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ADOT looking to move on stimulus highway projects

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Now that the state will be getting just over \$520 million in federal stimulus dollars for road construction projects, the process has begun to decide which projects will get a green light.

Laura Douglas, with the Arizona Department of Transportation, says there are around 100 projects to choose from.

"As we understand it right now, the state engineer's office is going to recommend a list of priority projects to the State Transportation Board," Douglas said. "That meeting is set to take place the week of March 2.

"So within the next couple of weeks here we expect the board to receive that state engineer's report and then hopefully start making decisions from there."

Among the possibilities are the widening of I-17 from the Carefree Highway to Anthem, and the widening of I-10 between Sarival Road and Verrado Way in the West Valley.

"ADOT will be contracting that work out as we do with other projects," Douglas said.

"We have contractors that we work with, and we'll be setting up those contracts once the State Transportation Board actually approves those specific projects."