

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
STUDY SESSION**

**1:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 7, 2006
Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
State Transportation Board Room, Room 147
206 South 17th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a study session at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2006, with Chairman Martin presiding. Other Board members present included: Vice Chairman Joe Lane, Delbert Householder, Bob Montoya and Si Schorr. Rusty Gant and Dick Hileman were absent. Also present were David Jankofsky, Deputy Director; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division; Jim Dickey and Sam Elters, State Engineer. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

Chairman Martin welcomed those present and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department of Land/Pinal County Plans

Mark Winkleman, State Land Commissioner briefed the Board on their plans for Pinal County. He began by introducing the department's head engineer of the land department and referring to the state trust land and the amount of money raised for education the past few years, much of which has been in the planning for twenty years. Focusing on Northern Pinal County, there has been a great deal of development in the last couple of years, especially in the Florence area, Casa Grande and Eloy. Because there is a lot of state trust land in the way and because they have been unable to deliver it, developers have jumped over it and gone to the next privately held land. There is approximately 275 square miles of state trust land that is being worked on to bring in to production. Looking at population projections, state trust lands were overlooked. That is changing. The Lost Dutchman Heights Project is approximately 7,700 acres and is land that has been previously annexed in the Town of Apache Junction. An RFP went out last summer and was well received. One of the largest real estate companies in the world, an Australian company, was selected. Just less than 1,700 acres, noted on a map that was shared, is being auctioned in September. There will be a scope of work, the planning for the balance of approximately 6,000 acres, which the purchaser will take on as an obligation to plan in detail and put in escrow, several million dollars that will be used to fund that planning. Another 27,000 acres below this project is in progress for a master plan to be completed next fiscal year. Assuming the legislature will continue funding them, they will devote additional planning dollars to a full master plan.

Pinal County Corridor Studies and Stakeholder Consultation and Outreach

Dale Buskirk updated the Board on the Pinal Corridor Studies and stakeholder consultation and outreach. The study purpose was to conduct three Corridor Definition Studies that address the long-rang transportation needs in a rapidly growing area of Pinal County. Initially, ADOT examined population, employment and travel demand for a planning horizon of 25 years. On the basis of that information, they forecasted the need for future transportation infrastructure capacity. Also environmental, geographic and community constrains were reviewed. Throughout the process, the public was involved and a number of meetings were held in the study area to review the findings. In the earlier study session, a population forecast that was developed as part of this study, was used. There have been a number of population forecasts for this portion of Pinal County, all of which differ. Due to controversy, a decision was made to base the analysis regarding transportation infrastructure on build-out, when this area of Pinal

County is fully developed. After the first Board study session and change in orientation, it was appropriate to meet again with stakeholders. A key player is the Arizona State Land Department and cooperation continues. A map was shared with changes highlighted by Mr. Buskirk. With build-out, additional future state highways will be needed. The corridors on the map reflect general locations, not exact alignments. Alignments will be decided by future studies based on demand, level of build-out and engineering feasibility. The second stage of the project development process is to do preliminary engineering, where alignments will be set. They are in the process of updating the five-year construction program and will try to accommodate some preliminary engineering studies for other planning corridors. There are some issues on the southern end of the north/south where further study is being done. There are challenges to meet the transportation needs in this rapidly growing area in Pinal County. It is important to coordinate long-range transportation at the state level and for individual cities and counties. It is anticipated that at the Board meeting in February, they will present a Resolution that will request that the Board approve the recommendations from the Corridor Definition Studies as depicted on the map and formally incorporate the facilities outlined into MOVE AZ, which is the long-range transportation plan for the state. By formally including the Corridor Definition Studies and their recommendations within MOVE AZ, it will allow the Arizona Department of Transportation to further study and to extend funds for the further study of these routes.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Jim Patterson, East Valley Partnership, thanked the Board for reconsidering a number of points.

Flores Case

Rick Rice, Chief Counsel, Transportation Section, Attorney General's Office, briefed the Board on the Flores case. The Flores case is the education case that is currently in front of a federal district judge out of Tucson. Mr. Rice distributed a handout outlining a chronology of events. The case started on August 20, 1992, when the original complaint was filed. Key dates include January 2000 with a judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs. The main issue is a lawsuit alleging that there is insufficient funding provided for English Language Learners (ELL). This has been a fourteen year process. There have been cost studies completed by the state, several legislative actions and bills considered by the state in order to satisfy the Court's judgment. In January 2004, there was an initial motion for Civil Contempt followed by another in July 2004. The Court decided that was not appropriate. In February 2005, the Court denied the Plaintiffs' request for Civil Contempt against the parties in the state. On December 15, 2005, the Court issued an order giving certain orders to the state to comply with some funding issues or face some penalty. In July 2005, the Plaintiff filed a motion for sanctions. That motion included a request to withhold federal highway funds. A copy of the Order was provided and page twelve was discussed where the Court eventually denied the request to suspend the transfer of highway funds. The American Council of Engineering and the General Contractors of Arizona filed briefs that argued there is not a relationship between highway funds coming into Arizona and whether appropriate education funds are being provided. That eventually was the way the judge ruled and denied the request to use highway funds and instead gave a deadline date for the state's obligation to supply something signed by the Governor. At this point, it has not occurred and the fine per day is accumulating. It is a running total and has not been deposited. Once that dollar amount gets to a certain level, it will be determined how to enforce this against the State.

Western Canamex Passage

Dale Buskirk and Marisa Walker, Canamex Corridor Coalition, briefed the Board on the status of the Western Canamex Passage. The Canamex Corridor Coalition represents Arizona, Nevada,

Utah, Idaho and Montana. The current designation of the Canamex Corridor was designated in 1995 by Congress. Two have been endorsed as of last week by the Governor's Canamex Task Force and approved by multi-state partners, the Phoenix Vicinity and Connection from I-10 to US 93 and the Western Passage that will eventually connect the new commercial port of entry that is being proposed on the east side. Ms. Walker identified the Canamex Corridor in a power point. A map of all the Corridors across the United States was shared. There is ambiguity in the Federal Statute as the routing of the Canamex through the Metropolitan Phoenix area. Several years ago, a multi-agency study was developed involving ADOT, MAG and Maricopa County DOT to more precisely define the Canamex Corridor around or through the Phoenix area. The study was completed but it could not be finalized because in Wickenburg they were looking at a solution to solve heavy truck traffic in downtown Wickenburg. The Arizona Department of Transportation developed an interim solution to address the traffic to be effective for ten to fifteen years while looking for an ultimate solution, which involves a bypass around the City of Wickenburg. The Arizona Department of Transportation chose to put the study on hold. MAG chose to proceed and endorsed this routing. Since then, the Wickenburg by-pass study has been completed and a proposed routing is being proposed to the Board. It was agreed that it would come north from Tucson and US 10 and cross on I-8, up 85. A number of alternatives were reviewed. Working with communities and developers, there wasn't opposition, they just wanted the information so they could use it in their land use plans. A Corridor was identified that was preferable that basically follows the alignment of Wickenburg Road, Vulture Mine Road and connects with Wickenburg by-pass connecting to 93. A feasibility analysis was conducted as well as extensive analysis of construction, right of way, environmental issues and outreach. It was presented to and approved by the Governor's Canamex Task Force and recommended to be forwarded to the Board. There still has to be a change in Federal Statute designating this Corridor. With the Board's approval, it would go to that next step. There is strong advocacy relative to the western communities on being able to get this Corridor. The Canamex Corridor in all four of the other states is to the standard four-lane divided interstate. The only portion that is not built to that standard or higher exists in Arizona. Because of the costs involved, the top priority was the bridge over the Colorado River because they closed the crossing over Hoover Dam to commercial traffic for security reasons after 9-11. The next priority is to bring US 93 to the four-lane divided highway standard.

Preliminary Briefing on 5-Year Program

Dale Buskirk updated the Board on the 2007-2011 Highway Construction Program. The status report included the primary reason driving the changes in program development are the significant increases in construction materials costs. Changes to the existing five-year program are presented at the Board meetings primarily based on the need for more money to construct the projects because of materials costs. Usually in January, a draft tentative program is prepared and then meetings are held with individual Board members to review the draft tentative program. These meetings have not yet been held. ADOT management is struggling with how to accommodate these costs. After several meetings, a strategy has been developed, a draft program should be developed in seven to ten days and individual meetings with Board members will be scheduled. Differences include a decision to increase the project costs for major projects by twenty five percent. The sub-programs have experienced the same kinds of materials costs increases although not all are as material intensive as others. Therefore, it was decided to increase the cost of sub-program generated projects by twenty percent. To do the existing five-year construction program, with the increases, the five-year program will need extended further into the future. Public input will be gathered on the draft program, comments will be taken into account and adjustments will be made. The program will be presented to the Board at the June meeting.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Susan Solomon, Mayor, City of Sedona, spoke on behalf of herself regarding the Highway 179 project. The project has divided the community, the two-laners and the four-laners. The "road" has become a symbol for improving the community. She is aware that the Board received a letter from three former mayors of the city urging the Board to not use funds for the project and with all due respect, she believes that the community-at-large wants the project. It's about economic development. The approach, the enhancement, the by-pass, the road, the multimodal all attract tourists to the city and help maintain the quality of life for the citizens. She thanked the Board for supporting the project and looks forward for the overdue improvements.

Dick Ellis, City Councilman, City of Sedona, representing himself, asked those from Sedona to stand. The Highway 179 project has not always been a smooth ride for Sedona or for ADOT. He believes that more than ninety percent of the people agree that the process was great and that seventy percent agreed with the resulting proposal. With few exceptions, the community is in strong support of the City and ADOT projects. A big and welcome change made on the part of ADOT is supporting multimodal forms of transportation. That philosophy is popular in Sedona and the SR179 Corridor. The SR179 process was productive and popular. The process was unique and effective that it received a national and international award. Part of the road has been designated an All American Road, the first and only in Arizona. Phase I is on schedule and Phase II is necessary. He encouraged the Board to find the necessary funding to complete the SR179 project.

Ernie Strauch, Vice Mayor, City of Sedona and member of the SR179 Executive Team, spoke as a private citizen. In 2000, he began working with Mary Peters to define problems related to safety and efficiency on Highway 179. By fall 2000, a needs based implementation plan began to take shape. An eighteen month process that included public input, yielded a final result in May 2004. They are anxious to experience the improvements in traffic flow and safety that resulted from the extensive and long-awaited design process. He pointed out a significant contribution from the City of Sedona for the completion of the project. City Council authorized a \$6 million five-year loan to ADOT and accepted the responsibility to construct and maintain an unanticipated utility bridge across Oak Creek. Six utilities have signed on to cross the bridge at an additional cost of \$600,000 for the City. The first of the two segments is ready to get constructed in May and the second segment in Sedona city limits proper is sixty percent designed and to be completed by the end of the year. This is a tremendous positive impact on the community of Sedona to have the second half of the project completed in continuous sequence after the first segment is completed. Sedona has done everything asked of it and is poised to move forward. He looks forward to the continuing relationship with ADOT and the State Transportation Board.

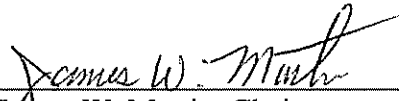
Janet Aniol, Rimrock, Arizona, commented that one thing that unites them is the problems with the McGuierville interchange. There are very short, very dangerous ramps. She and others spoke to the Board in July. At the special session in August, it was voted to carry the \$900,000 that remained in the McGuierville account over to 2006. 2006 is coming to a close and she hasn't seen any safety improvements. It would take close to \$5 million to do all four ramps. With the allotted funds, she hopes that one or two could be done. She would like to know if the money will be carried over to 2007.

(After a discussion with the district engineer, a status update will be provided to Ms. Aniol.)


Adjournment

No closing comments were made.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



James W. Martin, Chairman
State Transportation Board



Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,975,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Farzana Yasmin
PROJECT: Item # 13207
REQUESTED ACTION: Delete project from the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. Scope and budget to be combined with SR 101L; I-10 to Grand Ave #40606.
Fund go to the RARF cash flow.

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 133.60
COUNTY: Maricopa
SCHEDULE: FY 2006
SECTION: 99th Ave - 83rd Ave
TYPE OF WORK: Construct FMS
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$160,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Farzana Yasmin
PROJECT: Item # 15706
REQUESTED ACTION: Delete project from the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. Scope and budget to be combined with SR 101L; I-10 to Grand Ave #40606.
Fund go to the RARF cash flow.

ROUTE NO: SR 101 L @ MP 2.00
COUNTY: Maricopa
SCHEDULE: FY 20062007
SECTION: I-10 to Grand Ave
TYPE OF WORK: Construct FMS
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 750,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Farzana Yasmin / Debra Bieber Barker
PROJECT: Item # 40606
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$2,135,000 to \$2,885,000. Add scope and budget from SR 101L, Grand Ave - I-17; and I-10, 99th Ave – 83rd Ave. Change description to SR 101L, I-10 to I-17.
Funds available from the RARF cashflow.

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$750,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$2,135,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,885,000

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 9, 10 and 11 was made by Mr. Gant, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 277 @ MP 336.00
COUNTY: Navajo
SCHEDULE: FY 2006
SECTION: Cottonwood Wash Bridge #1888
TYPE OF WORK: Scour retrofit
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 419,000

PROJECT MANAGER: Itty P. Itty
PROJECT: H676301C Item # 22306
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$221,000 to \$640,000 due to increase in unit cost. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Bridge Scour Fund #71506.**
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$419,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$221,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$640,000

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

ROUTE NO: I-40 @ MP 275.00
COUNTY: Navajo
SCHEDULE: FY 2007 – New Project Request
SECTION: Joseph City Wash Bridge
TYPE OF WORK: Scour retrofit
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Itty P. Itty
PROJECT: H670601C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new bridge scour retrofit project in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Bridge Scour Fund #71506.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$450,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 264 @ MP 446.00
COUNTY: Apache
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - New Project Request
SECTION: Hubbell Trading Post
TYPE OF WORK: Construct intersection improvements
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: George Wallace
PROJECT: H647601C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new intersection improvement / district minor project in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **Funds available from the FY 2006 District Minor Fund #73306.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$800,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 87 @ MP 263.00

COUNTY: Gila
SCHEDULE: FY 2006
SECTION: Tonto Natural Bridge State Park
TYPE OF WORK: Construct new parking area
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,325,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma
PROJECT: H658801C Item # 16806
REQUESTED ACTION: Defer project from FY 2006 to FY 2007 due to review of modifications requested by the State Park and State Historical Preservation Office.
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,325,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 19B @ MP 2.90
COUNTY: Santa Cruz
SCHEDULE: FY 2006
SECTION: Jct. SR 189 Mariposa Road - Jct I-19
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement Preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,739,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Steve Mishler / Rod Collins
PROJECT: H613701C Item # 18806
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$761,000 to \$2,500,000 due to increased unit cost. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506.**
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,739,000
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$761,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,500,000

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

ROUTE NO: US 191 @ MP 225.00
COUNTY: Greenlee
SCHEDULE: FY 2006
SECTION: KP Cienega - Butter Cienega
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 3,200,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Ken Cooper
PROJECT: H390201C Item # 31901
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,000,000 to \$4,200,000 due to increased unit costs and change in scope from ARFC to 2" overlay. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,200,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$1,000,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$4,200,000

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

ROUTE NO:	I-40 @ MP 190.90
COUNTY:	Coconino
SCHEDULE:	FY 2006
SECTION:	Riordan - East Flagstaff TI
TYPE OF WORK:	Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$ 11,975,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Haldun Guvenen
PROJECT:	H636601C Item # 18906
REQUESTED ACTION:	Increase program amount by \$516,000 to \$12,491,000 due to increase in pavement thickness. Funds are available from the FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506.

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$11,975,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$516,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$12,491,000

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

ROUTE NO:	SR 61 @ MP 352.90
COUNTY:	Apache
SCHEDULE:	FY 2006
SECTION:	Jct. US 60 - E Section
TYPE OF WORK:	Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$ 1,594,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Ken Akoh-Arrey
PROJECT:	H636101C Item # 19306
REQUESTED ACTION:	Increase program amount by \$760,000 to \$2,354,000 due to increased unit cost. Funds are available from the FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506.

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,594,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$760,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,354,000

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

FY 2006-2010 Airport Development Program – Requested Modifications

AIRPORT NAME: Holbrook Municipal Airport
 SPONSOR: City of Holbrook
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public Use
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010
 PROJECT #: E4S36
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Runway 03/21 Safety Area Obstruction
 Removals; Terminal/Hanger Parking Area
 Lighting.
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve additional funding in the amount of
 \$5,807 for the lighting project.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$0
	Sponsor	\$5,145
	State	\$46,308
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$51,453

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

AIRPORT NAME: St Johns Industrial Air Park
 SPONSOR: City of St. Johns
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010
 PROJECT #: E6F85
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Improve Runway Safety Area; Install Runway
 Vertical/Visual Guidance System.
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant
 #3-04-0039-10.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$391,000
	Sponsor	\$10,290
	State	\$10,290
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$411,580

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

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- Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)
 - Minutes of November 30, 2005
 - Approved Meeting Minutes and Retention of Records Policy

- Summary of Changes to the FY 05 – 09 Highway Construction Program
- Highway Program Monitoring Report

* 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.

- February 1, 2006 10:00 AM
- March 1, 2006 10:00 AM
- April 5, 2006 10:00 AM
- May 3, 2006 10:00 AM
- May 31, 2006 10:00 AM
- July 5, 2006 10:00 AM
- August 2, 2006 10:00 AM
- August 30, 2006 10:00 AM
- October 4, 2006 10:00 AM
- November 1, 2006 10:00 AM
- November 29, 2006 10:00 AM
- January 3, 2007

<http://ADOTPPAC.ORG/>

RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

* RES. NO: 2006-01-A-001
 PROJECT: S-987-702 / 238PN045H088801R
 HIGHWAY: MARICOPA-MOBILE-GILA BEND
 SECTION: Maricopa-Mobile Unit I
 ROUTE NO.: State Route 238
 ENG. DIST: Tucson
 COUNTY: Pinal
 PARCEL: 11-0671
 RECOMMENDATION: Establish donated right of way as a state route and state highway for a recently constructed right turn lane by developer

* RES. NO: 2006-01-A-002
 PROJECT: S-082-A-701 / 082SC037H598701R
 HIGHWAY: NOGALES – TOMBSTONE HIGHWAY
 SECTION: South Rd. – Upper Elgin Rd.
 ROUTE NO.: State Route 82
 ENG. DIST: Tucson
 COUNTY: Santa Cruz
 RECOMMENDATION: Amend Resolution 2004-04-A-018 due to design change

* RES. NO: 2006-01-A-003
 PROJECT: 060NA341H466301R
 HIGHWAY: GLOBE – SHOW LOW
 SECTION: Show Low Creek Bridge
 ROUTE NO.: U.S. Route 60
 ENG. DIST: Globe
 COUNTY: Navajo
 RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way as a state route for bridge replacement to enhance safety for the traveling public

STATE ENGINEER’S REPORT

Sam Elters reported that there are 100 projects under construction for a total of approximately \$801 million. In the month of December, ten projects were finalized valued at \$21.4 million. Fiscal year to date fifty-seven projects have been finalized.

* Report on construction and projects completed in December, 2005.

* Right of Way Acquisition Report for December, 2005.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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: December 15
 HIGHWAY: WICKENBURG-PHOENIX HIGHWAY (US 60)
 SECTION: 71st Avenue – Grand Canal Bridge
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 ROUTE NO.: US 60
 PROJECT: NH-060-B(012)A 060 MA 152 H636301C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. dba
 Southwest Asphalt Paving

AMOUNT:	\$	3,250,684.00
STATE AMOUNT:	\$	3,211,287.31
\$ OVER:	\$	39,396.69
% OVER:		1.2%
NO. BIDDERS:		4

RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: December 15
 HIGHWAY: BENSON DOUGLAS HIGHWAY (SR 80)
 SECTION: Benson South to Apache Powder Road
 COUNTY: Cochise
 ROUTE NO.: SR 80

PROJECT: STP-080-A(012)A 080 CH 293 H636001C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: Granite Construction Company
 AMOUNT: \$ 4,509,287.93
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 4,375,235.60
 \$ OVER: \$ 134,052.33
 % OVER: 3.1%
 NO. BIDDERS: 6
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Hileman and passed unanimously. Mr. Schorr recused himself from this Item.

BIDS OPENED: December 15
 HIGHWAY: KITT PEAK HIGHWAY (SR 386)
 SECTION: Kitt Peak Road
 COUNTY: Pima
 ROUTE NO.: SR 386
 PROJECT: STP-386-A(001)A 386 PM 008 H378401C
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
 LOW BIDDER: Hark Drilling, Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 989,907.90
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,196,039.50
 \$ UNDER: \$ 206,131.60
 % UNDER: 17.2%
 NO. BIDDERS: 6
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

Non-Interstate Non-Federal Aid

BIDS OPENED: December 15
 HIGHWAY: SANTAN FREEWAY (SR 202L)
 SECTION: I-10, Wild Horse Pass T.I.
 COUNTY: Maricopa
 ROUTE NO.: SR 202L
 PROJECT: RAM-202-C-512 202L MA 054 H541703C
 FUNDING: 100% State
 LOW BIDDER: Valley Crest Landscape Development, Inc.
 AMOUNT: \$ 1,871,780.75
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,626,688.00
 \$ OVER: \$ 245,092.75
 % OVER: 15.1%
 NO. BIDDERS: 5

RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

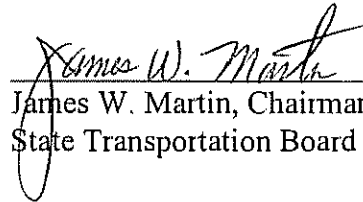
CONSENT AGENDA

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

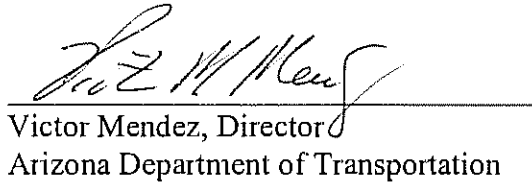
ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



James W. Martin, Chairman
State Transportation Board



Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda

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City of Casa Grande Council Chambers
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OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE

Chairman Martin welcomed those to the meeting and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced dignitaries in the audience and thanked the City of Casa Grande for their wonderful hospitality and for hosting the dinner on Thursday evening. He introduced Bill Feldmeier and Felipe Zubia as incoming board members after they receive final approval and thanked Mr. Gant for his service.

CONSENT AGENDA

Si Schorr recused himself from Items 38, 39 and 42.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Sandi Smith, District 2 Supervisor, Pinal County, discussed the rapid population growth rate in Pinal County and the Pinal County Corridor Definition Study. The Freeway Corridor Definition Study was a much needed prelude to the much needed design conceptual report and environmental studies that are going to be needed to establish the center line of these roads. The current rapid growth in the Johnson Ranch and Santan area coupled with the growth from Arizona State Land Department is just focusing the need that is coming in these corridors and they are willing to stand with ADOT to help solve those problems. She thanked many members for their work with citizens for an excellent job. They urged the adoption of the first steps in the Pinal County Freeway Corridor Study that includes the US 60 reroute. And will be looking to work at the same type of studies that will be needed in the southern and western part of Pinal County.

David Snider, District 3 Supervisor, Pinal County thanked and welcomed the Board to Pinal County and thanked the staff for their help. Pinal County has a vision for transportation for the future and they are committed to actively pursuing it and cannot do it without help and that was the point of the transportation summit. He stated that they feel and know the need and are ten years ahead, actively pursuing regional solutions to transportation. The County Board will fund the regional study and will be involving Victor and his staff and members of the Board in the attempt to find a solution and will

work together to get it done, and are committed to looking for local resources, not just state and federal. He is appreciative of the transportation corridor solutions that are being considered today.

Tom Rankin, Mayor, Town of Florence, stated that we're getting ready for one of the most important highways to be built in Pinal County since I-10 and the effect it will have on 200,000-300,000 people within the next eight to ten years. There are alternatives to review in the meantime. A lot of this is a regional issue between the Town of Florence, the City of Coolidge and Pinal County and some of these roads are regional issues not state issues. However, the study that was done by ADOT needs to be passed, funded and continued. This allows a freeway system that will move Arizona. The Town of Florence supports Item 7A and looks forward to working with ADOT.

Edward Farrell, Councilman, City of Maricopa, thanked ADOT and mentioned that the Tucson district has been a key player in the operations on SR 347. He shared an example that resulted in matched funds as well as better public safety issues. He stated that the passage of the resolution to adopt the recommendation of the Pinal County Corridor Definition Study is a giant step forward with the north central part of Pinal County. He asked the Board to start paying attention to the western side of Pinal County and take into consideration a study on the western side similar to the north central side. It's important to start now because in the western side they are looking at 500,000 people in the next twenty years. With open communication in planning, a transportation corridor system can be created. Pinal County Supervisors are doing a good job and had their first summit last week.

Craig Civaliar, Town Engineer, Oro Valley Town Council, attended the Pinal Regional Transportation Summit and discussed the population numbers. They've taken some heat in the press for suggesting alternative routes north out of Oro Valley. Oro Valley grew by 345 percent and commercial by 500 percent. They recommend a multi-regional approach to transportation planning in Arizona and would like to see a task force established with MAG, PAG, CAG and ADOT and local jurisdiction to discuss solutions to the growth ahead. He is committed and would like to help offer solutions.

Sandra Shade, Transportation Director, Gila River Indian Community, read a letter from William R. Rhodes, Governor, Gila River Indian Community. Dear Chairman Martin: On behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (the "Community"), we appreciate the efforts of Director Mendez and his staff in presenting the Pinal County Corridor Definition Studies to our Community Council on February 15, 2006. The Community recognizes that these Corridor Studies were initiated in accordance with Arizona State Laws to further define corridors identified in Southeastern Maricopa and Northern Pinal counties for right of way preservation as well as provide the State Transportation Board with recommendations for consideration regarding possible corridor expansions. As an important stakeholder, our Community Council has requested that Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) regularly communicate, cooperate, and coordinate efforts with our Community regarding transportation studies that would have an impact to us. We have expressed concerns with regard to vehicular and truck traffic being rerouted through our local roads as well as long-term parking along roads within the Community. In addition, we have requested that ADOT inform us as to whether there will be a need for additional right of way in the State Routes that are within our Community's boundaries, namely State Routes 87, 187, 387, and 587 respectively. We look forward to continuing a mutually beneficial working relationship with ADOT. Sincerely, William R. Rhodes, Governor, Gila River Indian Community

Ingo Radicke, Gila County, discussed Gonzales Pass. He hopes that by July 1 the funding will be in the new year and the project can begin. He asked the Board that if there isn't enough money, to begin the project anyway because improvements are needed.

Jan Dodson, Director of Planning, Vanguard Properties, with more than 25,000 acres in Arizona and 18,000 of those are in Pinal County, 9,000 of those are a master planned community called Merrill Ranch in Florence Arizona. Del Webb's Anthem is part of that with 3,000 acres. They are scheduled to have their grand opening later this month. Ms. Dodson discussed the two alternatives still on the map; one bisects Merrill Ranch and the other ties into 79. She expressed support for the alternative that goes to the east of them and ties into 79 because they are so far along in development and expects that within the next two years, they will be absorbing units at the rate of about 2,000 units per year. The bisect to the property causes a serious concern for them.

Director's Report

Victor Mendez reported that through the public transportation division, and Director Jim Dickey, a new public transportation service in the Yuma area, a regional connector service idea was unveiled. In addition, unveiled today will be the Green Valley, Tucson connector service, another public transportation service. Mr. Mendez reminded everyone that there are other issues beyond the highways and the freeways. With the Pinal County Transportation Summit, he feels there is a great beginning in Pinal County and appreciates the County stepping forward. There is a funding model that is about three decades old and it is being used for a modern day transportation system and it is not working well. It is time to look at other opportunities. They will be working with the state, all the stakeholders, Board and others to accomplish this in a year or two. There was a lot of energy at the summit, a lot of cooperation and important dialogue. With regard to the appropriations process at the state level, the process is still being debated. The Governor understands the importance of transportation and has in her budget, a pay back of the \$118 million that we utilized about two or three years ago to help balance the budget. In addition, she is proposing that we fund \$40 million from the general fund, in other words, \$40 million that would go back to transportation and support the highway patrol. There are other bills that are problematic for us. In answer to a question, Mr. Mendez said that there are a couple of legislative bills pending that allocate additional general fund dollars beyond the \$118 million for transportation. From a statewide perspective we are going to have to come up with a mix of solutions in addition to increasing the gas tax.

I-10 Prince to 29th Street Project

Victor Mendez gave an update on the status of the I-10 Prince to 29th Street Project. ADOT was asked about depressing a portion of I-10 through Tucson. At the time, local officials felt it could be done within incremental cost increase of approximately \$100 million. The city, county, elected officials and ADOT met to move forward with a feasibility study to complete in thirty days. The study results showed that the concept is feasible however at a cost of approximately \$285 million. City and county officials then suggested another idea that was to create existing access between east and west sides of the freeway by enlarging existing underpasses and creating new ones. ADOT technical staff met with local officials about ten days ago to better understand the technical concepts. The outcome was a request of additional information from local officials. Three days ago, we received a letter from the city manager and county administrator with regard to that request and the letter did not specifically address all the questions that our staff posed. It served to further define what the city and county were requesting but it still left a lot of conceptual issues on the table. At this point the request amounts to widening underpasses to make them more pedestrian friendly and creating a new pedestrian underpass

to connect the neighborhoods on both sides of the freeway and to provide better access to downtown Tucson. Progress was made at a meeting yesterday, yet some questions remain. Preliminary indications are that three of the five enhancements of the underpasses may be possible to do at minimal cost and without delay of the project. Two others, however, require more analysis and since proposed changes are significant and would require additional costs, we believe local officials have placed additional cost estimates of an additional \$30 million. We have not been provided with additional documents and we are concerned with how accurate this might be. We will formally respond with a letter to both the city and the county within the next seven to ten days to the fact that there are still some unanswered questions that we will expect local officials to answer and the biggest question is the funding source. In good faith we went forward with the feasibility study. It is in our best interest to bring this issue to closure.

Legislative Report

Kevin Biesty provided an update on legislative issues. He handed out two documents, a report on bills and a federal update. Discussion on adequate funding for transportation is happening at the federal level as well. There is much discussion that the gas tax isn't enough nationwide. The President's budget proposal was released in February. The Federal –Aid Highway obligation limitation for 2007 is proposed at a little more than \$39 billion, a \$3.4 billion increase over the FY 2006 level, or a 9.6 percent increase. The Highway Trust Fund Revenues are projected to be \$34.645 billion over the period reflecting improvements in revenue estimates from the mid-session review numbers released last July. The Federal Transit program is proposed to be funded at \$8.8 billion, an increase of \$370 million over FY 2006. The budget requests \$13.7 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, representing nearly a four percent decrease for the agency. The budget provides \$2.8 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, which represents a 22 percent cut.

Financial Report

John McGee provided summary reports on revenue collections for Highway User Revenues and Maricopa Transportation Excise Tax Revenues, comparing fiscal year results to last year's actuals and forecasts, and reported on interest earnings, HELP Fund status, and other financial information relative to the Board and Department. January HURF collections totaled \$106.3 million, an increase of 2.1 percent over January 2005, but 7.9 percent below the estimate. The lower than expected revenues in January was due mainly to lower commercial registration and Vehicle License Tax revenues. FY 2006 HURF revenues through the first seven months totaled \$753.7 million, an increase of 7.2 percent over the same period last year and 1.4 percent above the estimate. For the month of December, RARF collections were \$29.7 million, an increase of 19.1 percent above December 2004 and 9.4 percent over the estimate. All RARF revenue categories posted double digit year-over-year growth lead by the Retail Sales and Contracting revenue categories. RARF revenues through December 2005 totaled \$176.1 million, an increase of 17.4 percent above the same time period last year and 7.5 percent over the estimate. Earnings for the December investment report total \$2.535 million for the month of December, representing an annual earnings rate of approximately 3.72 percent. Year-to-date earnings total \$12.726 million. This represents an average yield of approximately 3.38 percent. For the HELP program, the January ending balance is \$74.7 million.

Financing Program

John McGee provided an update on financing issues affecting the Board and the Department, including HURF and RARF Bonding, GAN issuances and Board Funding Obligations. The HELP loan status for statewide loans, MAG loans and PAG loans are outlined in the handout.

Resolution

Barclay Dick presented a Resolution to the Board for their approval to award a \$3,000,000 loan to Williams Gateway Airport Authority to construct a large corporate hangar. The Resolution was included in the meeting packet.

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

Resolution

Dale Buskirk presented a Resolution to the Board to adopt the recommendations of the Pinal County Corridor Definition Studies and to formerly incorporate them into MoveAZ. The Resolution was included in the meeting packet.

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

Resolution

Dale Buskirk and John Pein presented a Resolution of Support to the Board to adopt the Regional Transportation Authority Plan (RTP) for Pima County. The Resolution was included in the meeting packet.

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

***MINUTES – APPROVAL**

December 16, 2005 – Study Session Minutes
December 16, 2005 – Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2006 – Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes

*** PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES MADE TO THE 2006 CALENDAR. THEY ARE HIGHLIGHTED BELOW. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MARCH 7TH STUDY SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

2006 BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING & STUDY SESSION DATES AND LOCATIONS

January 20, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Rio Rico
February 7, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session – Phoenix
February 17, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Casa Grande
March 7, 2006 – CANCELED Study Session – Phoenix

March 10, 2006, 12:00 p.m. – MAG/ADOT Joint Public Hearing at MAG Office - Phoenix

March 17, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Yuma

April 7, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Public Hearing – Phoenix

April 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting & Public Hearing – Marana

May 5, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Public Hearing – Flagstaff

May 19, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board meeting – Graham County

June 6, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix

June 23, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Prescott (**Please note this meeting will be held on the 4th Friday of the month, instead of the third Friday.**)

July 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Show Low

August 1, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix

August 18, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Holbrook

September 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Glendale

October 3, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix

October 20, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – East Valley

November 7, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix

November 17, 2006 – Board Meeting – Willcox

December 5, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix

December 15, 2006 – Board Meeting - Tucson

PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC) – DALE BUSKIRK

FY 2006 – 2011 MAG Regional Freeway
System / Regional Transportation Plan
Freeway Program Recommendations

- a. FY 2006 Program Modifications
- b. FY 2007 – 2011 Program

Bill Hayden presented Item 10 for discussion only. He discussed commodity issues that include cement, aggregate, petroleum products, steel and lumber and shared examples of increasing costs for each. He discussed labor shortages including a lack of available skilled and unskilled labor, a 40 percent turnover of workers, a high level of other construction in state and a lack of training programs. Examples of recent cost increases were described including the US60 six mile widening project from Gilbert Road to Power Road, the Red Mountain Freeway: University to Southern Avenue and Red Mountain: Power to University segment. Because of project increases, the way projects are bid is being revisited, strategies are being developed to improve and streamline the process as well as a continuance to monitor the market. As a result, the '06 program has a \$121 million overage. A question is, are there projects in the program that could be deferred. Criteria for the projects were established and include project readiness. As a result, costs were updated based on the latest design, right of way and construction estimates. The FY 2006 projects were modified to balance cash flow and design and right of way project schedules were modified to align with study schedules. Construction project schedules were modified to align with design schedule and the Freeway Management System projects were modified based on the latest plan. Remaining Sky Harbor Corridor

projects were transferred to the RTP Freeway Program from Proposition 300. As a result, the following eight projects totaling \$100 million were identified to consider for deferral from FY 2006 to FY 2007. 1) Loop 303, I-10-Grand Avenue, Design and Right of Way, \$5 million 2) SR85, MP139-MP141, Construction, \$18.9 million, 3) I-10, Dysart-67th Avenue, Rubberized Asphalt, \$5.2 million, 4) I-10, 40th St-Baseline, Design and Right of Way, \$10.8 million, 5) I-17, Greenway – Thunderbird, Drainage Improvement, \$8 million, 6) I-17 at Deer Valley, TI Improvement \$1.9 million (delete), 7) Loop 101 at 64th St, Construct New Interchange, \$23 million, 8) US93, Wickenburg Bypass, Construction, \$26.8 million. Additional information regarding costs for each project is included in the handout. In summary, as a result of this decision and to keep the fiscal year 2006 in fiscal balance, the overall program has been reduced to a program amount of \$379 million.

The same strategy and principles for application of the draft FY 2007 – FY 2011 apply. In all cases we are looking at deferral of projects as opposed to deletion of projects. If a project should be deferred, it retains its priority placed in the process. There are 15 projects reflecting one or two fiscal year deferral. Eleven are on I-10 and were noted in the handout. Twenty-three project cost changes for FY 2007 – FT 2011 total \$87 million and were listed in the handout. Objectives are to be cost conscience, realistic in the delivery of the program and keep the program in fiscal balance.

FY 2006 - 2010 Transportation Facilities Construction Program Requested Modifications

COUNTY: Statewide
 SCHEDULE: FY 2005
 SECTION: VMS Statewide NW Arizona, PH 5
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct VMS Signs
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,047,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Mani Kumar
 PROJECT: H517407C Item # 23205
 REQUESTED ACTION: Delete project from the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **Funds go to FY 2006 Program Adjustment Fund #72306.**

COUNTY: Statewide
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006
 SECTION: VMS Statewide, PH 6
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct VMS Signs
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,802,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Mani Kumar
 PROJECT: H660801C Item # 25006
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,674,000 to \$3,476,000 due to addition of VMS Phase 5 scope and budget, and updated cost estimates. **See additional funding sources below.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$1,802,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$1,674,000
FY 2006 Program Adjustment Fund #72306	\$1,047,000
FY 2006 Rural ITS Fund #76606	\$627,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$3,476,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 40 B @ MP 193.20
COUNTY: Coconino
SCHEDULE: FY 2007 - New Project Request
SECTION: Pine Springs to Switzer Canyon
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Jay Morrison
PROJECT: H657201C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new pavement preservation project in the amount of \$2,765,000 in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. **See multiple funding sources below.**

FY 2007 Pavement Preservation Fund #72507.	\$2,663,000
FY 2007 District Minor Fund #73307	\$102,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,765,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 89 @ MP 278.20
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2006
SECTION: Yarnell - Peeples Valley Yard
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 960,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Mazen Muradvich
PROJECT: H635901C Item # 21106
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,340,000 to \$2,300,000 due to change in scope and material cost increase. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Pavement Preservation Fund #72506.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$960,000
INCREASE AMOUNT:	\$1,340,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$2,300,000

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

ROUTE NO: I-17 @ MP 251.90
COUNTY: Yavapai
SCHEDULE: FY 2006
SECTION: Sunset Rest Area
TYPE OF WORK: Rehabilitate rest area

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 2,400,000
 PROJECT MANAGER: Debra Einweck
 PROJECT: H415301C Item # 10701
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,200,000 to \$3,600,000 and defer project to FY 2007. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Rest Area Preservation Fund #79106.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,400,000
 INCREASE AMOUNT: \$1,200,000
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$3,600,000

Dale Buskirk provided additional information. The Sunset Point Rest Area is the busiest and most heavily used rest area on the state wide highway system. The Sunset Point Rest Area is the oldest rest area that does not receive any major rehabilitation throughout its lifespan. Since the last presentation to the Board on rest areas, the Department had a consultant specializing in project constructability review the plans for three rest areas including this one. The project plans for the Sunset Point Rest Area took the review and observations from the consultants into consideration and feel confident that the changes with the resulting increased costs are within. With regard to usage, an average of 3,103 vehicles drive to and utilize the Sunset Point Rest Area each day. With the increased cost in the movement in the project, the Board needs to be advised that this action will require that the Painted Cliff Visitor Center and the other rest areas which have been scheduled but not programmed may be delayed. With this background, approval is recommended.

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

A question was asked about whether the consultants report was specific to this site or was it a general report. The consultants report looked specifically at rest areas including this one. The report was recent; however there is no publication date. A question was asked whether the report was discussed. The report has not been a matter of presentation to the Board at a study session. It was suggested that the consultants report be scheduled for a study session to be discussed.

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 0.00
 COUNTY: La Paz
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - New Project Request
 SECTION: California Stateline – Hovatter
 TYPE OF WORK: Sign Rehabilitation
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
 PROJECT MANAGER: Mannar Tamirisa
 PROJECT: H646001C
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new sign rehabilitation project in the amount of \$2,600,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Sign Rehabilitation Fund #78306.**
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,600,000

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

ROUTE NO: I-19 @ MP 59.70
COUNTY: Pima
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - New Project Request
SECTION: MP 59.70 - MP 60.01
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Bill Hurguy
PROJECT: H659501C
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new pavement preservation project in the amount of \$912,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Preventive Pavement Preservation Fund #77306.**
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$912,000

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

FY 2006-2010 Airport Development Program – Requested Modifications

AIRPORT NAME: Town of Springerville Municipal
SPONSOR: Town of Springerville
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010
PROJECT #: E6F86
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install Perimeter Fence.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant #3-04-0038-12.

FUNDING SOURCES:

FAA	\$89,172
Sponsor	\$4,377
State	\$4,378
<i>Total Program</i>	\$97,927

AIRPORT NAME: Bisbee Douglas International
SPONSOR: Cochise County
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010
PROJECT #: E6F87

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request
PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rehabilitate Apron (light aircraft parking, approx. 150,000 SF)

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve State matching funds for FAA Grant #3-04-0013-004.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$261,250
	Sponsor	\$6,875
	State	\$6,875
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$275,000

AIRPORT NAME: Page Municipal
SPONSOR: City of Page
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Commercial
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010
PROJECT #: E5F44
PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change
PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Extend Runway 15/33; Extend Taxiway A; Obstruction Removal; Construct North Apron; Improve Airport Erosion Control; Install Airfield Guidance Signs / Upgrade Segmented Circle.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve additional funding in the amount of \$4,592.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$2,259,132
	Sponsor	\$59,451
	State	\$59,451
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$2,378,034

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

AIRPORT NAME: Marana Regional Airport
SPONSOR: Town of Marana
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010
PROJECT #: E6S10
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$500,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Apron Reconstruct
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve a scope change to design only the apron

project, conduct airport drainage analysis and decrease State amount by \$252,628.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$0
	Sponsor	\$21,930
	State	\$197,372
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$219,302

AIRPORT NAME: Marana Regional Airport
SPONSOR: Town of Marana
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010
PROJECT #: E5S80
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$517,098
PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Land acquisition
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve a scope change to conduct only Environmental Assessment of the proposed land acquisition and decrease State amount by \$98,290.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$0
	Sponsor	\$40,789
	State	\$367,098
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$407,887

AIRPORT NAME: Marana Regional Airport
SPONSOR: Town of Marana
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010
PROJECT #: E6S26
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,200,000
PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Taxiway B electrical upgrades
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve a decrease in the State amount by \$46,818

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$0
	Sponsor	\$114,798
	State	\$1,033,182
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$1,147,980

AIRPORT NAME: Marana Regional Airport
SPONSOR: Town of Marana
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010
PROJECT #: E6S26

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	New Project	
PROJECT MANAGER:	Tammy Martelle	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Runway 12/30 MITL replacement	
REQUESTED ACTION:	Approve new project to install new replacement runway light system (MITL) on 12\30 as an emergency effort.	
FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$0
	Sponsor	\$44,193
	State	\$397,736
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$441,292

Board Action: A motion to approve Items 21, 22, 23 and 24 was made by Mr. Gant, seconded by Mr. Schorr and passed unanimously.

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 - Minutes of November 30, 2005
 - Summary of Changes to the FY 05 – 09 Highway Construction Program
 - Highway Program Monitoring Report

* 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.

- March 1, 2006 10:00 AM
- April 5, 2006 10:00 AM
- May 3, 2006 10:00 AM
- May 31, 2006 10:00 AM
- July 5, 2006 10:00 AM
- August 2, 2006 1:00 PM
- August 30, 2006 10:00 AM
- October 4, 2006 10:00 AM
- November 1, 2006 10:00 AM
- November 29, 2006 10:00 AM
- January 3, 2007

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RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

* RES. NO:	2006-02-A-004
PROJECT:	I-17-2(15)/I-17-2(601) / 017YV297H088801R
HIGHWAY:	CORDES JCT. - FLAGSTAFF
SECTION:	McGuireville Rest Area #6-92
ROUTE NO.:	Interstate Route 17
ENG. DIST:	Prescott
COUNTY:	Yavapai

	RECOMMENDATION:	Disposal by easement relinquishment to Coconino National Forest Service
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO.: ENG. DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:	2006-02-A-005 N-900-0-700 / 277NA336H555101R HEBER - SNOWFLAKE Cottonwood Wash Bridge State Route 277 Holbrook Navajo Establish a T.C.E. to improve drainage and future bridge failure
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO.: ENG. DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:	2006-02-A-006 S-101-B-800 / 101LMA000H624001R PIMA FREEWAY 64 th St. T.I. State Route 101 Loop Phoenix Maricopa Establish additional right of way as a state highway for traffic interchange construction
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO.: ENG. DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:	2006-02-A-007 S-087-C-701 / 087NA341H615701R PAYSON - WINSLOW Ruby Channel Bridge State Route 87 Holbrook Navajo Establish additional right of way as a state highway for bridge replacement and drainage improvements
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO.: ENG. DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:	2006-02-A-008 N-900-0-700 / 010BCH305H555101R BENSON BUSINESS LOOP B10 010B at MP 305 Interstate Route 10B Safford Cochise Establish a T.C.E. highway to improve drainage and safety measures for pedestrians
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO.: ENG. DIST: COUNTY:	2006-02-A-009 U-191-B-802 / 191GH087H503701R BOWIE JCT. - SAFFORD I-10 – S.R. 266 U.S. Route 191 Safford Graham

	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as a state Route and state highway due to design changes
*	RES. NO:	2006-02-A-010
	PROJECT:	U-191-B-802 / 191GH087H503701R
	HIGHWAY:	BOWIE JCT. - SAFFORD
	SECTION:	I-10 – S.R. 266
	ROUTE NO.:	U.S. Route 191
	ENG. DIST:	Safford
	COUNTY:	Cochise & Graham
	RECOMMENDATION:	Establish additional right of way as a state Route and state highway, due to design Changes
*	RES. NO:	2006-02-A-011
	PROJECT:	S-077-A-800 / 077PM077H545901R
	HIGHWAY:	TUCSON-ORACLE JCT.-GLOBE
	SECTION:	Calle Concordia – Tangerine Rd.
	ROUTE NO.:	State Route 77
	ENG. DIST:	Tucson
	COUNTY:	Pima
	RECOMMENDATION:	Amend Resolution 2005-05-A-033 due to Design changes

STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sam Elters reported on construction and projects completed in January, 2006. There are 88 projects under construction for a total of approximately \$759 million. In the month of January, the Department finalized eight projects valued at a little more than \$17 million. Fiscal year-to-date, 65 projects have been finalized.

* Right of Way Acquisition Report for January, 2006.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – Sam Elters

Interstate Non-Federal Aid

BIDS OPENED:	January 20
HIGHWAY:	MESQUITE-LITTLEFIELD-NORTH HIGHWAY
SECTION:	I-15 at Milepost 13
COUNTY:	Mohave
ROUTE NO.:	I-15
PROJECT:	I-015-A-503 015 MO 013 H674301C
FUNDING:	100% State
LOW BIDDER:	Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. dba Southwest Asphalt Paving
AMOUNT:	\$ 951,150.00
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 1,165,105.00
\$ UNDER:	\$ 213,955.00
% UNDER:	18.4%

NO. BIDDERS: 3
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

BIDS OPENED: January 20
HIGHWAY: HOLBROOK BUSINESS ROUTE (I-40B)
SECTION: Junction SR 77
COUNTY: Navajo
ROUTE NO.: I-40B
PROJECT: I-040-D-506 040B NA 286 HX11301C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Combs Construction Company, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 290,726.00
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 245,700.00
\$ OVER: \$ 45,026.00
% OVER: 18.3%
NO. BIDDERS: 3
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously. Mr. Schorr recused himself from this Item.

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: January 13
HIGHWAY: SAN LUIS – YUMA – QUARTZSITE HIGHWAY (US 95)
SECTION: Gila Canal – Gila River Bridge
SECTION: US 95 at Avenue 11E
COUNTY: Yuma
ROUTE NO.: US 95
PROJECT: NH-095-B(005)A 095 YU 033 H658401C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
PROJECT: U-095-B-508 095 YU 033 HX15201C
FUNDING: 67% State 33% Yuma County
LOW BIDDER: Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 2,038,013.00
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 2,672,113.90
\$ UNDER: \$ 634,100.90
% UNDER: 23.7%
NO. BIDDERS: 6
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Gant and passed unanimously. Mr. Schorr recused himself from this Item.

BIDS OPENED: January 13
HIGHWAY: COOLIDGE-FLORENCE HIGHWAY (SR 287)
SECTION: Junction SR 87 to SR 79
COUNTY: Pinal
ROUTE NO.: SR 287
PROJECT: STP-287-B(001)A 287 PN 135 H635401C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: Meridian Engineering Company
AMOUNT: \$ 2,069,000.00
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 2,628,012.50
\$ UNDER: \$ 559,012.50
% UNDER: 21.3%
NO. BIDDERS: 6
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

* BIDS OPENED: January 27
HIGHWAY: MARICOPA ROAD (SR 347)
SECTION: Louis Johnson Road-Ak-Chin Government Center
COUNTY: Pinal
ROUTE NO.: SR 347
PROJECT: STP-347-A(001)A 347 PN 164 H615301C
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. dba
Southwest Asphalt Paving
AMOUNT: \$ 1,849,292.00
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 2,080,672.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 231,380.00
% UNDER: 11.1%
NO. BIDDERS: 8
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: January 13
HIGHWAY: PIMA ROAD: VIA LINDA TO INNER CIRCLE
SECTION: City of Scottsdale
COUNTY: Maricopa
ROUTE NO.: N/A
PROJECT: CM-SCT-0(012)A 0000 MA SCT SS49901C
FUNDING: 80% Federal 20% City of Scottsdale
LOW BIDDER: Bison Contracting Co., Inc.

AMOUNT: \$ 1,853,641.50
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,585,718.05
\$ OVER: \$ 267,923.45
% OVER: 16.9%
NO. BIDDERS: 5
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously. Mr. Schorr recused himself from this Item.

Non-Interstate Non-Federal Aid

BIDS OPENED: January 20
HIGHWAY: GILA BEND-LUKEVILLE HIGHWAY (SR 85)
SECTION: Junction B8-County Line
COUNTY: Maricopa
ROUTE NO.: SR 85
PROJECT: S-085-A-501 085 MA 000 H630001C
FUNDING: 100% State
LOW BIDDER: Cactus Transport, Inc.
AMOUNT: \$ 874,666.00
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,129,616.00
\$ UNDER: \$ 254,950.00
% UNDER: 22.6%
NO. BIDDERS: 5
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

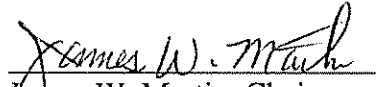
CONSENT AGENDA


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

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.


James W. Martin, Chairman
State Transportation Board


Victor M. Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.