

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 13, 2007  
The City of Tucson  
Mayor and Council Chambers  
255 West Alameda  
Tucson, Arizona 85701**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Public Hearing on Friday, April 13, 2007, with Chairman Joe Lane presiding. Other Board members and staff were present.

**OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE**

Chairman Joe Lane opened the public hearing by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and introducing this first of three public meetings.

**PRESENTATION OF 2008-2012 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

**FY 2008-2012 Tentative Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program  
And**

**FY 2008-2012 Tentative PAG Regional Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Mr. Don Mauller announced upcoming meetings and discussed the program timeline. The final program will be presented to the Transportation Board on June 15. There was \$800 million allocated for this program; \$403.6 million was allocated to subprograms; \$221.6 million for PAG and \$71.8 million for TOC. Pavement Preservation is programmed at \$100 million a year. It is being proposed to increase that to \$114 million in fiscal year '08 and \$115 million in fiscal years '09 and '10, \$120 million in fiscal year 2011 and \$125 million in fiscal year 2012. Minor Pavement Preservation funds are recommended to increase from \$4.4 million to \$5 million for five years and the District Minor Fund from \$20 million to \$25 million. For the Port of Entry, proposed is a fiscal year 2008 program for \$2.5 million with the remaining \$10 million in fiscal year 2012. Projects in the Thirteen Other Counties, through STAN, include three lanes in each direction from Tangerine Road to about Picacho Peak. Recommended on I-10 between I-8 and Picacho Peak TI is additional roadway widening. Also on I-10 widening is recommended southbound through the Gila River Indian Tribal Boundary to I-8 in fiscal year 2012. Recommended on I-17, Black Canyon City to Cordes Junction, is adding a lane between Rock Springs and Cordes Junction in each direction. Additional projects include constructing a four-lane roadway in alignment with the U.S. 93 implementation plan.; constructing four lanes on U.S. 8 with raised median and a new bridge over the Little Colorado River; widening lanes between Junction 89A to Milepost 324. Milepost 324 to Chino Valley is programmed for this year and this will complete the segment from SR 89A to Chino Valley to a four lane facility. On U.S. 5 north of Yuma, recommended in fiscal year 2012, program \$10 million for a total cost of the project of \$42 million. Widening is recommended on U.S. 60 from Show Low to Little Mormon Lake. Along with major projects, recommended are TOC sub-programs for fiscal year 2012 to add \$6 million for major project design. Additional projects recommended include Apache Lane on U.S. 91 between I-40 and SR 264, a passing lane on I-40, the Lupton traffic interchange, a concept report for the interchange on I-70 from Safford to Solomon and on SR 95

south of the junction of 72, construct a passing lane. PAG Major Project recommendations include reconstructing the TI on I-19's Irvington Road; widening the roadway to six lanes on SR 77 between Tangerine Road and Pinal County line; and constructing a frontage road along I-10 from Marana TI to Ina Road TI. A series of traffic interchanges recommended include Kino Parkway, Wilmot Road and Valencia Road.

Mr. Schorr said that he is pleased with the funding recommendations and the purpose of this is to devote the initial funding to jumpstart the Aviation East Extension in the Greater Tucson area. It would parallel I-10 and divert a significant amount of traffic onto the Aviation.

Mr. Mendez clarified that on I-17 out to Cordes Junction in the year 2012, the amount is \$9.5 million.

### **FY 2008 – 2012 Tentative MAG Regional Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Mr. Bill Hayden explained that projects for the Regional Transportation Plan extend from 2006 through 2026 and include new freeway construction, improvement to existing freeways, new traffic interchanges, additional studies and the region and right-of-way protect as necessary to preserve corridors. Projects in the West Valley include adding general purpose lane and HOV lanes from the Loop 101 to Sarival Road and general purpose lanes from Sarival Road west to Verrado Way. In the North Valley, projects include general purpose lanes from the Loop 101 to the south to the Carefree Highway on the north and four new traffic interchanges, Jomax and Dixileta, Dove Valley and I-17 and reconstruction of the existing I-17 Carefree Highway or SR 74 project. In the East Valley, on Pima Freeway, about 30 miles of construction will begin of HOV lanes beginning from Tatum Boulevard extending to Scottsdale, south through Tempe and down to Loop 202 for about \$150 million. Another project on SR 51 is adding about 7 miles of HOV lanes from Shea Boulevard north to the 101. There will be continuous HOV lanes from I-10 on the south continuing north on 51 east, through Scottsdale, south to Loop 202. Another project is the I-10 to the Broadway curve area, an onset of a direct collector distributor system from 40<sup>th</sup> Street to Baseline Road for \$580 million beginning in 2010. Another six miles of general purpose lanes and HOV lanes will be added from Riggs Road on the south to the 202 traffic interchange. In the Tempe/Mesa area, on the beginning of Loop 202, there are about seven miles of general purpose lanes and widening from SR 51 east to the 202 traffic interchange. There is an additional six miles of HOV lanes from the 101, 202 traffic interchange proceeding to Gilbert Road. In the far West Valley, SR 85, there is \$140 million in the program to complete the remaining segment of that project to have a full four-lane divided roadway from Interstate 8 on the south to Interstate 10 on the north. Construction will begin on the Wickenburg Bypass. Two additional projects are the 202 southbound freeway from I-10 and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue south for about \$550 million. Final Federal Highway Administration EIS approval is needed before proceeding with construction and is expected in 2008. The segment of the South Mountain from south 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Levine east to I-10 is still under alternative study. The final segment for major construction is the Loop 303 from I-17 proceeding west to Happy Valley Road. In summary, there are 133 miles of existing corridor-widening improvements, 75 miles of HOV lanes, six new traffic interchanges with the one connector with Loop 101 and 38 miles of new freeway construction, 27 miles for right-of-way protection, 75 miles of ongoing studies including in part South Mountain EIS study as well as the SR 801 and 802. The 801 is the I-10 reliever of the West Valley and will extend from Loop 202 west to SR 85. The Williams Gateway Project will extend from the 202 to the Maricopa County line at I-10. The Rubberized

Asphalt Program will add 34 miles for a total of 150 miles of rubberized asphalt in the freeway system. The total dollar amount to be expended during this five-year period beginning with 2008 is \$762 million and proceeding through the next five years totaling \$3.64 billion. In addition to the regular program during the 2006 Arizona Legislative Session, \$307 million was allocated to accelerate transportation projects statewide. Funds have been incorporated from that program of which \$184.2 million were allocated for Maricopa County. First, I-10, the Carefree Highway to Anthem Way Project, about five miles, using \$33 million of the STAN funds, the West Valley Project on I-10 from Sarival Road to Verrado Way, East Valley, Northeast Valley, the HOV project from Tatum Boulevard to Princess Drive and in Chandler from Baseline Road south to the 202. The concluding projects are construction of partial traffic interchange at Bell Road and the 303, followed by two projects south of that area, a crossroad improvement at Cactus Road and Waddell Road. And in the Southeast Valley, \$20.3 million of the Williams Gateway border to include construction to occur within the corridor.

In reply to a question from Mr. Zubia regarding the timing of the HOV lanes on the 101, they are not programmed yet.

Mr. Mendez noted that part of Loop 303 was renamed the Bob Stump Memorial Parkway.

#### **FY 2008 – 2012 Tentative Airport Development Program**

Mr. Mike Kline reported that the Airport Development Program received about 1,200 requests from airports across the state comprising a considerable amount of value both in federally funded projects for airport development and in state funded projects. The revenue used for this program comes from the Aviation Fund, supported by aviation taxes on fuel flight, property taxes and aircraft registration fees and lieu taxes. Fiscal year '07 began with an estimated \$24 million in the Aviation Fund. Revenues are anticipated at \$23 million and expenditures of \$28 million this fiscal year. Anticipated is a fund balance of \$18 million at the end of this fiscal year. At mid-year review, that fund's balance will be higher than estimated. There are 93 airports in the state system, 62 requesting 952 projects. In 2008, there are 104 projects for \$33 million that are considered. Forty-four are proposed to be funded in fiscal year '08 for about \$16.5 million. A federal grant match program is utilized although not producing much funding for Arizona. The state is allocating \$6 million in an Airport Pavement Preservation Program. \$6 million is placed from the Aviation Fund for airport loans. State planning projects will be \$750 million going to statewide planning services providing \$34 million development program, \$34 million share would go to \$35 million, \$36 million and on to \$37 million over the five-year planning period.

#### **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Mr. Jack Husted feels that rural allocations are under-funded again. Last year's STAN of 20 percent ended up for the most part between here and Phoenix on I-10. Thoughts from the rurals are that we maintain the state's system on our 50 percent. Casa Grande was 50 percent allocation to the TOC. Through pavement preservation and the sub-programs and Apache and Navajo Counties, sometimes all of our major construction programs or projects are on I-40 which doesn't relieve some of the congestion and the growth. Phoenix and Maricopa tax themselves and they have raised a lot of their own money; we still subsidize the statewide system. There is a regional freeway system that goes there that is outside of rural. There have been suggestions we need to take the state system, whether we develop it as the freeway system or the national highway system, and put it into a separate pie and say it's the state's responsibility to maintain a system.

That system is now maintained on the back of the TOC. We have 7,000 miles or more of state system outside of, with just about 1,000 of it in a mega corridor and that is being maintained through the pavement preservation. The White Mountains is thankful for the first major construction project south of I-40 in a long time. COGs are under-funded. It has been said that once every four years, a little money comes from MACOG but it's not enough to do anything. He asked that as the department deliberates where to put more STAN money, think about the outlying area as opposed to this mega corridor that is taking much from the resources of this state.

George Nerhan, Mayor of Huachuca City, stated that he would like to get the traffic light in Huachuca City. Maintenance is needed for a two-mile stretch and the bridge is separating. He asked for the consideration of left lane passing only signs.

Jim Palmer, Supervisor, Graham County, appreciates the work on Highway 191, work beginning to address drainage issues on Highway 70 in the recently completed widening project and the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge project, a major link across the Gila River going north to the new side of the Safford Phelps Dodge Copper Mine. There are more than 1,000 people a day working on the Mine project with projections to produce copper the first quarter of '08. There are housing and apartment starts that exceed 13,000 units in Graham County. Transportation needs are going to continue to increase. More than half of the 13,000 units will take place going south on Highway 191. Work on that highway between I-10 and Safford is appreciated. ADOT is doing scoping work and holding community meetings to continue that program from the end of the existing project from Fort Grant intersection into Highway 70 in Safford. Narrowing to two lanes is inadequate. He encouraged the continued scoping and programming of the Highway 70 east project that is going to intersect a proposed rail system that the Arizona Eastern railroad is going to take off their existing line and out to the Morenci or the Safford Phelps Dodge Copper Mine. It's important we have a temporary crossing.

Mr. Feldmeier commented that in the 1980s and early '90s, Yavapai did not have the benefit to impose an impact fee for transportation. Counties now have that ability. Is Graham County having discussions about an impact fee? Mr. Palmer responded that yes, some fees have been added and things are still inadequate.

Mike Willett, spoke on behalf of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors and the Yavapai community and thanked the Board for consideration for Yavapai County projects that are in the proposed 5-year plan, especially the SR 260 project in the Verde Valley and the SR 89 project between Chino Valley and Prescott. Both projects implement substantial access control measures.

Dick Basye, Pima County Association tax payer, commented about rural roads and the reason why they never paved the road between Alpine and Sunrise ski area. His main concern is the study going forward about I-10 alternate through Benson and San Pedro Valley up to the west side of Phoenix. He believes there is a cheaper alternative with the South Mountain Freeway in progress, extend west to Buckeye. In Tucson, in 1986, PAG had a bypass through Avra Valley, Sandario Road in San Joaquin Road and that went to Valencia. If you had gone Old Vail Road, you got a bypass through Tucson to Avra Valley. It's about 40 miles long compared to 200 miles of this study going through the San Pedro River. It also allows international truck traffic from

Mexico and for development in the area. He believes we can improve the image of Tucson with road programs. Adding a shortcut road from Sells to where the Sonoran roadway is to the east of the urban Cactus National Monument, increase the speed limit slightly, it would shorten Phoenix trips. The Redding Pass Road is almost not travelable without 4-wheel drive. Another option is the north side of the Catalina Mountains that is not travelable without a truck. Expanding that road might be an option. Another one to review is the Barrassio extension to Valencia. And an extension of I-19 east from where it terminates at I-10 near Golf Links Road. For a less amount, we thought we could have an east/west freeway that would take the pressure off the traffic that merges at I-19 and I-10.


Rick Gaar, Executive Director of Southeast Arizona Government Association and Member of the Board of Directors, thanked and congratulated ADOT for work done. Things are tight in the rural areas and he asked for consideration of projects. On behalf of the Arizona Transit Association, as a Board Member, Mr. Gaar mentioned Arizona Rides, the Governor's Executive Order, Rural Needs Study and Rural Coordination Plan. Transit is part of the multi-mode solution.

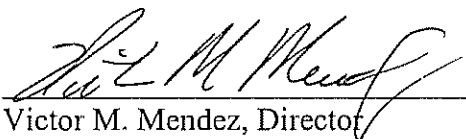
Annie McGreevy, Friends of Scenic Highway 92, Sonoita said they don't want the trucks leaving Nogales and going through Patagonia and Sonoita. She asks for consideration of traveling up I-19.

Maria Troutner, Community of Cascabel read a letter that she submitted to Representative Raul Grijalva on behalf of the people of Cascabel. You are considering at least a study, as I understand, of putting the I-10 truck bypass right through our valley and in the heart of our community. I need to tell you that for me, it is a very personal issue. My ancestors were ranchers and farmers along the San Pedro during the 1800s. There is pristine, picturesque wildlife habitat with many historical and archaeological sites currently being preserved. Our San Pedro River Valley is in danger of being destroyed. A bypass through our valley is being considered and under study by ADOT for the purpose of re-routing traffic off of I-10 and bypassing Tucson and Phoenix. If this bypass were to become a reality, it would be disastrous for our community and our rural environment. Our valley contains riparian areas and is one of the few remaining pristine areas in Southern Arizona. The San Pedro River which flows year-round in some locations is fragile, and if disturbed, will dry up similarly as the Santa Cruz River did in Pima County. So I just wanted to share those thoughts with you. I would really like to know where we are in terms of that study, if it's being considered, is it underway, and if it is, we, as a community, would like to know what effect it will have on our property and our community.

**ADJOURN**

The Public Hearing adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

  
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Joe Lane, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

  
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Victor M. Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
STUDY SESSION  
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 20, 2007  
Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)  
Auditorium  
206 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Study Session at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 20, 2007, with Chairman Joe Lane presiding. Other Board members present included: Bill Feldmeier, Delbert Householder, Bobbie Lundstrom, Bob Montoya, Si Schorr and Felipe Zubia. Also present were Director Victor Mendez; Richard Travis, Deputy Director; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division; Sam Elters, State Engineer; Jim Dickey and Barclay Dick, Division Director, Aeronautics Division. There were approximately 50 people in the audience.

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

**Rest Areas – Privatization Possibilities and Future Direction**

Mr. Sam Elters responded to the Board's request regarding rest area privatization and future options. In review, this discussion began in August 2006, when staff presented to the Board an upgrade to the Sunset Point Rest Area. The Board expressed interest in privatization and asked the Department to research the possibility. The inventory of existing rest areas was mentioned including those maintained by ADOT and rest areas maintained by others. And a map of rest area locations in Arizona was shared indicating those maintained by ADOT and those maintained by others. In the process of researching the subject matter, the Attorney General's office was contacted for a determination. A copy of the legal opinion was shared. In summary, federal legislation prohibits privatization of rest areas on active interstate right of way. The same legislation also prohibits them along non-interstate federal roadways. Those restrictions also apply on Indian land. Rest areas on the state highway system, however, are not under this prohibition. Arizona law does not give ADOT the authority to privatize rest areas as it is written today. Research was done on other states. No other states have privatized rest areas along the interstate system, although several have tried, including California. Minnesota has a rest area sponsor program where businesses assist with costs. Privatization was considered in the SAFETEA-LU but was removed because of concerns from truck stop operators. ADOT cannot privatize rest areas on interstates, federal aid highways or state routes under the current law. State legislation could be targeted for change. Current conditions at the rest areas necessitate upgrading and work. For further discussion at the Board meeting, a recommendation is to move ahead with programmed upgrades and expansions in rest areas. Additional research is needed on the feasibility of the privatization of rest areas along the state highway system. ADOT asks that the Board authorize the Department to advertise the Sunset Point upgrades at the April Board meeting, to review legislative authority, additional models and the feasibility of privatizing future rest areas. The timeline to continue the dialogue will be in August. There is a safety issue with trucks parking on the interstate and in traffic interchanges. The availability of rest areas is a serious concern.

Mr. Feldmeier commented that it is surprising that other states do not have rest area privatization. In reply, according to the legal opinion rendered and the Federal Highway Administration

Arizona Division, there are no privatized rest areas on the interstate system within a public right of way.

Mr. Schorr asked about “no state has privatized existing rest areas on interstates.” Does that mean that there is a prohibition against privatizing a current rest area? In reply, existing or new rest areas on the interstate system within public right of way cannot be privatized under current legislation. Mr. Schorr asked about privatizing a prospective rest area along the interstate. In reply, the Federal Highway Administration made it clear that current federal legislation does not allow for privatization of interstate rest areas on public right of ways, either new or existing.

There was a comment that these laws are old and we need to think outside the box. Legislative help is needed to allow ADOT to lease or sell the land and generate the revenue. ADOT is not interested in competing with business but rather find the mechanism for the rest areas to pay for themselves. Options should be explored.

Mr. Feldmeier asked about the main reason that other states with public private partnerships have not met financial expectations. In reply, specifics are unknown.

Mr. Feldmeier asked about maintenance costs across the state. In reply, thirty rest areas are maintained by ADOT and one in conjunction with the Forest Service. In 2005-2006 the cost was approximately \$1.7 million. In 2006-2007, for a half year, from July 2006 to December 2006, the cost was approximately \$1 million.

Mr. Schorr commented about the many rest areas off the Federal Highway System. And if the law doesn't allow this, what exceptions permit the authorization of private rest stops on or adjacent to the State Highway System.

If ADOT proceeds, it was suggested looking at one or two rest areas such as the Burnt Well Rest Area and the Sunset Point Rest Area and talk with a private economic consultant. The issues and regulations are clear and it should be determined if it makes financial sense.

Mr. Elters stated that ADOT is suggesting a need to move forward to look at the issues, including economic development issues and feasibility.

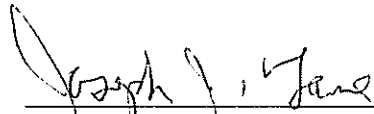
Mr. Schorr suggested, assuming the Board wants to accomplish this, that they lay out an action plan of how to accomplish this in an affirmative study rather than a theoretical manner.

A comment was made about how to get this done under the current regulations. That would be to take it out of public ownership and then review if that can be done financially.

Mr. Schorr said that if this is something that the Department cannot do, he suggests retaining a university school of business to do a study.

**Adjournment**

The Study Session adjourned into the public hearing.



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Joe Lane, Chairman  
State Transportation Board



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**OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Joe Lane introduced the statewide construction project.

**PRESENTATION OF 2007-2011 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

**FY 2007-2011 Tentative Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Mr. Don Mauller explained the required public hearings that the Board participated in including a joint meeting with MAG. The final program will be brought back on June 15. There was \$800 million allocated for this program; \$403.6 million was allocated to subprograms. For major projects, MAG received \$221.6 million, PAG received \$71.78 million and TOC received \$103 million. Within the subprograms, Pavement Preservation is programmed at \$100 million a year. It is being recommended to increase to \$114 million in fiscal year '08 and \$115 million in fiscal years '09 and '10, \$120 million in fiscal year 2011 and \$125 million in fiscal year 2012. Minor Pavement Preservation funds are recommended to increase from \$4.4 million to \$5 million over all five years of the program, the Preventative Pavement Preservation Program from \$6.6 million to \$7 million over all five years and the District Minor Fund from \$20 million to \$25 million in fiscal year 2010. \$2.5 million is recommended to be programmed in 2009 for the Port of Entry. In TOC Major Projects, through STAN, programmed is a third lane in each direction coming north out of Tucson to Picacho Peak including the traffic interchange. Recommended is on I-10 between I-8 and Picacho Peak TI construct additional roadway widening. Also on I-10 recommended is southbound through the Gila River Indian Tribal Boundary to I-8 widening in fiscal year 2012. Recommended on I-17, Black Canyon City to Cordes Junction, is adding a lane between Rock Springs. Additional projects include reconstructing a four-lane roadway for the Antelope Wash section on U.S. 93; constructing four lanes with a new bridge over Dolittle/Colorado River on U.S. 89, median improvements and intersection improvements on SR 64; widening between the junction of SR 89 to milepost 324; on U.S. 95, Avenue 9E to Aburdeen Road; and widening on U.S. 60 from Show Low to Little Mormon Lake. Recommendations for subprograms in rural areas include \$6 million for major project design in 2012, \$3 million for project and corridor studies in 2012 and for passing lanes, half a million

dollars for design and \$4 million for construction. Projects recommended to be programmed out of those subprograms include a passing lane on U.S. 91 between Chambers and Ganado; the Lupton traffic interchange at the New Mexico state line on I-40; design roadway widening to four lanes on U.S. 70 from Safford to Solomon; and a passing lane on SR 95 south of the junction of SR 72. PAG Major Project recommendations include reconstructing the TI on I-19's Irvington Road; widening the roadway to six lanes on SR 77 between Tangerine Road and Pinal County line; and constructing a frontage road along I-10 from Marana TI to Ina Road TI. A series of traffic interchanges recommended include Kino Parkway, Wilmot Road and Valencia Road.

#### **\*FY 2007-2011 Tentative PAG Area Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

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Presented was major new construction that has been included in the tentative five-year program for fiscal years 2008-2012. Projects on I-10 include High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and general purpose lanes from the Loop 101 to Verrado Way, additional general purpose lanes extending the 101 east to I-17 and two projects from 40<sup>th</sup> Street to Baseline. West Valley projects include general purpose lanes from Sarival to Verrado Way and HOV lanes and general purpose lanes from Dysart Road to Agua Fria. Also on I-10, are six miles of collector/distributor roads from SR 51 through Baseline Road and a 6-mile section of general purpose lanes and HOV lanes from Riggs Road on the south to the 202/Santan interchange to the north. Work on the I-17 corridor includes a Jomax Road and SR 74 section, including HOV lanes and general purpose lanes and extending north from the 101 to the Carefree Highway. Additional projects include the I-17 State Route 74 Anthem Way, Dove Valley TI, Grand Avenue improvements and additions, additional lanes and improvements to the New River Bridge and improvements from the 303 on the far west to McDowell Road in the Phoenix area. General purpose lanes will be added on the Superstition, U.S. 60 Freeway; construction of a new TI will be at U.S. 60 and Lindsay Road. A series of small projects on SR 85 corridor in the West Valley will complete all construction sections from I-8 from the south, from the I-10 from the north. And new traffic interchanges will be added at Beardsley Road and Union Hills Drive. HOV lanes will extend from SR 51 through Scottsdale and south through Tempe and Chandler and a continuation of the HOV lanes south from the Red Mountain to Baseline Road and from Baseline Road to the Santan Freeway. Additional projects include South Mountain to Red Mountain freeways; Loop 202 in Tempe seven miles of general purpose lanes to be added between SR 51 and the 101 TI; HOV lanes from the 101 traffic interchange to Gilbert Road; the 303 corridor in the Northwest Valley construction between I-17 and Happy Valley Road; from Grand Avenue south to I-10 and the connector with the freeway-to-freeway traffic interchange connecting the 303 alignment with the I-10. There are three projects funded using STAN funds, first, the partial construction of the Bell Road traffic interchange and then roadway of improvements at Cactus Road and Waddell Road. In summary, there are 133 miles of existing corridor-widening improvements during this five-year period, the addition of 75 miles of HOV lanes, six new traffic interchanges and a HOV connector from SR 51 to the 101 and the acquiring of 27 miles of additional right-of-way. There are 75 miles of studies underway. The Rubberized Asphalt Program will add 34 miles and will complete 150 miles of rubberized asphalt in the freeway system. The fiscal program for this five-year period totals \$3.64 billion.

### **FY 2007 – 2011 Tentative Airport Development Program**

Mr. Barclay Dick introduced Mr. Mike Klein who explained that the tentative five-year Airport Development Program is a statewide system based on revenues generated by aviation including property tax, aircraft licensing tax, aviation fuels, Grand Canyon Airport revenue, penalties and interest on collections plus investments and loan interest. The estimated fund balance is \$24 million for '07. Revenues are anticipated at \$23 million and expenditures of \$28 million this fiscal year. There are 93 airports in the state system. Grants are issued to do the airport development work in the five-year program. Sixty two airports submitted nearly 1,000 projects worth about \$1.3 billion. Two thirds of them also requested federal funds from the Federal Aviation Administration. In the first year of the airport program, 104 projects for about \$33 million were considered under the Board's priority system. Forty-four are proposed to be funded in fiscal year '08 for about \$16.5 million. One half of municipalities' local share of the federal grants will be matched. The five-year program has an Airport Pavement Preservation Program. \$6 million is provided in actual direct aviation services maintenance services. Airport development loans are issued; state planning services are available. The program for fiscal year '08 is about \$54 million and the balance of the five-year program with slight increases each year, increases will stem mostly from the federal match grants and from the state local grants. With those kinds of expenditures, the fund balance is anticipated to run down to about \$2 million.

### **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Jack Husted said that as we look into the transportation funding future of the State of Arizona, we need a clearer picture. The rurals have always been on the short end of that stick and I want to take a realistic view to take the state-significant system, the interstates and some of the state highways, and put them into a separate fund. We have the TOC. We have MAG and PAG, but TOC seems to be maintaining the system with our share. We would like to thank you for the \$5 million project in the Show Low area, the first one in a long time that's been up there off the freeway system or off the reservations. Maybe we need to get a clearer picture and create that fourth pot, the state-significant system. I think that the history exists. 60 and Grand, they're the State's responsibility. Separating those out and creating a system significant to the State, that precedent exists.

Phillip Ronnerud representing Greenlee County Board of Supervisors said that the supervisors thank the Board for the tremendous progress that's been made to bringing state highways in the county up to current conditions. In traveling around the state, we feel exceptionally fortunate that we have the freeway organizers and their staff working for us. The supervisors and residents are thrilled that the Guthrie Bridge has been put to bid and anxiously await the beginning of this important project. With record prices for copper and the expansion of the Morenci Mine, we are seeing more traffic, particularly on U.S. 191. The resurfacing project on U.S. 70 from Duncan to the state line is much appreciated and needed after all the heavy truck traffic. The funds set aside for the district forest camp on the Coronado Trail has been used wisely in the past and has been leveraged with forest service leading to extensive improvements. And your rest areas, I think they're called trail heads but there's been significant improvement there. In discussions with District Engineer Bill Harmon, we suggested building a roundabout at the freeway. This is a difficult intersection with a history of serious accidents.

John Bowman talked about the rest area in the Town of Jerome. This has been a 12-year process. The town owns the property and would operate and maintain it after its construction. Two years

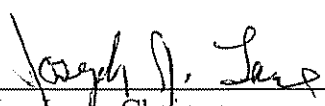
ago it went out for bid, an \$800,000 budget, and a single bid came in at \$1.3 million. Last year you asked us to find more money. The Town of Jerome has put in an application with the State Parks Heritage Fund for another \$600,000 to complete the project. If there's anything I can do to facilitate this program, please call me.

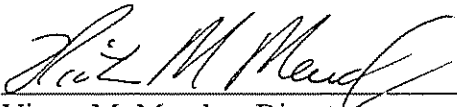
Bruce Van Camp, Payson, Arizona and Chairman of the Street Transportation Advisory Committee said that Payson is very much in need of a bypass. Twenty years ago we opted to get the Beeline done. An ad hoc committee came down and sat on this committee. Since I am with the town and the streets, we would like to get something started but feel left out on what's going to happen in the freeways. When you come to Payson, you take 87 and you have a problem at 260 and 87. It's going to get worse. The bigger you make the freeways down here, the more traffic we have that's going to go north. You're going to do nine and a half miles on 260 from the two-lane to the four-lane, which we thank you. That will end out of our new community of Starville, but we still have the problem about getting around. I'm trying to get on a committee that has something to do with rural streets. I hope you can help us out.

Craig Williams, Yuma International Airport, came with a supplemental grant request. This is due to increasing costs that are going to drive the funds for these requests out of my FAA entitlement. I have coordinated with the aeronautics division. They instructed me to bring this to you and to get it into the public record. I've given you a written report of this request.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

  
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Joe Lane, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

  
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Victor M. Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING  
Immediately following Study Session and Public Hearing  
Friday, April 20, 2007  
Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)  
In the Auditorium  
206 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Board Meeting immediately following the Study Session and Public Hearing, Friday, April 20, 2007, with Chairman Joe Lane presiding. Other Board members present included: Bill Feldmeier, Delbert Householder, Bobbie Lundstrom, Bob Montoya, Si Schorr and Felipe Zubia. Also present were Director Victor Mendez, Richard Travis, Deputy Director; John McGee, Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Services Division; Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division; Sam Elters, State Engineer; Jim Dickey and Barclay Dick, Division Director, Aeronautics Division. There were approximately 50 people in the audience.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Lane announced the beginning of the regular Board meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF 2008-2012 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION  
FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.**

- \* FY 2008-2012 Tentative Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program. (Don Mauller.)
- \* FY 2008-2012 Tentative PAG Regional Transportation Facilities Construction Program. (Don Mauller.)
- \* FY 2008-2012 Tentative MAG Regional Transportation Facilities Construction Program. (Bill Hayden.)
- \* FY 2008-2012 Tentative Airport Development Program. (Barclay Dick.)

**\*CALL TO AUDIENCE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Lane removed Item 52 from the agenda. Mr. Schorr recused himself from Items 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52.

**Director's Report**

Mr. Mendez provided an up to date report regarding current issues and events affecting ADOT. Mr. Buskirk provided a briefing on the I-10 and I-17 study. At the request of the Board, ADOT initiated two studies, I-10 Bypass Study and I-17 Bypass Study. Regarding the I-10 Bypass Study, three

proposals were received, a technical advisory committee selected URS consulting firm and public meetings are being scheduled to occur in mid-May. The purpose of the public meetings is to present information on the I-10 Bypass Study and hear comments from the public. It is anticipated the study duration to be from six to nine months. The first meeting of the technical advisory committee to review preliminary study results is scheduled for April 25. The I-17 Study was initiated later than the I-10 Study. Two of the three invited firms provided proposals. The technical advisory committee met and selected HDR as the consulting firm. The initial meeting is scheduled for April 24. A series of public meetings will be held with the first round to obtain input and the second round of public meetings for both studies to present draft findings and take public comments. The duration is expected to be six to nine months.

Mr. Schorr asked about the timing of the I-10 Study. In reply, public comment has been received regarding environmental concerns. ADOT will look at environmental issues associated with an I-10 bypass. ADOT will ensure they hear comments and identify environmental concerns.

Mr. Schorr asked about the receipt of public comments. In reply, comments will be received electronically and through public meetings.

Mr. Schorr asked about keeping the Board apprised. In reply, the Study generated a lot of interest and information will be shared as things keep moving.

Mr. Feldmeier asked about the April 24 meeting. In reply, that meeting is with the consulting firm to address administrative issues associated with the study and does not involve the public.

Mr. Feldmeier asked for clarification of the technical advisory committee. In reply, Mr. Buskirk named the members of the committee.

Mr. Buskirk will keep the Board apprised of the studies via e-mail through Noreen.

Mr. Mendez continued with his report describing a federal program called Corridors of the Future and the purpose of making progress with public private partnerships. There were several proposals nationwide and a few of them included I-10. One of the I-10 projects included a coalition in which ADOT is a part. The eight states along the I-10 corridor formed a coalition several years ago. A Freight Study was conducted and completed along I-10. Infrastructure impediments were identified along with the projects needed to facilitate that. A second phase, ITS, Intelligent Transportation Systems brought additional efficiency through technology. The evaluation process is proceeding. The I-10 proposal will be presented to the Board for potential passing of a resolution of support.

In reply to Mr. Schorr's question, the selection will be made by the Federal Highway Administration.

### **Legislative Report**

Staff provided an update on State and Federal Legislative issues, including proposed legislation which may affect ADOT. Board member Lundstrom was confirmed. The House Rules committee met and gave permission for the House to consider twenty measures relating to the state budget, therefore, budget bills from the House will be forthcoming. The Senate continues to negotiate with members on the budget. HB2228 Commercial Driver Licenses was formerly the Transit Project Loans bill to use the HELP program to fund capital transit programs in communities less than 50,000. Work is being

done to keep the HELP Loan provisions in the budget. HB2367 ADOT; Bid Threshold; Annual Adjustments is to increase the bid amount from \$50,000 to \$189,000. The bill was signed by the Governor and will go into effect 90 days after the end of the session. HB2562, Stan Account; Interest Payments, HB2569 Highway Expansion Fund; Growth Cities and HB2571 Highway Construction; Appropriation are bills that have not moved forward. HB2612 Transportation Districts has not been heard in the Senate and is technically dead. HB2682 Transportation; Blue Ribbon Study Committee was distributed to Board members and reviewed. SB1007 Vehicle License Tax; Military Exemption did not advance. SB1049 Highway Construction Acceleration; Funds can be addressed in the budget for money going into transportation. SB1576 Public Highway Authorities, SB1585 HOV Lane Conversion; Toll Lane, SB1586 Transportation Projects; Unsolicited Proposals and SB1587 Transportation, Innovative Partnerships Program are the public private partnership bills and have not moved since last month. There is some discussion of an omnibus transportation bill and possibly moving some of these items into that bill.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. 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. HURF collections for the month of March 2007 total \$125.7 million, an increase of 5.0 percent over March 2006 and 5.9 percent above the forecast. Year-to-date collections total \$1,023.7 million, an increase of 3.8 percent over the same time period last year and 1.1 percent below the estimate. This month's results were helped by early collections in commercial carrier fees. The year is expected to end in a negative variance. February RARF collections total \$31.8 million, an increase of 11.2 percent over February 2006 and 2.7 percent above the estimate. Year-to-date RARF revenues total \$260 million, an increase of 8.3 percent over last year and 0.1 percent above the estimate. Last year had better than projected results in every category except Retail Sales. Year-to-date every category is running ahead of forecast with the exception of Retail Sales and the Other category. Two months of investment reports were included in the Board packet. Interest earnings for February 2007 total \$5.225 million, representing an average yield of 5.1 percent. Year-to-date interest income totals \$36.126 million at an average yield of 4.9 percent. Interest earnings for March 2007 total \$5.844 million, representing an average yield of 4.99 percent. Year-to-date interest income totals \$41.971 million, representing an average yield of 4.91 percent. The HELP program as of March 2007 has a balance of approximately \$113.755 million, an increase of approximately \$4.9 million over last month as a result of loan repayments, interest income and loan draws.

### **Financing Program**

Mr. McGee provided an update on financing issues affecting the Board and the Department, including HURF and RARF Bonding, GAN issuances and Board Funding Obligations. Included in the packet was a chart from the Federal Highway Administration on State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreements. As of September 30, 2006, of the 33 states that have programs, Arizona is tied for fourth with 55 approved loan agreements, third place with \$598 million of approved loan agreements and in second place with almost \$510 million of loan disbursements to date. As the HELP program continues, we have one of the most successful programs in the nation. Regarding the Board's anticipated 2007A HURF Refunding, all activities for the issuance have been completed. Rating affirmations have been received, AAA from Standard and Poor's and AA from Moodys. The preliminary official statement is ready to print as soon as we get back into an interest rate environment that is conducive to the issuance. The underwriting team has been updated. The financial advisor ran numbers with respect to

the refunding. Refunding will be between \$65 million to \$200 million. Interest rates need to move lower before being able to complete the smallest deal.

**\*MINUTES – APPROVAL**

Study Session Minutes – March 9, 2007

Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2007

Special Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2007

**\* 2007 BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING DATES AND LOCATIONS  
STUDY SESSIONS TO BE SCHEDULED AS NEEDED**

April 20, 2007 – Board Mtg. & Pub. Hearing – Phoenix/ADOT – 9:00 a.m.

May 4, 2007 – Public Hearing – Flagstaff – 9:00 a.m.

May 18, 2007 – Board Meeting – Kingman – 9:00 a.m.

June 15, 2007 – Board Meeting - Springerville – 9:00 a.m.

July 20, 2007 – Board Meeting – Payson – 9:00 a.m.

August 17, 2007 – Board Meeting – Avondale – 9:00 a.m.

September 21, 2007 – Board Meeting – Sedona - 9:00 a.m.

October 19, 2007 – Board Meeting – Globe – 9:00 a.m.

November 16, 2007 – Board Meeting – Lake Havasu City – 9:00 a.m.

December 21, 2007 – Board Meeting – Tucson – 9:00 a.m.

**PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)**

FY 2007 Safe Routes to School Program:  
Cycle 1 Recommendations

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

FY 2007 – 2011 Transportation Facilities Construction  
Program – Requested Modifications

ROUTE NO: I-17 @ MP 251.90  
COUNTY: Yavapai  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: Sunset Point Rest Area  
TYPE OF WORK: Rehabilitation of Rest Area  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 5,155,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Debra Einweck  
PROJECT: H415301C Item # 10701  
REQUESTED **To advertise in FY07.**  
ACTION:

Mr. Feldmeier expressed concern about spending money on this Item as well as the next Item, Item 14 until further along with discussions regarding rest areas.

**Board Action:** A motion to hold Item 13 for further discussion was made by Mr. Feldmeier, seconded by Mr. Schorr and passed unanimously.

Mr. Mendez asked for discussion and noted that improvements are needed and it has become a severe issue. Mr. Elters added that there are similar issues at McQuireville and closures occur during the week so weekends can be open. Mr. Feldmeier stated that people can use facilities at private entities while the issue is being discussed and resolved. In reply to Mr. Zubia's question about closures, Mr. Mendez stated that the water system and sewer systems at Sunset Point and McQuireville need attention. Mr. Zubia asked about potential penalties for lack of maintenance. In reply, it is unsure if the Federal Highway has specific rules regarding maintenance, however the issue is an operational issue and a health issue because those rest areas still get used. Mr. McGee added that if we violate health standards with regard to water or sewer leaks, we would face violations.

An amended motion was made that no further expenditures be made unless they are health or safety related, that being enhancements, until such time the study comes back to the Board.

Mr. Schorr suggested authorizing such funds that may be necessary to take care of sewer, water and other EPA related issues. Improvements proposed today at the Sunset Point Rest Area are pavement preservation to address pavement conditions and to re-stripe it to more efficiently and safety accommodate RVs and trucks and to upgrade the water and sewer system. There also is a memorial for fallen highway employees and workers and complaints have been received when that is not kept in a reasonable condition.

As a reminder, the Board approved this project as it was conceptualized and funded at the August 18, 2006, Board meeting. What was requested under the agenda item was a Board approval to advertise the project.

(the revised motion was not audible)

ROUTE NO:	I-40 @ MP 3.00
COUNTY:	Mohave
SCHEDULE:	FY 2007
SECTION:	Needle Mountain Rest Area
TYPE OF WORK:	Construction of Rest Area, Point of Entry Bypass and Welcome Center
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$ 12,466,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Debra Einweck
PROJECT:	H506404C Item # 11605 JPA 04-068
REQUESTED ACTION:	<b>To advertise as programmed.</b>

Discussion included rest area location, costs and the need for maintaining in a different and better manner.

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

ROUTE NO: SR 77 @ MP 357  
COUNTY: Navajo  
SCHEDULE: New Request - FY 2007  
SECTION: Main Street, Taylor  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct sidewalks  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project  
PROJECT MANAGER: Cheryl Banta  
PROJECT: H633201C JPA 04-071  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new sidewalk project approved by TERC Round 10. **See funding sources below.**

FY 2007 Transportation Enhancement Fund #75307	\$1,015,000
JPA 04-071 with the Town of Taylor	\$125,000
<b>NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$1,140,000</b>

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

ROUTE NO: SR 387 @ MP 5  
COUNTY: Pinal  
SCHEDULE: New Request - FY 2007  
SECTION: Val Vista to Gila River Indian Community  
TYPE OF WORK: Landscaping medians  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project  
PROJECT MANAGER: Robert Gasser  
PROJECT: H674201C JPA 02-140 – City of Casa Grande  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new landscaping project approved by TERC Round 12. **Funds are available from the FY 2007 Transportation Enhancement Fund #75307 \$400K.**

<b>NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
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**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Feldmeier and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 70  
COUNTY: Mohave  
SCHEDULE: New Request - FY 2007  
SECTION: North Gateway  
TYPE OF WORK: Landscaping  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project  
PROJECT MANAGER: Robert Gasser  
PROJECT: H661601C JPA 06-101 – City

of Kingman  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new landscaping project approved by TERC Round 11. **Funds are available from the FY 2007 Transportation Enhancement Fund #75307 \$192K.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$192,000

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

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 246.8  
COUNTY: Gila  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: Russell Road - Ragus Road  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct sidewalk  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 800,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Robert Gasser  
PROJECT: H609201C Item # 21605 JPA 99-037 & 05-099 - City of Globe and Gila County

REQUESTED ACTION: Increase funding for a sidewalk project by \$400K to \$1,200K in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. Project approved by TERC Round 6. **Funds are available from the FY 2007 Transportation Enhancement Improvement Fund #75307.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$800,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,200,000

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

ROUTE NO: US 70 @ MP 280.5  
COUNTY: Graham  
SCHEDULE: New Request - FY 2007  
SECTION: Salt Creek - Damaged Multiplate  
TYPE OF WORK: Emergency work on failed pipe culverts  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project  
PROJECT MANAGER: Javier Gurrola  
PROJECT: H719801C  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new emergency project. **See funding sources below.**

FY 2007 Materials Group Fund #70307 \$1,000,000  
FY 2007 Statewide Contingency Fund # 72307 \$1,500,000  
FY 2007 District Minor Fund #73307 \$500,000

FY 2007 Storm Water Protection Plan #79507	\$425,000
FY 2007 Emergency Projects Fund #72107	\$575,000
<b>NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>

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

ROUTE NO: I-15 @ MP 13.2  
 COUNTY: Mohave  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
 SECTION: Virgin River Bridges No. 2 to 7  
 TYPE OF WORK: Bridge Rehabilitation  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 4,500,000  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Sheryl Paul  
 PROJECT: H693801C Item # 18807  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase funding for bridge projects by \$1,550K to \$6,050K in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2007 Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund #76207.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$4,500,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$6,050,000

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

ROUTE NO: I-40 @ MP 83.2  
 COUNTY: Mohave  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
 SECTION: Willow Creek Bridges #1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, & 1768  
 TYPE OF WORK: Bridge Deck Rehabilitation  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 4,400,000  
 PROJECT MANAGER: David Benton  
 PROJECT: H676001C Item # 16907  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase funding for bridge projects by \$700K to \$5,100K in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2007 Roadway Construction Preparation Fund #70107.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$4,400,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$5,100,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 195 @ MP 5

COUNTY: Yuma  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: Yuma Area Service Highway  
TYPE OF WORK: Right of Way Activity  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$9,668,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: John Eckhardt  
PROJECT: H577401R  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase funding for Right of Way activities in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. **See funding sources below.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$9,668,000  
INCREASE AMOUNT:  
    FY 2007 Roadway Group Fund #70107 \$1,000,000  
    FY 2007 Statewide Engineering Development fund #70507 \$500,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$11,168,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 101L @ MP 36  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: Princess Dr. to SR 202L (Red Mountain)  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct HOV lanes  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 69,500,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Ronald McCally  
PROJECT: H693601C Item # 43107  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase funding for the construction of HOV lanes by \$1,200K to \$70,700K in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2008 District Minor Fund #73308.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$69,500,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$70,700,000

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

ROUTE NO: SR 64 @ MP 186  
COUNTY: Coconino  
SCHEDULE: New Request - FY 2007  
SECTION: Jct. I-40 - Bureau Camp Road  
TYPE OF WORK: Right of Way fencing  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project  
PROJECT MANAGER: George Wallace  
PROJECT: H678401C

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new District Minor fencing project.  
**Funds are available from the FY 2007 District Minor Fund #73307 \$923K.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$923,000

There was discussion that this amount would be appropriate for the ten linear miles of fencing.

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

ROUTE NO: SR 89A @ MP 390  
COUNTY: Coconino  
SCHEDULE: New Request - FY 2007  
SECTION: Scenic Outlook to Fort Tuthill  
TYPE OF WORK: Right of Way fencing  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project  
PROJECT MANAGER: George Wallace  
PROJECT: H678301C  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new District Minor fencing project.  
**Funds are available from the FY 2007 District Minor Fund #73307 \$722K.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$722,000

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

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 0  
COUNTY: Mohave  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008  
SECTION: Hoover Dam Bridge  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct new bridge  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 5,000,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Bahram Daruish  
PROJECT: H395501C Item # 11608  
REQUESTED ACTION: Decrease funding for construction by \$1,000K to \$4,000K in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program. **Transfer funding to the FY 2007 Cash Flow.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,000,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$4,000,000

ROUTE NO: US 93 @ MP 0  
COUNTY: Mohave

SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
 SECTION: Hoover Dam Bridge  
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct new bridge  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 5,000,000  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Bahram Daruishi  
 PROJECT: H395501C Item # 10607  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase funding for constructing the bridge by \$1,000K to \$6,000K in the FY 2007 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2007 Cash Flow.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,000,000  
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$6,000,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Item 26 and Item 27 recommendation was made by Mr. Feldmeier, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

FY 2007 – 2011 Airport Development Program – Requested Modifications

AIRPORT NAME: Chandler Municipal  
 SPONSOR: City of Chandler  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2007 – 2011  
 PROJECT #: E7F79  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conduct Noise Compatibility Study.  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$272,650
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$7,175
	<b>State</b>	\$7,175
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$287,000

AIRPORT NAME: Safford Regional  
 SPONSOR: City of Safford  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2007 – 2011  
 PROJECT #: E7F80  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conduct Miscellaneous Study-Drainage and Water Pollution Prevention Plan.  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$125,000
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$3,289
	<b>State</b>	\$3,290
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$131,579

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Item 28 and Item 29 recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Feldmeier and passed unanimously.

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  - Minutes of April 3, 2007
  - Summary of Approved Changes to the FY 2007-2011 Highway Construction Program
  - Highway Program Monitoring Report

**RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS**

\* RES. NO: 2007-04-A-025  
 PROJECT: I-17-1-823 / 017MA218H462801R  
 HIGHWAY: PHOENIX – CORDES JCT.  
 SECTION: Happy Valley Road T.J.  
 ROUTE NO.: Interstate Route 17  
 ENG. DIST: Phoenix  
 COUNTY: Maricopa  
 RECOMMENDATION: Disposal by Abandonment to the City of Phoenix for a continued public transportation use  
 DISPOSAL: D-M-393

\* RES. NO: 2007-04-A-026  
 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 highway for Bridge replacement

\* RES. NO: 2007-04-A-027  
 PROJECT: 060GI246H609201R  
 HIGHWAY: PHOENIX - GLOBE  
 SECTION: Ragus Road – Russell Road  
 ROUTE NO.: U.S. Route 60  
 ENG. DIST: Globe  
 COUNTY: Gila  
 RECOMMENDATION: Establish additional right of way as a state route and state highway for the construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and pavement replacement

*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO: ENG DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:	2007-04-A-028 F-065-1-709 / 095MO000H088801R TOPOCK – DAVIS DAM Silver Creek – Bullhead City (Home Depot) State Route 95 Kingman Mohave Establish additional right of way as a state route and state highway by donation from a private developer
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO: ENG DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:	2007-04-A-029 N-900-0-700 / 260NA350H555101R SHOW LOW – MCNARY – EAGAR Porter Mountain Road – Woodland Road State Route 260 Globe Navajo Establish TCE's as a state route and state highway for the construction of driveways and sidewalks
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO: ENG DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:  DISPOSAL:	2007-04-A-030 S-280-A-800 / 280YU000H604201R AVENUE 3E I-8 to B-8 State Route 280 Yuma Yuma Disposal by Abandonment to the City of Yuma for a continued public transportation use, per Intergovernmental Agreement # 02-207, dated May 11, 2004 and amended December 21, 2006 D-Y-036
*	RES. NO: PROJECT: HIGHWAY: SECTION: ROUTE NO: ENG DIST: COUNTY: RECOMMENDATION:  DISPOSAL:	2007-04-A-031 F-022-2-821 / 060MA000H088801R WICKENBURG – PHOENIX Peoria – Peoria Overpass US Route 60 Phoenix Maricopa Disposal by Abandonment to the City of Peoria for a continued public transportation use D-M-394

**STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Elters stated that there are 59 projects under construction for a total of \$845.7 million. During the month of March, 14 projects were finalized valued at \$42.1 million. Fiscal year-to-date, 85 projects have been finalized.

## CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

### Interstate Non-Federal Aid

BIDS OPENED: March 16  
HIGHWAY: EHRENBERG-PHOENIX HIGHWAY (I-10)  
SECTION: Hovatter to SR 85  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: I-10  
PROJECT: 010-A-NFA 010 MA 060 H645901C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 796,990.92  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 938,655.75  
\$ UNDER: \$ 141,664.83  
% UNDER: 15.1%  
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.

\* BIDS OPENED: March 30  
HIGHWAY: KINGMAN-ASH FORK HIGHWAY (I-40)  
SECTION: Partridge Creek Bridges EB & WB  
COUNTY: Yavapai  
ROUTE NO.: I-40  
PROJECT: 040-B-NFA 040 YV 142 H694901C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Royden Construction Co.  
AMOUNT: \$ 1,056,792.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,090,547.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 33,755.00  
% UNDER: 3.1%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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 9  
HIGHWAY: EHRENBERG-PHOENIX HIGHWAY (I-10)  
SECTION: Bullard Avenue T.I.

COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: I-10  
PROJECT: IM-010-B(007)B 010 MA 126 H678001C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
LOW BIDDER: FNF Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 8,269,850.33  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 9,564,204.15  
\$ UNDER: \$ 1,294,353.82  
% UNDER: 13.5%  
NO. BIDDERS: 7  
RECOMMENDATION: AWAD

\* BIDS OPENED: March 16  
HIGHWAY: PHOENIX-CORDES JUNCTION HIGHWAY (I-17)  
HIGHWAY: I-10, SR 202L, and US 60  
SECTION: 16<sup>TH</sup> Street – Buckeye Curve  
SECTION: Various Regional Freeways  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: I-17  
PROJECT: 017-A-(194)A 017 MA 194 H683001C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
PROJECT: 888-A-NFA 888 MA 000 H708101C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co.  
dba Southwest Asphalt Paving  
AMOUNT: \$ 9,155,928.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 9,474,905.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 318,977.00  
% UNDER: 3.4%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

\* BIDS OPENED: March 30  
HIGHWAY: PHOENIX-CORDES JUNCTION HIGHWAY (I-17)  
SECTION: Carefree Highway T.I.  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: I-17  
PROJECT: IM-017-A(015)B 017 MA 224 H706001C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
LOW BIDDER: Pulice Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 19,621,533.69  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 20,085,930.60  
\$ UNDER: \$ 464,396.91  
% UNDER: 2.3%  
NO. BIDDERS: 5

RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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\* BIDS OPENED: March 16  
HIGHWAY: GLOBE-SHOW LOW HIGHWAY (US 60)  
SECTION: Junction SR 260 to Milepost 343  
COUNTY: Navajo  
ROUTE NO.: US 60  
PROJECT: STP-060-E(200)A 060 NA 339 H681601C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
LOW BIDDER: Hatch Construction & Paving, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 1,708,952.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,903,183.50  
\$ UNDER: \$ 194,231.50  
% UNDER: 10.2%  
NO. BIDDERS: 6  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: March 30  
HIGHWAY: PHOENIX-GLOBE HIGHWAY (US 60)  
SECTION: Florence Junction – Queen Creek  
COUNTY: Pinal  
ROUTE NO.: US 60  
PROJECT: STP-060-D(009)B 060 PN 213 H466203C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
LOW BIDDER: Kiewit Western Company  
AMOUNT: \$ 40,530,000.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 47,729,196.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 7,199,196.00  
% UNDER: 15.1%  
NO. BIDDERS: 7  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

BIDS OPENED: March 30  
HIGHWAY: FLAGSTAFF – VALLE HIGHWAY  
SECTION: Navajo Blvd – Sechrist Elementary  
SECTION: Sechrist School – Fremont Drive

COUNTY: Coconino  
 ROUTE NO.: US 180  
 PROJECT: TEA-180-A(004)A 180 CN 216 H633401C  
 PROJECT: TEA-180-A(002)A 180 CN 219 H599901C  
 FUNDING: 60% Federal 36% State 4% City of Flagstaff  
 LOW BIDDER: Standard Construction Company, Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 2,044,821.70  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,728,454.00  
 \$ OVER: \$ 316,367.70  
 % OVER: 18.3%  
 NO. BIDDERS: 4  
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

\* BIDS OPENED: March 30  
 HIGHWAY: MARICOPA ROAD (SR 347)  
 SECTION: Maricopa to County Line  
 SECTION: SR 347 at Casa Blanca Road  
 COUNTY: Pinal  
 ROUTE NO.: SR 347  
 PROJECT: STP-347-A(002)A 347 PN 174 H635301C  
 PROJECT: HES-347-A(200)A 347 PN 178 HX19201C  
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
 LOW BIDDER: Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 5,781,452.84  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 6,310,281.00  
 \$ UNDER: \$ 528,828.16  
 % UNDER: 8.4%  
 NO. BIDDERS: 3  
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

\* BIDS OPENED: March 16  
 HIGHWAY: YUMA COUNTY  
 SECTION: County 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Somerton Avenue  
 COUNTY: Yuma  
 ROUTE NO.: N/A  
 PROJECT: HES-YYU-0(029)A 0000 YU YYU SH28201C  
 FUNDING: 73% Federal 27% Yuma County  
 LOW BIDDER: Tanner Companies (Yuma) Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 669,153.30  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 741,061.00  
 \$ UNDER: \$ 71,907.70  
 % UNDER: 9.7%

NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate Non-Federal Aid

\* BIDS OPENED: March 16  
HIGHWAY: PIESTEWA FREEWAY (SR 51)  
SECTION: Shea Boulevard – SR 101L (Pima)  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: SR 51  
PROJECT: 051-A-NFA 051 MA 009 H647901C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 40,207,438.50  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 44,270,200.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 4,062,761.50  
% UNDER: 9.2%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

\* BIDS OPENED: March 30  
HIGHWAY: ORACLE JUNCTION-FLORENCE HIGHWAY  
(SR 79)  
SECTION: Junction SR 79 & Cactus Forest Road  
COUNTY: Pinal  
ROUTE NO.: SR 79  
PROJECT: S-079-A-502 079 PN 127 H608301C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Combs Construction Company, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 939,467.80  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,375,525.60  
\$ UNDER: \$ 436,057.80  
% UNDER: 31.7%  
NO. BIDDERS: 6  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

\* BIDS OPENED: March 9  
HIGHWAY: SITGREAVES NF – WINSLOW HIGHWAY (SR 99)  
SECTION: Jacks Canyon Bridge #1036 & Clear Creek Arch Bridge #1038

COUNTY: Navajo  
ROUTE NO.: SR 99  
PROJECT: S-099-A-501 099 NA 038 H637701C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 1,478,402.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,386,986.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 91,416.00  
% OVER: 6.6%  
NO. BIDDERS: 6  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: March 30  
HIGHWAY: MAG REGIONWIDE  
SECTION: Construct Ramp Meters – Various  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: SR 101L  
PROJECT: 900-A-NFA 999 MA 000 H595604C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Bison Contracting Co., Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 2,275,577.50  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 2,293,511.50  
\$ UNDER: \$ 17,934.00  
% UNDER: 0.8%  
NO. BIDDERS: 7  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

### **Comments and Suggestions**

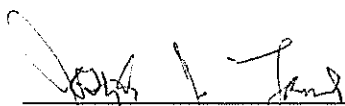
Board Members had the opportunity to suggest items they would like to have placed on future Board Meeting Agendas.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

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



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Joe Lane, Chairman  
State Transportation Board



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Victor Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation

\*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.