director of Public Affairs, FPAA, read her statement into the record. Within her statement she thanked ADOT for their work on the reconstruction of the I-19 east frontage road from Ruby Road to Rio Rico Drive and the reconstruction of the interchanges at Rio Rico and Ruby Roads. She stated, however, inadequate facilities and roads at the Mariposa commercial and passenger port of entry pose significant safety, operational and efficiency challenges. She said FPAA specifically encourages ADOT to enhance the southern portion of SR 189, stating the current design and road capacity forces trucks and passenger vehicles to potentially change lanes several times. She said a widening of SR 189 in the vicinity of the Mariposa port of entry and exit could allow for additional segregation of truck and passenger traffic and enhanced safety and control at the border. She stated the FPAA is also concerned about the potential for unfair allocation of expenses for the Department of Public Service and the Motor Vehicle Division being collected from the Nogales trade community. She explained that, despite recent changes to the USDOT's hours of service rules that have resulted in an increase in the number Arizona registered commercial trucks crossing the border, DPS and MVD have not reduced the amount of money charged to the Safety Enforcement and Transportation Infrastructure Fund (SETIF) account paid for by Mexican trucks through their trip permits. She said if the charges against the fund are not reduced, the FPAA would request that the Board assist in the effort to have money generated by Arizona registered trucks working in the Nogales trade zone directed to the SETIF account instead of the HURF account.

Mike Foster, Rio Rico Fire District Chief, on behalf of the Rio Rico and Tubac Fire Districts, stated the county is growing at a rapid pace, adding close to 500 homes per year. He thanked the Board for the completion of the east frontage road, stating, however, responding to calls to the south is difficult in that the frontage road is one way to the north. He proposed, at a minimum, the addition of an emergency response lane, with two way traffic being the ultimate solution. He said the Exit 34 interchange is also dangerous and the west frontage road needs to be connected at Yavapai Drive. He pointed out the current response time to Yavapai Drive is about 3.5 minutes, whereas a new interchange at that location would decrease the response time to approximately one minute.

Annie McGreevy, Friends of Scenic Highway 82, noted a young man was killed at the crossroads of Scenic Highways 82 and 83. She said there were numerous calls for a traffic light and Dennis Alvarez immediately installed ceramic bumps approaching the intersection and agreed to do a study. She stated the study has since been completed and a public meeting will be held in the near future.

Michelle Zimmerman, Program Director, Rincon Institute, said Pima County would like to request funds from ADOT to purchase the Davidson Canyon/I-10 preserve. She explained the corridor is extremely important because it serves as a wildlife corridor as well as a corridor for endangered species.

William Peachy, citizen, stated he also supports the application of state funds towards a portion of the purchase price of the lands adjacent to I-10 at Davidson Canyon. He explained changing the status of that land will clean up ownership of the land, protect groundwater in the basin, and preserve area plants and animals, including a number of endangered species.

Emily Brott, Program Associate, Sonoran Institute, Cienega Corridor Conservation Council, voiced their support of state funding for the purchase of a portion of the Davidson Canyon Preserve parcels. She noted their membership is very diverse, with representatives from businesses, government and the citizenry-at-large. She explained Davidson Canyon supplies Cienega Creek with water and the Cienega water shed provides Tucson with up to 20 percent of its groundwater recharge.

Bob Pattison, Acting Nogales City Manager, passed along the City Council's regrets. He stated Nogales is the main entry point into Arizona on the CANAMEX Corridor; therefore, many upcoming transportation issues will be very important to them as well as the state as a whole. He said they want to work with ADOT to resolve issues with the train that runs through the center of town. He thanked ADOT for the work that has recently been completed on the Port of Entry. He expressed concern about the turning back of streets and highways to local cities, stating their budget is already stretched.

Manuel Bonorand, Nogales resident, said he brought the issue of truck traffic on the frontage road to Mr. Alvarez's attention when the Ruby Road project started years ago. He stated the road was not built to state highway specifications and expressed concern about the site distance of less

than 100 feet in the area of the three dips. He urged the Board to take action before more accidents occur.

Item 12 was brought forward.

I-10, Davidson Canyon Preserve
Transportation Enhancement Review
Committee - Round 11

Mr. Buskirk reported receiving a letter from Mr. Huckleberry.

Board Action: A motion to approve Item 12 was made by Mr. Schorr, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Schorr asked that Items 33, 34, 35 and 36 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and recused himself from voting due to conflicts of interest.

Appointment of Jim Martin as Chairman of the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC)

Mr. Mendez stated MAG wants to ensure all stakeholders have a voice in the review process if, in fact, a review team is created.

Board Action: A motion to approve the appointment of Jim Martin as Chairman of the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee was made by Mr. Hileman and seconded by Mr. Schorr.

Director's Report

Mr. Mendez stated they continue to work with their legislative bills and discussions are underway with regard to the budget.

Mr. Mendez thanked the City of Nogales for hosting the Board meeting.

Legislative Report

Eileen Colleran reported the Federal House passed their version of the reauthorization bill, explaining their plan is to hold a conference committee to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill, finalize the bill, and have it on the President's desk by the Memorial Day recess. She said, however, they have not yet appointed conferees so it is not clear at this time how the timeline will work. She stated the short-term extension is in effect through the end of April, therefore, another extension will have to be passed. She identified key issues for Arizona, including funding for the Hoover Dam, stating they also continue to lobby the five

priorities Arizona came to consensus on during the reauthorization summit. She stated the overall funding level and minimum guarantee will also come up for discussion during the conference. She stated once the House and Senate pass a budget, Congress will begin working on the FY06 appropriations.

A written copy of her report, including an update on State bills of interest, was submitted for the record.

Financial Report

Mr. McGee reviewed the March 2004 Highway User Revenue Fund report, noting collections totaled $106.4 million which is 17.6 percent above last year and 9.7 percent over the forecast. He said year-to-date collections total $875.9 million, which is 5.9 percent over last year and 2.7 percent above the forecast. He explained collections for the month of March were somewhat impacted by the extra day in February and other minor timing issues. He reported earlier problems with the January RARF disbursement were resolved and revenue for the month actually totaled $28.7 million, which is 7.1 percent over last year and 4.4 percent above the forecast. He pointed out three of the last four months have seen year-over-year growth in collections in excess of 7.0 percent. He said the Department of Revenue is still experiencing reporting problems; therefore, a preliminary distribution of $21 million was received for February.

Mr. McGee discussed the Cash Management/Investment Program reports, stating they earned $946,000 for the month of February, which represents a 1.34 percent rate of return. He stated March earnings totaled $1.053 million, representing a 1.37 percent rate of return. He said year-to-date earnings total $5,872 million, representing an average yield of 0.96 percent.

Mr. McGee reviewed the HELP Fund Cash Status report, reporting a cash balance as of March 31, 2004 of $84,155,795. He said the total reflects about $12.5 million in loan draws offset by approximately $5.2 million in loan repayments and $200,000 in interest.

Financing Program

Mr. McGee reported the Hoover Dam Grant Anticipation Note Issuance remains on track for a May pricing and closing. He said the cooperative agreement between Arizona, Nevada and FHWA has been signed by Arizona and Nevada and is being reviewed by FHWA. He stated the two small sub-agreements are also on track and being reviewed by FHWA. He said the third supplemental Resolution has been completed and the Preliminary Official Statement is in its third draft. He stated they recently sent information to rating agencies to secure ratings for the deal and have been coordinating funding plans with the State of Nevada.

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2004

Mr. McGee presented and recommended approval of a Resolution authorizing the Board's anticipated issuance of Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2004, in an amount not to exceed $51,000,000.

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

Appointment of Underwriters; Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2004A

Mr. McGee presented and recommended approval of a Resolution recommending appointment of Underwriters for the Board's anticipated issuance of Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2004A.

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION BOARD APPOINTING MANAGING UNDERWRITERS FOR ITS PLANNED ISSUANCE OF GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2004.

The Board hereby appoints the following firms to act as managing underwriters in connection with its planned issuance of Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2004A

Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc.	Senior Manager	50%
Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.	Co-Manager	25%
JP Morgan Securities, 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 16th day of April, 2004.

The motion passed unanimously.

***2004 BOARD MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

April 16, 2004	**Board Meeting – Santa Cruz Cty**	**9:00 a.m.**
May 4, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
May 21, 2004	**Board Meeting – Chinle**	**9:00 a.m.**
June 8, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
June 18, 2004	**Board Meeting - Grand Canyon**	**9:00 a.m.**
July 6, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
July 16, 2004	**Board Meeting – Yavapai County**	**9:00 a.m.**
August 3, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
August 20, 2004	**Board Meeting – Bisbee**	**9:00 a.m.**

September 7, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
September 17, 2004	**Board Meeting – Flagstaff**	**9:00 a.m.**
October 5, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
October 15, 2004	**Board Meeting – Queen Creek**	**9:00 a.m.**
November 9, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
November 19, 2004	**Board Meeting – Greenlee Cty**	**9:00 a.m.**
December 7, 2004	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**1:00 p.m.**
December 17, 2004	**Board Meeting – Tucson**	**9:00 a.m.**
January 6, 2005	**Study Session – Phoenix**	**9:30 a.m.**
January 21, 2005	**Board Meeting – Lake Havasu**	**9:00 a.m.**

***MINUTES – Approval**

January 8, 2004 – Study Session Minutes
February 3, 2004 – Study Session Minutes

PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)

ROUTE NO:	I-10 @ MP 236.40
COUNTY:	Pima
SCHEDULE:	FY 2004
SECTION:	Marana – Cortaro
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct inside lane widening
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$21,300,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Laurel Parker
PROJECT:	H458201C Item #; 10404
REQUESTED ACTION:	Modify scope and reduce the length of project to meet programmed cost.

The project increase of approximately $7,000,000 is due to additional paving needed on the westbound travel lanes, shoulders, and ramp at Cortaro Road. An additional 5,000' of 20' sound wall, at a cost $2,000,000, was added at the request of Marana High School to reduce the anticipated noise level increases. Signing was not included in the original project scope but will be needed due to the additional lanes.

The project limits will remain as Marana Road to Cortaro Road. The structures at Marana Road will still be rebuilt as part of this project. To accommodate the $7,000,000 increase in project costs as detailed above, it is recommended the widening of the mainline be reduced by 4 miles, i.e. Marana to Tangerine. The project as reduced in scope will still include the mainline widening of the mainline of 6.3 miles (Tangerine to Cortaro Road). The 4-mile reduction of the widening of the mainline will be added to adjacent FY 2008 project, Pinal Air Park Rd. to Marana.

The Highway Expansion Loan Program (HELP) has requested possible candidates to advance to earlier years in the program with the use of HELP loans for the PAG region. The I-10 Air Park Road to Marana project is the only ADOT candidate that can be ready to meet the December

2004 deadline, because the Air Park Road to Marana does not include any structure design. The project design is currently underway and staff is preparing the application for a HELP loan and plan to present the application to the HELP committee in the fall of 2004. If the application were approved, it would advance the Air Park Road to Marana project by approximately three years.

Dennis Alvarez stated at the March 19, 2004 Board meeting that he has worked with the PAG staff regarding the reduction in scope.

Mr. Buskirk presented and recommended approval of this item.

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

Approved Changes to the FY 2004 – 2008 Highway Construction Program Fiscal Year Summary - Information only

Mr. Buskirk reviewed approved changes to the FY 2004-2008 Highway Construction Fiscal Year Summary. He said 22 of 23 proposed changes were approved at the Board's March meeting and nine projects were brought forward from subprograms at a cost of $3.7 million. He stated there were three changes in terms of project scope, two in terms of project costs and six projects were advanced while one was delayed.

SR 85 Gila Bend to I-10 Corridor Implementation Plan Restructuring

Christ Dimitroplis presented the proposed restructuring of the SR 85 corridor from I-8 to I-10. He stated, while several changes are involved, overall, they keep a fiscally balanced budget across the next five years. He explained Project 6 will pick up one additional mile in order to bring one extra mile into this fiscal year. He stated Project 5 is located in a FEMA Flood Plain and will require additional mitigation measures; therefore, the project will be deferred to FY 2006. He said funding will be increased by an additional $1.1 million for a JPA with Maricopa County Department of Transportation to extend SR 85 to Turner Road, alleviating the need to reconnect old US 80 to SR 85. He stated, while Project 7 has no engineering challenges or budget crisis at this time, they would like to push it out one fiscal year in order to make allowances for Project 5. He stated upon staff's recommendation, Project 8 will be accelerated into this fiscal year, noting there have been additional fatalities along Project 8 since the plan was originally presented to PPAC three weeks ago. He explained Project 44 splits out the railroad clearances, irrigation work and all drainage work that must be done in tandem with the railroad and irrigation work. He said utilities will also be relocated as part of Project 44. He noted the $1.662 million utilities budget line item reflects corridor-wide utilities and represents what was left from balancing the overall five year budget. He stated Project 9 will have to be deferred to a future year, likely FY 2009. He said pre-design studies are currently underway for Projects 11 and 12 and B8, noting staff believes Project 9 will benefit from those studies. He recommended the Board approve the SR 85 Gila Bend to I-10 Corridor Implementation Plan Restructuring.

Mr. Gant asked when Projects 11 and 12 are proposed for construction. Mr. Dimotroplis said they are outside the Five Year Plan, noting their decision will be based, at least in part, on the Town of Gila Bend's decision. He stated the projects will have to be deferred until after FY 2009.

In response to Mr. Schorr's question, Mr. Mendez stated the SR 85 improvements are not part of the half-cent sales tax extension; however, they are part of the 20-Year Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Dimitroplis explained that Project 8 is currently at 95 percent design and the team has diligently taken on additional workload in order to accelerate Project 8 into this fiscal year. He said they will still be able to advertise Project 5 in FY 2006, although additional mitigation will be necessary. He stated Project 6, which is not impacted by the flood plain, will annex an additional mile this fiscal year.

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

ROUTE NO:	SR 101 L @ MP 20.00
COUNTY:	Maricopa
SCHEDULE:	FY 2004 - New Project Request
SECTION:	Agua Fria, 51st Ave – 31st Ave
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct WB auxillary lane
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER:	Ron McCally
PROJECT:	H623501C
REQUESTED ACTION:	Establish a new district minor project in the amount of $1,220,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. **Funds available from the FY 2005 District Minor Fund #73305. Funds to advertise project in FY 2004 are available from previous program adjustments.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$1,220,000

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

ROUTE NO:	US 60 @ MP 226.00
COUNTY:	Pinal
SCHEDULE:	FY 2005 - New Project Request
SECTION:	Superior TI and Rest Area
TYPE OF WORK:	Interpretive signing and landscaping
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER:	Vicki Bever
PROJECT:	

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new Project of Opportunity project in the amount of $83,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Projects of Opportunity Fund #75004.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: $83,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 77 @ MP 114.15
COUNTY: Pinal
SCHEDULE: FY 2004 - New Project Request
SECTION: Mammoth Sidewalks
TYPE OF WORK: Construct sidewalks, lighting and landscaping
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Kathie Knapp
PROJECT: H569701C JPA #02-058
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new round 7 enhancement project in the amount of $606,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. Town of Mammoth to assume maintenance of enhancements and lighting per IGA #02-058. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Enhancement Fund #75304.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: $606,000

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 106.00
COUNTY: Maricopa
SCHEDULE: FY 2004 - New Project Request
SECTION: Sunset Park - Vulture Mine Road
TYPE OF WORK: Construct multiuse pathway
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Phil Jeselnik
PROJECT: H622201C JPA #03-028
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new round 9 enhancemnt project in the amount of $475,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. Town of Wickenburg to assume maintenance of enhancements and provide cleared right of way per IGA #03-028. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Enhancemnt Fund #75304.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: $507,000

ROUTE NO: SR 177 @ MP 9.20
COUNTY: Pinal
SCHEDULE: FY 2004 - New Project Request

SECTION:	Town of Kearny
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct pathway and landscaping
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER:	Bob Gasser
PROJECT:	H586701C JPA #02-052
REQUESTED ACTION:	Establish a new round 7 enhancement project in the amount of $460,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. Town of Kearny to assume maintenance of enhancements IGA #02-052 **Funds available from the FY 2004 Enhancemnt Fund #75304.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$460,000

ROUTE NO:	SR 66 @ MP 57.10
COUNTY:	Mohave
SCHEDULE:	FY 2004 - New Project Request
SECTION:	Andy Devine Avenue
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct pathway
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER:	Bob Gasser
PROJECT:	H583701C JPA #01-186
REQUESTED ACTION:	Establish a new round 7 enhancement project in the amount of $637,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. City of Kingman to assume maintenance of enhancements per IGA #01-186. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Enhancemnt Fund #75304.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$637,000

ROUTE NO:	SR 69 @ MP 287.20
COUNTY:	Yavapai
SCHEDULE:	FY 2004 - New Project Request
SECTION:	Prescott Valley
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct multiuse pathway
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER:	Bob Gasser
PROJECT:	H605001C JPA #02-105
REQUESTED ACTION:	Establish a new round 8 enhancement project in the amount of $1,100,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. Town of Prescott Valley to assume maintenance of enhancements per IGA #02-105. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Enhancemnt Fund #75304.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$1,100,000

ROUTE NO:	SR 87 @ MP 251.50
COUNTY:	Gila
SCHEDULE:	FY 2004 - New Project Request
SECTION:	Greenvalley Parkway - SR 260
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct new sidewalk improvements
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER:	John O'Connor
PROJECT:	H622101C JPA #02-202
REQUESTED ACTION:	Establish a new round 8 enhancement project in the amount of $390,000 in the FY 2004 Highway Construction Program. Town of Payson to assume maintenance of enhancements per IGA #02-202 **See Funding sources Below.**

FY 2004 Enhancement Fund #75304	$370,000
FY 2004 District Minor Fund #73304	$20,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$390,000

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 was made by Mr. Gant, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO:	SR 89 A @ MP 382.40
COUNTY:	Coconino
SCHEDULE:	FY 2004
SECTION:	MP 382.4
TYPE OF WORK:	Rockfall containment
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$2,000,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Michael Andazola
PROJECT:	H552301C Item #; 12802
REQUESTED ACTION:	Increase program amount by $1,200,000 to $3,200,000 due to updated project assessment cost. **Funds available from the FY 2004 Rockfall Containment Fund #77004.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$2,000,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	$1,200,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$3,200,000

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

ROUTE NO:	SR 72 @ MP 26.80
COUNTY:	La Paz
SCHEDULE:	FY 2005 - New Project Request
SECTION:	MP 27 (Bouse)
TYPE OF WORK:	Construct new right turn lane
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project Request

PROJECT MANAGER:	David Harmon
PROJECT:	H637601C
REQUESTED ACTION:	Establish a new district minor project in the amount of $85,000 in the FY 2005 Highway Construction Program. **Funds available from the FY 2004 District Minor Fund #73304.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	$85,000

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

* Next regular scheduled meetings of the Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC). Times and dates of meetings could vary and will be announced at time of agenda distribution. (Information Only)

2004 PPAC Meeting Dates will be held on Wednesdays

- May 5, 2004 9:00 AM
- June 2, 2004 9:00 AM
- June 30, 2004 1:30 PM
- August 4, 2004 9:00 AM
- September 1, 2004 9:00 AM
- September 29, 2004 1:30 PM
- November 3, 2004 9:00 AM
- December 1, 2004 9:00 AM

* Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)

- Minutes – March 3, 2004
- Highway Program Monitoring Report.

RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

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RES. NO:	2004-04-A-013
PROJECT:	S B40-G-700 / 040BNA288H581701R
HIGHWAY:	HOLBROOK BUSINESS ROUTE (40B)
SECTION:	Mid Town T.I. – East T.I.
ROUTE NO.:	State Route B40
ENG. DIST:	Holbrook
COUNTY:	Navajo
RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as a state route for widening improvements

*	RES. NO:	2004-04-A-014
	PROJECT:	F.A.P.94F / 084PM250H088801R
	HIGHWAY:	CASA GRANDE - TUCSON
	SECTION:	Orange Grove Rd. – Prince Rd.
	ROUTE NO.:	Old State Route 84
	ENG. DIST:	Tucson
	COUNTY:	Pima
	RECOMMENDATION:	Disposal by easement extinguishment of Old State Route 84
*	RES. NO:	2004-04-A-015
	PROJECT:	I-019-A-801 / 019PM043H510401R
	HIGHWAY:	NOGALES - TUCSON
	SECTION:	Duval Mine Road T.I.
	ROUTE NO.:	Interstate Route 19
	ENG. DIST:	Tucson
	COUNTY:	Pima
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as state route and state highway due to design changes
*	RES. NO:	2004-04-A-016
	PROJECT:	U 060-B-702 / 060MA111H595801R
	HIGHWAY:	WICKENBURG - PHOENIX
	SECTION:	Cemetery Wash – Turtleback Wash
	ROUTE NO.:	U.S. Route 60
	ENG. DIST:	Prescott
	COUNTY:	Maricopa
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as an access controlled state route for widening purposes
*	RES. NO:	2004-04-A-017
	PROJECT:	U 180-A-800 / 180CN215H410901R
	HIGHWAY:	FLAGSTAFF - VALLE
	SECTION:	Fine Avenue – Navajo Road
	ROUTE NO.:	U.S. Route 180
	ENG. DIST:	Flagstaff
	COUNTY:	Coconino
	RECOMMENDATION:	Amend Resolution 2002-10-A-051 due to a design change

*	RES. NO:	2004-04-A-018
	PROJECT:	S-082-A-701 / 082SC037H598701R
	HIGHWAY:	NOGALES - TOMBSTONE
	SECTION:	South Road – Upper Elgin Road
	ROUTE NO.:	State Route 82
	ENG. DIST:	Tucson
	COUNTY:	Santa Cruz
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as a state route and state highway due to design changes

STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT

* Report on construction and projects completed in March, 2004.

* Right of Way Acquisition Report for March, 2004.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Non-Interstate, Non-Federal Aid

BIDS OPENED:	March 19	
HIGHWAY:	WICKENBURG-KINGMAN HIGHWAY (US 93)	
SECTION:	Wickenburg to Junction SR 89	
COUNTY:	Yavapai	
ROUTE NO:	US 93	
PROJECT:	U-093-B-505 093 YV 193 H649501C	
FUNDING:	100% State	
LOW BIDDER:	J. Banicki Construction, Inc.	
AMOUNT:	$	275,929.00
STATE ESTIMATE:	$	303,519.00
$ UNDER:	$	27,590.00
% UNDER:		9.1%
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:	March 19	
HIGHWAY:	WICKENBURG-PHOENIX HIGHWAY (US 60)	
SECTION:	Grand Ave: 67th Avenue/Northern Avenue	
COUNTY:	Maricopa	
ROUTE NO:	US 60	
PROJECT:	NH-060-B(007)B 060 MA 153 H560101C	
FUNDING:	67% Federal 31% RARF 2 % City of Glendale	
LOW BIDDER:	FNF Construction, Inc.	
AMOUNT:	$	8,089,553.20
STATE ESTIMATE:	$	7,950,000.00
$ OVER:	$	139,553.20
% OVER:		1.8%
NO. BIDDERS:		7
RECOMMENDATION:	AWARD	

BIDS OPENED:	March 4	
HIGHWAY:	SHOW LOW – MCNARY – EAGER HIGHWAY (SR 260)	
SECTION:	Hon Dah – Thru McNary	
COUNTY:	Navajo	
ROUTE NO:	SR 260	
PROJECT:	STP-260-C(004)A 260 NA 357 H586001C	
FUNDING:	94% Federal 6% State	
LOW BIDDER:	Combs Construction Company, Inc.	
AMOUNT:	$	721,151.55
STATE ESTIMATE:	$	657,850.00
$ OVER:	$	63,301.55
% OVER:		9.6%
NO. BIDDERS:		7
RECOMMENDATION:	AWARD	

BIDS OPENED:	March 4	
HIGHWAY:	HEBER – HOLBROOK HIGHWAY (SR 377)	
SECTION:	Junction 277 – Forest Boundary	
COUNTY:	Navajo	
ROUTE NO:	SR 377	
PROJECT:	STP-377-A(002)A 377 NA 000 H586301C	
FUNDING:	94% Federal 6% State	
LOW BIDDER:	Combs Construction Company, Inc.	
AMOUNT:	$	758,904.17
STATE ESTIMATE:	$	852,011.00
$ UNDER:	$	93,106.83

% UNDER: 10.9%
NO. BIDDERS: 6
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: March 26
HIGHWAY: GLOBE AND SAFFORD DISTRICTS
SECTION: Southeast Area Non-Interstate
COUNTY: Statewide
ROUTE NO: US 60, US 180, US 191, SR 80, SR 90
PROJECT: STP-900-A(032)A 999 SW 000 H598001C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: Surface Preparation Technologies, Inc.
AMOUNT: $ 107,742.16
STATE ESTIMATE: $ 102,007.00
$ OVER: $ 5,735.16
% OVER: 5.6%
NO. BIDDERS: 3
RECOMMENDATION: Award contingent upon the Contractor acquiring the appropriate Contractor's License within 60 days of the bid opening in accordance with the special provisions.

Non-Interstate, Non-Federal Aid

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 was made by Mr. Gant, seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED: December 12
HIGHWAY: GLOBE-LORDSBURG HIGHWAY (US 70)
SECTION: Bylas Rest Area – Turn Lanes
COUNTY: Graham
ROUTE NO: US 70
PROJECT: U-070-A-509 070 GH 294 H593602C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Caitlin Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT: $ 242,340.30
STATE ESTIMATE: $ 260,598.00
$ UNDER: $ 18,257.70
% UNDER: 7.0%
NO. BIDDERS: 11
RECOMMENDATION: Cancel Award
COMMENTS: This contract was awarded at the Board meeting on January 16, 2004. The contractor failed to provide appropriate insurance in accordance with the specifications which is required prior to execution of the

contract. Therefore, staff recommends canceling the contract and readvertising the project for bids.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Lane, 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 10:45 p.m.

Bill Jeffers, Chairperson
State Transportation Board

Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of

*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.