

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
“Local Governments and Citizens Working Together”

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
December 2, 2010

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County, Chair
Mayor Martin Porchas, City of Somerton
Supervisor Greg Ferguson, Yuma County
Councilmember Paul Johnson, City of Yuma
Councilmember Cody Beeson, City of Yuma
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Councilmember Marco Pinzon, City of San Luis
Michael Jones, ADOT

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mayor James Deermer, Town of Wellton
Mayor Al Krieger, City of Yuma

OTHERS

PRESENT: Charlene FitzGerald, YMPO
Shelly Kreger, YMPO
Charles Gutierrez, YMPO
Paul Patane, YMPO
Norma Lekan, YMPO
Dunbar Norton
EmaLea Shoop
Lucy Shipp
Stephany Turner, GYEDC
Georgi Ann Jasenovec, FHWA
Kathy Boyle, ADOT
Suzi Israel, Citizen
Jason Moyes, Yuma Irrigation District

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Casey Prochaska called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Councilmember Cody Beeson.

Mayor Krieger requested that his proxy votes be delegated to Councilmember Paul Johnson via a written letter.

II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Susi Israel, a concerned citizen, voiced her concern about the Araby Road and Avenue 3E issue. She believes that Avenue 3E will work better than Araby Road because of the housing subdivision (The Bluffs), as well as because buses and trucks having to make U-turns and right turns will cause problems.

III. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2010 MEETING

Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

IV. ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE – December 10, 2010

Charlene FitzGerald reported that the YMPO will be participating by having a float in the parade. YMPO's theme will be "Rudolph & the Misfits". Board members were encouraged to participate as well.

V. 2011 – 2014 TIP APPROVAL

Charlene FitzGerald reported that this was brought back to the board due to recent discussions with ADOT. Due to the rescission getting rescinded, the funding will be redistributed to MPO's/COG's and will be obligated by them. Greg Ferguson asked why the County objected to Jennifer Alber's motion (to amend the previous motion to split the City of Yuma's 4th Avenue widening project (a total of \$1.268 million) to \$500,000 in FY 2014, and the remaining monies in FY 2015) at the November 18, 2010 TAC meeting and Paul Patané replied that he was unsure. Casey Prochaska then asked what was passed at the TAC meeting and Paul Patane replied that the City of Yuma 4th Avenue widening project was split into two (2) years. Mr. Patane also addressed the following: Enhancement and Bridge projects will be added to the TIP; the extra ARRA monies have been obligated to Somerton and the prior Somerton project has been moved in order to utilize STP funds.

MOTION: Greg Ferguson made a motion to approve the 2011-2014 TIP as recommended by the TAC.

SECOND: Paul Soto.

ACTION: Motion carried.

VI. 2009 AUDIT – Postponed until January 27, 2011.

VII. TITLE VI REPORT

Charlene FitzGerald reported that the Title VI Report has had new items added to it as well as the development of a public participation plan, with guidance from ADOT.

MOTION: Greg Ferguson moved to approve the Title VI Report as submitted.

SECOND: Cody Beeson

ACTION: Motion carried.

VIII. CONSULTATION WITH RURAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kathy Boyle of ADOT gave a presentation on Transportation Consultation with Rural Elected Officials, and distributed information. After the presentation, there were questions and discussion.

IX. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT - AWARDS

Charlene FitzGerald announced that the Transportation Enhancement grants have been awarded, and are listed in the staff report submitted by Charles Gutierrez.

X. AIR QUALITY REPORT

Charlene FitzGerald reported that Paul Patané will be meeting quarterly with each entity. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Greg Ferguson moved to approve the plan as presented, with the following corrections: Add Yuma County Farm Bureau and correct Yuma Sun.

SECOND: Paul Soto.

ACTION: Motion carried.

XI. AIR QUALITY RESOLUTION

MOTION: Cody Beeson moved to approve the Air Quality Resolution as presented.

SECOND: Marco Pinzon.

ACTION: Motion carried.

XII. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Rail & Border Issues

State Rail Plan

Short Rail

Border Issues & Projects

CBI Projects - Update

Election of Officers

Marco Pinzon asked for an explanation of CBI – what the initials stood for and what the program is and Charlene FitzGerald explained. Paul Patané gave a brief description of a few of the projects that look favorable for funding approval.

Mr. Patané also reported that a meeting will be held on December 9, 2010 to bring everyone up-to-date on rail and border issues and projects. There will be a U.P. Train Ride/Safety Training on December 16,

2010, with a meeting to follow after lunch. A discussion was then held on short-line rail, right-of-way, and possible locations for a short rail.

XIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. October Financial Report
Attached to packet.
- B. Staff Report
LTAF II Distribution
Expecting Resolutions from all entities by December 30, 2010. If not received, the monies will be sent back to ADOT and will be redistributed to other areas in the state.
- C. ARRA I
YMPO’s receiving good grades on the reporting.
- D. Audit Update
- E. Conference Updates
RTAC Management Committee meeting
STB & Rural Transportation Summit to be possibly hosted by YMPO.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A.

XV. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC MEETING *(If required from executive session).*

N/A.

Martin Porchas, Vice-Chair, announced the schedule for hosting the 2011 meeting as follows:

Yuma County	January and July
City of Yuma	February and August
City of San Luis	March and September
City of Somerton	April and October
Cocopah Indian Tribe	May and November
Town of Wellton	June and December

XVI. PROGRESS REPORTS

- A. **MPO/COG Planners Meeting**, November 5. Shelly Kreger attended.
- B. **Coordination for Safe routes to School**, November 9, 2010. Charles Gutierrez attended.
- C. **TAC Meeting**, November 18, 2010. Paul Patanè, Charles Gutierrez, Shelly Kreger, and Norma Lekan attended.
- D. **RTC Plan Update Meeting**, December 1, 2010. Rescheduled for December 3, 2010.

XVII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Norma M. Lekan
Executive Assistant

Minutes reviewed to form by:

Minutes adopted in regular session
on the 27th day of January, 2011.

Charlene FitzGerald
Executive Director

Martin Porchas, Chairman
YMPO Executive Board