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1 CARSON CITY, NEVADA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022, A.M. SESSION

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4 CHAIRPERSON HAND: This is the time and the place

5 of the State Public Works board meeting. It's February -- I'm

6 sorry, February -- it's Friday, December 9th at 10:02. And

this is Chairperson Hand for the record. I apologize for not

starting that way. And roll -- roll call.

MR. LEFEVRE: Okay. Roll call. 9

Chairman Hand. 10

(Short off the record discussion.) 11

MS. WOODRUM: So for roll call, if people 12

13 could -- this Homa Woodrum. If you could make sure you start

14 with your name before indicating that you are present.

MS. STEWART: Yep. 15

MS. WOODRUM: Thank you. 16

MS. STEWART: How is the volume? 17

MR. WACKER: Yeah, that's as loud as we can get 18

19 it.

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MR. LEFEVRE: All right. Let's begin roll call 20

21 again.

Kent Lefevre for the record. 22

Chairman Adam Hand. 23

CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Adam Hand present. 24

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MR. LEFEVRE: Vice Chairperson Clint Bentley.

VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Clint Bentley present. 2

MR. LEFEVRE: Member Tito Tiberti. Absent. 3

4 Member Kevin Lewis.

MEMBER LEWIS: Member Kevin Lewis present. 5

MR. LEFEVRE: And member and Director of the 6

7 Department of Administration Laura Freed.

MEMBER FREED: Laura Freed, present.

MR. LEFEVRE: Let the record reflect we have a 9

10 quorum.

CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the 11

12 record. Thank you. And do we have any public comment this

13 morning?

Anybody in Carson? 14

MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. No 15

16 public comment here in Las Vegas.

MS. WOODRUM: Homa Woodrum for the record. No 17

public comment present in Carson City. 18

CHAIRPERSON HAND: Member Hand or Chairperson

20 Hand for the record. The next agenda item for possible action

21 is the acceptance and approval of the Public Works Board

22 Meeting minutes from August 24th and 25th as well as

23 September 14th.

MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record, if I

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- 1 may. Presented for the Board with this action item, I read
- 2 the minutes August 24, 25, and 14th of September. The changes
- 3 are reflected in your action item request and the
- 4 recommendation is to approve or deny the August 24th, 25th and
- 5 September 14, 2022 meeting minutes as amended.
- 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Vice Chairman Clint
- 7 Bentley. I move to approve the minutes August 24th, 25th and
- 8 September 14th as amended.
- 9 MEMBER FREED: Laura Freed. I'll second.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HAND: We can do this. All in favor.
- 11 I guess we need to raise our hands. However we need to do
- 12 this, let's do it right.
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record.
- 14 Homa, how would you like us to acknowledge our ayes and nays
- 15 for matters for action?
- MS. WOODRUM: Homa Woodrum for the record. You
- 17 could do yeas, nays, abstentions and that way people could --
- 18 you could do by voice vote if that's easier, and then people
- 19 can speak up if they, you know, object and we'll count them in
- 20 the yeas. If they don't show up in the nays or the
- 21 abstentions that might be the easiest.
- 22 MS. STEWART: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 24 record. All in favor.

- 1 Kent on his job.
 - 2 (Applause.)
 - 3 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
 - 4 record. The next agenda item is notice of the chairperson
 - 5 designation of emergency project.
 - 6 MR. LEFEVRE: Okay. Kent Lefevre for the record.
 - 7 I'll take that item. On November 2nd, 2022, Lisa Sherych, the
 - 8 administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health
 - 9 for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
 - 10 requested that the State Public Works Board division manage
 - 11 forensic renovations as the emergency project.
 - Based upon that request, the State Public Works
 - 13 determined that the request met the statutory requirements of
 - 14 NRS 338.011 and therefore, State Public Works division pursued
 - 15 an emergency determination from the Board Chair as required by
 - 16 NAC 341.145.
- 17 Chair Hand approved the award of contracts for
- 18 this contract as an emergency, and under NAC 341.151 it
- 19 requires the notice of the emergency filing of the next
- 20 meeting of the public body, which is now.
- 21 So what this is, in layman's terms, the HHS is
- 22 acquiring some forensic space from the City of Las Vegas and
- 23 the City of Las Vegas jail, but that requires some
- 24 modifications to the building in order for them to use their

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- Nays?
- 2 Hearing none, the motion will pass.
- 3 (Motion carries.)
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HAND: And we will proceed to agenda
- 5 Item Number 4 which is now State Public Works Administrator
- 6 selection.

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- 7 MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. And
- 8 Member Freed, I was hoping you would handle this.
- 9 MEMBER FREED: Laura Freed for the record. I am 10 delighted to do that.
- 11 I am delighted to officially let the Board know,
- 12 although I have no doubt you've all seen our emails and the
- 13 emails to the staff, that we did -- we completed a selection
- 14 process and Kent Lefevre was appointed and accepted -- too bad
- 15 for you, sir -- the public works administrator position on a
- 16 permanent basis after serving as the interim.
- We are delighted to have him, and he has made -
 18 his work already in terms of being asked to scramble to adjust
- 19 some things that may or may not be in the Governor's
- 20 recommended CIP.
- So I -- I know I speak for the deputy director
- 22 and the staff when I say I am -- I'm relieved and happy that
- 23 we have a permanent administrator and I'm very happy that it
- 24 is Kent. So please join me in congratulating or consoling

- 1 program.
- So there was ARPA money that was funded in the
- 3 October IFC for this -- for this project, so we're currently
- 4 working with consultants right now to get those contracts on
- 5 the -- hopefully the January agenda as soon as possible.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 7 record. Thank you, thank you, Kent.
- 8 MR. LEFEVRE: You're welcome.
- 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Vice Chair Bentley. I
- 10 have one quick question. Kent, you said you were hoping for
- 11 to address it at the first of the year. Is that for the
- 12 contracts for to be able to go out for bid and what's the
- 13 status there?
- MR. LEFEVRE: Good question. Kent Lefevre for
- 15 the record. That is for our contracts to begin the design or
- 16 begin the remodel.
- 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: What kind of a time
- 18 frame do we have here?
- MR. LEFEVRE: We're looking at drawings third
- 20 quarter of this year ready to go to bid, so it's going to be a
- 21 quick one. And it's attendant on improvement.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Where this is?
- MR. LEFEVRE: It's the Augustine building. So
- 24 we're scrambling to get that up and running as fast as we can

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- 1 for the agency.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 4 record. The next agenda item is staff presentation on CIP
- 5 criteria revisions which includes diversity, equity and
- inclusion as well. Sustainability.
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. I'll
- 8 be speaking on this subject. We have some handouts, some
- 9 materials in our packet that I will go over in depth.
- Susan is going to talk about diversity, equity, 10
- 11 and inclusions, and then Brian Wacker, who is here as our
- 12 chief of planning, will talk about sustainability.
- MS. STEWART: Thank you. For the record, Susan
- 14 Stewart. I think what might be helpful is if I take a minute
- 15 to orient the Board as far as the information you have in your 16 packet.
- 17 You'll see in discussion there is an Item
- 18 Number 1, diversity, equity, and inclusion. There is an
- 19 overview. A single memo been provided.
- 20 Then Item Number 2, State Public Works Division
- 21 current practices. And if you look at that Attachment 2,
- 22 there's a memo there where we'll talk about current practices,
- 23 which is our green building standards, net zero preliminary
- 24 design analysis, and then there's a bill draft request. And

- And so you'll see the definition there. And I
- did some research on other states, is there anyone that is
- 3 implementing this type of program in connection with
- implementation of their capital improvement programs.
- And what I came across was DEI is typically 5
- 6 associated with hiring practices where you're attempting to
- address historically underrepresented folks so that you have a
- 8 more diverse team. It's also the way I -- my research showed
- 9 it came up was in an organization these are -- they are kind
- 10 of a foundation, other ethical considerations and how they
- 11 treat members of their team. So having done that preliminary review, we kind 12
- 13 of -- you know, Brian Wacker and Kent and I had several
- 14 discussions on this and looked at how does that framework fit
- 15 into the work that the State Public Works division project
- 16 managers do, and what we came up with was it seemed a little
- 17 bit outside of their lane, that they wouldn't necessarily have
- 18 the expertise on a formal basis to review what is the program
- 19 that the agency is supporting and asking for construction
- 20 associated with that program.
- So we thought that went a little bit beyond what 21
- 22 the engineers and architects are looking at when they're
- 23 thinking about a building and structure and mechanical
- 24 systems.

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- 1 for each of those topics you'll see an associated attachment
- 2 included with some further backup on each one of those
- packets. Or each one of those subjects, excuse me.
- And then the last Item Number 3 is we're going to
- 5 be talking about AB160 which is legislation regarding window
- 6 replacements and there are two attachments to that. One is a copy of the bill and then another is a copy of window
- replacement projects. And we'll dive into each one of those,
- 9 but I thought an overview of what you have in front of you
- 10 might be helpful.
- So the first -- what I'm going to talk about 11
- 12 first is we had a request from the Board to take a look at our
- 13 CIP criteria and how we assess projects coming from -- I'm
- 14 sorry, I was hearing some very weird background noise. I'm
- 15 glad it wasn't just me.
- So okay. So we had a request from the Board to 16
- 17 take a look at our criteria and one of the requests included
- 18 some way to incorporate an analysis or consideration of
- 19 diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- And so you'll see the memo that we put together, 20
- 21 and it begins with the definition of diversity, equity, and
- 22 inclusion, because I -- for me I thought it was helpful to
- 23 really, you know, let's be clear about what we're talking
- 24 about.

- So now, we do have a couple programs that we 1
- 2 implement that are related to veterans. We also have a small
- business -- disadvantaged small business program that we
- 4 implement. Those are the current programs that we implement,
- 5 but they're unrelated to the CIP.
- So now, sticking with the formal consideration, 6
- 7 we looked at what Utah does. And Utah, they make sure that
- each state agency gets 1.1 percent of their buildings' value
- in the Utah CIP. 9
- And Brian Wacker can speak to this a little bit 10
- 11 more if he would like to, but he understands that in Utah they
- 12 manage all of the university projects within their CIP so
- 13 there's a lot of angst, if you will, to make sure everybody's
- getting their fair share. 14
- So when we think about doing 1.1 percent of the 15
- 16 total value of the buildings, what we see is our heavy
- 17 hitters, Corrections, DHSS, they've got the most square
- 18 footage so they're still going to get the most of the project.
- 19 So we felt like that really wasn't -- you know, museums are
- 20 still going to be at the bottom of the list using that
- 21 criteria.
- So which moves into our informal implementation
- 23 of DEI as criteria. And there is nothing formal, but I think
- 24 in the Board's experience they've seen Kent and other

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- 1 administrators look at the CIP through an equitable lens,
- 2 making sure that each agency's needs are considered in a
- 3 consistent way.
- And sometimes that goes beyond what the agency, 4
- 5 what the Department is actually asking and one of those
- examples is the Stewart gymnasium remodel.
- DCNR had it number 51 on their priority list so
- 8 they weren't even prioritizing the project, but it was
- 9 recommended by Kent in the interest of Stewart needs to be
- 10 supported, it's -- it's a project that's very important to
- 11 them and Kent can speak to that more.
- So that's kind of our informal way that we look 12
- 13 at things through that equitable lens. So what we came up
- 14 with is we're not sure that we have the skills to formally
- 15 consider DEI when we're looking at planning, maintenance and
- 16 construction; however, informally we certainly -- speaking for
- Kent, we certainly do that. 17
- So at this point, staff does not have any 18
- 19 recommendations for the formal incorporation of DEI as a CIP
- 20 criteria, however always we welcome input and additional
- 21 direction from the Board. And before I ask for questions I
- 22 would make -- give Kent and Brian an opportunity to jump in in
- 23 case I missed anything.
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. And

- 1 manner.
- I'm just hoping it fits our criteria to maximize 2
- 3 all of the items that we need to get addressed within the
- 4 state.
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. I 5
- 6 brought this topic up and created some work to get the
- feedback. Some work --
- MS. STEWART: I'm sorry. Susan Stewart for the
- 9 record. Kevin, can you hear us?
- MEMBER LEWIS: Yes, I can. I will let Adam 10
- 11 finish. Go right ahead, Adam.
- MS. STEWART: All right. Thank you. 12
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: I guess I wanted to thank you 13
- 14 for the work that you did, and the reason I brought it up is
- 15 things like museums are always at the bottom of the list and
- 16 so, you know, how -- what -- the thought process that I was
- going through was would there be a way to get some small
- 18 portion of this, where she got the 1 percent which I was
- 19 unaware of.
- For those -- again those folks that come back 20
- 21 eight, nine, ten years in a row with the same project and show
- 22 us potentially the delipidated buildings and, you know, the
- 23 type that never work their way up the list. So that's why I
- 24 brought that up, so I'd like to thank you all for the work

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- 1 just -- just one comment at the end of this and that is that
- 2 the DEI really isn't embedded in our law right now as far as
- 3 how we -- how we manage projects and assign projects, award 4 projects; it's more of a frankly a low bid environment
- 5 regardless of DEI.
- So that's -- that's where we are right now with
- the law. So if there needs to be a change there then we may
- 8 need to have conversations about that.
- And, Brian, do you have anything on that?
- MR. WACKER: Yeah, sure. Brian Wacker for the 10
- 11 record. The one thought I had listening to this is a lot of
- 12 the projects that we would recommend in this CIP are really
- 13 just a reflection of, you know, what the different state
- 15 accomplishing is, you know, not something that comes from us,
- 16 it comes from just the Governor and just the direction of the
- 17 state overall.
- So if HHS needs a building to complete their 18
- 19 program then that's something that's important to us, but we
- 20 don't drive that train necessarily.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Vice Chairman Bentley.
- 22 I would just like to comment that I feel that if we really
- 23 went into a full implementation on this PPI that it would 24 really impact our deferred maintenance projects in an unfair

- 14 agencies are trying to accomplish, and what they're
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Do you want to answer that? 16
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. 17
- Thank you, Kevin, for the question. That's a great question.
- And I did a global search of DEI in general for -- it's a --
- 21 improvement program. Are there other state agencies that are
- 22 including some type of DEI analysis. We did see small
- We did see DEI throughout universities, but that 24

- And I apologize, Kevin, I looked to Clint for
- 3 comment and I didn't look to the screen for comment so I
- MEMBER LEWIS: Kevin Lewis for the record. I'm
- 6 curious to see how come we didn't look at California or, you
- know, that's more representative of minorities or
- disadvantaged folks. 8
- I'm wondering why we didn't look at Arizona. I'm 9
- 10 wondering if Kent could possibly spoke to other state agency
- 11 and look how they perform with the same challenges. I know
- 12 that they've put together coalition that may have included
- 13 urban chamber, the Latin chamber. Have you reached out to any
- 14 of these agencies at all? It's out there. So I'm just
- 15 curious.

- 20 it's a unique, specific ask. We're developing a capital
- minority businesses, but that's contracting. 23

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- 1 was hiring and admissions. And so I didn't see anything on --
- 2 on a state level where a -- including California -- where the
- 3 selection of projects for recommendation in the capital
- 4 improvement program included a DEI analysis.
- That said, you just listed some entities and if
- 6 you feel that I missed something, please send me the
- 7 information and I will report back to the Board on additional
- 8 information that you have. Hundred percent.
- MEMBER LEWIS: Member Kevin Lewis for the record.
- 10 I'll definitely give you some recommendations. I know that
- 11 Georgia's probably doing quite well in leading that force.
- 12 I've looked at the -- from airport, different things that
- 13 they're doing in the state, and that might be one place where
- 14 we can start, as well as Florida. So I'll send that list to
- 15 you.

3 you.

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- 16 MS. STEWART: Thank you. Susan Stewart for the
- 17 record. Thank you very much. And then just one more thing.
- 18 Piggybacking on what Chairman Hand said, there -- perhaps
- 19 there is a way to incorporate something into the CIP criteria
- 20 for museums when they've asked for the same project five times
- 21 in a row. Maybe the third time is the charm.
- MEMBER FREED: You get a couple extra. 22
- MS. STEWART: That's right. So maybe there's 23
- 24 room for more investigation. And certainly I'm outside of my

MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. I 5 just have another comment on this too. One of the sister

6 states that we look to a lot right now is Utah because their

Their facilities maintenance group is about the

9 same size as ours. They're very much like a sister as far as

10 scale, and they face all of the same problems with the same,

11 you know, kind of demographic that we've got. So it's a good

7 CIP is about the same size as ours.

12 place to, you know, bounce things off.

- 1 record.
- Again I want to thank you for what you all did, 2
- 3 and I'm glad we're having a conversation that there will be
- 4 some follow up.
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. I
- 6 will -- we can certainly talk about this later in the agenda,
- 7 but I will make sure that I make a note that we will circle
- 8 back and have further discussion on this on our next meeting.
- Okay. So the next memo in Attachment 2, and this 9
- 10 is the -- this memo addresses sustainability, our current
- 11 practices, net zero preliminary design analysis on a couple
- 12 projects in the bill draft request. And we're going to do a
- 13 little tag teaming on this, but I think Brian was going to
- 14 start on this one.
- 15 MR. WACKER: Thank you. Okay. Brian Wacker for
- 16 the record. Thank you, Susan. Yeah, I'll go ahead and get
- 17 started on this. Just to kind of start, I'll be going over
- 18 the memo in Attachment 2.
- 19 And just a reminder on what's in the packet in
- 20 front of you, Attachment to Exhibit A is the green building
- standard NAC that we follow. 21
- Attachment to Exhibit B is an example of our 22
- 23 green building design template checklist, and Attachment to
- 24 Exhibit C is a net zero bill draft request we submitted. So

- 1 lane suggesting this, but when you mention what you're trying 2 to address, there may be another way to get there. So thank

 - 5 NAC 341.301 through 341.376.

 - selection, material selection, water efficiency, energy 7
 - 8 efficiency, and indoor quality. We currently follow ASHRAE,

 - We at public works take a holistic approach to 13
 - 14 sustainability with the green building standard. The way we
 - 15 approach it is we look at all the building systems and their
 - 16 interactions with the intent to develop a unique solution for
 - 17 each project, and that process and what we typically look at

 - 18 is pretty much laid out in the green building checklist in 19 your packet.
 - We look at each project as a unique system and 20
 - 21 it's an independent solution each time. And then we also as a
 - 22 part of the green building process, you know, analyze
 - 23 different alternatives with the goal to select an option that
 - 24 has the best lifecycle cost solution over like a 20 to 25-year

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1 just going back to the memo in Attachment 2. So what we started with is how sustainability is

3 a part of our current process. State Public Works currently

- 4 implements green building standards as set forth in
- The green building standard focuses on site 6
- 9 which is the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and
- 10 Air-Conditioning Engineers -- I had to look that up -- 90.1.
- 11 So ASHRAE 90.1, ASHRAE 62.1 and EPA standards as a part of the green building standard.
- We've had conversations with the Utah department
- 14 of facilities management several times in the past and they're 15 turning out to be pretty good partners for just processes that
- 16 we both face, and they do it a different way and we learn from
- 17 that so... 18 MEMBER LEWIS: Kent, I look forward to hopefully
- 19 expanding upon that. I'm not sure that Utah is more 20 representative as far as diversity inclusion, but I can look
- 21 at our own home court. Keep in mind that it was not until the 22 year 2017 that our board became more diverse. And our
- 23 history. CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the

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- 1 cost period. So currently we try to, you know, make
- 2 selections that pencil 20, 25 years as a low-cost thing.
- 3 So the second page of the memo, at the top of
- 4 this is just a summary of what is in the NAC and the process
- 5 that we follow. The thing to take away here is that we do
- 6 implement green building standards on building projects that
- 7 are over 20,000 square feet.
- 8 And the process, you know, kind of laid out here,
- 9 I guess it's a little bit of a weeds, but it's just how we
- 10 really go about our green buildings.
- 11 I guess I'll mention Utah again. That's kind of
- 12 our favorite thing. It's something that we're a little
- 13 familiar with on how we do our work. But, you know, I did
- 14 take a look kind of thinking about green building standards,
- 15 and, you know, Utah has a similar set-up that we do.
- 16 They developed what they call the high
- 17 performance building standard, and looking through that
- 18 document, it's got different names and a different process
- 19 than we do for our green building standard, but at the end of
- 20 the day it's also based on ASHRAE 90.1 and really follows a
- 21 lot of the same processes with a lot of the same solutions
- 22 that we do.
- They have a thicker packet for their checklist
- 24 than we do. They like to write more than we do, and that's

- 1 a part of that too. So -- and we probably don't have a great
 - 2 influence on that to some degree but we can help. But, you
 - 3 know, how is the building maintained, does the building have
 - 4 efficient equipment inside of it.
 - 5 You can do energy audits and that's something we
 - 6 could entertain on buildings. That would be a study we could
 - 7 do in a building to look at, you know, how energy could be
 - 8 saved in there.
 - 9 And then also, you know, the last one, just
 - 10 landscaping, you know, make sure you don't over-water, things
 - 11 like that. And that goes into maybe efficient landscaping
 - 12 design or oftentimes it's also kind a maintenance thing,
 - 13 coming back and making sure they haven't just watered
 - 14 everything.
 - 15 The kind of key thing too on here, when I mention
 - 16 fenestration, you know, that actually does kind of tie into
 - 17 this window replacement that we're going to talk about later.
 - 18 So last -- last page on this memo is a little bit
 - 19 of how we've started to I guess work to increase
 - 20 sustainability in our process and, you know, I guess just to
 - 21 kind of say, you know, we started with what we do do which is,
 - 22 you know, green building projects.
 - 23 So we do have sustainability built into our
 - 24 current process, but we are looking forward to increase in the

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- 1 probably the big thing. It's a little bit more of a formal
- 2 process than we have, where ours is more laid out in this NAC
- 3 and we just are simply going more back to straight ASHRAE 90.1
- 4 for our green building.
- 5 The last thing on this page, it's just a little
- 6 report. We did some research and just put some thought into
- 7 different types of projects that we at public works view as
- 8 best practices with regards to sustainability.
- 9 The first thing to take off the list is these are
- 10 nonmechanical system replacement projects. That's probably
- 11 the easy, low-lying fruit. The best way to save energy is to
- 12 put a big fancy new mechanical system in a building. That's
- 13 the easy one.
- But past that, you know, you can look at
- 15 fenestration improvements. Fenestration is really your
- 16 building envelope, and so you would look a lot at your
- 17 openings, windows, doors, things of that nature. Then you
- 18 would look at building insulation, lighting improvements,
- 19 which really means LED lighting replacement projects. We've
- 20 done many of those in the past years.
- 21 And then the rest of the list is probably not
- 22 really CIP projects, but it's worth mentioning and important
- 23 that, you know, you know, saving energy on buildings is not
- 24 just a construction project, you know, operation in a building

- 1 sustainability and that starts with a net zero conversation.
- 2 I guess it's a different word for some of the same things but
- 3 we continue to kind of grow with that.
- 4 So what we have done is we've selected two of our
- 5 current projects to start to look at net zero and what that
- 6 means for these projects. One of them is the Department of
- 7 Public Safety project here in Carson City and the other one is
- 8 the Silverado Ranch DMV down in Las Vegas.
- The intent of selecting these projects to start
- 10 to look at net zero is it gives us basically some test cases
- 11 to do some analysis with these projects with the design team
- 12 to see how net zero can apply to a construction here for
- public works, and that will hopefully help us make decisionson how to implement net zero ideas in our projects.
- L5 So we're finding out right now with the
- 16 Department of Public Safety building, it's very early in its
- 17 design about the conceptual level and we're learning that net
- 18 zero might be about a 3 and a half percent increase for that 19 project.
- So that's, you know, \$7 million in actual value
- 21 for that -- for that project. And that is in addition to
- 22 green building standards. So, you know, green building we
- 23 think builds an efficient and sustainable building and this is
- 24 in addition to that.

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- With the DMV project, that's closer to the end of
- 2 its design, so more of a final design, and we're starting to
- 3 hear that might be about 15 percent increase in that project.
- 4 It's entirely possible that the public safety folks haven't
- 5 quite figured out quite how much it's going to cost. They're
- 6 still early in the process, and so, you know, it is a
- 7 significant increase to incorporate net zero.
- And also, you know, really what that increase
- 9 really means, you have to slow down -- you know, net zero is
- 10 really defined as a like a net zero energy consumption or net
- 11 zero greenhouse gas emission goal for these projects, and so
- 12 to implement net zero it's kind of I guess -- it's in the
- 13 name; you just try to have an -- we look at it as like a net
- 14 zero energy use over an annualized year basically.
- So what we're finding for these projects is you 15
- 16 try to make a more efficient building. We already have
- 17 relatively efficient buildings with the green building
- 18 standard. That might bolster that effort a little bit.
- But what it really comes down to is to offset 19
- 20 your energy use of these buildings you start to look at, you
- 21 know, PV panels, you know, solar electricity on site to offset
- 22 your energy use.
- And so that's really what the cost increase are 23
- 24 for at the DMV project is -- it's a lot of it is a 15 percent

- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Not at this time. 1
- MEMBER LEWIS: No. 2
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Well, again thank you for 3
- 4 digging into this. Part of this -- this came up during the
- 5 CIP and there was some discussion about windows, right. And I
- 6 was unaware that the -- that the process already integrated
- 7 sustainability or the green building stuff, and so it sounds
- 8 like the -- it's interesting that the one project is a
- 9 3 percent increase and the other is a 50 percent increase;
- 10 that's huge.
- And I'm curious, Brian, in those projects, did --
- 12 did the consultant do LCA lifecycle assessments in terms of
- 13 emissions and tell you what the difference was between the
- 14 current designs and the -- and the net zero designs?
- MR. WACKER: Brian Wacker for the record. That's
- 16 what that 15 percent number is, and so it's a 15 percent
- increase to the DMV over our green building standard.
- And when I said it's really PV panels, that's
- 19 really what it is is how many PV panels do you want to build,
- 20 you know, at that building to offset your costs. It might be
- 21 a 15 percent increase to get there.
- 22 And that's kind of the question. Do we really
- 23 want to go through that whole exercise or do we want to get
- 24 close to that or, you know, find something that makes sense.

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- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 2 record. Yeah, that was -- you answered my question because
 - the differences are so big here, right, the 3 and a half
 - 4 percent versus 50 percent, it suggests to me that it's
 - 5 probably building specific.
 - MR. WACKER: Um-hum. 6
 - CHAIRPERSON HAND: And I hope that there -- there
 - 8 would still be -- and I don't know if net zero is the right
 - 9 criteria. I mean that's sort of the buzz word right now,
 - 10 right, that zero. But that the -- that public works does keep
 - 11 an eye on sustainability and minimizing consumption.
 - We had a discussion about water before we ever
 - 13 got, you know, the more -- the meeting kicked off today and it
 - 14 just -- it's going to be a bigger part of our future, and so
 - 15 I'm glad to see that there's some focus on it and some -- an
 - 16 opening, if you will, of the BDR request --
 - MR. WACKER: Um-hum. 17
 - CHAIRPERSON HAND: -- to continue to do that. 18
 - 19 MS. STEWART: Mr. Chair, if I may.
 - CHAIRPERSON HAND: Yes. 20
 - MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. I 21
 - 22 want to clarify, think Mr. Wacker is saying a 15 percent
 - increase in costs. 23
 - VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Yes.

1 increase because we're going to build solar panels until we 2 offset our energy use. That's what we're finding with those.

- And we're hoping that what we find is going to
- 4 help us with this bill draft request that we've submitted and
- 5 so that's included in your packet as well.
- And so the bill draft request is to add to our
- 7 standards to achieve net zero energy consumption and net zero
- greenhouse emissions where practicable. And that word
- practical (sic) is important.
- 10 We didn't put in this BDR exactly how we're going
- 11 to get there because we're not exactly sure how we want to go
- 12 there yet, but the BDR would open that door so that we could
- adopt these standards, and hopefully with these test projects we would get some resolution on how we want to go there.
- 15 So the last thing is really just some possible
- 16 recommendations for I guess discussion here on how we could 17 move forward with this. I guess, you know, we've started to
- move down that a little bit with that bill draft request and,
- 19 you know, I guess we'd be open to, you know, your comments or
- 20 suggestions on what you think or what you think we might need 21 to do. So thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the 22 23 record. Member Lewis or Vice Chair Bentley, do you have
- 24 any --

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- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Not in emissions. 1
- MS. STEWART: Not 50. 2
- MR. WACKER: Yeah. 3
- MS. STEWART: We're going to have a more detailed 4
- 5 analysis during the 50 percent construction document
- 6 deliverable.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the 7
- 8 record. Thank you. Thank you for that clarification. I
- 9 looked down at the document and saw 50 percent there and I
- 10 thought Brian said 50 percent.
- The point I guess I was trying to get to there is 11
- 12 really what is the difference in lifecycle assessment, not
- 13 just cost. Cost is -- part of it is the lifecycle assessment
- 14 and the other part of it, and that's what I was really asking
- 15 was what the difference in LCA was from the current design to
- 16 the designs. Because there's a difference in lifecycle cost
- analysis and lifecycle assessment. Lifecycle assessment is
- the emissions piece of it. 18
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. We 19
- 20 have -- these projects are still kind of in the middle of
- 21 design. They aren't all the way through. So that assessment
- 22 may not have been done yet, but it's possible.
- But the other thing I would like to point out is 23
- 24 that we -- we have done two test cases, one in the north and

- 1 record. I just wanted to point out that in the
- 2 recommendations it does -- we will be reporting back to the
- 3 Board on this item again as we get more information as Kent
- 4 said, as well as the implementation of new regulations will be
- 5 a public process and the Board will be very involved in that.
- 6 So this is -- this is really just our first swing at this as
- far as the Board goes.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 9 record. Thank you. Glad to hear that Nevada is
- 10 [electronically indiscernible].
- MS. STEWART: That's right. 11
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: The next item on our agenda 12
- 13 is --
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. We 14
- 15 have one more topic under Item 6.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Oh, sorry. 16
- MS. STEWART: That's okay. 17
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Go ahead. 18
- MS. STEWART: We turned everything into Agenda 19
- 20 Item Number 6. Susan Stewart for the record.
- Kent, did you want me -- I think I was going to 21
- 22 do the -- okay.
- Okay. Susan Stewart for the record. You heard 23
- 24 Brian talk about window replacements and one of our challenges

- 1 one in the south, and of course the climate down here is
- 2 completely different than the temperate climate in Carson
- 3 City. The buildings are almost about the same size and about
- 4 the same, you know, footprint as far as buildings go. But the
- 5 other thing I want to say is this is really groundbreaking
- 6 work for State of Nevada.
- We've had little opportunity in the last ten
- 8 years to really try out a net zero building on a new
- 9 construction and these are the first chances that we have to
- 10 do that. So I'm really excited to see what -- what we learn.
- 11 You know, net zero has been out there for ten years at least,
- 12 maybe even longer. I've toured net zero buildings in Colorado
- 13 that were done by the federal government.
- And so I think we're going to learn a lot from 14
- 15 this and it's going to help us and prepare us and prepare our
- 16 team to take the next step. And we've got a batch of new
- 17 projects coming on at the next CIP and we will be able to
- 18 apply that knowledge to those as well.
- And the last thing I want to say about this is 19
- 20 basically our standard -- adopted standards is a LEED silver
- 21 standard. Even though we don't go through the certification
- 22 process with LEED, that's the target we're hitting on all the
- 23 construction so...
- MS. STEWART: I'm sorry. Susan Stewart for the

- 1 standing in the way of implementing window replacements is
- 2 AB160. And AB160 was passed in the 2017 legislative session.
- 3 Buildings over 50 years old, before public works division can
- 4 replace windows we have to do a feasibility study of
- 5 alternatives.
- And we have to move in the -- let me get the 6
- 7 thing here -- office of historic preservation of the State
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, otherwise
- 9 SHPO. And that acronym is S-H-P-O.
- 10 And when we were putting together this
- 11 presentation for the Board, I went back and looked at the
- 12 legislative history and State Public Works Division did not 13 oppose this bill.
- And I was surprised you did not oppose this bill
- 15 until I realized that in the 2017 session the State Public
- Works division was dealing with the no damage or delay
- 17 proposed amendment to our applicable statutes, which was a
- 18 huge problem and happened to be sponsored by the same
- 19 legislative person.
- So we were very much I would say picking our 20
- 21 battles. I'm going to let both Kent and Brian talk a little
- 22 bit about the challenges imposed by this bill, but what you
- 23 see here attached as Attachment 3, Exhibit B is a list of
- 24 window replacements that were not recommended in the CIP

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- 1 because of the challenges posed by AB160.
- And with that overview, I'll turn it over to
- 3 either Kent or Brian who may want to add more about
- 4 challenges.
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. I'll
- 6 take a swing at this one. So in the Attachment 3 Exhibit B we
- 7 have a list of projects, basically window projects for the CIP
- 8 that were attended by the agencies, and it's \$25 million worth
- of projects so it's not insignificant.
- But the challenge that we run into is each one of 10
- 11 these -- each one of these projects have to be assessed before
- 12 they can be actually written up into a project so it's a kind
- 13 of a two-step process.
- You know, in hindsight it would have been better 14
- 15 to make an assessment of every one of these projects two years
- 16 ago so that we can come to the table and SHPO prepared with an
- 17 assessment than the spot that we find ourselves in now, which
- 18 is -- which is when we go to SHPO, the usual answer from them
- 19 is no, you're not going to replace those windows, they're
- 20 historic, don't touch them. And it's -- it doesn't take into
- 21 consideration how much energy we're saving. There's nothing
- 22 in this bill that says we're going to be saving a lot of
- 23 energy.
- 24 What is in the bill is putting film on the

1 are listed there. And the way the Bill is written is if any

- 2 of these alternatives pencils so that the energy savings from
- 3 installing that alternative is greater than, you know, the
- 4 cost of installing that alternative, and I keep using, you
- 5 know, the film example.
- So if we save more energy by putting the film on
- 7 than installing the film, then we cannot move forward with the
- 8 window replacement because of AB160; we're not allowed to
- actually replace the window.
- That's a big challenge base putting film on a 10
- 11 window only saves about 10 percent of the energy over actually
- 12 replacing the window. So this Bill keeps us from replacing
- 13 the window and is really forcing us to do some of these
- 14 alternative treatments. And they're fine. Film is fine.
- 15 Weather stripping is fine. I don't have a problem with doing
- 16 these things. It's just that it doesn't save the energy that
- you would replacing the window a lot of times.
- And so we really have our hands tied, like in the 19 Icon building, the Bill tells us explicitly we have to look at
- 20 these -- it lists the alternatives we look at, we have to look
- 21 at them and if any of them saves energy or saves money when
- 22 you do an analysis for that alternative the window replacement
- 23 is just -- it's out the window. So it really ties our hands.
- The other thing, Kent mentioned it a little bit

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- 1 windows. That's going to save 2 or 3 percent of energy. And
- 2 replacing a broken window, yeah, we'll let you do that.
- But the Bill is more residential driven than
- 4 commercial facilities. So if we take a look at the building
- 5 we're in up in Carson City, the Icon building, we could easily
- 6 replace every single window in that building.
- MEMBER FREED: Yep.
- MR. LEFEVRE: And probably cut our energy use by
- 9 a third because it's single pane glass that was installed back 10 in 1960.
- From an energy standpoint it's a no brainer. But 11
- 12 the hurdle and the challenge is getting SHPO on board to do
- 13 that, which they've never been on board. They're more
- 14 interested in how that building looks and how it will look
- 15 than saving a kilowatt of power. So that's my lowdown on 16 that.
- And so when we received all these replacements, 17
- 18 every one of these buildings is pushing 50 years, if not more,
- 19 and that throws us into the law AB160. So with that kind of a
- 20 background, maybe, Brian, you have some other perspective you
- 21 can add to this.
- MR. WACKER: Yeah, thank you. Brian Wacker for 22
- 23 the record. Yeah, what I wanted to add on that is part of the
- 24 Bill is we have to do an assessment of these alternatives that

- 1 too, is that when this bill was introduced there's a report
- 2 from 2012, "Saving Windows, Saving Money" report published by
- 3 the Preservation Green Lab, that was the justification for
- 4 this bill, and really that report was written with residential
- 5 in mind and was really written for homeowners as a way to say
- 6 hey, you don't have to replace your windows, you can do some
- 7 of these alternative treatments and they're a good use of your money as well.
- And so that was a basis for this Bill. It's a
- 10 challenge because some of these alternatives that the Bill
- 11 says that we have to do are not even applicable to a lot of
- 12 our buildings. Some of them are, some aren't, but we have to
- 13 look at these. So it's a challenge and it's keeping us from
- 14 really being able to move forward with these projects.
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. The 15
- 16 other thing is the financial, you know, the dollars and cents 17 of replacing windows. We'll be paying prevailing wage on
- everyone of these windows.
- And so if you take a look at a new commercial 19
- 20 building double pane insulated commercial paned window you're
- 21 probably somewhere in the 60 buck a square foot range for the
- 22 material and probably another \$60 a square foot to install it. So installing a high grade commercial window is
- 24 not cheap. And so that's why we're coming up with \$24 million

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- 1 on all these projects where AB160 doesn't even recognize that
- 2 a commercial building is going to be more expensive to upgrade
- 3 than a normal window which a residential person can do by
- 4 themselves.
- 5 Some of the language in here -- I reviewed the
- 6 testimony during the session, and some of the language is
- 7 well, you can go buy this stuff at JC Penney's or some other
- 8 store. I'm like yeah, okay. So there you go. That's
- 9 residential construction.
- 10 We don't buy our stuff at JC Penney's. We buy it
- 11 from a manufacturer that makes millions of square feet of this
- 12 stuff. So anyway. So it's been a challenge and it will
- 13 continue to be a challenge until this Bill is either amended
- 14 or rescinded.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Member Lewis, are you -- you
- 16 look like you're going to say something.
- 17 MEMBER LEWIS: Well, Member Kevin Lewis. So I
- 18 guess those are the options for the Board to -- to consider
- 19 there; correct, Kent?
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. Yes.
- 21 MEMBER LEWIS: Okay. Either rescind or spend the
- 22 money, huh?
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. I
- 24 didn't have anything further on this. We did -- I didn't know

- 1 what everybody else has in the hopper as far as their direct
- 2 request, but we would certainly keep the Board informed on
- 3 this matter.
- 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Vice Chairman Bentley.
- 5 I would recommend, yes, since we're looking at the '25 session
- 6 that we, that gives us time to do a little better analysis and
- 7 research on how we might be able to come with a correct bill
- $\, 8 \,$ draft request to offset the problems that AB160 has presented
- 9 to us.
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. I'm
- 11 going to suggest, and Homa will tell me if I get it wrong, but
- 12 when we look at items to be adgendized for future board
- 13 meetings, if you could bring that up then and we'll make sure
- 14 that it's formalized.
- MS. WOODRUM: This is Homa. Sounds like a plan.
- MS. STEWART: Thank you, Homa.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 18 record. Again thank you for the good work that was done on
- 19 this. And I got a note here in case -- to make sure we don't
- 20 forget that when we get to our agenda Item 8. And it looks
- 21 like the next item on our agenda is the administrator's report
- 22 to the Board.
- MR. LEFEVRE: Yes. Kent Lefevre for the record.
- 24 I'll keep this fairly brief to give everybody an idea of

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- 1 if you wanted to talk to the Board about a possible way to
- 2 attack this with planning dollars going forward.
- 3 MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. We
- 4 have looked at a number of things; in fact, we looked at the
- 5 possibility of using some of our planning money to do these
- 6 individual studies.
- And a study, for example, on the Icon building I
- 8 think would probably be anywhere 20, \$30,000 to do a study --
- 9 just to do a study on what makes sense for that building.
- 10 And then -- and then we still run the risk of
- 11 getting turned down by SHPO even after the study. There's
- 12 nothing out there in the commercial world right now that's
- 13 going to be single pane. Nothing. I mean you can't even --
- 14 you can't even hope to get an energy standard with single pane
- 15 glass so.
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. So
- 17 we're doing 20 to \$30,000 for a study that we know the answer
- 18 to before we do the study.
- 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Which is something --
- 20 MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. I
- 21 don't -- our Bill draft requests are in for the session. So
- 22 it be for the 2025 session, but we would certainly continue to
- 23 keep the Board updated. You know, you never know, somebody
- 24 else may take a look at this and go you know -- you never know

- 1 what's going on within the division. Under bullet point 1,
- 2 staffing, we currently have three vacancies in professional
- 3 services and ten vacancies in inspections, and we have
- 4 maintained open recruitments for these positions so we're
- 5 still continuing to try and find people.
- 6 We have the -- we have opened the job
- 7 announcement for the deputy administrator and we have two
- 8 candidates that have shown interest that are qualified.
- 9 There's been four applicants but two candidates are qualified
- 10 for an interview.
- Bullet point 2, the Board recommended version of
- 12 the CIP, the 2023 CIP was submitted to the governor's office
- 13 on September 30th, 2020. And since that time we've met --
- 14 we've met with the Governor's office, the finance director and
- 15 administrator to discuss the details of the proposed projects.
- .6 The GFO has not provided any formal comments on
- 17 the submittal as they are still waiting the long
- 18 affordability, but we are in vigorous discussions with them
- 19 right now and probably will have some formal [electronically
- 20 indiscernible] I would imagine within the next ten days.
- Bullet 3, the projects -- just an update on the
- 22 overall projects were the telling of the 2019 CIP projects.
- 23 With the exception of ten projects, the work of the 29 CIPs
- 24 team, sorry, will be completed by the sunset date of

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- 1 June 30th, '23.
- 2 Under the emergency project which I mentioned
- 3 under Tab 4 I believe it was, the consultant was selected and
- 4 the CEMAR was selected for that Las Vegas jail remodel acting
- 5 under the authority of NAC 341.141. So that is moving
- 6 forward. The architect is NIT Architecture and the CEMAR is
- 7 Burke Construction.
- 8 Under bullet 5, the legislative preparation,
- 9 staff -- our staff has built PowerPoints to support the CIP
- 10 presentations to the jointly run committees. They have also
- 11 built PowerPoints for the Governor affairs committee, and the
- 12 Division has submitted three bill drafts for consideration at
- 13 the 82nd session.
- 14 Those are affecting change order limits,
- 15 BDR282011, and BDR28217 which is the long-term planning for
- 16 office space, and then the one we discussed here today,
- 17 BDR28241, our net zero energy change.
- 18 Also our staff has completed the Q and A for all
- 19 the adjusted base operating projects. And then lastly, board
- 20 vacancy update. Since we last met a potential new board
- 21 candidate has been interviewed and recommended. And correct
- 22 me if I'm wrong, Laura, it was submitted to the governor's
- 23 office for consideration.
- 24 MEMBER FREED: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON HAND: Are you repaired to bri

- 1 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Are you repaired to bring that 2 up?
- 3 MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record.
- 4 Communications with GFO are confidential so I don't know if I
- 5 can bring that up in this public forum.
- 6 MS. STEWART: You cannot.
- 7 MR. LEFEVRE: Okay.
- 8 MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record.
- 9 Ongoing discussions with the GFO and the preparation of the
- 10 governor's budget is confidential until it's produced.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 12 record. Thank you. I guess that brings us to agenda Item 8
- 13 for possible action. This is a board comment and discussion,
- 14 and it includes agenda items, items to be included in future
- 15 agendas, review of action items, and then set a future meeting 16 date.
- MEMBER FREED: Laura Freed for the record. So I
- 18 was just looking at AB160 and thinking -- looking at the SHPO
- 19 website and thinking about what we were just talking about.
- 20 Is it possible to -- maybe not next meeting since we're
- 21 thinking about '25 session here -- is it possible to go talk
- 22 to DCNR leadership once DCNR actually gets an actual permanent
- 23 director and see if they would be supportive of changing AB160
- 24 in '25, because I think they -- you know, I understand from

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- MR. LEFEVRE: There remains one vacancy to be
- 2 filled by this board and that concludes my update.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: I have a question.
- 4 Vice Chair Bentley. On the deputy administrator you said you
- 5 had four applicants and two qualified?
- 6 MR. LEFEVRE: Two of the four are qualified.
- 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Qualified. What is
- 8 the rest of the time frame on that?
- 9 MR. LEFEVRE: We have interviews set up for the
- 10 20th of December for those two applicants right now.
- 11 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: So then is the
- 12 appointment shortly after that?
- MR. LEFEVRE: It will be shortly after that. I
- 14 I'll coordinate with that Matt and Laura.
- 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Thank you.
- MR. LEFEVRE: I want to get a deputy before the
- 17 session starts.
- 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: I would think so.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Never again for the --
- 20 Chairperson Hand for the record. Thank you for the update.
- 21 There was -- could you talk about the potential of additional
- 22 funding that might be available and how that might impact the
- 23 CIP.
- 24 MR. LEFEVRE: Okay.

1 staff SHPO is rather stubborn to work with, but perhaps DCNR

- 2 leadership would see new value in doing some of those energy
- 3 efficiency projects. Just a thought.
- 4 MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. It's
- 5 written on my to-do list.
- 6 MEMBER FREED: Okay.
- 7 MS. STEWART: And it seems to me that it's a
- 8 valuable conversation to have.
- 9 Susan Stewart for the record. I also have DEI
- 10 followup, so I will be pestering Member Lewis -- I shouldn't
- 11 say pestering. That won't be necessary. Following up with
- 12 Member Lewis and reporting back to the Board on that item.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 14 record. So I think the AB160 comment, does that -- addresses
- 15 what Member Bentley brought up also? I just want to make sure 16 it's all in the record.
- 17 MR. LEFEVRE: Thank you, yes.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HAND: Are there -- are there any
- 19 other items from the past that needed to bring up today?
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. Not that I'm aware of.
- 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Vice Chairman Bentley.
- 23 I have one question. Six years ago we sent a letter to the
- 24 governor along with our CIP regarding how far we were behind

- 1 on paper (ph.) maintenance and the impacts it was having. And
- 2 I hate to say this, but I'm not aware that we four years ago
- 3 reiterate that to the new governor, and do we need to
- 4 reiterate that again to the new governor.
- It's a very important issue in light of, and I
- 6 just want to make sure that we stay on top of it with the new 7 governor.
- MR. LEFEVRE: Kent Lefevre for the record. I
- 9 appreciate that recommendation. We did actually send it to
- 10 Governor Sisolak two years ago.
- MEMBER FREED: That's correct. 11
- MR. LEFEVRE: And I believe it really made a 12
- 13 difference because we got a lot of maintenance projects
- 14 approved in the 2011 CIP, and it looks like we're going to be
- 15 able to get a lot of maintenance projects in the '23 CIP as 16 well.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: I just wanted to bring 17
- 18 that I know that new projects are sexy and old projects
- 19 aren't. So it's so easy for them to get pushed to the
- 20 background and I would like to make sure we keep those in the
- forefront. That was all. Thank you. 21
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. Are 22
- 23 you asking whether the board should send a similar letter to
- 24 the new governor now?

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- 1 board. Therefore they're not just hearing it from me, they're
- 2 hearing it from people outside the Department administration
- 3 and I think that would be very helpful.
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record.
- 5 Keeping the open meeting law in mind, I think the appropriate
- 6 process for that would be that we would have a board meeting.
- MEMBER FREED: Yeah.
- MS. STEWART: That would be adgendized, it would
- 9 be an action item, and then we would suggest a letter for the
- 10 Board to approve timing-wise. We would probably need to meet
- 11 sooner rather than later to make that happen, but I think it
- 12 could happen very easily remotely.
- MEMBER FREED: Sure. 13
- MS. STEWART: That would be something that we 14
- 15 could really put something together and make that happen. As
- 16 reflected by the comments of the board and our past action,
- 17 it's very important.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Thank you. I agree, I 18
- 19 think that it is important.
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. I 20
- 21 have a question for Director Freed. As far as the timing of
- 22 that --
- MEMBER FREED: Um-hum. 23
- MS. STEWART: -- would you have any insight that 24

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- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: I was bringing it up 2 probably as a question whether everyone thought it would be
- 3 beneficial for us to do that at this time where we have a new
- 4 governor coming. I personally think it can't hurt. It could
- 5 possibly help more than hurt but that's my own opinion.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the
- 7 record. So we had -- you shared some information with us, I
- 8 can't remember which board meeting, in terms of where we were
- 9 historically and how the deferred maintenance is working away 10 at the backlog.
- So perhaps as an agenda item we could have an
- 12 update on that and that would really inform us as to what we
- 13 do want to do in terms of the Board and save writing letters
- 14 to the Governor.
- MEMBER FREED: Laura Freed for the record. I 15
- 16 think you're referring to the diagram we had in our packet on
- 17 the -- in the August meeting extending the maintenance curve.
- 18 It's either not out because the Governor -- the new governor's
- 19 transition team asked all of us department directors to write
- 20 a memo to the transition team, and again Mr. Bentley, I made
- 21 one of my issues the maintenance and investment in our
- 22 existing state infrastructure.
- So they've already a heard bit about it from me, 23
- 24 but I'm supportive of sending a new, fresh letter from the

- 1 you could share with the board as far as when we might want to
- 2 deliver a letter like that to the new governor and his staff.
- MEMBER FREED: Well -- this is Laura Freed for
- 4 the record. Well, as you all know, they're working on the
- 5 Governor presently as we speak, and that includes the capital
- 6 improvement program.
- And as you know, the economic forum forecasts 7
- 8 were very favorable and so I think -- I'm guessing, no one has
- 9 said this to me, bear that in mind -- I do think they will
- 10 look favorably on the CIP as it was recommended by the Board
- 11 for the simple fact that it appears to money to be able to do
- 12 that.

23 budget decisions.

- 13 Having said that, to undermine our -- this
- 14 board's commitment to eliminating, may in stack log, which
- 15 works in their favor because it frees up, you know, fund
- 16 affordability to use the sexy fun projects they all love.
- I would say it's got to be sent by -- I hate to 17
- 18 say this, guys, but the first -- probably the end of the first
- 19 week of January, because remember the State's going to be in
- 20 the second week in January and they will be, you know, sending
- 21 the budget to the printer at that point, but it's -- so that's
- 22 why it's got to happen really fast in order for them to make
- But here's another thought. There's always 24

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- 1 budget amendments. There's a ton of them, both in the
- 2 operating budget and sometimes in the CIP. So you could send
- 3 it later, and if the CIP doesn't look from maintenance
- 4 perspective the way the Board would hope it looks, we can
- 5 absolutely, you know, send a letter and then urge a budget
- 6 amendment as -- so you could -- I would say sooner is better,
- 7 but it's not the end of the world if gov rec gets finished
- 8 before the Board sends a letter.
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. I
- 10 was thinking the first week in January as well. So I can
- 11 certainly poll the Board and see if we can put together a --
- 12 you know, find a time for an hour. I'm not sure we would
- 13 necessarily add anything else to the agenda.
- 14 MEMBER FREED: Right.
- MS. STEWART: We would just do that. And it 15
- 16 would be a very quick remote meeting but then we could address
- 17 what's obviously important to the Board and the State. So
- 18 thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Chairperson Hand for the 19
- 20 record. Thank you. That's fantastic. I look forward to the
- 21 one hour meeting before -- before the first week of January.
- So we'll have to probably review it and all that.
- MS. STEWART: Right. 23
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Draft a letter and -- have a 24

- MEMBER FREED: Move to adjourn. Sorry, Laura
- 2 Freed for the record. I move to adjourn.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Vice Chairman Bentley. 3
- 4 Second.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: All in favor. Opposed? Thank 5
- 6 you all.

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- MS. STEWART: Thank you, Kevin. 7
- (Motion carries unanimously.) 8
 - (Proceedings concluded at 11:21 a.m.)

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- 1 meeting, draft a letter, review it, the whole --
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: We have to have two
- 3 meetings?
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. No. 4
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Okay. 5
- MS. STEWART: And to be clear, I was thinking of
- 7 having the meeting -- this is Susan Stewart for the record --
- 8 the first week in January.
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Get it on. 9
- MS. STEWART: Yes. 10
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: Thank you. 11
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Yeah. Chairperson Hand for 12
- 13 the record. Thank you, Clint, for bringing it back up.
- MS. STEWART: That will make Tito happy. 14
- VICE CHAIRPERSON BENTLEY: I'll be his friend. 15
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: Yeah. Be back on his list. 16
- 17 Okay. The next agenda item is public comment, and do we have
- any comment in Carson City or here?
- MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart for the record. 19
- 20 There's no public comment here in Las Vegas.
- MS. WOODRUM: This is Homa Woodrum. No public 21
- comment in Carson City. 22
- CHAIRPERSON HAND: All right. I think the last 23
- 24 item on our agenda is adjournment. Do I have a motion?

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