

**MINUTES**  
**Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program**

**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**December 13, 2000**

**Committee Members Present:**

Cliff Potts  
Gary Magrino  
Paul Schwartz

Bill Beyer  
Tami Ryall

**Members Absent:** Jeff Martin

**Others Present:**

John McGee, ADOT Chief Financial Officer  
Kathleen Morley, ADOT  
Shawn Dralle, Dain Rauscher

Anna-Marie Perry, ADOT  
Steve Schaefer, ADOT

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by John McGee at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

Mr. McGee thanked the Committee members for participating telephonically. Mr. McGee introduced Mr. Bill Beyer to the Members. Mr. Beyer was recently appointed to the Committee by the Senate President. Mr. McGee told the Committee Ms. Peters, who was attending AASHTO meetings in Indiana was unavailable for the meeting and had delegated him to act as Chairman for the meeting.

**La Paz County Salome Road – Centennial Wash Crossing**

Mr. McGee gave the Committee an overview of storm damage to Salome Road at the Centennial Wash Crossing in early October. Mr. McGee reported that in late November officials from La Paz County approached ADOT for help in funding the needed repairs. County officials had been told State Emergency Relief Funds were not available, and that Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) would not reimburse 100% of the cost of repairs. FHWA emergency repair funds would reimburse 100% for the cost of repairs completed 180 days after the declared disaster and 94.3% thereafter, however, reimbursement could take up to two years. Mr. McGee went on to say state statute prohibited the use of State Highway Funds as an interim funding source but, there was an opportunity for HELP to participate in resolving the issue.

Mr. McGee told the Committee a meeting was held with La Paz County, ADOT staff and FHWA to confirm this was an appropriate use of HELP funds and to determine whether or not FHWA could reimburse the cost of interest. At the meeting, Ms. Tsutsumida, FHWA Regional Finance Manager gave tentative approval for reimbursement of interest costs, which was later formally approved.

Mr. McGee reviewed the application indicating the amount being borrowed, when loan draws were expected, and time frames for repayment.

Mr. McGee entertained a motion to approve the application. Motion was made by Mr. Beyer to approve the La Paz County application and seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Report**

Mr. McGee reported Santa Cruz County has also expressed interest in a HELP loan to assist with emergency repairs. They have met with FHWA and received tentative approval for emergency relief funds. Mr. McGee stated there might be interest from other areas around the state for the same type of assistance. Yuma and ShowLow have expressed interest in HELP loans. Those applications could possibly be reviewed at the January 18, 2001 Committee Meeting.

Mr. McGee reminded the Committee the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held at ADOT headquarters January 18, 2001, and further information would be sent to them.

**Call to the Public**

Mr. McGee called for comments from the public. There being no comment Mr. McGee entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Potts

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.