

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 10, 2011
MINUTES

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

John Starkey, City of San Luis
Samuel Palacios, City of Somerton
Bruce Fenske, ADOT
Paul Brooberg, City of Yuma
Paul Melcher, Yuma County
Frank Sanchez for Roger Patterson, Yuma County
Jennifer Albers, City of Yuma
Joel Olea, City of Yuma

MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Rodney Rinehart, Town of Wellton

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Dan Sanders, City of Yuma
Ana Lugo, City of Yuma
Mark Hoffman, ADOT
Sharon Williams, City of San Luis
Alvin Stump, ADOT
Charles Gutierrez, YMPO
Paul Patane, YMPO
Norma Lekan, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Starkey called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The following votes were declared by the City of Yuma: Jennifer Albers – 3 votes and Paul Brooberg – 2 votes.

II. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2011 TAC MEETING

Jennifer Albers suggested the following changes:

_____—Page ~~2~~,2, last sentence should read “3E back to 2 ½ E”, not “2 2/1E”.

Page 3, ~~add~~add, “Sam Palacios reported for” in front of “City of Somerton”.

_____—MOTION: Paul Melcher moved to approve the minutes as amended.

SECOND: Jennifer Albers.

ACTION: Motion carried.

III. TAC PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Bruce Fenske reported for the Town of Wellton:

PARA study – A public meeting was held last Wednesday. The main concern was emergency vehicles having to wait at railroad signals for 15+ minutes. The study is being put together and should be finalized by this summer.

Frank Sanchez reported for Yuma County:

Bridge ratings/load ratings/in-bed steel inspection projects – Bridge/load rating project, contract signed and forwarded to consultant (HDR) for their signature.

County 19th bridge design – Transystems has been selected and currently in negotiations.

HSIP – RPMs from Co. 23rd to Arizona Avenue – no update available from ADOT.

County 14th St. & 5E traffic signal – signal poles installed and currently working on roadway (adding left and right turn lanes to the intersection) and paving the south leg.

Projects out to bid – Somerton Avenue & County 14th St. (widening intersection)

Reconstruction of County 8th St. from 36E to 37E

Guardrail improvements throughout county

John Starkey reported for San Luis:

Juan Sanchez Blvd overlay, Ave. H to Ave. F - Response from ADOT received – they are asking for estimates for design and construction.

Circulation Study/ Downtown traffic report – A comment resolution teleconference is being held today at 2:00 pm.

US 95/Main St. (Enhancement Project) – IGA was approved by council last night and they are continuing with design of project.

Paul Brooberg reported for City of Yuma:

Avenue 3E, 24th St. to 32nd St. – On schedule to be complete at the end of this month.

32nd Street from Avenue A to Avenue B – Project will be going to bid in 2 months, so construction will most likely being around Labor Day.

Avenue 6E & 3rd Street – installing new traffic signal and should be complete in 60 days.

5th Avenue water main, from 8th St. to 16th St. – New water pipe installation begins Monday and should be completed by the end of August.

Bruce Fenske reported for ADOT:

I-8 from milepost 0.56 to 13.7 – Guardrail work started this week and continue through July. Work has started on the westbound outside lane, will come back eastward on the outside lane, return to the westbound inside lane and complete with the eastbound inside lane. Work will continue through July. Milling and paving will start the first week of April and should be finished by the first of June. Contractor is Meadow ~~Valley~~ Valley and contract end date is August 6, 2011.

Signage on I-8 from milepost 0 to 19 – work is continuing on drilling postholes and putting in foundations for the signs and should be completed in November.

John Starkey asked about the signage on SR195 – San Luis was supposed to be added as the Mayor requested it. Mr. Fenske replied that he would research it and report back to Mr. Starkey.

Sam Palacios reported for City of Somerton:

Somerton Avenue, from Fern Street to Jefferson – IGA is ready and recommendations will be sent to ADOT for the engineering firm.

Musgrove between Cano, Williams, and Hill – Project complete.

HSIP/Design parking on Main Street – In the design process with ADOT.

Enhancement Project/Somerton Canal Pathway – In the design process with ADOT.

Enhancement Project /Main Street from Bingham to Somerton Avenue – Stage II - 60% design.

Williams addition project involving 5 local streets, total reconstruction, storm drains, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, pavement - Advertising this Sunday and Wednesday and bids will be received on April 7.

Joel Olea arrived at 9:06 am and the City of Yuma's votes were re-assigned:

Paul Brooberg – 2 votes

Joel Olea – 2 votes

Jennifer Albers – 1 vote

~~Mark Hoffman arrived at 9:10 a.m.~~

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE FOR FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Paul Patane reported that at the last meeting it was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to lead this task, which will include prioritizing which roads need to be ranked. It was the consensus that this subcommittee needs to be formed and should consist of 3-4 individuals. Sam Palacios commented that the City of Somerton will be updating its Transportation/General Plan, and John Starkey added that City of San Luis would also be updating its General Plan. Mr. Patane replied that the functional classification tasks should be done prior to the plan updates so that all entities can use the same classification system. Jennifer Albers added that the Somerton plan has been updated and will be going to vote in May, and that the City of Yuma will be updating their plan next year.

John Starkey and Sam Palacios volunteered to be on the subcommittee as well as Paul Brooberg and Alvin Stump. The committee also suggested that Roger Patterson be on the subcommittee as well.

V. PROJECT RANKING CRITERIA UPDATE

Paul Patane reported that he has received the rankings from all but one entity. Out of the 14 presented, he asked the TAC how many they would like to score for the STIP projects. After a short discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Paul Melcher moved to approve the top seven (7) categories, and to include multimodal as part of the Community Transportation Benefits (Item #3).

DISCUSSION: Mark Hoffman suggested that the Air Quality be included; however, it was argued that it stand on its own and not be included in the Community Transportation Benefits.

SECOND: Joel Olea

ACTION: Motion carried.

VI. 2011-2014 TIP AMENDMENT

A copy of the newest spreadsheet was distributed and Paul Patane explained the amendment. Mark Hoffman ~~restated~~ ~~plied~~ that an IGA to authorize federal funds to ADOT is required and the local match must be received by ADOT. Paul Brooberg added that the City would not have any clearances from ADOT for another 4-5 months, which has caused the project construction to be postponed until Spring of 2012. Therefore, this project will be pulled and moved to FY 2012. Mr. Brooberg also reported that the construction for 3E would not start until 2012 as they are awaiting agreements from Southern Pacific Railroad. Paul Patane asked if ADOT could issue a conditional clearance so that the funding can be obligated and Mr. Fenske replied that this has been done in the past and would check to see if ADOT could grant this conditional clearance.

There was a discussion on the HSIP projects. The #2 project for City of Yuma is data collection. Mr. Patane reported that Irene had comments on some of the projects and asked that the entities get in touch with her in a timely manner.

Mark Hoffman suggested that the type of work be added to all projects – construction or design.

Paul Patane stated that he would make the corrections and send to the TAC. A teleconference was scheduled for next Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. so that the TIP amendment can be approved prior to the March 31 Executive Board meeting.

VII. 2012 HSIP PROJECTS

Paul Patane reported that the process needs to be started immediately. He asked for a call for projects - that all entities have a list of their projects at the next TAC meeting (4/14/11), and that the projects not be too large since it is a short notice. Mark Hoffman added that the application process needs to begin immediately also.

VIII. PARA UPDATE

Mark Hoffman reported that Wellton held the second public open house and no comments were received. The consultant is completing the final the report and the project should be concluded in May.

Mr. Hoffman also reported that there are two (2) new PARA projects:

- a. Transit Needs Study – PB Americas has been selected as the consultant. ADOT is waiting for the Notice to Proceed and once received, a TAC meeting will be held. Paul Melcher is the local lead.
- b. Wellton/Foothills Small area study (Mesa Del Sol area) – project was going to be delayed to make sure that winter visitors were included in the open house. However, it will be started in April. Project has been awarded to Wilson & Company, and first TAC -meeting will be held in April.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

Jennifer Albers asked about the YMPO website and Charles Gutierrez replied that revisions have been sent to the vendor and YMPO is waiting for the mock-up. Updates should take a couple of months, but in the meantime, updates and improvements will be done to the current YMPO website.

Paul Patane reported that the YMPO will be hosting the Rural Transportation Summit, January 18-20, 2012 at the Pivot Point.

X. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 2012 HSIP Projects
- Project Ranking Criteria

Paul Patane asked the TAC if they would be interested in cost benefit analysis training and right-of-way training, and the attendees replied that they would.

XI. PROGRESS REPORT

- A. MPO/COG Director's meeting / Phoenix, AZ.** February 11, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald attended.
- B. AzTA Workshop – Strategic Plan / Phoenix, AZ.** February 14, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald attended.
- C. AzTA Rail Programs Committee,** February 15, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald participated.
- D. RouteMatch Online Demo,** February 15, 2011. Jess Segovia and Norma Lekan participated.
- E. AzTA Legislative Committee Meeting,** February 18, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald participated.
- F. AMPO Meeting,** February 24, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald participated.
- G. Greening the Border / San Diego, CA.** February 24-25, 2011. Paul Patane attended.
- H. YMPO Executive Board Meeting,** February 24, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald, Shelly Kreger, Charles Gutierrez, Paul Patane, and Norma Lekan attended.
- I. YCIPTA Meeting,** February 28, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald and Jess Segovia attended.
- J. ADOT Meeting,** March 1, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald and Paul Patane attended.
- K. Southwest Ag Summit,** March 9, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald attended.
- L. Livable Sustainable Communities Webinar.** March 9, 2011. Charlene FitzGerald participated

Paul Patane reported on the Greening the Border – it focused on emissions at the border, wait time, and presented solutions for these problems.

XII. ADJOURN

The next meeting will be held at the Yuma County DDS Building, Gold Room, on April 14, 2011.

MOTION: John Starkey moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Jennifer Albers.
ACTION: Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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Executive Assistant

Minutes submitted by:

Paul Patané
Senior Transportation Planner

Minutes approved by:

John Starkey, Chair
YMPO Technical Advisory Committee