

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSTPONED MEETING AGENDA

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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**  
**April 27, 2023 (Postponed from April 13, 2023)**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**In-Person/Virtual**  
**230 West Morrison Street**  
**Yuma, Arizona 85364**

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### **YMPO TAC MEMBERS**

Chair	Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, City of San Luis.
Vice-Chair	Eric Holland, Planning Director, Cocopah Indian Tribe.
Member	Joseph Grant, Public Works Director, Town of Wellton.
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Member	Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton.

### **YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS**

Caltrans	Beth Landrum.
EPA	John Kelly.
FHWA	Romare Truely.
FTA	Arianna Valle.
YCIPTA	Shelly Kreger.

#### **1. Call to Order and Declaration of Votes.**

The meeting will be called to order and the City of Yuma will declare the number of their votes.

#### **2. Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964.**

A brief message will be read out reminding members of our Title VI obligations. YMPO has on the TAC Website Survey Cards for the public to complete. Please send these to Mr. Paul Ward, YMPO Principal Engineer, at [oward@ympo.org](mailto:oward@ympo.org).

**This item is on the agenda for information only and Mr. Jesus Aguilar (JR), YMPO Mobility Manager, will read the YMPO Title VI Statement.**

**3. Call to the Public**

This item is to provide an opportunity for comments by the public. Individuals wishing to address the committee need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the draft minutes of the regular TAC meeting from March 9, 2023, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes of the March 9, 2023, regular TAC meeting.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to approve the minutes of the regular TAC meeting of March 9, 2023.**

**5. Regional Coordination Plan Update.**

The YMPO Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) kicked off as of November 1, 2022. The RCP is nearing completion and the consultant will present a Draft Final version of the Plan for consideration.

**YMPO Staff and representatives from LSC Consulting will present this item, which is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to comment on, and possibly recommend acceptance of, the RCP Update, Final Report. Additional background is included as part of an Information Summary that is being sent to members with this agenda packet as Item 5.**

**6. Call for Projects.**

YMPO TAC members have submitted projects for consideration of, and possible inclusion in, the FY 2024-28 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Members will have the opportunity to discuss projects in their areas.

**Mr. Ward will present this item, which is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to recommend approval of the FY 2024-28 YMPO TIP. Additional information is included as part of a Summary that is being sent to members with this agenda packet as Item 6.**

**7. Carbon Reduction Program**

The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is a new program that was included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the result is that approximately \$300,000 will be made available to the YMPO region for allocating to CRP eligible projects

per year for years 2022 through 2026. YMPO staff will present information and program details that ADOT has recently released regarding CRP implementation.

**YMPO staff will present this item, which is on the agenda for information, presentation and discussion only, at this stage.**

**8. FY 2024-2026 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

The draft version of the above UPWP for the next two fiscal years is available, on the YMPO website, for review and comment. YMPO staff will provide a brief presentation regarding the UPWP and some of the studies included.

**Mr. Ward will present this item, which is on the agenda for information, presentation and possible discussion only, at this stage.**

**9. YMPO and ADOT**

YMPO and ADOT staff will have the opportunity to update any other business that was not fully covered in previous agenda items.

- a. YMPO.
- b. Safety Plan.
- c. LRTP.
- d. Safe Streets for All (FHWA).
- e. UPWP.
- f. ADOT MPD Update.

**Mr. Ward and Mark Hoffman (ADOT) will present this item. This item is on the agenda for information and possible discussion.**

**10. In-Kind Match Forms**

This item is on the agenda as a reminder that all YMPO business that any member or staff that does work for YMPO in any form (i.e., read, comment, meetings), YMPO is able to capture portions, or all, of your time as 'soft' match for those YMPO programs.

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**11. TAC Status Report**

Member agencies will have the opportunity to report the status of their projects (Local or Federal). A list of ongoing projects is shown in the information below.

**Town of Wellton:** No projects listed.

**Yuma County:**

Avenue D/E Corridor: 16th Street to 23rd Street;

Martinez Lake and Red Cloud Mine Roads;  
North Frontage Road: Avenue 10E to Fortuna Road.

**City of San Luis:**

Cesar Chavez (Juan Sanchez) Boulevard Improvements;  
County 24th Street.

**City of Yuma:**

32nd Street: Avenue B to Avenue D;  
Avenue B: 24th Street to 16th Street; Reconstruction;  
18th Street at Avenue C; Improvements;  
28th Street: 33rd Drive to 45th Drive; Roadway widening.

**City of Somerton:** No projects listed.

**ADOT:**

I-8: Sentinel Rest Area Project;  
I-8: MP 0.1 to MP 31; Various Bridges;  
I-8: Colorado River Bridge; Repair Project;  
I-8: Wellton to Avenue 36E; Pavement Life Extension Project;  
I-8: MP 71 (West of Aztec Road) to MP 82 (East of Aztec Road);  
US 95: Avenue 9E to Rifle Range Road; Roadway widening;  
US 95 at the Wellton-Mohawk Canal; Bridge Project;  
US 95: MP 67 to MP 80; Pavement Life Extension Project.

**Cocopah Indian Tribe:** No projects listed.

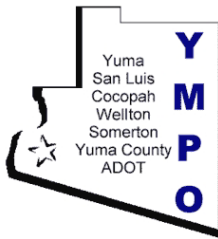
12. **Future Agenda Items**

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future items for the TAC agenda.

- a. TIP Amendment.
- b. Grant Awards.

13. **Adjournment**

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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

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Member	Mark Hoffman, Senior Planner, ADOT.
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Member	Kelly Fricke, Interim Public Works Director, Yuma County.
Member	Joseph Grant, Public Works Director, Town of Wellton.
Member	Dave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma.
*Member	Alan Quintero, Senior Civil Engineer, Yuma County (Proxy).

### YMPO TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairman	Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, City of San Luis.
Member	Frank Sanchez, County Engineer, Yuma County.

### YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS

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### ADDITIONAL PRESENT

Antonio Martinez, MCAS Yuma.  
Isabell Garcia, ADOT.  
Justine Marmesh, LSC Transportation.

### YMPO STAFF PRESENT

Senior Planning Manager	Charles Gutierrez
Administrative Assistant	Norma Chavez
Mobility Manager	Jesus R Aguilar Jr

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of Votes**

Eric Holland, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. The City of Yuma declared votes as Dave Wostenberg 2, Susan Cowey 2, Jennifer Albers 1. Alan Quintero, Yuma County as alternate for Frank Sanchez and declared 1 vote.

2. **Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964**

A brief Title VI Nondiscrimination Notice to the Public was ready by YMPO Mobility Manager Jesus R. Aguilar Jr.

3. **Call to the Public**

Gene Dalbey, Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition Chair, expressed concern that bicycling was not considered relative to the Regional Coordination Plan (RCP). YMPO Senior Planning Manager Charles Gutierrez explained that the RCP identifies the needs of individuals with disabilities and the elderly. He welcomed Mr. Dalbey to stay after the meeting is adjourned to further discuss his concerns.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

The February 9, 2023, minutes were approved. Dave Wostenberg, City of Yuma, motioned for approval. Saul Albor, City of Somerton, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. **Regional Coordination Plan Update**

Mr. Aguilar Jr. introduced Justine Marmesh, LSC Transportation Senior Transportation Manager, and she presented Tech Memo # 2. Ms. Marmesh explained that the RCP is specifically to procure Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for transit programs that provide services to senior citizens and disabled individuals. Tech Memo 1 and 2 have been completed, which includes:

- Demographics Overview
- Previous Plans Summary
- Provider Inventory and Questionnaire
- Public and Stakeholder Outreach Summary
- Transportation Needs and Gaps Overview

Based on the public workshops held in February, it was determined that there are major transportation needs, such as transportation being limited for people who either don't meet or don't know that they meet the eligibility requirements for services, lack of transportation services for non-medical appointments, the public is not aware of the services available, and students not having many options in getting to and from school in rural areas. Additionally, Ms. Marmesh introduced the gaps in service that are typically identified under three categories:

- Geographic gaps - Those areas which do not have service available, either for residents or to reach key destinations.
- Temporal gaps - Days and times when service is not available.
- Eligibility gaps - When individuals are not eligible for transportation services because they do not meet the criteria of the agencies providing transportation.

The identified gaps in service in the greater Yuma region are the following:

- There are very few transportation services within the City of Somerton.
- There is a lack of regional services with connections to Phoenix or Tucson
- The absence of two transportation service providers (NAZCARE and SAAVI).
- Often residents do not know the various transit programs within the region that may provide multiple options for their transit needs.

Based on previous workshops, public input, and plan findings, the following has been ordered by recommended priority:

1. Maintain Existing Transportation Services
2. Increase Public Awareness of Available Transportation Resources
3. Enhance or Expand Transportation Services
4. Increase Cooperation and Coordination Among Transportation Providers

Ms. Marmesh asked the TAC if they agreed with the prioritization. Why or why not?

Jennifer Albers, City of Yuma, asked whether goal #2 is intended to be targeted only to specialized users of the system or a general public relations effort to the community as a whole? Ms. Marmesh replied both, because you could reach a general public member that knows someone who may be living with a disability and can benefit from the services available to them.

Mark Hoffman, ADOT, suggested that increasing public awareness be the #1 priority and maintaining the existing transportation be moved to #2.

Mr. Holland recommended that increasing cooperation and coordination among the already existing transportation providers would increase public awareness; therefore, #4 should be moved up to #2 on the list.

Ms. Marmesh continued by presenting the FTA Section 5310 Grant Requests for the YMPO Region, which included new vehicles, operating funds, and maintenance funds. A list of recommended goals for the RCP was presented along with existing strategies to successfully execute the goals. The existing strategies carried over to the plan are:

- Ensure all vehicles used for the elderly or disabled are fully ADA compliant.
- Expand marketing efforts to inform general public and potential users of available transportation resources and services within the region.
- Expand SARA Rides and increase coordination with transit providers in nearby regions.
- Involve more groups in the YMPO Regional Mobility Committee.
- Work to address unmet transit needs within Yuma County, as well as identify individuals and groups with unmet needs.



Ms. Albers asked if funding will be prioritized for those that are requesting vehicles that are ADA compliant since some grant requests presented included vehicles without wheelchair accessible ramps.

Mr. Gutierrez said that providers call their servicing members prior, to accommodate them and their needs with regard to their form of transportation.

Ms. Marmesh said the strategy states all vehicles must be fully ADA compliant. New recommended strategies were then presented, and the TAC was asked whether the new strategies should be moved higher in the priority list. The new strategies are:

- Expand to serve additional areas and populations in Yuma County.
- Provide limited services to Phoenix.
- Explore possible coordination in providing non-medical transportation services.

Ms. Albers said that the Greyhound bus provides transportation to Phoenix and perhaps coordinating with them so the service providers could use that service.

Mr. Holland said Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) is currently struggling to maintain services and coordinating with Greyhound would be a good idea.

Ms. Marmesh concluded her presentation by sharing the ongoing project timeline:

- Early April - Regional Mobility Committee (RMC) to review and recommend the final RCP draft.
- April 13 - TAC Meeting to review and recommend approval to the Executive Board for the final RCP draft.
- Late April - Executive Board approval of the 2023 YMPO RCP.

## **6. Call for Projects**

Mr. Gutierrez informed the TAC that, although the YMPO TAC members may present their proposed projects for consideration inclusion in the FY 2024-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Area, the programming of projects will be tabled until next month's TAC meeting in April.

Mr. Gutierrez began by informing the TAC that YMPO staff confirmed with ADOT Finance that YMPO can successfully move the City of Yuma's STBG/HURFX project scheduled for Construction as YU-23-01C: 40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 3 3/4 E Construct Roadway from FY 23 - STBG \$1,000,000 to FY 25 and it will remain a HURFX project. Mr. Wostenberg briefly explained that the project is for intersection improvements for 7E and 40th Street.

Public Works Director Joseph Grant, Town of Wellton, began by requesting replacement of their current project on the 2022-2026 TIP, which was the widening of the intersection of Los Angeles Avenue and William Street. The Town of Wellton would like to instead reconstruct William St starting from the edge of the improved

pavement at Sunset Avenue going south to the edge of ADOT's pavement on the north side of the I-8 overpass. The total cost adjusted for inflation is \$921,000. The Town's Engineer estimated the design portion at approximately 20% of the total, making that amount \$184,200. The Town of Wellton would like to do the engineering phase in 2026. There was \$561,169 originally allocated for the project. The Town would like to use some of those funds for the design portion, leaving \$376,969 which they requested to be applied to the construction phase in 2027. This would leave a balance on the construction portion of \$359,831 hopefully to be funded by the TAC in 2027.

Mr. Holland presented Cocopah Indian Tribe's project as the intersection light at the intersection of Cocopah Casino and Korner Street. Mr. Holland explained that Cocopah relies on Yuma County personnel to assist with infrastructure and maintenance purposes. Based on Yuma County's assessment, the mechanics for the traffic signal require replacement immediately as the traffic light may fail at any time. The total cost for this project is approximately \$90,000.

Alan Quintero, Yuma County, presented the Somerton Canal at County 10 1/4 Street Bridge Replacement Project. Due to its age and the significant increase in traffic volume, Yuma County Public Works has been performing maintenance on this bridge at least once a year with additional maintenance required. Each time maintenance is needed to be performed, it involves closing the road and detouring traffic for 3-5 days. The guardrails on the bridge are not up to standards. The objective is to replace the aging bridge structure by widening the bridge to a total width of 90'.

Mr. Albor presented the City of Somerton's Main Street Improvements project. The project construction consists of removing and replacing the existing pavement, placing new asphalt pavement, curb, gutter, and sidewalk at various locations, placing sidewalk ramps, pavement markings, and installing a bus bay.

## **7. YMPO FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment #7**

The request from the City of Yuma, San Luis, and Somerton with Yuma County and YMPO/ADOT to program HSIP and amend STBG projects.

Mr. Gutierrez presented in order by year the Modifications, changes, and requests for the FY 2022-2026 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7.

See Table for Changes by Year:

### **FY 2024**

- SL-23-06 - City of San Luis - Change YC to SL - No \$ Change;
- YC-23-04D - Yuma County HSIP 94.3% Match - Add Project;
- YC-23-04D - Yuma County - Local - Add Project;
- YC 23-03D - Yuma County - HSIP 94.3% Match - Add Project;
- YC-23-03R - Yuma County - HSIP 94.3% Match - Add Project;
- YU-23-10C - City of Yuma - Replace TO FY 25 - Change to FY 25;
- 103588 - ADOT - AZ Leg Appropriations - Add Project;

- 103691 - ADOT - AZ Leg Appropriations - Add Project FY 2024
- SL-23-06 - City of San Luis HSIP 100% No Match Add Project
- SL-23-06 - City of San Luis HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project
- SL-24-01D - City of San Luis HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project
- SOM-24-01D - City of Somerton HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project
- YU-24-01D - City of Yuma HSIP 100% No Match Add Project
- YC-23-03C - Yuma County HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project
- YC-24-01D - Yuma County HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project
- YC-24-02D - Yuma County HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project
- YC-24-03D - Yuma County HSIP 100% No Match Add Project
- YC-24-04D - Yuma County HSIP 100% No Match Add Project
- YC-24-05D - Yuma County HSIP 100% No Match Add Project

#### FY 2025

- YU-24-01C - City of Yuma HSIP 100% No Match Add Project
- YU-23-10C - City of Yuma HURFX - Project Changed Years Add Project
- YC-24-05C - Yuma County HSIP 100% No Match Add Project
- YC-23-03C - Yuma County HSIP 94.3 % Match Add Project

#### FY 2026

- SL-24-01C - City of San Luis HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project
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- YC-24-04C - Yuma County HSIP 94.3% Match Add Project

Chair Holland requested for a motion for the YMPO 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #7. Dave Wostenberg, City of Yuma, Motioned to recommend approval of the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #7, Alan Quintero, Yuma County Seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved, No nays, or abstain.

#### 8. **YMPO and ADOT**

YMPO and ADOT staff will have the opportunity to update any other business that is or was not covered in the previous agenda items.

- a. YMPO - Mr. Gutierrez informed the TAC of upcoming efforts, such as a Safety Study, Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Complete Streets Study. In addition, Mr. Gutierrez stated that since finishing the Short-Range Transit Plan for YCIPTA, there was funding left over of approximately \$5,000. YCIPTA was presented with this money and they have decided that the available funds will be used to revamp their riders guide. On February 24, 2023, YMPO submitted the RAISE Grant Application in collaboration with ADOT.

- b. ADOT MPD Update - Mr. Hoffman stated that the State is currently updating the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and will hold a virtual meeting on March 9, 2023, from 6pm to 7:30pm. The meetings cover the visions goals, needs and project revenues as part of developing the plan. ADOT has already completed three (3) in-person public meetings in Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff. Mr. Hoffman reminded the TAC that Arizona's LRTP is a policy document that does not identify specific projects but identifies funding levels in the investment categories of preservation, modernization, and expansion. ADOT is expected to have the LRTP Draft Plan done in May. The plan is anticipated to be approved by the State Transportation Board and adopted in August.
- c. Mr. Gutierrez reminded the TAC that YMPO will be hosting the 24th Arizona Rural Transportation Summit in October 18-19, 2023.

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**Yuma County:** Mr. Quintero reported:

Avenue D/E Corridor through 16th Street to 23rd Street - Yuma County submitted a RAISE application for funding of the project.

Martinez Lake and Red Cloud Mine Road - Completed - But leave on project list.

North Frontage Road from Avenue 10E to Fortuna Road - Project is out to bid and bid opening is March 23, 2023.

**City of San Luis:** San Luis did not have representation in this meeting.

Cesar Chavez (Juan Sanchez) Boulevard  
County 24th Street

**City of Yuma:** Mr. Wostenberg reported:

32nd Street Ave B to Ave D - This project will be going to the council for reconstruction. Going into construction in May.

Avenue B - Reconstruction 24th Street to 16th Street - Anticipated in late of FY23 or early next FY.

18th St & Ave C - 90% plans completed.

28th Street Widening between 33rd Drive to 45th Drive - 100% plans and sending revised application to the Bureau of Reclamation.

Ave 3 1/2 D - Starting reconstruction in mid-May.

**City of Somerton:** Mr. Albor reported:  
Avenue F 1/4 ?

**ADOT:** Isabell Garcia reported:

I-8 Sentinel Rest Area Project - Project is 98% complete. The contractor is working on installing electrical panels and then the ADEQ process will begin. Looking to open the rest area by May 2023.

I-8 Colorado River Bridge Repair Project - First working day was in mid-February and will continue until September of 2023.

I-8 W. of Aztec to E. of Aztec MP 71-82 - Project was awarded to FNF Construction Inc. Partnering meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023.

US 95, Rifle Range Rd - Wellton - Mohawk Canal Bridge Project - Contractor is working to procure the 96-inch pipe for the siphon. Project is 5% complete.

US 95 MP 67-80 Pavement Life Extension Project - Project is 75% complete. Contractor is currently placing final striping and should have this complete by Friday, March 10, 2023.

**Cocopah Indian Tribe:** Mr. Holland had nothing to report at this time.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future items for the TAC agenda.

- a. TIP Amendment - Mr. Gutierrez requested that he is made aware of any need for a TIP Amendment
- b. Grant Awards - Mr. Gutierrez requested that he is made aware of any grant awards.
- c. Mr. Gutierrez reminded the TAC that YMPO will not program Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) programs into the TIP without an eligibility letter from ADOT.

**12. Progress Reports**

Mr. Gutierrez stated that the Progress Reports were as presented.

**13. Adjournment**

TAC Vice Chair Mr. Holland adjourned the TAC meeting.

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# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 5**

## **Regional Coordination Plan Update**

**DATE:** April 19, 2023.

**SUBJECT:** Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) Update.

### **SUMMARY:**

Technical Memorandums 1- Existing Conditions, 2- Transportation Needs and Gaps, and 3- Goals & Strategies, have been presented to the Regional Mobility Committee (RMC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Executive Board (EB) for review and comment. Justine Marmesh, from the selected consultant, LSC Transportation Consultants (LSC), has been entering all necessary comments and recommendations to present the final draft of the 2023 YMPO Regional Coordination Plan (RCP). This final draft has been sent electronically to RMC and TAC members for review and comment. Comments were requested to be turned in by April 18, 2023.

The final draft document presents information about existing conditions in Yuma County, including a demographic analysis, a review of existing planning documents, and an inventory of existing transportation service. It also includes a summary of community and stakeholder outreach and input. An assessment of potential transportation service needs and gaps as well as duplicative services will also be provided. Finally, the plan supplies an analysis of potential coordination strategies and preliminary recommendations for consideration. The final document will culminate in the 2023 YMPO RCP.

YMPO has rescheduled the distribution date of the final draft to meet the needs of the rescheduled TAC meeting. This was done to make sure that we could keep this project on time for completion.

The proposed revised timeline is as follows:

<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
RMC recommended approval to TAC	April 6, 2023
TAC review and comments of Final Draft	April 12, 2023
TAC returned comments to YMPO	April 18, 2023
TAC recommends acceptance to Executive Board	April 27, 2023
Executive Board Acceptance	April 27, 2023

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No comments have been received by YMPO from members of the public, to date.

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is for information, presentation and possible action to recommend to the Executive Board acceptance of the 2023 YMPO Regional Coordination Plan.

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Jesus "JR" Aguilar, YMPO Mobility Manager, 928-783-8911.

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 6**

## **Call for Projects for the FY 2024-28**

### **Transportation Improvement Program**

**DATE:** April 19, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Call for Projects for the FY 2024-28 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**SUMMARY:**

YMPO utilizes a two-year cycle for developing the region's TIP and has chosen a five-year time frame. This schedule minimizes the number of amendments that are needed, and gives member agencies the ability to appropriately plan the next 4-5 years of the YMPO Federally Funded program.

Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Subsection 450.326 contains guidance on the development and content of the metropolitan TIP. Briefly, the TIP needs to contain all projects, within the region, proposed for funding with federal transportation funds and all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA, whether or not the project will be funded with federal funds. The definition of regional significance is the important criteria in this case, but, as the region is currently in nonattainment for air quality for two pollutants, it effectively means that anything that would affect air quality regarding those two pollutants. This is why an air quality conformity analysis may be required on the TIP and/or any amendments.

There are additional requirements regarding public involvement, fiscal constraint, conformance with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and making progress towards the approved 'performance targets'. Finally, the TIP must be approved by the YMPO Executive Board, and the Governor.

The YMPO region, each year, generally receives about \$1 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds and about \$300 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds specifically for programming on projects in the region. CRP funds are being addressed under a separate agenda item. In addition, the region has been extremely successful in competing for Highways Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and moderately successful in receiving Off-System Bridge (OSB) funds.

Many members are aware regarding how the funds available can be used, but the current UPWP contains funding to develop a set of guidelines for how to develop a YMPO Federally Funded Program. These guidelines will contain guidance to members regarding the types and amounts of funds available to members and what projects match them best.

During this agenda item members will have the opportunity to showcase their projects and next month the TAC will be asked to recommend a tentative list of projects for the funds available.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

**ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is on the agenda for information, presentation and discussion only, at this stage.

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