

EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Local Governments and Citizens Working Together

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2023
1:30 P.M.

The Meeting will be held In-Person and/or using
GoToMeeting by Video and/or Teleconference from
the Main Conference Room at the YMPO Offices at
230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364

YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Vice-Chair	Gary Knight, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Secretary/Treasurer	Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Wellton
Member	Matias Rosales, Councilmember, City of San Luis
Member	Gerardo Anaya, Mayor, City of Somerton
Member	Bruce Fenske, Southwest District Administrator, ADOT
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Art Morales, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Michael Shelton, Councilmember, City of Yuma

A regular electronic meeting of the Executive Board (the Board) of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) will be held on **Thursday, January 26, 2023**, starting at **1:30 p.m., either In-Person and/or using GoToMeeting Video/Teleconferencing** from the YMPO Offices at 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona, 85364, to discuss, consider, and/or take possible action with respect to the items listed below. Members MAY attend in person, with the appropriate social distancing, if they wish, but may also choose to participate by video- or tele-conference, if they so desire.

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting will be called to order and members will be asked to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes

Blenda Dale, YMPO Accountant II/Executive Assistant, will call the attendance roll, and if any members of the City of Yuma are not in attendance, those members that are in attendance will have the opportunity to declare the number of votes that each member will exercise, including any proxy votes.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public

Jesus Aguilar Jr., YMPO Mobility Manager, will read a brief message reminding member of our Title VI obligations. In addition, this item provides an opportunity for comments by the public on subjects **not** on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes. Any members of the Public attending by teleconference are requested to contact YMPO staff with any questions they may have prior to the meeting.

4. Annual Declaration of Votes for Calendar Year 2023

Under YMPO By-Laws, the number of votes a voting member carries from his/her jurisdiction must be declared at the first meeting in January. There is only one agency that has more votes than members. The City of Yuma has five votes, but only three members. Yuma County has two votes but has two members. All other agencies only have one member and one vote. It is presumed that all agencies, other than the City of Yuma, will operate on the basis of one member, one vote, so only action from the City of Yuma is anticipated.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action for representatives of the City of Yuma to declare how the five votes that their agency has been allocated will be divided this year. The Senior Member for the City of Yuma is expected to initiate any discussion on this item.

5. Welcome to New Members

The Chairman will offer any new members of the YMPO Executive Board the opportunity to introduce themselves.

This item is on the agenda for information and introductions only.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the December 8, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for November – December 2022

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from December 8, 2022, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Regular Board meeting. The November through December financial report is also expected to accompany this agenda and will be available for comment at this current meeting.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda. Copies of the draft minutes for December 8, 2022, and the financial report for November - December 2022 are attached as Items A and B respectively.

7. FY 2021 GFOA ACFR Results and FY 2022 YMPO Audit

YMPO staff is pleased to announce that the YMPO Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, met the requirements to be awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement (COA) for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Audit of FY 2022 (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022) YMPO Accounts is complete, and staff will continue to pursue the COA for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year end June 30, 2022. The Audit company, Walker and Armstrong, will briefly present the audit results and findings. The Audit Committee will be available to provide their comments to the Board, and members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the Audit Committee, the representative of the audit company, and YMPO staff.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the Audit for FY 2022. The YMPO Accountant Blenda Dale and Walker and Armstrong Auditor Jay Parke will present this item and further details are in an Information Summary that is included as Item 7.

8. YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study - Final

The YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study effort has come to a conclusion. The study started in August 2021 and all member agencies and stakeholders were consulted during the conduct of the study. The results outline a no recommended north – south rail line in the study area due to several limiting factors affecting the feasibility of a north-south rail line. The consultant team will present a final report.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study – Final Report. Mr. Charles Gutierrez, YMPO Senior Planning Manager and Mr. Chris Joannes, Kimley Horn will present this item and further information is available in an information summary as Item 8.

9. City of San Luis POE Impact Study

In collaboration with the City of San Luis and through and Memorandum of Understanding, YMPO and ADOT pass-through funds to target an Origin-Destination component and an entire Downtown Circulation element as part of the expanded Redevelopment Plan in preparation for the expected POE improvements. The consultant Kimley Horn will give a final presentation for the Board.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action at this stage. Ms. Figueroa will present this item and Mr. Chris Joannes,

Kimley Horn will make a presentation, further information is contained in an Information Summary that is attached to this agenda packet as Item 9.

10. Election of Executive Board Officers - Calendar Year 2023

YMPO By-Laws provide that elected officers of YMPO shall serve on a rotation basis. Usually, the Vice-Chairman assumes the position of Chairman, the Secretary/Treasurer assumes the position of Vice-Chairman, and the Board elects a new officer to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position. This rotation usually occurs during the February meeting.

The current Chair is Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Martin Porchas; the current Vice-Chair is City of Yuma Councilmember Gary Knight; and the current Secretary/Treasurer is Town of Wellton, Mayor Pro Tem, Cecilia McCollough. It is understood that Supervisor Porchas will remain as the Yuma County representative; that Councilmember Knight will take over as Chair and that Mayor Pro Tem McCollough will take over as Vice-Chair. As a result, the only decision to make is to elect a new Secretary/Treasurer.

The By-Laws also require that, at any one time, three (3) elected officers on the Executive Board must be from three (3) different jurisdictions; and at least one office shall be held by the City of Somerton, City of San Luis, the Town of Wellton, or the Cocopah Indian Tribe. Any modification to this requirement must be unanimously approved by the YMPO Executive Board. If we keep historical precedence, the representative from the Cocopah Indian Tribe, currently Councilmember Wynnne Ortega, would be expected to be nominated as the soon-to-be-vacant Secretary/Treasurer.

This year, the rotation seems to be reasonably well established, but this item has been placed on the agenda so members may have the opportunity to express their views and discuss possible options, prior to the forthcoming election of officers in February 2023. Although action is not needed at this time, or anticipated, this item is open for action by members, as desired.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action for members regarding the usual rotation of Board Officers, as indicated in the YMPO By-Laws and to elect a new Secretary/Treasurer. The YMPO Executive Director, Crystal Figueroa will present this item and further information is provided in an Information Summary that is included as Item 10.

11. Election of YMPO Subcommittee Members and Identification of Officials for Attending AZSTB and RTAC meetings - Calendar Year 2023

YMPO has three possible subcommittees:

- (a) the first is to oversee the annual Audit process;
- (b) the second is to oversee any changes to YMPO By-Laws; and
- (c) the third carries out a performance evaluation on the Executive Director;

In addition, there are two Statewide Boards/Councils:

- (d) the Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB); and
- (e) the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC);

YMPO generally appoints members (and alternates) to attend and represent the region. The Chair of the Audit Committee is the current YMPO General Secretary/Treasurer, but the other two members have not been identified for 2023. Members of the By-Laws Subcommittee are usually only selected IF there are any proposed changes to the By-Laws and the members of the Evaluation Subcommittee are selected solely by the Board Chair.

Although subcommittee members follow a nomination/election process, AZSTB and RTAC representatives are usually appointed by the YMPO Chair. Elections are only held if more than one member volunteers their services. If members are interested in taking on any of the responsibilities outlined above, they are encouraged to contact the Board Chairman and/or Executive Director and/or you are welcome to have someone nominate you and/or self-nominate when this item is heard during this the meeting on February 23, 2023.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, only at this stage. Ms. Figueroa will present this item and further information is provided in an Information Summary that is included as Item 11.

12. Submitting a 2023 RAISE (Planning) Grant for US-95

The Department of Transportation published the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the RAISE Grant Program on December 20, 2022; YMPO Staff have collaborated with ADOT and indicated that it would be willing to support an application from YMPO as the leading applicant for a RAISE Grant for US Highway 95 from Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road. The intent of the planning grant request is to facilitate design funding to make the corridor "shovel-ready" in anticipation of future grant applications for construction funds.

The local funds to pursue such effort were established in the Unified Planning Work Program as a single line item for Grant Application for Transportation Equity on July 28, 2022, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into contracts for up to \$15,000 for separate contracts as they become available with prior notification to the Board before utilizing funds and going into contract.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action. Ms. Figueroa and Mr. Gutierrez will present this item and further information is available in an information summary as Item 12.

13. Possible Letters of Support for RAISE Grant for YMPO and Member Agency's
There are three 2023 USDOT RAISE Grants being submitted from the YMPO region this year. As previously mentioned, one is for a planning grant to fund design and environmental clearance of US Highway 95 improvements from Wellton Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road to make the corridor "shovel ready" in anticipation of future grant applications for construction funds.

The second project is the City of San Luis, Cesar Chavez Boulevard widening project. The City requested a Letter of Support from YMPO regarding their construction application to fund increase on the updated engineering cost estimate to be able to complete the project. The third project is the Yuma County, Avenue E/D Corridor project to fund construction of a more direct north-south roadway connecting the Cities of Somerton and San Luis. Although we have not received an official letter of support request from Yuma County, staff have been notified of the application effort. In the past with prior RAISE grant applications, general consensus was that YMPO should provide an individual letter of support for all projects without any prioritization of the projects. Board members will be asked for their guidance with letters of support.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to sign letters of support. Ms. Figueroa will present this item, and possible letters of support will be provided as part of Item 13.

14. FY 2023-2026 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6
The FY 2023-2026 YMPO TIP was approved by the Executive Board in July 2021, and it has been amended five times. At the request of the City of Yuma and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Traffic Safety Section (TSS), updates to the construction year from FY 24 to FY 25 for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project with 5 City Locations – to Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterial Streets.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve Amendment #6 to the YMPO FY2023-2026. Mr. Gutierrez will present this item and further information is available in an Information Summary as Item 14.

15. Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) - Update

The RCP commenced on November 1, 2022, and the LSC Transportation Consultant collaborated with YMPO staff, members, and service providers in the YMPO region. The consultant completed Technical Memorandum 1 – Evaluating Existing Conditions and presented it to the Technical Advisory Committee. Two public engagement events are scheduled in February at two different locations.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only at this stage. Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Aguilar will present this item and further information is contained in an Information Summary that is attached to this agenda packet as Item 15.

16. AZ Smart Fund and Other Grants

Numerous new federal discretionary grant programs were created with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure BIL) signed by President Biden in November 2021. The AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and ADOT in competing for federally discretionary grants. The intent is to notify our members of funding opportunities as they become available.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action. Ms. Figueroa and Mr. Gutierrez will present this item and further information is contained in an Information Summary that is attached to this agenda packet as Item 16.

17. Status of State Legislation on RTAC Priority Project

The 2023 Legislative process at the State capitol is in full swing, and Representative Tim Dunn will be sponsoring the RTAC bill for possible appropriations for Greater Arizona transportation projects. YMPO staff will recap what has transcended in the past months with the Regional Project Priority list.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment at this stage. Ms. Figueroa and Mr. Gutierrez will present this item and further information is contained in an Information Summary that is attached to this agenda packet as Item 17.

18. Summary of Current Events/Board Member Reports/Executive Director's Report & Comments by Other Participants

This agenda item is an opportunity for members and staff to update the Board regarding recent occurrences, as shown below. If written information is available, it will be included in an attached Information Summary.

A. Staff Reports - Future Meetings

- B. TAC Minutes
- C. Conference Updates (AZTA, AZRTS, and Roads and Streets)
- D. MPO/COG Director/Planner Meetings
- E. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council activities
- F. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and for Board members and other staff reports and comments.

19. Possible Future Agenda Items

The following items will be heard at a future meeting. Members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion at a future Board meeting:

- A. HSIP Application Update
- B. Performance Evaluations
- C. AZ RTS Update
- D. UPWP Amendment #4
- E. RCP Update

20. Progress Reports

Members and staff will update the Board on the progress of ongoing projects and other recent events.

- a. Dec 9 - COG/MPO Planner's Meeting (CG)
- b. Dec 9 - YMPO HR Topics with Yuma County (CF, BD)
- c. Dec 12 - 5310 - Somerton Q&A (CG, JR)
- d. Dec 12 - RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, BD)
- e. Dec 12 - JR's Performance Evaluation (CF, JR)
- f. Dec 12-15 - Walker & Armstrong Auditors at YMPO Office (CF, BD, NC)
- g. Dec 13 - Corridor Profile Studies Update TAC Meeting 3 (CG)
- h. Dec 13 - YMPO Counter Meeting (CG, NC, RA)
- i. Dec 14 - Meeting Re: Training Needs for YMPO with YC HR (CF, BD)
- j. Dec 14 - Wilson & Co. / YMPO Grant Discussion (CF, CG)
- k. Dec 14 - YCAT Visit-PASS Testing Meet Up (JR)
- l. Dec 15 - RTS Planning Meeting (CF, BD, NC, CG, JR)
- m. Dec 15 - Meeting with City of Somerton Manager Louie Galaviz (CF)
- n. Dec 15 - Arizona STSP-Intersections EA Meeting (CG)
- o. Dec 16 - Arizona State Transportation Board in Chinle (Virtual) (CF)
- p. Dec 15-16 - PASS Training w/Hezequias Rocha (JR)
- q. Dec 19 - City of San Luis - GSA Funding Announcement (CF)
- r. Dec 19 - RTAC Board Meeting (CF)
- s. Dec 19 - HSIP Safety Review Committee Meeting (CG)
- t. Dec 20 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Call (CG)
- u. Dec 20 - RAISE Grant - US 95 Design Discussion (CF, CG)

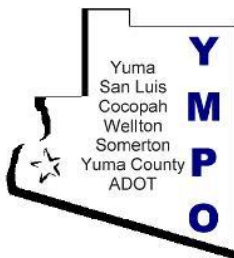
- v. Dec 20 - Review October Billing Expenditure Reimbursement Request (CF)
- w. Dec 21 - PASS 7.0 One-on-One (JR)
- x. Dec 21 - PASS Virtual Exam On-Line (JR)
- y. Dec 21 - YMPO ASBIMP Project Prioritization (CF, CG)
- z. Dec 21 - AZDEQ Traffic Study Project (CF, CG)
- aa. Dec 21 - Meeting with Cindy Binkley Re: RTS Administrative Role (NC)
- bb. Dec 21 - Preventing Workplace Harassment Training with Yuma County (CF, BD, NC, CG, JR, RA)
- cc. Dec 22 - Final Exam - PASS Certified Trainer (JR).
- dd. Dec 22 - Final ACFR to Walker Armstrong (CF, BD)
- ee. Dec 22 - PASS Exam Testing (JR).
- ff. Dec 25 - Christmas Day (Sunday)
- gg. Dec 26 - Christmas Day Observed (Monday)
- hh. Dec 27-29 - YMPOAZ.GOV Set Up Email and Website (CF, CG)
- ii. Jan 1 - New Year's Day (Sunday)
- jj. Jan 2 - New Year's Day Observed (Monday)
- kk. Jan 3 - Staff Meeting (CF, CG, BD, NC, JR, RA)
- ll. Jan 3-Feb 23 - ADEQ Traffic Counting Quick Check-In (CG, RA)
- mm. Jan 5 – Bridge Off System Program (CF, CG)
- nn. Jan 5 - Transportation Sales Tax Meeting (CF)
- oo. Jan 6 - 2023 Inauguration Ceremony for City of Yuma (CF)
- pp. Jan 9 - RMC 5310 Meeting (JR)
- qq. Jan 9 - Real Coors Training with Yuma County (CF, BD, CG, NC, JR, RA)
- rr. Jan 10 - Rescheduled ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, CG)
- ss. Jan 10 - Avenue E/D Industrial Corridor Project (CF, CG).
- tt. Jan 10 - ADOT TA Program Oversight Committee Meeting #2 (CF, CG)
- uu. Jan 11 - Meeting Re: Employee Relations/Compliance Procedures with Yuma County (CF)
- vv. Jan 12 - TAC Meeting (CG, CF, NC, JR)
- ww. Jan 12 - YRBC Meeting (JR)
- xx. Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day Holiday (Monday)
- yy. Jan 17 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Call (CF, CG)
- zz. Jan 17 - Town of Wellton Council Presentation on Rail Federal Grants (CG, CF)
- aaa. Jan 20 - Arizona State Transportation Meeting in Sierra Vista (CF)
- bbb. Jan 23 - Virtual RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF)
- ccc. Jan 24 - ADOT LRTP Update - Tribes/COG/MPO Partners (CG)
- ddd. Jan 24 - COG/MPO Tribal Webinar 1-3 (CG)

21. Adjournment

Notice: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, YMPO does not discriminate on the basis of disability, in the admission of, or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services. If you have any questions regarding YMPO programs, activities, or services, please contact Crystal Figueroa or Charles Gutierrez at 928-783-8911.

Anticipated Future 2023 Meeting Locations.

All future meetings will continue to be held at the YMPO office at 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. Members MAY participate in person, OR they may participate electronically by computer, and/or telephone (or both), using the GoToMeeting portal. The next two meetings will occur on Thursday, February 23, 2023, and March 30, 2023.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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the Main Conference Room at the YMPO Offices at
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1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Martin Porchas called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He called on members to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then thanked Arizona State Representative Tim Dunn, Councilmember City of Yuma Gary Knight, Mayor Pro Tem Town of Wellton Cecilia McCollough, and Councilmember Cocopah Indian Tribe Wynne Ortega for attending a presentation by RTAC Liaison Kevin Adams and YMPO staff on the US95 project from Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road before the Board meeting that day. He also introduced and officially welcomed the recently appointed Cocopah Indian Tribe Councilmember Wynne Ortega to the YMPO Executive Board.

2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes

The YMPO Accountant II/Executive Assistant, Blenda Dale, called the roll as follows:

YMPO Executive Board Members Present:

Chair	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County^
Vice-Chair	Gary Knight, Councilmember, City of Yuma^
Secretary/Treasurer	Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Wellton^
Member	Bruce Fenske, Southwest District Administrator, ADOT~
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County^
Member	Wynne Ortega, Council member, Cocopah Indian Tribe^

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

As five of the seven constituent member agencies were represented, the quorum requirement was met.

YMPO Executive Board Members Absent:

Member	Matias Rosales, Councilmember, City of San Luis *
Member	Gerardo Anaya, Mayor, City of Somerton *
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma #

Member Leslie McClendon, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma #

Not present but represented by proxy by another member.

* Not present, and not represented by proxy by another member.

YMPO Staff Present:

Crystal Figueroa	Executive Director
Charles Gutierrez	Senior Planning Manager
Jesus R. Aguilar, Jr.	Mobility Manager
Blenda Dale	Accountant II/ Executive Assistant
Norma Chavez	Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Additional Attendees:

Peter Valenzuela	Kimley Horn
Jenny Torrez	City of San Luis Economic Development Manager

Declaration of Votes:

Councilmember Gary Knight declared that he would exercise the proxy votes for Councilmember Watts and Deputy Mayor McClendon for a total of five votes for the City of Yuma.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public

YMPO Mobility Manager, Jesus Aguilar Jr., read the YMPO Title VI obligations. No members of the public addressed the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the October 27, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for October 2022

YMPO Accountant, Blenda Dale advised the chair there was a revision to the meeting minutes to reflect the correct progress report time frame of September 22 to October 26, 2022.

MOTION: Supervisor Pancrazi moved to approve the Consent Agenda packet, items A and B, to include the October 27, 2022, regular meeting minutes with said revision, and to accept the YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for October 2022 as published. Councilmember Knight seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. RTAC Legislative Update

The Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council Liaison, Kevin Adams, gave an update on the upcoming Legislative session and Transportation funding. He

stated the election was consequential and would have ramifications in Washington D.C. and Phoenix in 2023. From a lawmaking perspective, before the election, the Democrats controlled Washington and the Republicans in Phoenix. After the election, that will change in both locations, resulting in a split government-controlled environment. This change could make it much more difficult to pass legislation; however, it may remain the same regarding transportation.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or BIL that passed 13 months ago provided an increase in revenue and a five-year utilization authority, of which four years remain. As a result, Arizona will be somewhat insulated from changes in federal transportation funding. The BIL continues to receive bipartisan support in Washington. Over the last couple of years, legislators have increased the federal budget above what was funded and believe this trend will continue.

The most significant change in federal funding was the considerable growth of the competitive grant programs and the funding levels of those programs. Adams believes this is where the opportunities lie, at the federal level, moving forward for state and local governments. Adams suggested that these grants would be our best opportunity for additional infrastructure revenue.

At the state level, there will be dual control with the Democrats in the Governor's office. The significance of this will is that the Governor is the chief executive of four state agencies, including ADOT. The Governor can change the priorities and focus of the department. A democratic governor could affect the laws passed and the state budget due to their "veto" authority, as the house and senate both have a Republican majority, although narrow.

There were several changes in the elected officials in the house and senate. The margin between Democrats and Republicans was narrow before the election and remains. The speaker and president will not have enough Republican votes, a two-thirds majority, in their caucus to overturn a veto. Adams feels it may be a very challenging year regarding the state budget.

Another challenge will be the revenue outcome, considering how the state and federal governments responded to anticipated COVID impacts, resulting in a large amount of federal assistance provided to both the state and individuals. In turn, it created a lot of economic activity and generated a higher than-anticipated state sales tax income. In addition, the economy continued to do well, resulting in considerable growth in the state revenue balance. As a result, the state carried forward an estimated \$4.77 billion balance. Considering the state budget is around \$15 billion, that is substantial. After the first quarter of the current fiscal year, Arizona is already close to half a billion dollars over the forecasted amount. In

addition, the October numbers were more robust than what occurred in the first quarter. So, the state revenue is doing well.

Due to the legislature's makeup, it seems unlikely Arizona will see any tax increases, including enacting a fuel tax. Mr. Adams saw no permanent increase in the revenue streams feeding HURF. However, he believes we could see tax cuts. Last year, the legislature used the additional revenue available for the transportation infrastructure. The legislature appropriated over \$1 billion in one-time funding, and Adams believes there will be funding available for something similar to occur this year.

Last year, the RTAC provided state legislators with a list of priority projects created by the regional transportation planning organizations of Greater Arizona and planned to do so again this year. As a result, there was support from rural legislators across the state, especially the Yuma delegation. In addition, there was support for the US 95 widening improvements and Ceasar Chavez Boulevard projects by Representative Tim Dunn, Senator Sine Kerr, and Senator-Elect Brian Fernandez.

Mr. Adams acknowledged that Senator Sine Kerr had virtually joined the Executive Board meeting at 1:39 p.m. He thanked her and asked her to comment on the upcoming session.

Senator Kerr said she appreciated the invitation. She did not feel there was anything to add to Mr. Adams's report. Ms. Kerr believes his estimation was correct. Once the newly elected officials settle in, she will better understand where they can succeed. The rural caucus remains strong and meets regularly. The rural caucus consistently puts the rural issues before the house and senate members. Ms. Kerr stated the caucus has a sound system for supporting rural Arizona priorities. Transportation is one of those issues that gets a lot of bipartisan support. She remains hopeful that they will be able to get critical infrastructure funding passed and will continue to work closely with the planning organizations. She then thanked the Executive Board for inviting her.

Mr. Adams then asked Executive Director Crystal Figueroa to speak about the priorities YMPO puts forth for the budget.

Ms. Figueroa thanked both Senator Kerr and Mr. Adams for attending the meeting. As a result of last year's effort on the Rural Regional Project Priority List, the YMPO region received \$3.5 million in state general funds for the widening of US 95. YMPO would like to continue seeking support for this project and all other top projects of our member agencies. She introduced Senior Planning Manager Charles Gutierrez to speak about the significance of the US 95 project to our region.

Mr. Gutierrez explained that the US 95 project begins roughly around 15th Street to about 9E. A few years ago, US 95 was identified as a major thoroughfare to Yuma Proving Grounds, the number one employer in the region. The project's purpose is to increase safety, reduce congestion and crashes on this roadway, and improve the accessibility of the agricultural businesses along that corridor.

Mr. Gutierrez stated the success in obtaining funding allowed the progress of the 9E to Rifle Range Road and the first bridge of the canal segment. Although there is progress occurring, there are still accidents happening. The current goal is to complete the widening of US 95 from 9E to Aberdeen Road, with five lanes (two lanes in each direction and a turning lane). US 95 widening will increase the accessibility of travelers going to YPG daily. The project is essential not only for Yuma but nationally as well. He reported that it is a national road for the Yuma Proving Grounds, a national defense system. The agriculture system on the roadway provides 90 percent of the winter produce for the nation. It is recognized as the busiest two-lane road in the state of Arizona.

So far, the Fortuna Wash Bridge has been completed and construction of 9E to Rifle Range Road is on the final stages towards completion. The YMPO region acquired funding for the next phase, Rifle Range Road to Wellton Mohawk Canal Bridge, the Department of Defense gave ADOT clearance to begin construction on January 11, 2023. We are now beginning the subsequent stages for US highway 95 for design of the remaining portions of the project: from Welcome Mohawk Canal Bridge to Aberdeen Road, to improve the safety of the corridor. There are three more phases left of the project, and as part of the RTAC advocacy to the State Legislative effort for Greater Arizona in 2023, we are anticipating an additional appropriation through the RTAC bill of \$39.2 million based on population. The YMPO region number one priority project ask is little over \$33 million for continued US 95 Improvements.

A second local project submitted for appropriation is the segment of US 95 from County 22nd Street to County 11th Street. The Yuma County project segment total cost is \$16 million; however, 5.9 million was submitted based on the YMPO region distribution to meet the allotted apportionment based on the population breakdown. At the August 2022 Board meeting, the Board looked at all projects and picked each member agency's number one priority project. Due to financial constraints to accommodate the remaining ask, this was narrowed down to one regional project segment of US 95 for pavement rehabilitation in five jurisdictions.

Mr. Gutierrez mentioned that many families and friends travel this roadway, and it is tragic to hear when someone loses their life on US 95. The YMPO region

supports the effort and the MPO appreciates the efforts made by our Legislators to complete this project.

Vice Chair Gary Knight thanked Mr. Gutierrez and stated that Mr. Porchas left the meeting at 1:49 p.m. and would be presiding over the meeting from that point forward. He thanked Senator Kerr for attending and all the legislators for championing this project. He reiterated the importance of US 95.

Senator Kerr thanked Mr. Knight and confirmed the importance of US 95. Although she is no longer on the transportation committee, she is still very much engaged in working on other transportation projects. Ms. Kerr stated that she would still be engaged and supportive of our transportation needs. She then left the meeting.

6. YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study - Update

Mr. Gutierrez stated Kimley Horn would be providing the Executive Board a presentation about the progress so far. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as well as the Executive Board received working paper #2 of the study during the fall. The TAC received and reviewed working paper #3 September prior than the Executive Board and stated the Board was now receiving working paper #3 at the current Board meeting, due to the fact there was not a November Executive Board meeting.

He continued to say that the TAC suggested a video presenting the study's findings as a public engagement method rather than a face-to-face engagement. This video could then be placed on the YMPO website, the media, or whatever platform is deemed appropriate, with a web link back to the YMPO website for additional information.

Gutierrez reported that the Board was not in favor of the TAC's recommendation of Alignment C as the proposed alignment of the study. Based on this, YMPO instructed Kimley Horn to focus the Economic Impact study of working paper #3 on all three alternative alignments options instead of one. He explained to the Board that they now had the opportunity to review working paper #3. He reported the TAC had seen paper #3 and determined to move forward with the paper as presented and include the public engagement video created by the consultant.

Mr. Gutierrez introduced Kimley Horn consultant Peter Valenzuela to present working paper #3 and final informational video. He discussed the alternatives analysis, economic impact analysis, the final informational video and what the next steps would be for the study. He mentioned the candidate alternatives analysis looked at land use, transportation, environmental impacts, land acquisition and displacement and cost of all three alternatives. When analyzing, they determined that Alternative Options B and C were overlapping in several areas, so they decided to use a hybrid of B and C for the analysis. Even with the hybrid, it was

determined that no clear candidate could be determined based on the analysis at the time.

Valenzuela reported that the feasibility of a recommended north/south alignment is conditional on three fatal flaws identified during the study. These included the Goldwater Air Force Range (AFR) easement, public support, and a lack of interest from the Mexican counterparts to continue the rail in Mexico. He stated that fatal flaw conditions would need to change to move forward. He mentioned some interest from Mexico but was far from a possible alignment analysis south of the border. Mr. Valenzuela continued with the analysis of working paper #3. The consultant analyzed an inspection facility as well as a possible intermodal facility. The study identified three potential areas along the UPRR North of I95, I8, Avenue 8E, and further East on I8 near Wellton; the consultant listed the pros and cons for each option.

Future project phases would include:

- Planning: right-of-way preservation and a potential prospective feasibility study.
- Design: engineering and funding for the final design.
- Construction: approvals, the actual construction of the rail,
- Operation: ongoing maintenance and operation of the system.

Mr. Valenzuela mentioned that the phases would take a very long time to complete. He then addressed the economic impact analysis portion of paper #3. This was separated into two categories: construction impacts and new development impacts. For construction impacts, the three alternative options were compared, and the total output ranged from \$286.8 to \$432.5 million. The fiscal impact of rail construction for the three alternatives showed an estimated total construction tax revenue between \$12 to \$19 depending on the alternative option selected. The paper also looked at the new development impact with regards to employment while building the rail and operating the rail after completion. The potential economic impact would range from \$9 million to \$42 million depending upon the industry (light manufacturing, warehousing and logistics or heavy manufacturing).

Supervisor Pancrazi said she would like to see the environmental impact on the area, such as bushes, irritants, and ozone. Mr. Valenzuela said that working paper #3 only focused on the economic impact. It also looked at the fiscal construction and fiscal operation's impact potential on the state, county, and city levels. He then played the video intended to be placed on the YMPO website and member agency sites for any interested public viewing. He mentioned the video would be available in both English and Spanish, with an open comment box for the public to react to the video.

He explained that the next steps would be to post the final informational video and collect any comments, finalize working papers 2 and 3, finalize the final report and executive summary and obtain the TAC and Executive Board approval during their January 2023 meetings. Mr. Gutierrez thanked Kimley Horn consultant Peter Valenzuela for presenting the study results. He asked the Executive Board to consider approval of working papers 2 and 3 of the study and accept the public informational video as the public participation aspect of the study. The public can comment on the video and study until January 2, 2023, on the YMPO website. Kimley Horn had sent the final report to YMPO; however, staff was waiting to release the video until both the TAC and Executive Board had a chance to change or approve the final report. Mr. Gutierrez asked for any comments or concerns.

Mr. Gutierrez informed the Board that at the January TAC and Executive Board meetings, members of the TAC possibly would make a recommendation to the Executive Board to approve the final study report and finalize the project.

Mr. Knight thanked Mr. Gutierrez on the presentation and thought Kimley Horn did an excellent job on the video. He said it said exactly what the Executive Board wanted it to convey with regards to the fatal flaws in finding a suitable route for the rail. He then asked for any comments on this item.

MOTION: Supervisor Pancrazi moved to approve the working papers 2, 3, and final informational study video as presented today for public posting. Mayor Pro Tem McCollough seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Thriving Community Program Grant

Ms. Figueroa explained that the U.S. Department of Transportation released a Thriving Community Program (TCP) that was consolidated based on the Appropriation Act of 2022. The program provides technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support for two years to advance transportation and community revitalization activities that increase mobility and decrease pollution.

She stated that the notice of funding consisted of two components. One provides technical assistance; consultants are the ones that apply for the type of grant. The second component targeted communities that could benefit from technical assistance. In this instance, the City of San Luis is interested and has approached YMPO for support as a community partner. Ms. Figueroa mentioned that due to the forthcoming San Luis Port of Entry modernization and expansion, they wish to use technical assistance to address infrastructure needs. The city submitted a letter of interest for the technical assistance portion. Ms. Figueroa said the application deadline had passed but communicated with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Board regarding this effort before the deadline. They gave their support for YMPO to be a community partner. Ms. Figueroa explained that she was formally

presenting to the board for future support should the City of San Luis get selected for the program. As a community partner, YMPO must submit a letter of commitment if the City is selected. Recipients will be notified early next year.

She then introduced City of San Luis Economic Development Manager Jenny Torres to answer any questions or concerns the Executive Board may have.

Ms. Torres thanked Ms. Figueroa and stated she felt Ms. Figueroa had explained the grant well. She reiterated that this was an opportunity for the City of San Luis. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is trying to designate thirty communities to participate. The program assists disadvantaged communities that need more staff to apply for funding.

Ms. Torres mentioned that there are three areas of focus. The City of San Luis' focus is the network communities' option, specifically with the expected Port of Entry improvements that will have an impact. She stated that GSA and ADOT encouraged the City to apply as the community foresees being affected by traffic and connectivity throughout the City and region. She said City submitted the letter of interest, and if selected, they would be one of ten communities in the program that focus on the network of communities in the nation. If the City of San Luis is selected, the City will ask YMPO for a letter of commitment as one of the identified community partners. The community partners identified are YMPO, Yuma County, Greater Yuma Port Authority, and Campesinos Sin Fronteras, as their key supporters.

She reported that many community partners were hesitant to provide letters of commitment as they needed to clarify what would be required of them. Ms. Torres mentioned a meeting by U.S. DOT, and ADOT was held to explain further that the responsibilities could range from providing input or participation in the planning process, providing a traffic count if needed, or identifying grant opportunities for the City example. She clarified that the City of San Luis is not expecting YMPO staff to be readily available to them on projects. Ms. Torres mentioned that it boils down to writing what YMPO already does for the City of San Luis in the commitment letter.

Supervisor Pancrazi confirmed that the commitment just needs to be in writing, listing all the things YMPO is already doing for the City of San Luis. Mr. Knight confirmed that is correct and that no funding obligation would be required from YMPO. He advised the Greater Yuma Port Authority Executive Board approve yesterday to provide a commitment letter to San Luis. He said he felt it was a great opportunity for San Luis. He stated his support of this effort. Mr. Gutierrez wanted it on the record that the TAC committee supported this action and recommended approval by the Executive Board.

MOTION: Supervisor Pancrazi moved to approve to authorize the Chair and Executive Director to provide support as a community partner and provide a letter of commitment if selected as a finalist in the Thriving Community Program Grant. Mayor Pro Tem McCollough seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. 2022-2025 Transportation Performance Measures (Targets)

Gutierrez explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to either develop and adopt their Transportation Performance Measures (TPMs) or the state's measures every four years. The TAC reviewed the state's measures and approved them as a recommendation to the Executive Board to adopt them. He outlined those measurements with the Executive Board and asked the board to consider and adopt the state's performance measures for the next four years.

MOTION: Supervisor Pancrazi moved to approve the adoption of the State of Arizona MAP-21 Transportation Performance Measures/Target as presented. Mayor Pro Tem McCollough seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Report on the Project Kick-Off Event Ceremony for US-95 Rifle Range Rd to Wellton Mohawk Canal

Ms. Figueroa provided a brief update that the kick-off event was a success. On November 3, 2022, YMPO, in participation with ADOT, took part in a Project Kick-Off ceremony. She reported on the presence of stakeholders, including YPG Coronel Patrick McFall, FHWA, from the Department of Defense, Mr. Louis Littleton, representing the Defense Community Infrastructure Program, and around twenty-five guests in attendance. In addition, the Yuma Sun, local media photographers, and YPG Public Affairs office staff were there. As a token of appreciation, Commemorative coffee cups and coasters were provided for guests, and Ms. Figueroa offered the Executive Board members to take a commemorative mug and coaster as well.

Mr. Gutierrez presented some photographs taken at the Kick-Off ceremony to the Executive Board. In addition, he thanked Yuma County staff for assisting in the dust reduction at the Kick-Off site.

10. YMPO Transportation Improvement program (TIP) Transit 2023-2026 Amendment #5 and Letter of Concurrence.

Mr. Gutierrez explained that at the request of the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA), a transit update of funding activity was necessary for the issuance of a Letter of Concurrence for Transit Funding. He stated the Transit TIP Amendment generally occurs annually to include 5310 funds, YCIPTA 5307 capital, operating assistance from FTA grants, and other

awards from ADOT or removal of projects. Mr. Gutierrez mentioned that YCIPTA had a very detailed grant this year, and he worked with Ariana Valle from FTA Region 9 to ensure the numbers were correct. Mr. Gutierrez presented the YMPO Letter of Concurrence to the Board, reflecting the changes needed for YCIPTA's 5307 four-year Grant, FY 23-26. He provided a table that showed the following changes:

The YMPO 23-01 and YMPO 24-01 Planning Capital were both deleted.

The YMPO 23-02 Maintenance Facility Lease increased to \$32, 933.

The YMPO 23-03 Transit Operations increased to \$1,761,226.

The YMPO 23-04 Preventative Maintenance Capital was reduced to \$416,718.

The YMPO 23-05 Employee Training and YMPO 23-06 ADA Operations Capital amount does not change, however, the year changed to FFY 2018/2019 and FFY 2020/2021 respectively.

The YMPO 23-07 Third Party Contractual increased to \$179,950.

The YMPO 23-12 Mobility Manager Training and YMPO 24-01 Planning Capital amounts were deleted.

Mr. Gutierrez mentioned the same data is repeated in every year going forward, through year 2026. He explained those were the only changes in the TIP and the TIP Concurrence Letter.

MOTION: Supervisor Pancrazi moved to approve TIP Amendment #5 and Letter of Concurrence. Council member Wynne Ortega seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) Kick-Off.

YMPO Mobility Manager Jesus Aguilar JR mentioned that in late October, the Executive Board approved the selection of LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc (LSC), and a Notice to Proceed was issued. During the TAC meeting on November 10, 2022, the LSC team launched a brief kick-off meeting for the RCP and reported being in the initial stages of the project. Mr. Aguilar mentioned that YMPO and LSC have collaborated with member providers to collect the necessary data to start the project. LSC is writing the "Existing Conditions and Providers" section of the plan. In addition, LSC has drafted a questionnaire for providers and stakeholders to obtain additional information.

The Regional Coordination Plan will ultimately create and set goals to enhance the mobility of Seniors and individuals with disabilities. The proposed timeline is to spend five months collaborating with 5310 providers and TAC members. There will be three TAC meetings and a final presentation to the TAC, Regional Mobility Committee (RMC), and the Executive Board. Upon the TAC's recommended approval to the Executive Board, the plan is anticipated to be approved by the

Board in April 2023. After that, YMPO would submit the plan to ADOT in May 2023. Mr. Aguilar reported that the project would update the Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) as part of the Regional Mobility Program. The ultimate purpose is to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Project Manager Charles Gutierrez reiterated that the TAC and the Regional Mobility Committee would review and recommend the Executive Board to approve the RCP. The region's mobility providers represent the committee. In addition, the RMC provides most of the information and data used for the RCP.

12. FY 2022 YMPO Audit Update

YMPO Accountant Blenda Dale provided an update on the fiscal year 2022 audit. First, Ms. Dale advised the Board that the accounting and audit firms were on schedule for completion. She reported that the Audit firm Walker and Armstrong would complete their fieldwork in December 2022. Ms. Dale mentioned that YMPO, as in previous years, YMPO would be applying for the GFOA certificate of achievement for the fiscal year 2022, the third year in a row. Last year's application for this certificate is under review, and staff anticipates knowing the results soon. Finally, she reported a presentation to the YMPO Audit Committee and Executive Board with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report results for the fiscal year 2022 would occur for review and recommendation for approval by the Executive Board at the January 26, 2023 meeting.

13. Tentative Schedules for Calendar Year 2023 Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings.

YMPO Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant Norma Chavez presented the proposed TAC and Executive Board meeting schedule for the calendar year 2023. Ms. Chavez stated the meeting dates would remain at the same times and days each month. Therefore, the TAC will meet the second Thursday of each month, starting at 9:00 a.m., and the Executive Board, the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 1:30 p.m. She reported, as usual, the November and December Executive Board meetings will be combined for the second Thursday in December, which also happens to align with the TAC meeting day. In addition, the meetings will continue to be held at the YMPO office and virtually through the GoTo Meeting platform.

MOTION: Supervisor Pancrazi moved to approve the proposed meeting schedules for the TAC and Executive Board. Mayor Pro Tem McCollough seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

14. Summary of Current Events/Board Member Reports/Executive Director's Report & Comments by Other Participants.

This agenda item is an opportunity for members and staff to update the Board regarding recent occurrences, as shown below. If written information is available, it will be included in an attached Information Summary.

- A. Staff Reports - Future Meetings
- B. TAC Minutes
- C. Conference Updates (AZTA, AZRTS, and Roads and Streets)
- D. MPO/COG Director/Planner Meetings
- E. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council activities
- F. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation

Ms. Figueroa advised that she would provide a progress report on the Rural Transportation Summit, which YMPO is hosting in 2023, as it progresses. In addition, the RTAC rural project priority list effort is continuing, and the list will be presented to the state legislature during their next session.

15. Possible Future Agenda Items.

The following items will be heard at a future meeting. Members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion at a future Board meeting:

- A. HSIP Application Update
- B. AZ SMART Fund
- C. POPTAC

Ms. Figueroa said a possible future agenda item would be to seek a RAISE Grant for the design portion of the subsequent three phases of US 95. The project already has some funds; however, it was discussed that the existing 16 million funds could be leveraged as matching funds for possible construction grants for the remaining phases. In addition, she said YMPO hopes to apply for the AZ SMART Funds for the grant writing portion; however, MPOs cannot directly apply for it; a member agency can possibly sponsor the MPO's effort.

Mr. Gutierrez stated that the City of Yuma or Yuma County could apply for the SMART Fund on YMPO's behalf. This would create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the entity (Yuma County or the City of Yuma) and YMPO. If approved, YMPO would utilize those SMART Funds for the US-95 project. A meeting is anticipated soon with planners from the City of Yuma and Yuma County for this effort. If they agree, the next step would be to go to the City Council or Board of Supervisors to get approval to move forward. The goal is to hire a consultant to help with the grant writing portion and ask for approximately \$15-20 million for the design portion for US 95 from Wellton Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road, the Gila River Bridge, and any environmental impacts. He reported that additional funds from the RTAC effort for Greater Arizona projects would be a plus to continue US 95 Improvements and build up the project's funding. In addition, ADOT would support YMPO as the lead applicant of a RAISE

Grant for US 95. Mr. Gutierrez mentioned that if YMPO can raise additional funding, there could be a 48 percent funding match for the US 95 project completion. If successful, the project could be completed within the next four years.

Mr. Knight asked if the AZ SMART support would need to happen by Yuma County since the bulk of US 95 resides in Yuma County rather than any one city? Mr. Gutierrez confirmed that would be correct. Ms. Figueroa stated that Yuma County might also be applying for a RAISE grant for a separate effort. If so, they may be unable to support YMPO's actions with the AZ SMART discretionary funds administered by ADOT.

Mr. Gutierrez explained that the TAC has asked that any entity applying for specific grants notify the TAC to ensure our entity organizations aren't competing with one another for the same grants. This would provide a better chance of success as there would be fewer applications from our region. Suppose multiple entities wish to apply for the same grant. In that case, the TAC will create a priority list with recommendations to present to the Executive Board, which could decide which entity should apply for a specific grant for a particular project. Ultimately, the Board decides if to support all or prioritize projects.

Ms. Figueroa noted that the Notice of Funding was released on November 30, 2022, and the application deadline is February 28, 2023. Since the deadline is fast approaching, YMPO would use a portion of the pre-approved \$60k grant equity funds towards this effort.

16. Progress Reports

Members and staff will update the Board on the progress of ongoing projects and other recent events. Ms. Figueroa stated as presented.

- A. Sep 26 - ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination meeting (CF, PW, CG)
- B. Sep 28-30 - Roads and Streets Conference (All staff)
- C. Oct 3-6 - Accountant Firm (The Pun Group) Onsite Field Work (CF, BD)
- D. Oct 4 - YMPO/KH Discussion on Roads of Regional Significance and Complete Street Plans (CF)
- E. Oct 4-5 - ADOT Transit Implementation Workshop-5310 Overview (JR)
- F. Oct 5 - ADOT Transit Implementation Workshop-Civil Rights Title VI and ADA (JR)
- G. Oct 6 - Arizona State Transportation Study Session (CF)
- H. Oct 8 - Public Outreach at Saguaro Fall Festival-5310 Program (JR)
- I. Oct 10 - Staff Meeting (All)
- J. Oct 10 - Virtual RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, BD)
- K. Oct 10 - ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, CG)
- L. Oct 11 - Mobility Managers Meeting-5310 Funding (CG)
- M. Oct 11 - Transportation Meeting (CF, CG)

- N. Oct 11 - Yuma and Census (CF)
- O. Oct 11 - San Luis Recognition for Senator Otondo & Representative Fernandez (CF)
- P. Oct 12 - 5310 Meeting with Achieve (JR)
- Q. Oct 12 - COG/MPO Director's Meeting (CF)
- R. Oct 12 - Avenue E/D Industrial Corridor Project - Working Group Mtg (CF, CG)
- S. Oct 12 - Arizona STSP - Pedestrians EA Meeting (CG)
- T. Oct 12 - Maintenance Forum October 2022 (JR)
- U. Oct 13 - TAC Meeting (CF, CG, NC, JR)
- V. Oct 13 - DOT's Thriving Communities Program (CF)
- W. Oct 13 - Audit Preparation Status Call with The Pun Group (CF, BD)
- X. Oct 13 - YRBC Meeting (JR)
- Y. Oct 13 - Coordinated Council Meeting (JR)
- Z. Oct 14 - COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CG)
- AA. Oct 17 - Possible 2023 RTS Venue Walkthrough at Cocopah Conference Center (CF, BD)
- BB. Oct 17 - Possible 2023 RTS Venue Civic Center Walkthrough (CF, BD)
- CC. Oct 17 - ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, CG)
- DD. Oct 18 - Yuma MPO Regional Coordination Plan Meeting (CF, CG, JR)
- EE. Oct 18 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Call (CF, CG)
- FF. Oct 18 - Meaningful Public Involvement Guidance Webinar (CG)
- GG. Oct 18 - RTS YMPO Contract (CF, BD)
- HH. Oct 19 - Arizona-Sonora Border Infrastructure Master Plan-PAC/TWG Kick-Off Meeting (CF, CG)
- II. Oct 19 - Statewide Rest Areas Study TAC and Stakeholder Meeting #2 (CG)
- JJ. Oct 19 - How to Make the Most Out of Your Paratransit Fleet (JR)
- KK. Oct 20 - Networking for Community Resources Meeting (JR)
- LL. Oct 20 - Audit Preparation Status Call with The Pun Group (CF, BD)
- MM. Oct 20-21 - Arizona's Women Leading Governments (CF)
- NN. Oct 21 - Arizona Transportation Board Meeting (CF)
- OO. Oct 24 - RTAC Board Meeting (CF, CG)
- PP. Oct 24 - CTS Meeting (CF, CG)
- QQ. Oct 25 - Public Mtg Statewide Network of EV Charging Stations (CG)
- RR. Oct 26 - RTAC Priority Project Booklet (CF, CG)

Ms. Figueroa stated as presented.

17. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Anticipated Future 2023 Meeting Locations.

All future meetings will continue to be held at the YMPO office at 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. Members MAY participate in person, OR they may participate electronically by computer, and/or telephone (or both), using the GoToMeeting portal. The next two meetings will occur on Thursday, January 26, 2023, and February 23, 2023.

Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:

Blenda Dale, Accountant II/
Executive Admin Assistant

Minutes reviewed to form by:

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January 26, 2022

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director,
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Supervisor Martin Porchas,
Chairman, YMPO Executive Board

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	Nov - Dec 22	Jul - Dec 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · ADOT Grant				
4001 · PL	22,554.17	241,820.18	711,762.00	33.98%
4002 · SPR	10,133.03	58,268.38	316,837.00	18.39%
4004 · STBG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4005 · 5305d (CPG)	7,115.97	38,554.38	162,725.00	23.69%
4000 · ADOT Grant - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · ADOT Grant	39,803.17	338,642.94	1,191,324.00	28.43%
4010 · FTA Grant				
4020 · 5303/5305	0.00	0.00	5,495.00	0.0%
4021 · 5304	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 4010 · FTA Grant	0.00	0.00	5,495.00	0.0%
4050 · ADEQ Grant	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds				
4053 · CARES Act MM	0.00	0.00	40,536.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds - Other	19,978.81	30,942.36	85,964.00	36.0%
Total 4055 · 5310 Funds	19,978.81	30,942.36	126,500.00	24.46%
4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	0.00	80,390.74	0.0%
4400 · Interest Income	1,513.05	4,340.49	3,000.00	144.68%
4600 · Charges for Services				
4904 · Traffic Count Revenue	0.00	11,886.83	11,886.83	100.0%
Total 4600 · Charges for Services	0.00	11,886.83	11,886.83	100.0%
4700 · Other Revenue				
4907 · Misc Revenue	0.00	160.00		
Total 4700 · Other Revenue	0.00	160.00		
Total Income	61,295.03	385,972.62	1,428,596.57	27.02%
Gross Profit	61,295.03	385,972.62	1,428,596.57	27.02%
Expense				
5110 · Payroll Expenses				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	5,387.69	16,311.59	37,495.00	43.5%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries				
5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	62.76	4,300.31	9,905.69	43.41%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	8,452.60	25,794.39	76,033.10	33.93%
Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries	8,515.36	30,094.70	85,938.79	35.02%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	63,239.83	184,580.71	414,101.00	44.57%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	9,300.00	30,845.52	66,960.00	46.07%
5116 · ASRS	7,055.96	22,421.37	52,137.00	43.01%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	100.00	1,106.00	1,196.00	92.48%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	10.96	114.30	588.00	19.44%
5120 · Life Insurance	0.00	442.29	1,872.00	23.63%
Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses	93,609.80	285,916.48	660,287.79	43.3%
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	0.00	45,384.45	123,454.00	36.76%
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	16,530.00	113,072.52	488,979.00	23.12%
Total 5123 · Consulting Services	16,530.00	158,456.97	612,433.00	25.87%
5124 · Staff Training/Education				
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	0.00	80.00	6,000.00	1.33%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	0.00	779.00	3,500.00	22.26%
Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education	0.00	859.00	9,500.00	9.04%
5125 · Audit Services	18,500.00	18,500.00	23,500.00	78.72%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	937.10	1,996.85	4,800.00	41.6%
5128 · Accounting Services	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.0%
5129 · Public Participation	0.00	227.29	750.00	30.31%

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5130 · Reimbursement of Expenses	-400.62	-284.97	7,000.00	-4.07%
5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardware	3,757.33	4,185.58	20,000.00	20.93%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	0.00	566.87	15,000.00	3.78%
5140 · Legal	236.00	368.75	9,000.00	4.1%
5150 · IT Support	440.28	440.28	2,000.00	22.01%
5151 · Building Ins, property tax	0.00	4,391.26	8,200.00	53.55%
5152 · Equipment Maintenance	136.20	577.75	1,500.00	38.52%
5153 · Office Supplies	205.75	1,300.97	3,100.00	41.97%
5154 · Postage	86.61	87.81	500.00	17.56%
5155 · Printing	41.00	268.61	500.00	53.72%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	0.00	222.00	2,250.00	9.87%
5158 · Registration Fees	0.00	3,985.00	9,000.00	44.28%
5159 · Special Meetings	692.58	898.60	3,000.00	29.95%
5160 · Telecommunications	1,654.69	5,590.04	13,000.00	43.0%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	0.00	2,522.75	4,500.00	56.06%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	0.00	531.60	2,500.00	21.26%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	229.00	1,567.79	3,000.00	52.26%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	7.00	21.00	250.00	8.4%
5166 · Website Maintenance	0.00	286.00	20,000.00	1.43%
5167 · Miscellenous Consumables	633.45	1,923.69	2,000.00	96.19%
5168 · Employee Recruitment	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	753.63	2,381.16	9,000.00	26.46%
5171 · Alarm System	0.00	388.95	3,500.00	11.11%
5173 · Electric Bill	975.69	4,425.60	7,500.00	59.01%
5174 · Grounds Maintence	550.00	1,702.00	4,600.00	37.0%
5175 · Janitorial	720.00	3,960.00	6,700.00	59.1%
5179 · Office Building Repairs				
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	825.00	1,050.00	78.57%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	502.70	1,088.15	9,819.00	11.08%
Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs	502.70	1,913.15	10,869.00	17.6%
5182 · Sewer & Water	660.90	2,811.52	3,500.00	80.33%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	809.35	7,291.04	15,000.00	48.61%
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	82.09	1,696.31	2,700.00	62.83%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment				
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	0.00	0.00	1,981.00	0.0%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment - Other	577.91	1,236.31	4,500.00	27.47%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	577.91	1,236.31	6,481.00	19.08%
Total Expense	142,928.44	523,214.01	1,533,420.79	34.12%
Net Ordinary Income	-81,633.41	-137,241.39	-104,824.22	130.93%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	18,020.93	75,197.98	154,933.00	48.54%
Total Other Income	18,020.93	75,197.98	154,933.00	48.54%
Other Expense				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	18,020.93	75,197.98	154,933.00	48.54%
Total Other Expense	18,020.93	75,197.98	154,933.00	48.54%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	-81,633.41	-137,241.39	-104,824.22	130.93%

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$	72,600.08
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$	474,664.33
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$	805,602.54
	\$	1,352,866.95

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #7

YMPO Audit for FY 2022

DATE: January 26, 2023

SUBJECT: YMPO Audit for FY 2022.

SUMMARY:

The YMPO Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, met the requirements to be awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement (COA) for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The audit of YMPO's Accounts for FY 2022 (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022) started in June 2022. YMPO utilizes the services of two companies to provide accounting support: the Pun Group, who prepare the MPO's annual financial reports at the end of the fiscal year and Walker and Armstrong, who carry out the actual audit. Last year, YMPO applied for the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting Program issued by the Government Finance Officers Association. Consequently, YMPO has decided to pursue this certification again for the third consecutive year. This award showcases the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and intends to help understanding basic financial statements. The auditors have prepared and given a formal letter to staff and presented the audit to members of the Audit Committee this morning. A copy of the YMPO FY 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Review (ACFR) and required communications will be emailed to all members as a separate packet and a physical copy of the CAFR will be provided as well.

PUBLIC INPUT: No input has been provided by members of the public on this subject.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The audit documents show that the management of YMPO Local, State, and Federal funds and other resources is being carried out in conformance with generally accepted accounting standards. The ACFR is not required but reflects well on YMPO staff accounting efforts.

POLICY: YMPO By-Laws require an audit of YMPO accounts and the establishment of the Audit Committee. The By-Laws do not describe how the Audit Committee should carry out the audit. As YMPO is predominantly funded with Federal transportation funds, the audit follows federal guidelines. In the recently completed fiscal year, as YMPO expended over \$750,000 in Federal funds, a 'Single Audit' was required and will be reported to the Federal Single Audit Clearing House.

ACTION NEEDED:

Members are requested to review and discuss, and will have the opportunity to approve, the YMPO Audit for FY 2022.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

At their meeting on February 24, 2022, the YMPO Executive Board unanimously approved the FY 2021 YMPO Audit.

CONTACT PERSON:

Blenda Dale, Accountant II and Executive Assistant, 928-783-8911

YMPO SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM #8

YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study - Final

DATE: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Rail/Heavy Freight Study Update

SUMMARY:

After the YMPO TAC and Executive Board Meetings on December 8, 2022, YMPO staff entered into the Public Engagement Final presentation. It was advertised in the Yuma Sun, Radio, Website, and Email. The presentation method that was utilized was a video in English and Spanish linked to the website. Kimley-Horn & Associates completed the Draft YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study Final Document and was delivered by email to the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC and Executive Board (EX. BD.) on December 13, 2022.

Since then, we have been monitoring the website and any comments from the public. No comments at present time. The link will remain on the website but no further engagement will be used.

The Results of the Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study

RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE PROJECT PHASES

Due to several limiting factors affecting the feasibility of constructing a north-south rail line in the study area, a **NO Recommended Alternative** can be identified at this time.

Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range Easement

During stakeholder engagement, the current representatives of the Air Force Range are opposed to any rail alignment that requires an easement through military land. Support from the then-current commander of the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma would need to be obtained before the project can move forward.

Public Opposition

The prevalent opinion of the members of the public that participated in the project was negative toward any north-south rail alignment in the region. Public opinion would need to change through additional engagement or through regional circumstances changing over time before the project could be politically feasible.

Continuation of the Rail Line in Mexico

While Mexican stakeholders were engaged throughout this process, a feasibility study has not yet been conducted in Mexico to evaluate a north-south rail alignment south of the border. Assurances that the rail line would continue in Mexico would be needed before the project can move forward.

In addition to the rail alignment itself, two additional facilities will need to be constructed:

- **Border Inspection Facility.** A border inspection facility is required to inspect rail from Mexico. Two large parcels along SR 195 near the Avenue 3E alignment were identified as potential sites for the inspection facility.
- **Intermodal Facility.** A facility would be needed along the Union Pacific line to transfer freight to Union Pacific or to trucks. Three potential sites were identified, along with the opportunities and constraints of each site.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda as information, discussion, and/or action. The Executive Board is being asked to approve the Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study with the recommendation of NO Recommended Alternative at this time.

CONTACT PERSON:

Charles A. Gutierrez, Senior Planning Manager, 928-783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 9

City of San Luis POE Impact Study

DATE: January 17, 2023

SUBJECT: City of San Luis POE Impact Study

SUMMARY:

The City of San Luis contracted with Kimley Horn on October 2021, for the San Luis Port of Entry (POE) Impact Study to understand the impact of its downtown area as it prepares for the reconstruction and expansion POE I. The United States General Administration (GSA) will be investing \$300 million in the expansion to double the number of processing lanes, from eight to sixteen, for those traveling from Mexico into the United States.

In support of this effort, YMPO allocated \$35,000 in local funds for a portion of the City-sponsored origin/destination and downtown circulation study. In addition, ADOT indicated their desire to help fund the studies the City was conducting. As a result, an agreement was made for a one-time Federal State Planning and Research (SPR) funds to YMPO to be used in the FY 23 Unified Planning Work Program in exchange for YMPO to provide an additional \$75,000 in local funds for the San Luis Impact Study efforts to facilitate the procurement process instead of using federal funds. The YMPO and the City of San Luis collaborated via a Memorandum of Understanding executed in June 2022.

The consultant Kimley Horn is finalizing the City of San Luis POE Impact Study and presented the results to the TAC during the January 12th meeting. The draft report of the San Luis POE Impact Study is provided, and the consultant will present the final results to the YMPO Executive Board on the origin/destination and downtown circulation elements. The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the City of San Luis staff before the City's Council meeting on February 22, 2023. The City of San Luis contracted this study; therefore, approval by the YMPO Board is not expected unless otherwise preferred.

PUBLIC INPUT: No members of the public have commented on this request, to date.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

POLICY: There are no YMPO policies that pertain to this situation. The YMPO procurement process does not apply.

TECHNICAL: The State is not required to provide SPR funds to MPOs in support of the regional Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) budgetary process. However, historically, ADOT normally provides a minimum of \$175,000 in SPR funds to YMPO, every year, through the UPWP, in addition to other Federal Highway and Transit planning funds. ADOT increase the SPR funds to \$250,000 for the current federal fiscal year. An UPWP Amendment was presented to the Board to record additional funds being added to the annual budget.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action at this stage.

CONTACT PERSON: Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #10

Election of YMPO Officer for 2023

DATE: January 16, 2023

SUBJECT: Election of YMPO Officers for 2023

SUMMARY:

YMPO By-Laws for the YMPO Executive Board require that members of the YMPO shall elect the following officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer. In the absence of the Chair, or upon his/her inability to act or serve, the Vice Chair shall have the powers of the Chair. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer will serve without compensation and, shall serve for a period of one year.

Other By-Laws require that elected officers of the YMPO shall serve on a rotation basis; when the Chair or Vice Chair's position is vacated, the Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair, and the Secretary-Treasurer assumes the position of Vice Chair. The Executive Board must then elect another Executive Board member to the vacant office of Secretary-Treasurer, and these Officers are elected the first meeting in February.

In addition, at any one time, the three elected officers on the Executive Board must be from three different jurisdictions; and at least one office shall be held by the City of Somerton, City of San Luis, the Town of Wellton, or the Cocopah Indian Tribe.

Under current circumstances, Vice Chair (and City of Yuma Councilmember) Gary Knight assumes the position of Chair, Secretary-Treasurer (and Town of Wellton Mayor Pro Tem) Cecilia McCollough assumes the position of Vice Chair and the Board needs to elect a new officer to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position. If historical precedence is considered, the representative from the Cocopah Indian Tribe, currently Councilmember Wynnie Ortega, would be expected to be nominated as the soon to-be-vacant Secretary/Treasurer.

Members may contact Chair Martin Porchas and/or the Executive Director to make nominations (including self-nominations) or they may do so during the meeting when called on by the Chair. Although there is no requirement to rotate the Secretary/Treasurer position amongst member agencies, the attached Table One shows the agencies from which YMPO officers have come from during the past several years and shows that it is customary for each agency to have an opportunity to supply YMPO Executive Board Officers.

PUBLIC INPUT: No public comments have been received on this subject to date.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #10

Election of YMPO Officer for 2023

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: YMPO staff usually try to meet with all new members of the YMPO Executive Board to help them get oriented to the YMPO mission and what it is that YMPO does. Furthermore, YMPO staff offer similar meetings to Officers to assist in the understanding of their increased duties.

POLICY: YMPO By-Laws specify most of the “how” Officers are chosen, and “when”.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to elect Councilmember Gary Knight to the position of YMPO Chair; to elect Mayor Pro Tem Cecilia McCollough to the position of YMPO Vice Chair; and then to accept nominations and elect a new YMPO Secretary/Treasurer.

CONTACT PERSON:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-891

Table One - Agencies Represented as YMPO Officers - 2008 to Date

Year	Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary/Treasurer
2008	San Luis	City of Yuma	Yuma County
2009	City of Yuma	Yuma County	City of Somerton
2010	Yuma County	City of Somerton	City of Yuma
2011	City of Somerton	City of Yuma	Yuma County
2012	City of Yuma	Yuma County	Cocopah Indian Tribe
2013	Yuma County	Cocopah Indian Tribe	City of Yuma
2014	Cocopah Indian Tribe	San Luis	City of Yuma
2015	San Luis	City of Yuma	Yuma County
2016	Yuma County	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton
2017	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton	City of Somerton
2018	Town of Wellton	City of Somerton	Cocopah Indian Tribe
2019	Cocopah Indian Tribe	City of Somerton	City of San Luis
2020	City of Somerton	City of San Luis	Yuma County
2021	City of San Luis	Yuma County	City of Yuma
2022	Yuma County	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton
2023	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton	Cocopah Indian Tribe ?

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #11

YMPO Subcommittee Members and Other Representatives for 2023.

DATE: January 16, 2023.

SUBJECT: YMPO Subcommittee Members and Other Representatives for CY 2023.

SUMMARY:

YMPO has three subcommittees, one to oversee the annual Audit process, a second to oversee any changes to YMPO By-Laws, and a third to evaluate the Executive Director.

The Audit Committee is required under YMPO By-Laws, consists of three members of the Executive Board, and is chaired by the elected YMPO Secretary/Treasurer. There are no restrictions on which agencies the members need to come from, and there are no stated term limits for members. The key role for the Audit Committee is to review the Annual Audit (also required under YMPO By-Laws) and report to the Executive Board. As stated, the Secretary/Treasurer is the Chair of the Committee, so only two additional members need to be identified.

The By-Laws Committee is not actually called-out in YMPO By-Laws, but such a Committee has been utilized in the past to review proposed changes to the By-Laws, on an as-needed basis, and report back to the Executive Board with recommendations. Due to the limited need for such a Committee, the composition of the By-Laws Committee is decided on a case-by-case, as needed, basis. Regardless, the Board may decide to wait before deciding on candidates.

The Executive Director Evaluation Committee is also not called out in YMPO By-Laws but is referred to as part of the YMPO Policies and Procedures Manual. In particular, Chapter II - Employment Structure and Compensation; Subchapter A - YMPO Staff; Section ii - Performance Reviews, calls for a subcommittee of three Board Members, from different agencies, one of whom will be the current Chair. This subcommittee meets with the Executive Director, discusses the Director's performance, and presents a report to the full Executive Board on possible action, including a recommendation for a raise, if appropriate.

In addition to the above subcommittees, there are two Statewide Boards/Councils, the Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB) and the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC). YMPO customarily appoints members (and alternates) to attend these, to represent the region. This agenda item is an advance notice that these appointments will most likely occur during the Executive Board meeting on February 23, 2023, in conjunction with the previous agenda item, and no action is anticipated at this meeting. Although subcommittee members are usually nominated and then elected, AZSTB and RTAC representatives are usually appointed by the YMPO Chair, although elections may be held if more than one member volunteers their services.

The Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB): The AZSTB comprises appointed officials from six districts around the State. These officials serve six-year terms, are appointed by the Governor, and are confirmed by the State Senate. The AZSTB holds approximately 12-15 meetings each year throughout the State, including two or three study sessions. District 6 comprises La Paz, Mohave, Yavapai, and Yuma Counties, and the current AZSTB District 6 member is City of Yuma Councilmember Gary Knight

who is serving his last year, as Board Chairman, in 2023. After then, the member from AZSTB District 6 will probably rotate to a representative from either Yavapai or Mohave County.

As indicated, the **official** position for District 6 represents four Counties, so YMPO MAY choose to identify a representative, and an alternate, who have expressed an interest in attending some of the AZSTB meetings to specifically lobby the AZSTB on behalf of the Yuma region's needs, **in addition to** Councilmember Knight.

Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC): In the mid-90s, when the Casa Grande Resolves were being developed and implemented (benefitting mainly the substantially urban Maricopa and Pima Counties) a group of predominantly rural Arizona Counties decided to form a separate group to look after the transportation interests of the rural areas, which covers the majority of the area of the State. That agency is RTAC.

A Legislative Liaison person was appointed, whose main role is to track mainly transportation legislation, at both the Federal and State levels. This position is administered through the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) and is funded by all the rural Councils of Government and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, excluding the Maricopa and Pima Association of Governments (MAG and PAG). Funding is split on a population basis, and YMPO currently pays just over \$21,000, each year, to fund this effort. The current Liaison person is Kevin Adam. YMPO is a full, voting, member of the RTAC and usually appoints an official representative, plus an alternate.

PUBLIC INPUT: No public comments have been made on this subject to date.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: As Councilmember Knight is already a member of the STB (and has attended all of the meetings to date), the appointed STB member and the alternate usually only attend STB meetings during the Rural Transportation Summit and/or if the STB meets in Yuma. Representatives of the RTAC and the STB are usually selected from volunteers.

POLICY: Under the current By-Laws the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer becomes the Chair of the Audit Subcommittee.

ACTION NEEDED:

Action to appoint YMPO representatives to the AZSTB, the RTAC and the three subcommittees.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

RTAC Oversight: During CY 2022, the primary member was Councilmember Gary Knight and Mayor Cecilia McCollough was the alternate.

AZSTB Oversight: For CY 2022, Councilmember Matias Rosales was selected as the YMPO primary representative for attending AZSTB meetings and Mayor Cecilia McCollough was the alternate. Councilmember Knight attended all of them, as the official Arizona State Transportation Board member for District 6.

The Audit Subcommittee: For CY 2022, Secretary/Treasurer Mayor Cecilia McCollough was Chairman and Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi, with Deputy Mayor Karen Watts as members.

By-Laws Subcommittee: During CYs 2021 and 2022, as there were no changes to the By-Laws anticipated, no members of the By-Laws subcommittee were nominated.

Director Evaluation Subcommittee: For CY 2022, this subcommittee had been headed by Chair Porchas, with Councilmember Matias Rosales and previous Councilmember Martha Garcia as members.

CONTACT PERSON: Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #12

Submitting a 2023 RAISE (Planning) Grant for US-95

DATE: January 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Submitting a 2023 RAISE (Planning) Grant for US-95

SUMMARY:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program on December 20, 2022. It has replaced the BUILD grant, which, in turn, replaced the TIGER grant. Currently, the only formally recognized regional priority for discretionary Federal funding in the YMPO region is for widening US-95 (in segments) between Avenue 9E and Aberdeen Road (approximately 16 miles).

YMPO Staff have collaborated with ADOT and indicated that it would be willing to support an application from YMPO as the leading applicant for the RAISE Grant. The planning grant request is to facilitate design funding to make the corridor "shovel-ready" in anticipation of future grant applications for construction funds.

The Executive Director notified the YMPO Board via email on December 22, 2022, of the partnership efforts with ADOT and Wilson & Company to pursue a RAISE (Planning) Grant to update the design portion of the remaining three phases of the US – 95 Regional Priority Project: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road. It was explained that the local funds to pursue such effort were established in the Unified Planning Work Program as a single item for Grant Applications for Transportation Equity on July 28, 2022. In addition, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into consultant contracts for up to \$15,000 for separate contracts as they become available. The cost estimate from the consultant Wilson & Company came back under the authorized amount by the Board; therefore, entered into a contract on January 4, 2023, with prior communication with Chair and Vice-Chair.

YMPO Staff is committed to keeping the momentum for seeking additional funds for the US-95 widening effort after successfully being awarded the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) Grant in partnership with ADOT for 13.2M in September 2022. The award partially helped fund the construction of the next segment, from Rifle Range Road to Wellton Mohawk Canal, for which the groundbreaking is to begin this month. YMPO staff will report on the status of the effort. The application will likely request \$8.5 million for this segment.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There has been no public input on this subject, to date.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The only formally recognized regional priority for discretionary Federal funding in the YMPO region is for widening US-95 (in segments) between Avenue 9E

and Aberdeen Road (approximately 16 miles) and/or whether a prioritization should be expressed.

POLICY: Local funds to pursue such an effort were established in the Unified Planning Work Program as a single item for Grant Applications for Transportation Equity on July 28, 2022.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

At the previous meeting on July 28, 2022, the YMPO Executive Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into contracts as they become available with prior notification to the Board before utilizing funds and going into contract.

CONTACT PERSON:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911.

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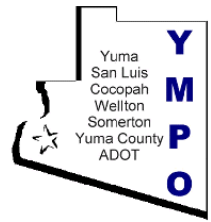
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Local Governments and Citizens Working Together

January 26, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Subject: Cesar Chavez Boulevard: United States Route 95 to State Route 195 Project

We write today to express the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) support for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant application submitted by the City of San Luis, Arizona. The funding request presented by the City of San Luis, the largest border city in Arizona is to reconstruct and modernize Cesar Chavez Boulevard. This project first initiated in 2008 and has advanced to a project that is now deemed highly competitive and eligible for submission as a RAISE application.

The YMPO is the leader for planning and coordinating regional transportation projects in the Yuma metropolitan area, including the City of San Luis. The YMPO has recognized the need for this project in the region's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for more than 15 years, and our members appreciate the project's significance and benefit to our region.

The Cesar Chavez Boulevard widening project is in the FY 2022-2026 Transportation improvement Program and considered a priority that will benefit the City of San Luis and the entire region. Cesar Chavez Boulevard is the only east-west arterial extending the length of the City. Cesar Chavez Boulevard serves not only local traffic, but also state and international traffic. It connects San Luis I Port of Entry to San Luis II Port of Entry, located only five miles apart along the project corridor. Cesar Chavez Boulevard also directly connects to State Route 195, which, in turn, connects to east-west Interstate 8 and to United State Route 95, which has been designated by the Arizona State Transportation Board as the western leg of the Canamex Corridor.

Locally, the existing two-lane roadway has become a safety concern for children as they walk to several schools located adjacent to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. The traffic congestion has become a safety issue for San Luis residents and all who travel in this

corridor. Today, traffic volumes on Cesar Chavez Boulevard approach 17,000 vehicles per day, nearing the capacity of a 2-lane facility.

The roadway must be modernized to improve mobility for all modes and to sustainably accommodate the City's growing population and increasing International border crossings. This project will modernize Cesar Chavez Boulevard from its current 2 lanes to a 4-lane divided roadway. The modernized roadway will include a shared use path, sidewalks, signalized pedestrian crossings, street lighting, bus bays, transit stops and shelters. Safety and mobility will be improved for children walking to school, workers commuting to work, bicyclists and pedestrians moving around the City, as well as freight moving along the corridor.

The City has already made improvements to some of the intersections involved and has worked with the Arizona Department of Transportation to produce a Design Concept Report, an Environmental Clearance and obtained Rights of Way from State and Federal agencies along this corridor. In short, this project advances Arizona's key long-term transportation goals to improve mobility and reliability and to enhance safety.

At their meeting on {Date}, the YMPO Executive Board, the YMPO policy-making body, unanimously approved this Letter of Support for the project stated.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this application by the City of San Luis. The YMPO can provide any additional information you may need to successfully advocate and secure RAISE funding for this extremely beneficial project.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisor,
Yuma County, and YMPO Chairman

Crystal Figueroa,
YMPO Executive Director

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

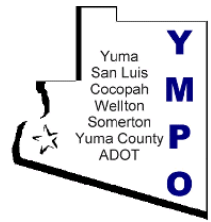
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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Subject: U.S. 95 Highway Improvements

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) is proud to submit this letter supporting the request for a 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant to fund the design and environmental clearance of U.S. Highway 95 improvements, from Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road, a distance of nine miles, in the Yuma, Arizona area. Six miles of critically needed safety improvements have been funded in the last several years, including work underway at this time. To maintain this momentum, we need to make the remaining nine miles shovel-ready as soon as possible.

This busy rural two-lane highway has experienced numerous fatal crashes in recent years, so the long-needed safety improvements cannot be delayed any longer. In addition, U.S. 95 is of critical importance to our community as it directly serves our region's two largest economic generators, our \$2.5 billion agricultural industry and the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (USAYPG), generating more than another \$1.1 billion economic benefit each year.

The USAYPG is our region's largest employer, with 3,500 workers who use U.S. 95 to get to their important work of testing all land-based weapon systems used by the U.S. military. In addition, to its vast economic importance to our region, it plays a vital ongoing role in our nation's defense. In 2022, the U.S. Department of Defense awarded a Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program grant of \$13.3 million to help improve the safety of this U.S. Highway.

In summary, safety and mobility on highway U.S. 95 are essential to Yuma's economy, the nation's defense, and America's food supply. We highly recommend this planning grant application for your approval.

At their meeting on January 26, 2023, the YMPO Board, the YMPO policy-making body, unanimously approved this Letter of Support for the project stated.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this application by YMPO; staff can provide any additional information you may need to successfully advocate and secure RAISE funding for this highly beneficial project.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisor,
Yuma County, and YMPO Chairman

Crystal Figueroa,
YMPO Executive Director

YMPO SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM #14
FY 2023-2026 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6

DATE: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: YMPO FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment 6

SUMMARY:

At the request of the City of Yuma and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) a request to Amend the City of Yuma, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project with 5 City Locations - Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterial Streets Revised.

Anticipated Project Schedule: Original

Preliminary Engineering/ADOT -FY 23		Construction - FY 24	
HSIP	\$136,500	HSIP	\$568,890
Local Match	\$0.00	Local Match	\$0.00
Total	\$136,500	Total	\$568,890

Revised Project Schedule:

Preliminary Engineering/ADOT -FY 23		Construction - FY 25	
HSIP	\$136,500	HSIP	\$568,890
Local Match	\$0.00	Local Match	\$0.00
Total	\$136,500	Total	\$568,890

The changes are as follows: the Name Change updated in both years of design and construction and in Construction the year has been changed from FY 24 to FY 25.

A recommended approval from the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been forwarded to the Executive Board for approval.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda as information, discussion, and/or action. A motion for approval of the YMPO 2022-2026 TIP Amendment 6 to be included in the Arizona State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

CONTACT PERSON:

Charles A. Gutierrez, Senior Planning/Mobility Manager, 928-783-8911

December 16, 2022

Dave Wostenberg, P.E.
City Engineer / Director of Engineering
City of Yuma
155 West 14th Street
Yuma, AZ 85364

Re: **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**
5 City of Yuma locations– Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterial Streets (**Revised**)
ADOT Project No. : TBD
Federal Project No.: TBD
COG/MPO: YMPO
COG/MPO TIP No.: TBD
Southwest District, Yuma County

Dear Mr. Wostenberg:

In accordance with the *Stewardship and Oversight Agreement on Project Assumption and Program Oversight by and between Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division and the Arizona Department of Transportation*, dated April 9, 2015, Attachment A, page A-1, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Transportation Safety Section (TSS) has determined that the City of Yuma's request to utilize HSIP funds for a safety countermeasure (project) to upgrade (widen) pavement markings from 4" to 6" on 5 roadway segments, see enclosed list, encompassing approximately 30.1 miles is eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding.

At the request of the City of Yuma, this revision moves the construction Fiscal Year from FY24 to FY25.

All work will be performed by contract and no ground disturbing activities or utility relocations are anticipated.

ADOT has determined that, in accordance with 23 USC 148(a)(4))(A), this project is consistent with the State's 2014 Strategic Highway Safety Plan. It supports the "Roadway Infrastructure and Operations" emphasis area by implementing the "reduce frequency and severity of lane- and roadway-departure crashes through roadway improvements" strategy.

During a 5-year period ending December 31, 2017, the City of Yuma experienced a total of 6 fatal and 12 suspected incapacitating injury crashes in these 5 roadway segments. With a CRF of 22% for fatal

crashes and suspected incapacitating injury crashes obtained from the FHWA CMF Clearinghouse, the City of Yuma could see a 5-year reduction of 1.32 fatal and 2.64 suspected incapacitating injury crashes. Based on the above CRF, a B/C ratio of 7.0 was calculated.

The funding for this project is established under the ADOT HSIP and is eligible to be funded at 100% HSIP federal funds and 0.0% local match as described in Code of Federal Register 23 CFR Part 924 (*Ref: Highway Safety Improvement Program [HSIP], Arizona Department of Transportation [ADOT], Traffic Engineering Group, Traffic Safety Section, May 2015; 1.1.4 Funding, Federal Share*). The City of Yuma anticipates the total design/construction cost of this countermeasure at **\$ 705,390.00** (Enclosure 1) as shown below.

Anticipated Project Cost:

Preliminary Engineering/ADOT Admin- FY23		Construction-FY24	
HSIP	\$ 136,500.00	HSIP	\$ 568,890.00
Local Match	\$ 0.00	Local Match	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 136,500.00	Total	\$ 568,890.00

Revised project schedule:

Preliminary Engineering/ADOT Admin- FY23		Construction-FY25	
HSIP	\$ 136,500.00	HSIP	\$ 568,890.00
Local Match	\$ 0.00	Local Match	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 136,500.00	Total	\$ 568,890.00

Please note that eligibility does not give you authorization to begin work. ADOT clearances and an executed JPA will need to be completed between ADOT and the City of Yuma. Federal authorization will then be requested once all documents are received by ADOT. Any work performed prior to federal authorization is not eligible for reimbursement.

The following will require a revised HSIP eligibility letter prior to ADOT finance requesting Federal authorization:

1. The project scope of work or the limits of the project change. A request for a new eligibility letter will need to be submitted outlining the changes and justification.
2. Anticipated cost estimate exceeds the above approved HSIP eligibility.

- a) A request for a new eligibility letter will need to be submitted outlining all increased costs, justification, source of additional funds and revised total anticipated cost, if the total anticipated cost exceeds 20% of the above amount.
- b) For anticipated cost increase less than 20% of the above amount, the HSIP Program Manager can be advised of the increased cost, justification and funding source by email. Federal authorization cannot be requested until after the Program Manager has notified FHWA of the approved increase by email.

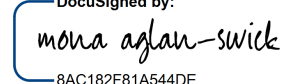
Design and construction estimates submitted and prepared by the City of Yuma verifying the unit prices and quantities are the responsibility of the City and any design or construction costs exceeding the above amounts must come from funding sources other than HSIP.

Per 23 USC 148 (c)(2)(F)(i) City of Yuma is required to establish and maintain a data inventory of before and after crashes for this safety improvement project in order for an analysis and evaluation to be carried out by ADOT.

Please ensure that this project is in the TIP for the correct funding amount, the correct FY and that design and construction are broken out as separate line items (if applicable).

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at 602-712-7374. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Safety Programs Manager
ADOT-Traffic Safety Section

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ADOT, Local Public Agency Section, ATTN: Bret Anderson
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ADOT, Multi-Modal Planning Division, ATTN: Lisa Danka
YMPO, ATTN: Charles Gutierrez
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ADOT, TSMO, Special Projects, ATTN: Adam Carreon, P.E., PTOE

ADOT, TSMO, State Traffic Safety Engineer, ATTN: Kerry Wilcoxon, P.E, PTOE, RSP₁

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fed Aid	Federal \$	HURF	Local \$	Total \$
DOT 23-02	2023	ADOT	I-8: MP 71 to 82	Pavement Rehabilitation		NHPP	\$19,811,400	\$0	\$1,188,600	\$21,000,000
DOT-23-03	2023	ADOT	US 95: MP 44.3 to 54	Pavement Rehabilitation		NHPP	\$7,779,750	\$0	\$470,250	\$8,250,000
YU 23-07D	2023	Yuma	Various Citywide Locations	Construct Ped Hybrid Beacon		HSIP	\$273,000	\$0	\$0	\$273,000
YC 23-06	2023	San Luis	10th Ave at Los Alamos	Flatten Curve		HSIP	\$306,947	\$0	\$18,554	\$325,501
YU 23-08	2023	Yuma	3 Citywide Turn Signal Locations	Install Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals		HSIP	\$162,750	\$0	\$0	\$162,750
YU 23-09	2023	Yuma	5 Citywide Locations	Upgrade Striping to 6 inches wide		HSIP	\$136,500	\$0	\$0	\$136,500
			5 City of Yuma Locations	Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterial Streets						
MPO 23-1	2023	Yuma	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program		STBG	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
YC 23-02D	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 19th and Ave G	Design CL Rumble Strips		HSIP	\$189,000	\$0	\$0	\$189,000
YC 23-05D	2023	Yuma Co.	13 Countywide Roadway Segments	Design Striping Upgrade		HSIP	\$136,500	\$0	\$0	\$136,500
YC 12-09	2023	Yuma Co.	Ave E Extension: Co. 23rd to Co. 16th	Local Funds for ROW Acquisition		Local	\$0	\$0	\$275,000	\$275,000
YC 23-04D	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane		HSIP	\$207,931	\$0	\$12,569	\$220,500
YC 23-04R	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Right of Way - Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane		HSIP	\$0	\$0	\$78,500	\$78,500
YC 23-03D	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th at Ave G	Curve Flattening		HSIP	\$443,682	\$0	\$26,819	\$470,500
YC 23-03R	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th at Ave G	Right of Way - Curve Flattening		HSIP	\$99,015	\$0	\$5,985	\$105,000
YU-23-10D	2023	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Design Roadway		Local	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
YU-23-10C	2023	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Construct Roadway		STBG	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
YU-23-10C	2023	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Construct Roadway		HURFX	-\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$0	-\$100,000
YU-23-11D	2023	Yuma	"A" Canal: 7E and 40th Street	Design Roadway		LOCAL	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
	2023	Totals					\$29,551,475	\$900,000	\$2,476,277	\$32,927,751
SL 23-06	2024	San Luis	10th Ave at Los Alamos	Flatten Curve		HSIP	\$1,313,113	\$0	\$79,372	\$1,392,485
MPO 24-01	2024	YMPO	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program		STBG	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$0	\$5,000
YU 23-08	2024	Yuma	3 Locations Citywide	Install Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals		HSIP	\$330,750	\$0	\$0	\$330,750
YU 23-09	2024	Yuma	5 Citywide Streets	Upgrade Striping to 6" on 5 streets		HSIP	\$568,890	\$0	\$0	\$568,890
YC 23-03C	2024	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th and Ave G	Flatten Curve		HSIP	\$1,256,678	\$0	\$75,960	\$1,332,638
YC 23-04	2024	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane		HSIP - 5.7%	\$965,396	\$0	\$58,354	\$1,023,750
YC 23-04	2024	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane		HSIP-100%	\$393,750	\$0	\$0	\$393,750
YC 24-11D	2024	Yuma Co.	Design Ave 3E Bridge Replacement	Ave 3E "A" Canal		Local	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000
YU-23-11C	2024	Yuma	"A" Canal: 7E and 40th Street	Construction Roadway		STBG	\$1,000,000	\$0		\$1,000,000
YU-23-11C	2024	Yuma	"A" Canal: 7E and 40th Street	Construction Roadway		HURFX	-\$1,000,000	\$900,000		-\$100,000
	2024	Totals					\$4,833,577	\$900,000	\$363,686	\$6,097,263
WE 25-02D	2025	Wellton	Williams St: Oakland Ave to Los Angeles Ave	Design Roadway Reconstruction		LOCAL	\$0	\$0	\$84,916	\$84,916
MPO 25-01	2025	YMPO	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program		STBG	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000

YC 24-11C	2025	Yuma Co.	Replace Ave 3E Bridge over A Canal	Ave 3E "A" Canal		STBG	\$1,250,137	\$0	\$0	\$0
YC 24-11C	2025	Yuma Co.	Replace Ave 3E Bridge over A Canal	Ave 3E "A" Canal		HURFX	-\$1,250,137	\$922,623	\$181,254	\$1,103,877
YC 23-02C	2025	Yuma Co.	Co. 19th and Ave G	Construct CL Rumble Strips		HSIP	\$267,500	\$0	\$0	\$267,500
YC 23-05C	2025	Yuma Co.	13 Countywide Roadway Segments	Construct Striping Upgrade		HSIP	\$1,700,449	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,449
YU 23-07	2025	Yuma	Various Citywide Locations	Construct 5 Ped Hybrid Beacons		HSIP	\$1,742,344	\$0	\$0	\$1,742,344
YU 23-09	2025	Yuma	5 Citywide Locations	Upgrade Striping to 6 inches wide		HSIP	\$568,890	\$0	\$0	\$568,890
			5 City of Yuma Locations	Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterial Streets						
	2025	Totals					\$4,284,183	\$922,623	\$266,170	\$5,472,976
WE 25-02C	2026	Wellton	Williams St: Oakland Ave to Los Angeles Ave	Reconstruct Roadway		STBG	\$561,169	\$0	\$0	\$561,169
WE 25-02C	2026	Wellton	Williams St: Oakland Ave to Los Angeles Ave	Reconstruct Roadway		HURFX	-\$561,169	\$505,052	\$42,948	-\$13,169
MPO 26-01	2026	YMPO	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program		STBG	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
	2026	Totals					\$5,000	\$505,052	\$42,948	\$553,000

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #15

Regional Coordination Plan Update

DATE: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Regional Coordination Plan Update

SUMMARY:

On October 27, 2022, the Executive Board approved the LSC selection and the Notice to Proceed was signed October 31, 2022. As we are in the initial stages of the project, YMPO and LSC have been collaborating with members and providers in assembling data needs for this project. The Regional Coordination Plan will create and set goals for Enhancing the Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. LSC has presented Tech Memo #1 to the TAC and YMPO asked the TAC to provide comments. We are preparing two Public Engagement events on February 1, 2023 at the San Luis Library from 1:00PM to 2:30PM and the Yuma Main Library from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. This will be done in person and Virtually from LSC via Zoom Meeting.

The new proposed timeline is as follows:

- Tech Memo #1 and RMC Stakeholder Workshop on January 9, 2023
- TAC Meeting and Tech Memo #1 presentation January 12, 2023
- Public Engagement at San Luis Library and Yuma Main Library on February 1, 2023
- TAC Recommends approval to the Ex. Bd in April/May 2023
- Completion time is approximately April 2023
- Executive Board Approval
- Submit to ADOT on May 2023

This project will update the Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) as part of the Regional Mobility Management Program. The primary purpose of the RCP is to enhance the Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. YMPO is required to complete an RCP as per the Contract we have with ADOT and as part of the Work Program.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public comments were made for this process.

ACTION NEEDED:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

Charles Gutierrez, Senior Planning Manager, 928-783-8911
Jesus" JR" Aguilar, Mobility Manager, 928-783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #16

AZ Smart Fund and Other Grants

DATE: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: AZ Smart Fund and Other Grants

SUMMARY:

Numerous new federal discretionary grant programs were created with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure BIL), signed by President Biden in November 2021. In addition, the Arizona Legislature established the AZ SMART Fund in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and ADOT in competing for federally discretionary grants. ADOT administers this fund, and the State Transportation Board approves all awards.

All our member agencies are eligible to receive such funds for the following uses associated with developing a project, applying for, or providing a local, non-federal match on a federal grant. It is recommended that applicants develop and/or review cost estimates carefully, as they will be responsible for all costs exceeding the amount awarded by both the AZ SMART fund and the federal agency. Currently, only one applicant is in line for such funds in Arizona. As mentioned in the December Board meeting, YMPO may ask the City of Yuma or Yuma County to support applying for such funds due to the fact that YMPO cannot ask directly.

In addition to the AZ SMART, other federal grant opportunities are provided in the table below. This list was gathered by the consultant Wilson & Company as an easy to comprehend table for Transportation Funding/Grant Programs. The intent is to notify our members of funding opportunities as they become available.

Considering the number of grants available and the limited resources to analyze, it may be beneficial to hire a consultant to evaluate transportation projects in the region and target grant opportunity funding by utilizing the Grant Application for Transportation Equity local funds programmed in the FY 2023 Budget.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public comments were made for this process.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action.

CONTACT PERSON:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911

LIST OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING/GRANT PROGRAMS

this version dated November 30, 2022

Temp ID#	Grant or Program Name (widen column to see full title)	Acronym	Focus	Authorization	Recent NOFO	Due Date	Next NOFO	Min Request	Max Request	\$ this year	Win probability
1	Advanced Transportation & Congestion Mgmt Tech Deploy	ATCM	Intelligent Transp Systems		not yet funded?	TBD	TBD	average 4.5M		45M	10 nationwide
2	Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program	ATII?	bike and ped	BIL 11529	not yet funded?	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	200M	TBD
3a	Bridge Investment Program - planning grants	BIP	National Bridge Inventory	23 USC 124	June 10, 2022	July 25, 2022	June 2023	none	20M	20M	less than 1 per state
3b	Bridge Investment Program - small bridges (under \$100M)	BIP	local bridges eligible	23 USC 124	June 10, 2022	Sep 8, 2022	June 2023	2.5M	80M	2.36B	TBD
3c	Bridge Investment Program - big bridges (over \$100M)	BIP	but less likely to win	23 USC 124	June 10, 2022	Aug 9, 2022	June 2023	50M	50% of cost		TBD
N/A	Carbon Reduction Program = state level, not a federal grant	CRP	carbon reduction	BIL 11403	States will receive \$ and decide how to spend it			10M	TBD	1.2B	65% urban/35% rural
4	Congestion Relief Program	TBD	CMAQ on steroids	BIL 11404	N/A	spring 2023	TBD	TBD	TBD	250M	est. \$5M/state
5	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	CRISI	rail safety, efficiency, and reliability	49 USC 22907	Sep 2, 2022	Dec 1, 2022	Sep 2023	none	none	1.425B	50 projects this year
6	Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (Dept of Defense)	DCIP	only adjacent to military bases	10 USC 2391	May 9, 2022	Jul 18, 2022	May 2023	250K	20M	90M	0.5 per state
7	Enhancing Mobility Innovation - Federal Transit Administration	EMI	transit research	49 USC 5312	Nov 12, 2021	Jan 11, 2022	TBD	250K	1M	4M	9 nationwide
8a	Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - Low or No Emission Buses	none	Low or No Emission Buses	49 USC 5339	Mar 4, 2022	May 31, 2022	Mar 2023	N/A	N/A	1.1B	1 per state
8b	Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - Buses and Bus Facilities	none	Buses and Bus Facilities	49 USC 5339	Mar 4, 2022	May 31, 2022	Mar 2023	N/A	N/A	372M	2 per state
9	Healthy Streets Program - planting trees	TBD	improve envi for minorities/low income	BIL 11406	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	15M	100M	TBD
10a	Local and Regional Project Assistance - RAISE planning	RAISE	SE = sustainability and equity	49 USC 6702	Jan 27, 2022	April 14, 2022	Nov 30/Dec 14	see note at rt	within reason	114M	2 per state
10b	Local and Regional Project Assistance - RAISE construction	RAISE	SE = sustainability and equity	49 USC 6702	Jan 27, 2022	April 14, 2022	Nov 30/Dec 14	N/A	25M	1.4B	2 per state
see below	Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant = single application that includes INFRA, MEGA and RURAL										
11	Multi-state Freight Corridor Program		multi-state	49 USC 70204							
N/A	National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration	Culvert AOP	improve fish movement	49 USC 6703	Oct 12, 2022	Feb 6, 2023	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	National Electric Vehicle Charging and Hydrogen, Propane and Natural Gas Fueling			23 USC 151							
13a	National Infrastructure Project Assistance- small projects	MEGA	National Highway or Freight System	49 USC 6701	Mar 25, 2022	May 23, 2022	May 2023	100M	0.5B	0.5B	up to 5 nationwide
13b	National Infrastructure Project Assistance- - large projects	MEGA	National Highway or Freight System	49 USC 6701	Mar 25, 2022	May 23, 2022	May 2023	0.5B	0.5B	0.5B	1 or 2 in nation
14a	Nationally Significant multimodal freight and highway - large	INFRA	National Highway or Freight System	23 USC 117	Mar 25, 2022	May 23, 2022	May 2023	100M	1.55B	1.55B	0.5 per state
14b	ditto - "small" projects under \$100M	INFRA	National Highway or Freight System	23 USC 117	Mar 25, 2022	May 23, 2022	May 2023	0	100M		
N/A	Prioritization Process Pilot Program	none	For STIPs and MPO TIPs	BIL 11204	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	2M	10M	States, MPOs
N/A	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative Efficient and Cost-saving Transportat	PROTECT	resiliency; NOT a grant program	23 USC 176	States will receive \$ and decide how to spend it			N/A	N/A	1.4B	State DOTs
15a	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program - planning	RCE	railroad crossings	BIL 22305	July 14, 2022	Oct 4, 2022	July 2023	N/A	N/A	18M	est. 0.3 per state
15b	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program - construction	RCE	railroad crossings	BIL 22305	July 14, 2022	Oct 4, 2022	July 2023	N/A	N/A	555M	1 per state
16a	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - planning	RCP	removal of roads and bridges	BIL 11509	Jun 30, 2022	Oct 13, 2002	Oct 2023	100K	2M	50M planning	TBD
16b	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - construction	RCP	removal of roads and bridges	BIL 11509	Jun 30, 2022	Oct 13, 2002	Oct 2023	5M	100M	145 Construction	TBD
17	Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities	TBD	port facilities	23 USC 149	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	400M	zero
N/A	Restoration and Enhancement Program	N/A	intercity passenger rail	49 USC 22908	discontinued after FY 2020		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
18	Rural and Tribal Infrastructure Advancement			BIL 21205							
19	Rural Surface Transportation	RURAL	rural roads and bridges	23 USC 173	Mar 25, 2022	May 23, 2022	May 2023			300M	not much money!
20a	Safe Streets and Roads for All - safety plans	SS4A	prepare a qualifying plan first	BIL 24112	May 24, 2022	Sep 15	May 2023	200K	1M	5M for an MPO	4 per state
20b	Safe Streets and Roads for All - programs, not construction	SS4A	then apply for program	BIL 24112	May 24, 2022	Sep 15	May 2023	probaly same	probably same	probably same	2 per state
20c	Safe Streets and Roads for All - construction	SS4A	or construction	BIL 24112	May 24, 2022	Sep 15	May 2023	5M	30M	nearly 1B	2 per state
21	Stopping Threats on Pedestrians	STOP	pedestrian safety	BIL 11502	not yet funded?	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	50M	TBD
22	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation	SMART	implement high tech eg connected vehs	BIL 25005	Sep 6, 2022	Nov 18, 2022	Sep 2023	N/A	2M	100M	less than 1 per state
23	Transportation Resilience and Adaptation	N/A	USDOT adopted a plan in 2021	23 USC 520	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
24	Tribal Transportation Program Safety	TTPS	upgrade roads to current standards	23 USC 202	Jun 7, 2022	Jan 15, 2023	TBD	N/A	limited funding	24M	tribal only
25	Wildlife Crossings Pilot Project	TBD	wildlife crossings	23 USC 171	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	70M	TBD

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 17

Status of State Legislation on RTAC Priority Project

DATE: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Status of State Legislation on RTAC Priority Project

SUMMARY:

During the August 25, 2022, Executive Board meeting, staff presented a list of regional projects for consideration and recommended approval by the Board to be included in the prioritized projects that the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) was intending to present to the State Legislature with a view to possibly receiving more funds for local projects for rural parts of the State out of the State budget process in early 2023.

Initially, the YMPO region had more than \$400 million worth of projects, and potential project funding would be limited by the RTAC top list of \$300 million. Out of those \$300 million, the projected allocated distribution to the Yuma Region projects was approximately 30 million. Due to these facts, the Board moved to approve that only the first priority project from each YMPO member agency would be included as part of the YMPO region priority list of projects.

As work progressed in this matter, the expectation was settled on the 300M for the overall RTAC effort to the State Legislature and the YMPO region projects presented would be limited to the \$30M funding expectation. The YMPO's allocation for the RTAC Bill was exactly \$39,210,429; therefore, the Board's number one priority project US 95: Imperial Dam Rd to Aberdeen Road for \$33,300,000 was included. Leaving a remaining available total of \$5,910,429. Due to the financial constraints to accommodate the remaining balance, this was narrowed down to one regional project segment of US 95 for pavement rehabilitation in five jurisdictions. The second local project submitted for appropriation is the segment of US 95 from County 22nd Street to County 11th Street, phase I of the total 16 million project.

Currently, the legislative process at the State capitol is in full swing, and Representative Dunn will be sponsoring the bill for the project priority legislation for Greater Arizona. It was reported that he is currently making his rounds among rural legislators seeking their support and if legislators do not support their projects within their districts, he would be taking those projects out of the bill rather than have a legislator oppose the bill.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No specific input has been provided by members of the public on this subject.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Regional Priority List of Projects effort originated as a concept last two years ago and was presented to RTAC for consideration through the State budget process. This year, members of the TAC have reviewed the prior list and updated projects as needed.

POLICY: Currently, the only regional priority that YMPO has formally approved is to widen US-95, between Avenue 9E and Aberdeen Road, from two lanes to four lanes.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment at this stage.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

At their meeting on August 25, 2022, the YMPO Executive Board unanimously approved the number one priority project from each YMPO member agency as part of the YMPO region for submittal to the RTAC Board for possible consideration for funding.

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