

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
STUDY SESSION  
10:00 a.m., Friday, October 19, 2007  
City of Globe Council Chambers  
150 N. Pine Street  
Globe, Arizona 85501**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Study Session at 10:05 a.m., Friday, October 19, 2007, with Chairman Joe Lane presiding. Other Board members present included: Bill Feldmeier, Delbert Householder, Bob Montoya via telephone conference, Felipe Zubia and Si Schorr joined the meeting at 10:14 via telephone conference. Bobbie Lundstrom was absent. Also present were Director Victor Mendez, Richard Travis, Sam Elters, Jim Dickey, Barclay Dick, Bill Hayden and John Fink. There were approximately 35 people in the audience.

**OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE**

Chairman Joe Lane welcomed the audience and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC)**

Mr. Buskirk provided an explanation of the composition and responsibilities of the Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC). This committee is framed by State Statute and the meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law. PPAC is appointed by position by the ADOT director. The chair is the director of the transportation planning division. Committee membership was outlined. PPAC is to recommend priorities on transportation facilities and construction projects in Arizona. The committee reviews project requests and makes recommendations to the State Transportation Board, the decision authority. PPAC is to update and prepare annually a long-range state-wide transportation facilities construction program. The five-year construction program goes into effect on July 1 each year. The first year shall consist of highest priority projects. Each year a new five-year program is updated. The committee shall provide the estimated costs of the program for each year that is approximately equal to the revenues estimated to be available. All construction projects presented to PPAC must have been approved by the Project Review Board. Approval from the State Transportation Board will be required for material cost changes if they exceed 15 percent or \$200,000 whichever is lesser. All relevant documentation is kept for three years. In reply to a question about a member of the State Transportation Board serving on PPAC, Mr. Mendez said that if a board member is part of PPAC making recommendations to the Board, actions could bring different levels of board decisions that might conflict with the final decision. Statute states it is a departmental committee. A comment was offered regarding the time frame in which board members receive the packet for the five-year plan. It was suggested that board members become part of the process long before it is presented in the packet, at which time it is a public document. Mr. Mendez stated that when the Board decides to have discussion, recommendation or a final action, an open meeting is required. The draft program is presented to individual board members; there are no decisions made at those meetings. Mr. Schorr suggested that if a board member wants to be at the PPAC meeting, they are welcome to attend and if the Board wants a representative, perhaps they could have one in a non-voting capacity. Mr. Mendez said that yes, the PPAC meetings are open meetings and anyone can attend. They are posted as open meetings and there is a call to the audience feature. Mr. Feldmeier said that he does not want the Board to take over this process, rather as a board member, he wants to be kept informed and not just at the end. Mr. Schorr asked if additional board meetings could be held to receive an update of how the five-year plan is progressing. Mr. Mendez said that could be done and explained the process from the

draft plan to the Board's review. Suggestions included a presentation on the detailed process and a quarterly report be prepared for the Board.

### **State Park Roads**

Mr. Buskirk discussed funds set aside for state park roads and projects that have been funded. Commitment number two of the State Transportation Board policies states: a transportation system that promotes Arizona's tourism and economic well being and serves the needs of its population and visitors. State Statute regarding Highway User Revenue Fund distribution states: of the monies allocated for the State Highway Fund, not more than \$5 million annually shall be spent for the acquisition, construction or improvement of entry roads to state parks or roads in state parks. In 1996, the State Transportation Board made a decision that they would limit the allocation for the state parks road program to \$2 million annually. From 1985 to 1996, it was no more than \$5 million and typically did not reach those levels. Statute details the authorized uses of State Highway Funds for state park purposes including: to acquire, construct or improve entry roads to state parks or roads within parks. A sub program has been part of the Department's five-year facilities construction program for more than 20 years. In the current program, there are allocations to the state road program for 2008, 2009 and 2010. In FY 2008, there is \$3.1 million being programmed for state park roads due to carry over. The State Park Road subprogram is off the top; the resource allocation that allocates 37 percent to MAG, 13 to PAG and 50 to other counties, allocates only funds that are allocated. The five-year construction program details were shown on a slide presentation. A list of the Arizona State Parks eligible was shown. Mr. Feldmeier expressed concern about the amount of money the Board has allocated to parks when there are additional needs of immediate concern around the state. Mr. Schorr asked if the \$2 million was a mandate or a recommendation. In reply, it will be researched. Mr. Schorr said it's a legitimate expense and asked which budget should be used.

Mr. Mendez re-stated that Mr. Feldmeier suggested several items for the agenda and one was not captured. Mr. Feldmeier asked that the Board be brought current on the discussion and possible action relating to rest areas and that he asked for action on state park roads not just a discussion. Mr. Mendez provided an explanation. (tape change) Mr. Feldmeier expressed concern about being kept up-to-date and that items requested appear on the agenda.

### **ADJOURN**

The study session was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



Victor Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation



Joe Lane, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

**MINUTES OF THE  
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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE STUDY SESSION  
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**OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Joe Lane called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Stanley Gibson thanked the Board for holding a meeting in the City of Globe and for efforts made in the area including the Gonzales Pass Project.

**DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Rick Powers, District Engineer provided an update on Projects/Issues of regional significance. He reminded the Board members that he is retiring and expressed appreciation for working with the Board. The Gonzales Pass Project is planned to finish ahead of schedule. Additional projects include an upcoming DCR Study and sidewalk work. A project in development is on 77, with hopes to bid in '09. State Engineer Sam Elters introduced the new District Engineer Jerry Barnes.

**CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Mayor Hing, Town of Superior, thanked the Board for the Highway 60 Project and for keeping it on schedule and for the General Contractor on site bringing employment to the community. He expressed interest in extending the project into the Town of Superior, recognizing limited resources and other priorities.

Ingo Radicke, Consultant, Gila County and former Transportation Board Member, pushed for the final phase of US 60 and asked the Board to consider funding this phase increasing the safety. He thanked the Board for voting on the Gonzales Pass Project and recognized the great progress.

Sam Medrano, Councilman, City of Bullhead City, expressed a need for a bridge across the Colorado River between Bullhead City and Laughlin, Nevada. This was brought to the Board a number of times. In persistent efforts to construct, Laughlin's Mayor and three other city officials traveled to Washington, DC to meet with Transportation Secretary Mary Peters. All of the meetings emphasized the importance of working with our State Department of Transportation but what was never at issue was the need for that bridge. That's a huge hurdle to overcome and I have been working on this bridge for more than ten years. Finally, we got to a point where everybody knows we need a bridge. We all recognize the poor traffic conditions offered by Highway 95 through Bullhead City and where it is now working with interested parties, including and identifying funding sources necessary for the design and construction of the bridge that will better connect the two states. The American Southwest is one of the fastest growing areas of the country and Bullhead City has been a recipient of that growth. Providing adequate transportation and structure, the task for which our citizens depend upon

their government officials and as a local governmental body it is our distinct pleasure to identify those transportation needs and serve on behalf of our citizenry to provide the necessary infrastructure. Occasionally, the scope of that commitment reaches beyond the capacity of local resources where it becomes the responsibility of local officials to call upon high level of government to provide what cannot be provided locally. I encourage the Arizona Department of Transportation and this Board to recognize the importance of this project and make it a funded priority for the state.

Jay Ream, Assistant Director, Arizona State Parks, stated Arizona State Parks is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and serves about 2.4 million visitors a year at 30 state parks. This ADOT program has transformed parks like no other program. The 20 years with ADOT and parks has done a wonderful job to help serve the visitors to the state and our Arizona residents. The Slide Rock State Park and Tonto National Bridge were made possible due to ADOT's involvement. Padagonia Lake serving 200,000 people a year also is an ADOT project. Crooked Cripple Bridge that ADOT built allows 1,000 people a day to access Carchner Caverns. State Parks relies on the expertise and the money from ADOT for these projects.

Mark Clark, Interim Public Works, Lake Havasu City, welcomed the Board in advance of their next meeting in Lake Havasu and thanked the Board for their policy of having meetings in outlying areas allowing the Board to see the transportation needs and provide the citizens the same opportunity. Lake Havasu City will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year this year.

Bill Leister, Transportation Director, addressed the Board in Sedona about a proposed traffic signal at Pinto Valley Road on US 60. A resolution was presented at the City of Globe and meanwhile, passed a similar resolution at Regional Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. We're not opposed to some kind of traffic control but we think a traffic signal would make a dangerous situation more dangerous. We would like ADOT to do further study to see if a grade separation or roundabout might be more appropriate. A copy of the CAAG Resolution was provided. Requests were received from Gila County and from the City of Maricopa to host a Transportation Board meeting next year.

Doug Hansen, Transportation Planner, Pinal County, recognized and thanked Rick Powers for work done for and on behalf of Pinal County. He has been accessible, congenial and helpful. I don't believe his legacy will be the many projects seen and guided from concept to completion but rather the way he approached these projects, with enthusiasm, with a firm handshake and a friendly smile. Rick, on behalf of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, Department Directors, Deputy Directors and Engineering staff, thanks and congratulations.

Antonio and Esther Sanch, Villa Motel, (Esther) stated she has been working with ADOT to (inaudible) We were notified by ADOT to let them use the property \_\_\_\_\_ which is not in business right now and was not then either and also an empty lot next to it that belonged to us. We got another letter asking us if they could go ahead and use the property as a temporary easement for their construction trucks and other equipment and offered us \$100 for each of the properties. We said fine. We returned the letter to Mr. Malokey and he sent us a contract to sign and to report it to the IRS and the state and also a plan as to what is going to be there. When I received it I noticed there was going to be a wall built(?) and that our driveway from the highway was going to be blocked. I called Mr. Malokey and he said don't worry, it's not going to happen. There were meetings for the public to come to speak about the construction but at that time, I returned to the Valley to take care of my ill mother who later passed away. One day my husband and I drove up to check our home where we ran into my brother-in-law who said, have you seen what they have done. (inaudible) We drove up and asked what was going on and the contractor said I'm just doing what I was told to do. When we called

ADOT, we asked what is happening. You have torn down our signs, torn down a railing that was there and they said it was \_\_\_\_\_. I said why did you not come and speak to us and tell us what you are doing. You know who we are; we have lived here all our lives. I spoke with the people at the other businesses and they told me that they had been told what was going to happen. They were going to have one driveway taken away and they were going to build a longer new property and this person said that when they spoke to them they handed them a card and said this is our attorney, speak to him. I understand the one speaking to the businesses even made a trip to Show Low. I felt like we were nobody because they couldn't even come and talk to us about what was going to happen. I spoke to ADOT about this and I asked the construction workers to please stop so that we could settle this and find out what was going on because I felt they had gone into our property. The contractor said no I cannot do that we have to complete it by the date we're suppose to. They were building a sidewalk across our entrance to the highway. It was not necessary to cut into that mountain the way they did. They cut into the property right to our property line not giving us an inch or a foot. When they cut the mountain, they cut it straight down and they \_\_\_\_\_ changed their plans about how they were going to build that wall compared to what they planned on doing. I met with Mr. Powers, Mr. Malokey, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and tried to explain what I felt about how they had done this work without consulting us. At that time, Mr. Malokey told me that I would face eminent domain. He also remarked that it would be hard for me to find a lawyer for something like this. I have gone to see some and they refer me to a real estate lawyer and told me I need lots of money to hire a lawyer, an engineer, a surveyor. Meanwhile, I got ADOT's engineers together and told them what they have done. I tried to reach Mr. Mendez. They told me he would not speak to me. (inaudible) I knew in my heart that they had done us wrong. They told me the reason they had taken my drive entrance from the highway was because it was very dangerous to have that entrance there. I decided to get a surveyor and they said they had encroached the property. I called Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and he said he would have a surveyor survey the property. I asked him to please have the surveyor call me when he came to survey. The gentleman came and in his report he said he called, wrote a letter to us, but (inaudible). On our driveway, he said they needed a permit. I have gone to ADOT to see if all these other people got their permits for their driveways and as of yet, I have not seen anything. I met with a lawyer. When I got there, I had pictures and papers to prove that I've been wronged. Before this I filed a small courts claim. This was all before I had found out they encroached. Now, I am being taken to court for eminent domain and feel nobody has listened to me. I refused to accept what they were offering me.

Linda Gustafson, Globe Resident, has been a resident of the community for almost 30 years and appreciates ADOT being in our town so residents have the opportunity to share thoughts about the highways. I have gone to ASU and made trips daily all summer and two to three times a week during the year and have seen remarkable improvements. My latest concern is my kids traveling to UofA in Tucson and as the area north of Tucson develops we could expand the highways or build them wider. It would be more sensible to have a highway in place before building a new subdivision.

Mr. Mendez presented a certificate of appreciation to Rick Powers for his service and recognition of 27 years at ADOT.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Schorr recused himself from Items 47, 48, 50, 51 and 52. Mr. Feldmeier recused himself from Item 47.

### **Director's Report**

Victor Mendez provided an up-to-date report regarding current issues and events affecting ADOT. On October 25, the Legislature's Transportation Committee meets. Draft agenda items include MoveAZ,

the Framework Study, Valley Metro Rail's Light Rail, MAG and ADOT update, an ADOT presentation on bridge improvements and commuter and light rail. On November 6, a hearing on ADOT's Sunset Audit will be heard. The draft agenda includes a presentation by the Auditor General's office, ADOT's presentation and response to the audit, public input and decisions and recommendations.

### **Legislative Report**

Gail Lewis provided an update on State and Federal Legislative Issues. At the Federal level, there is still no budget and direction is going toward an omnibus. A meeting will be held with the Arizona delegation and lobbyists to ensure we are prepared for the new calendar year. Our contract has been reviewed with the Washington consultant and we are going forward with Capital Partnerships. The New Ribbon Committee held their first meeting where Mr. Mendez presented information on the agency and priorities. ADOT is working with the Governor's office on the appropriate response to the State's budget shortfall.

### **Financial Report**

John Fink 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 revenues for the month of September were \$111.6 million, an increase of 0.4 percent above September 2006 and 3.4 percent below the forecast. For the year, HURF revenues total \$332.1 million, a decrease of 0.6 percent from last year and 3.7 percent below the forecast. In terms of actuals versus forecasts, for the first three months, every revenue category is below forecast. August RARF revenues totaled \$30.9 million, an increase of 3.8 percent over August 2006 and 1.3 percent lower than the estimate. RARF revenues through August totaled \$64.7 million, an increase of 2.0 percent above last year and 0.2 percent below the estimate. All RARF categories increased from last year except Retail Sales which is down 1.3 percent. Regarding forecasts, only two categories saw an increase, Contracting and Rental of Real Property. Investments total \$1.16 billion at the end of September 2007. Interest income for September was \$4.6 million with a 4.85 percent annualized return. For the first three months of the year, total investment income is \$14.5 million or 4.86 percent annualized return. The HELP cash balance on September 30, 2007, is \$79.8 million. To date, loan draws total \$523.8 million and of this amount \$417.5 million has been repaid leaving a total loan amount outstanding of approximately \$106.3 million. The Arizona Highway User Revenue Fund Forecasting Process and Results for FY 2008-2017 was available as was the Maricopa County Transportation Excise Tax Forecasting Process and Results for FY 2008-2026.

### **Financing Program**

John Fink 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 Board packet was a pre-pricing review. Plans are to price the 2007 Series RARF bonds the week of November 5. It is an anticipated size of approximately \$370 million. Maturities will be from July 1, 2008 through July 1, 2025. It is estimated that the interest rate on the bonds will be in the range of 4.6 percent to 4.8 percent. The ratings reports were included in the Board packet. Standards and Poor updated the RARF bonds from the prior program and are rated AA plus where they were previously AA. Moodys raised the bonds AA 2 that is consistent with the prior rating.

### **MINUTES – APPROVAL**

Study Session I Minutes – August 17, 2007

Board Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2007

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

November 16, 2007 – Board Meeting – Lake Havasu City – 9:00 a.m.  
December 21, 2007 – Board Meeting – Tucson – 9:00 a.m.

The Rural Transportation Summit is in Casa Grande in January. It was suggested that a retreat be scheduled on January 10 to coincide with the Board Meeting on January 11 or January 24 with a Board Meeting on the 25th. There was discussion to ensure staff members are available in January as the Legislative Session also begins in January. Statute states that the Board is to meet before the third Monday in January for the purposes of reorganization selecting a new chair and vice chair. Mr. Montoya is not available on January 10 and 11. Mr. Feldmeier asked if a retreat could be scheduled at a different time than the traditional time that the Rural Transportation Summit takes place. Mr. Feldmeier's preference is to meet earlier in January. Mr. Zubia believes the Retreat is a priority and is open to whenever it is scheduled. Board members will be polled to determine when a Board Meeting, Study Session and Retreat can be scheduled.

**PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC)**

SUBJECT: PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (PPAC)

FY 2008 – 2012 Transportation Facilities Construction  
Program - Requested Modifications

ROUTE NO: SR 85 @ MP 139.0  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: MP 139.01 - 141.71  
TYPE OF WORK: Utilities  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$224,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma  
PROJECT: Item# 43607  
REQUESTED ACTION: **Defer project from FY 2007 to FY 2008.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$224,000

ROUTE NO: SR 85 @ MP 120.0  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: I-8 to I-10  
TYPE OF WORK: Design, Right of Way, and Utilities  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$280,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Evelyn Ma  
PROJECT: Item# 13006  
REQUESTED ACTION: **Defer project from FY 2007 to FY 2008.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$280,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 8 and 9 was made by Mr. Feldmeier, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 202 L @ MP 23.3  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008  
SECTION: Power Rd - University Dr  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct landscape  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$5,400,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Annette Riley  
PROJECT: H689001C, Item# 80007  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the construction project by \$1,000,000 to \$6,400,000 in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2008 RTP Cash Flow.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$6,400,000

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

ROUTE NO: US 60 @ MP 172.0  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008  
SECTION: I-10 to SR 101L (Price)  
TYPE OF WORK: Design General Purpose Lanes  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,600,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Annette Riley  
PROJECT: H689801D, Item# 40308  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the design project by \$600,000 to \$2,200,000 in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2008 RTP Cash Flow.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,200,000

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

ROUTE NO: Maricopa Regional Freeways  
 COUNTY: Maricopa  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request  
 SECTION: Various Regional Freeways  
 TYPE OF WORK: Construct Quiet Pavement, Phase X  
 PROGRAM New Project  
 AMOUNT:  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Steve Mishler / Rod Collins  
 PROJECT: H708201C  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new Quiet Pavement project in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program. **See funding sources below.**

FY 2008 Bridge Inspection and Repair Fund #71408	\$1,000,000
FY 2008 District Minor Fund #73308	\$500,000
FY 2008 MAG Asphalt Rubber Noise Mitigation #41508	\$5,800,000
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$7,300,000

ROUTE NO: I-17 @ MP 325.0  
 COUNTY: Coconino  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request  
 SECTION: Willard Springs TI - Airport TI (SB)  
 TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation  
 PROGRAM New Project  
 AMOUNT:  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Aman Mathur  
 PROJECT: H681701C  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new pavement preservation project in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2008 Pavement Preservation Fund #72508.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$6,000,000
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ROUTE NO: I-40 @ MP 323.5  
 COUNTY: Apache  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request  
 SECTION: Crazy Creek Bridge EB, Structure #674  
 TYPE OF WORK: Scour repair  
 PROGRAM New Project  
 AMOUNT:  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Itty P. Itty  
 PROJECT: H706501C

REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new bridge project in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program.  
**Funds are available from the FY 2008 Bridge Scour Protection Fund #71508.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 900,000

ROUTE NO: I-17 @ MP 269.1  
COUNTY: Yavapai  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request  
SECTION: Ash Creek Bridges, Structures #389 and #754  
TYPE OF WORK: Bridge scour retrofit  
PROGRAM: New Project  
AMOUNT:  
PROJECT: Elias Eid  
MANAGER:  
PROJECT: H676201C  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new bridge scour project in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program.  
**Funds are available from the FY 2008 Bridge Scour Protection Fund #71508.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 650,000

ROUTE NO: SR 40 B @ MP 287.0  
COUNTY: Navajo  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – New Project Request  
SECTION: Buffalo Street to East Holbrook TI  
TYPE OF WORK: System enhancements  
PROGRAM: New Project  
AMOUNT:  
PROJECT: Cheryl Banta  
MANAGER:  
PROJECT: H730601C  
JPA: 04-072 with the City of Holbrook  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new enhancement project in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program.  
**See funding sources below.**

FY 2008 Transportation Enhancement Improvement Fund #75308 \$1,000,000  
FY 2008 Projects of Opportunity Fund #75008 \$1,100,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,100,000

ROUTE NO: SR 195 @ MP 5.5  
COUNTY: Yuma  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008  
SECTION: Ave E ½ to Ave B  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct 4 lane divided highway

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 20,000,000  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Vincent Li  
 PROJECT: H577403C Item #21204  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Increase the constuction project by \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000 in the FY 2008 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2008 Yuma Area Service Highway Fund #11908.**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$25,000,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 was made by Mr. Zubia, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

**FY 2008 – 2012 Airport Development Program Requested Modifications**

AIRPORT NAME: Taylor  
 SPONSOR: Town of Taylor  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
 PROJECT #: E8F50  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rehabilitate Runway 03/21, Phase 1 (Design Only)  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:		\$239,875
	<b>FAA</b>	
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$6,312
	<b>State</b>	\$6,313
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$252,500

AIRPORT NAME: Show Low Regional  
 SPONSOR: City of Show Low  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Commercial Service  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
 PROJECT #: E8F56  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquire Aircraft Rescue and Fighting Vehicle (Refurbished)

REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$175,000  
**Sponsor** \$4,605  
**State** \$4,606  
*Total Program* \$184,211

AIRPORT NAME: Kingman  
SPONSOR: City of Kingman  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Commercial Service  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F57  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install Airfield Guidance Signs and Markings  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$150,000  
**Sponsor** \$3,947  
**State** \$3,948  
*Total Program* \$157,895

AIRPORT NAME: St. Johns Industrial Air Park  
SPONSOR: City of St Johns  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8S59  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Update Airport Layout Drawings  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$0  
**Sponsor** \$2,400  
**State** \$21,600  
*Total Program* \$24,000

AIRPORT NAME: Marana Regional  
SPONSOR: Town of Marana  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F63  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construct Air Traffic Control Tower  
(Design Only)  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$150,000  
**Sponsor** \$3,947  
**State** \$3,948  
*Total Program* \$157,895

AIRPORT NAME: Marana Regional  
 SPONSOR: Town of Marana  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
 PROJECT #: E8F64  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquire Land for Approaches  
(Approx. 90 Acres)  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$880,000  
**Sponsor** \$23,158  
**State** \$23,159  
*Total Program* \$926,317

AIRPORT NAME: Ryan Field  
 SPONSOR: Tucson Airport Authority  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
 PROJECT #: E8F65  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquire Equipment (ATCT Voice Comm.  
Switching System & Tower Glass Replacement)  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$395,879  
**Sponsor** \$10,418  
**State** \$10,418  
*Total Program* \$416,715

AIRPORT NAME: Tucson International  
 SPONSOR: Tucson Airport Authority  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Commercial Service

SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F58  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conduct Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Phase 3, for new runway 11R-29L development, and associated taxiway system  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$364,240  
**Sponsor** \$17,880  
**State** \$17,880  
*Total Program* \$400,00

AIRPORT NAME: Safford Regional  
SPONSOR: City of Safford  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F67  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construct Taxi lanes, Extend Taxiways (E and B1), Extend Access Road (Aviation Way), Install Security Gate  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$634,868  
**Sponsor** \$16,707  
**State** \$16,708  
*Total Program* \$668,283

AIRPORT NAME: Greenlee County  
SPONSOR: Greenlee County  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F68  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: DBE Plan and Obstruction Survey for GPS Approach  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$115,000  
**Sponsor** \$3,026  
**State** \$3,027

*Total Program* \$121,053

AIRPORT NAME: Bagdad  
SPONSOR: Yavapai County  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F53  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install Perimeter Fencing  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$667,364  
**Sponsor** \$17,562  
**State** \$17,563  
*Total Program* \$702,489

AIRPORT NAME: Sedona  
SPONSOR: Yavapai County  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F54  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Expand Apron (Southwest Ramp) Design Only  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$110,000  
**Sponsor** \$2,895  
**State** \$2,895  
*Total Program* \$115,790

AIRPORT NAME: Colorado City Municipal  
SPONSOR: Town of Colorado City  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F52  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install Perimeter Fencing (approximately 2,000 linear feet; Install Apron Lighting; Install rotating beacon and tower (Phase II)  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$311,386
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$8,194
	<b>State</b>	\$8,195
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$327,775

AIRPORT NAME: H.A. Clark Memorial Field  
 SPONSOR: City of Williams  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
 PROJECT #: E8F60  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rehabilitate Taxiway Alpha, Approximately  
 6,000' x 50', Phase 1  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$1,307,592
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$34,411
	<b>State</b>	\$34,412
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$1,376,415

AIRPORT NAME: Laughlin/Bullhead International  
 SPONSOR: Mohave County Airport Authority  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Commercial Service  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
 PROJECT #: E8F61  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Update Airport Master Plan Study Including an  
 Environmental Evaluation/Environmental  
 Overview, phase II  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$45,000
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$1,184
	<b>State</b>	\$1,184
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$47,368

AIRPORT NAME: Casa Grande Municipal  
 SPONSOR: City of Casa Grande  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
 PROJECT #: E8F66  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request

PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install Perimeter Fencing- Ph. III  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$596,367  
**Sponsor** \$15,694  
**State** \$15,695  
*Total Program* \$627,756

AIRPORT NAME: Scottsdale  
SPONSOR: City of Scottsdale  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E7S20  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change  
PROJECT MANAGER: Kenneth Potts  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Master Plan Update  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$0  
**Sponsor** \$28,030  
**State** \$252,270  
*Total Program* \$280,300

AIRPORT NAME: Phoenix Goodyear  
SPONSOR: City of Phoenix  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8S62  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Relocate and Install New AWOS  
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES: **FAA** \$0  
**Sponsor** \$10,000  
**State** \$90,000  
*Total Program* \$100,000

AIRPORT NAME: Buckeye Municipal  
SPONSOR: Town of Buckeye  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public GA  
SCHEDULE: FY 2008 – 2012  
PROJECT #: E8F55

PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Matthew Smith  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install AWOS  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend STB approval.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$273,600
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$7,200
	<b>State</b>	\$7,200
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$288,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Feldmeier and passed unanimously.

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  - Minutes of the PPAC Meeting on October 3, 2007
  - Summary of Approved Changes to the FY 2008-2012 Highway Construction Program
  - Highway Program Monitoring Report

**RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS**

\* RES. NO: 2007-10-A-065  
 PROJECT: 070GH000H088801R  
 HIGHWAY: GLOBE - SAFFORD  
 SECTION: Geronimo – Solomonsville  
 ROUTE NO. U.S. Route 70  
 ENG. DIST. Safford  
 COUNTY: Graham  
 RECOMMENDATION: Disposal by Abandonment to Graham County for a continued public transportation use

\* RES. NO: 2007-10-A-066  
 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: Establish as a state highway for widening improvements

\* RES. NO: (Resolution Number intentionally not used)  
 2007-10-A-067  
 PROJECT:  
 HIGHWAY:  
 SECTION:  
 ROUTE NO.  
 ENG. DIST.  
 COUNTY:

RECOMMENDATION:

- \* RES. NO: 2007-10-A-068  
PROJECT: 153-A-700 / 153MA000H544001R  
HIGHWAY: SKY HARBOR EXPRESSWAY  
SECTION: Superior Avenue – University Drive  
ROUTE NO. State Route 153  
ENG. DIST. Phoenix  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
RECOMMENDATION: Rescission of the Sky Harbor Expressway Corridor State Route Plan
- \* RES. NO: 2007-10-A-069  
PROJECT: 600-3-708 / 143MA000H084901R  
600-3-801 / 143MA000H088801R  
HIGHWAY: SKY HARBOR EXPRESSWAY  
SECTION: Washington St. – University Drive  
ROUTE NO. State Route 153  
ENG. DIST. Phoenix  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
DISPOSAL: D-M-400  
RECOMMENDATION: Disposal by Abandonment to the City of Phoenix for a continued public transportation use
- \* RES. NO: (Resolution Number intentionally not used)  
2007-10-A-070  
PROJECT:  
HIGHWAY:  
SECTION:  
ROUTE NO.  
ENG. DIST.  
COUNTY:  
PARCEL:  
RECOMMENDATION:

**STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Sam Elters reported on construction and projects completed in September, 2007. There are currently 93 projects under construction valued at \$1 billion. There were eight projects finalized in the month of September valued at \$12.8 million. Year-to-date, 32 projects have been finalized.

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

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: September 27

HIGHWAY: TUCSON-BENSON HIGHWAY (I-10)  
 SECTION: I-10 and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge  
 COUNTY: Pima  
 ROUTE NO.: I-10  
 PROJECT: TEA-010-E(008)A 010 PM 261 H634801C  
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
 LOW BIDDER: Cal Wadsworth Construction Southwest, Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 800,374.49  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 492,400.00  
 \$ OVER: \$ 307,974.49  
 % OVER: 62.5%  
 NO. BIDDERS: 2  
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

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

BIDS OPENED: September 27  
 HIGHWAY: WHY-TUCSON HIGHWAY (SR 86)  
 SECTION: SR 86 @ Camino Verde  
 COUNTY: Pima  
 ROUTE NO.: SR 86  
 PROJECT: STP-086-A(010)A 086 PM 163 H672201C  
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
 LOW BIDDER: Borderland Construction Co., Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 869,561.40  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,154,463.00  
 \$ UNDER: \$ 284,901.60  
 % UNDER: 24.7%  
 NO. BIDDERS: 8  
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 45 and 46 was made by Mr. Zubia, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED: August 30  
 HIGHWAY: PRESCOTT-ASH FORK HIGHWAY (SR 89)  
 SECTION: Intersection of SR 89 & SR 69  
 COUNTY: Yavapai  
 ROUTE NO.: SR 89  
 PROJECT: AC-STP-029-1(201)B 089 YV 312 H395701C  
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
 LOW BIDDER: FNF Construction, Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 23,589,901.13  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 20,801,600.00

\$ OVER: \$ 2,788,301.13  
% OVER: 13.4%  
NO. BIDDERS: 2  
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 and Mr. Feldmeier recused themselves from this Item.

BIDS OPENED: September 14  
HIGHWAY: RIM ROCK-SEDONA HIGHWAY (SR 179)  
SECTION: North Forest Boundary to City of Sedona  
COUNTY: Coconino  
ROUTE NO.: SR 179  
PROJECT: STP-TEA-179-A(002)B 179 CN 310 H341403C  
FUNDING: 81% Federal 6% State 6% City of Sedona  
1% APS 4% Arizona Water 2% Unisource Service  
LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co., DBA  
Southwest Asphalt Paving  
AMOUNT: \$ 39,921,373.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 40,146,671.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 225,298.00  
% UNDER: 0.6%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: September 27  
HIGHWAY: TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY  
SECTION: Lincoln Drive Sidewalk  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: N/A  
PROJECT: CM-PVY-0(002)A 0000 MA PVY SS55301C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% Town of Paradise Valley  
LOW BIDDER: DBA Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 1,573,736.70  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,843,384.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 269,647.30  
% UNDER: 14.6%  
NO. BIDDERS: 7  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: September 14  
HIGHWAY: YUMA COUNTY  
SECTION: Avenue 21E over Wellton Mohawk Main  
Conveyance Channel  
COUNTY: Yuma

ROUTE NO.: N/A  
PROJECT: BR-YYU-0(032)A 0000 YU YYU SB41401C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% Yuma County  
LOW BIDDER: Bison Contracting Co., Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 697,510.85  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 427,500.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 270,010.85  
% OVER: 63.2%  
NO. BIDDERS: 2  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate Non-Federal Aid

BIDS OPENED: September 14  
HIGHWAY: WHY-TUCSON HIGHWAY (SR 86)  
SECTION: Town of Sells  
COUNTY: Pima  
ROUTE NO.: SR 86  
PROJECT: 086-A-NFA 086 PM 112 H649101C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Meridian Engineering Company  
AMOUNT: \$ 11,417,499.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 10,678,000.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 739,499.00  
% OVER: 6.9%  
NO. BIDDERS: 2  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 48, 49, 40 and 51 was made by Mr. Zubia, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously. Mr. Schorr recused himself from Items 48, 50 and 51.

BIDS OPENED: September 27  
HIGHWAY: QUARTZSITE-PARKER-TOPOCK HIGHWAY  
SECTION: Lake Havasu State Park  
COUNTY: Mohave  
ROUTE NO.: SR 95  
PROJECT: S-095-C-513 095 MO 182 H684301C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Combs Construction Company, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 969,501.50  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,164,817.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 195,315.50  
% UNDER: 16.8%  
NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Zubia. Mr. Feldmeier expressed concern about spending \$1 million from HURF financing for the operation of state parks. Mr. Mendez clarified that these dollars are for construction not operations. The motion passed 4-1. Mr. Schorr recused himself from this Item.

**Comments and Suggestions**

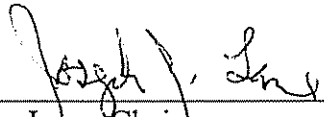
Board Members had the opportunity to suggest items they would like to have placed on future Board Meeting Agendas. There were no comments and suggestions.

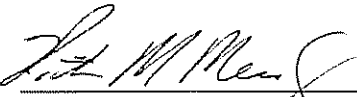
**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ADJOURN**

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