

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 21, 2010
MINUTES

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Paul Melcher, Yuma County
Manuel Patron for John Starkey, City of San Luis
Paul Brooberg, City of Yuma
Samuel Palacios, City of Somerton
Roger Patterson, Yuma County
Rodney Rinehart, Town of Wellton
Jennifer Albers, City of Yuma
Mark Hoffman, ADOT
Joel Olea, City of Yuma

MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Sharon Williams, City of San Luis
MaryEllen Finch, MCAS
Dan Sanders, City of Yuma
John Savicky, Yuma County
Jason Moyes, Yuma Irrigation District
Charlie Caudill, City of Yuma
Shelly Kreger, YMPO
Charles Gutierrez, YMPO
Paul Patane, YMPO
Norma Lekan, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Melcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following votes were declared by the City of Yuma: Paul Brooberg – 3 votes, Joel Olea – 2 votes.

II. MINUTES OF TAC MEETING – September 9, 2010

Paul Melcher suggested the follow change:

Page 1 – Paul Melcher was listed as absent and Andrew Fangman was listed under others present. Correct to state “Andrew Fangman for Paul Melcher” under members present.

MOTION: Roger Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

SECOND: Rodney Rinehart.

ACTION: Motion carried.

III. TAC PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Rodney Rinehart reported for the Town of Wellton:

PARA study – Working paper 2 is out. The public meeting scheduled for October 27th.

Roger Patterson reported for Yuma County:

Red Top Wash Bridge – Remove as project is completed.

HSIP – Remove, as project is complete.

Bridges – Finalizing IGA to have 90+ bridges rated.

County 19th St Traffic Signal – RFP approved and will be advertising bid next week.

San Luis:

No report.

Paul Brooberg reported for the City of Yuma:

Ave 3E from 24th St. to 32nd St. – Ongoing. South ½ mile is open. North segment should have one lane opened by mid-November. City has submitted UP CBI overpass grant application.

Mark Hoffman reported for ADOT:

I-8 from milepost 0 to 13.7 – Advertised in November and resurfacing to begin in February.

16th Street widening project – Remove as job is complete.

32nd St from Catalina to Avenue 3E – Milling complete and paving starts this weekend.

Sam Palacios reported for the City of Somerton:

Somerton Avenue, from Fern Street to Jefferson – IGA received from ADOT and is currently being reviewed by their legal department.

Musgrove between Cano, Williams, and Hill – Currently installing storm sewer. Project is 15-20% complete.

HSIP – IGA signed and sent to ADOT for their review.

IV. PARA APPLICATIONS

Charles Gutierrez reported that there is one for a transit needs study (sponsored by Yuma County) and the County submitted an application for a project in the Foothills.

At this time, Paul Brooberg transferred 2 votes to Jennifer Albers.

V. HSIP PRESENTATIONS

Charles Gutierrez reported that there were a total of three submissions: 1 - Yuma County, 1 - Somerton and 1 – City of Yuma.

Joel Olea provided a brief explanation of the City's project.

Sam Palacios made a short presentation on Somerton's project.

Roger Patterson explained the County's project. He also noted that the County's project is for 2012. After a short discussion, Mr. Melcher suggested that the City amend its HSIP and redistribute to the TAC next week. Paul Patane asked Wellton if they had any projects and Rodney Rinehart replied that their inventory is done and a list with prices could be put together by next week. Paul Melcher suggested that new applications and revised applications be submitted to Charles Gutierrez by October 29, 2010. He also recommended that the scores be turned into Charles no later than November 10, 2010.

VI. HIGH RISK RURAL ROAD PROGRAM (HRRRP)

Paul Patane reported on the HRRRP and the availability of statewide funds. This is a sub-program of HSIP and applies to rural areas and Native American tribes/reservations only. Mr. Patane stated that there would be a TIP amendment on the November agenda regarding a 2012 HRRRP project.

VII. RAIL PARA

Paul Patane reported on the potential of submitting a rail PARA application. Mark Hoffman stated that this would have to be submitted by another agency, as YMPO could not sponsor this application. After a short discussion, Paul Melcher suggested that the general MOU letter be amended to include a rail study. Paul Patane stated that he would like an update on the State Rail Plan prior to the rail corridor study. He also asked that the update be on the November TAC agenda.

VIII. PROJECT RANKING CRITERIA

The project ranking criteria sheet for STP projects was distributed. Paul Patane asked the TAC to put their information together for YMPO, as he wants to start ranking all projects that come through YMPO.

IX. YMPO'S ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT

Paul Patane reported that YMPO would be getting more involved with local agencies, such as general plans as YMPO will be providing comments. Mr. Patane asked the TAC what level YMPO should be involved. Jennifer Albers commented that YMPO should be a regional perspective in the development on general plans, and should bring all of the entities together, with their general plans, and comment on them. Paul Melcher briefly reported on the joint land-use policy planning between the City and County.

X. AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS AND REPORT

Paul Patane reported that as of last week, the TIP has still not approved nor has the Air Quality Analysis. Mr. Patane is currently working on getting the conformity analysis updated by November 1st so that the public comment period can begin on November 1st. Mr. Patane also distributed a copy of a letter from ADOT regarding the process and status.

XI. URBANIZED AREAS

Shelly Kreger distributed some maps of the urbanized areas boundaries to clarify the misconception of FTA 5307 funds. The population must reach 200,000 in the urbanized area for FTA 537 funds to be taken away; this population is NOT county wide.

XII. TRANSIT

Shelly Kreger commented that this item would be on every agenda for any update regarding transit. Jennifer Albers reported that the stops along 1st Avenue are no longer covered and Charles Gutierrez replied that he would inform First Transit.

XIII. CBI UPDATE

Charles Gutierrez stated that YMPO is waiting on an update regarding the status. Paul Patane added that they are currently being reviewed and a status update should be available by the next TAC meeting.

XIV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADOT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PM FOR YMPO, ROB KNIGHTEN

No discussion as Mr. Knighten was not present.

ADDENDUM A.1. 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT TABLE 10

Shelly Kreger stated that the TIP is expired.

Mark Hoffman commented that the 2011-2014 TIP has not been approved and suggested that this be on the next TIP as this is an exempt project.

MOTION: Jennifer Albers moved to approve the Table 10 TIP amendment of the 2007-2011 TIP.
SECOND: Paul Brooberg.
ACTION: Motion carried.

XV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

TERC – Charles Gutierrez reported on the TERC projects that were accepted at this year’s TERC meeting. The two local projects were City of Yuma’s West Main Canal and the City of Somerton’s Cesar Chavez Multi-use pathway. The State project accepted was the 4th Avenue Gateway.

XVI. PROJECT UPDATES

No reports.

XVII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Action item for HRRRP.
Update on State Rail Plan.
Discussion on HPMS.

Paul Melcher stated that he would like an update on the legalities of the previous transit contractor’s leaving and the residual – legal actions and consequences on the lack of maintenance. Paul Patane replied that this information would be relayed to Charlene FitzGerald.

XVIII. PROGRESS REPORT

- A. **SRTS-Price School**, September 14 & 15, 2010. Charles Gutierrez attended.
- B. **QuickBooks Training**, September 21-22, 2010/Chandler, AZ. Norma Lekan attended.
- C. **Government Accounting**, September 24 & October 8, 2010 / Mesa, AZ. Norma Lekan attended.
- D. **Union Pacific/Regional Multimodal Logistics meeting**, September 29, 2010. Charles Gutierrez and Paul Patane attended.
- E. **YCAT/DAR Subcommittee Meeting**, September 30. Charlene FitzGerald, Shelly Kreger, Charles Gutierrez, Paul Patane and Norma Lekan attended.
- F. **Executive Board Meeting**, September 30, 2010. Charlene FitzGerald, Shelly Kreger, Charles Gutierrez, Paul Patane and Norma Lekan attended.
- G. **TERC Conference**, October 5 - 8, 2010 / Tucson, AZ. Charles Gutierrez attended.
- H. **Rural Transportation Summit**, October 13-16, 2010 / Litchfield Park, AZ. Charlene FitzGerald attended.
- I. **LEPC Meeting**, October 13, 2010. Shelly Kreger attended.

XIX. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Norma Lekan
Executive Assistant

Minutes submitted by:

Charlene FitzGerald
YMPO Executive Director
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Minutes approved by:

Paul Melcher, Chair
YMPO Technical Advisory Committee