



YMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

February 13, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person/Virtual

230 West Morrison Street

Yuma, Arizona 85364

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Chairman	Charles Gutierrez, Public Works Director, City of Somerton
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Member	Frank Sanchez, County Engineer, Yuma County
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Member	Erika Peterson, Senior Planner, City of Yuma
Member	Kelly Fricke, Public Works Director, Yuma County
Member	Jennifer Hobert, Regional Planner, ADOT
Member	Arturo Durazo, Tribal Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Adolfo Ponce, Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Wellton

YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS

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

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Votes

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

2. Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964

A brief message will be read, reminding members of our Title VI obligations. YMPO has survey cards on the TAC Website, for the public to complete. Please send these to JR Aguilar, YMPO Mobility Manager, at jraguilar@ympo.org.

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

3. Call to the Public

This item provides an opportunity for the public to comment on items that are NOT on the agenda. Individuals who wish to address the committee need not request permission in advance, but each presentation is limited to three (3) minutes.

4. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the draft minutes from the January 9, 2025, TAC meeting will accompany this agenda.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to review, change and/or approve the minutes.

5. ADOT Functional Classification and Ownership Change Presentation

A presentation by ADOT, Lucas Murray, will provide information on tools that allow member agencies to submit functional classification change requests and ownership change notifications to ADOT.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Lucas Murray will present this item.

6. Complete Streets Concept Study (CSCS)

Consultant Kimley-Horn will provide a progress update on the complete streets planning process and the inventory of roadway types in the region.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Chris Joannes will present this item.

7. FY 2026-2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Kittelson & Associates, Senior Principal Planner, Vamshi Yellisetty, will provide an update on the overall project progress, phase 2 public outreach, and preliminary list of key projects being evaluated, and a timeline for near-term key milestones.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Mr. Yellisetty will present this item.

8. Arizona Sun Cloud Data Portal Statewide Implementation

Brian Rubin, MAG Transportation Planner, will provide information on the additional federal AID Grant awarded to MAG and ADOT to support the expansion of the Arizona Sun Cloud Data Portal statewide. YMPO will receive access to all the data collected, and YMPO can become a contributor or technical partner.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend to the Executive Board to become a contributor or technical partner. Jeff Heinrichs, YMPO IT Manager/Associate Planner, will introduce Brian Rubin.

9. Roads of Regional Significance Study RFP Update

On January 21, 2025, YMPO released the request for proposal (RFP) to develop a Roads of Regional Significance Study (RORS) in the YMPO region. Consultants have until 3:00 PM on Monday, February 24, 2025, to submit their proposals. During the March TAC meeting, TAC members will recommend a preferred consultant for this study.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner will present this item and further details are provided in Information Summary 9.

10. AZ SMART Program Overview

The AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in competing for federal discretionary surface transportation grants. Only those applicants pursuing a federal discretionary grant may apply for AZ SMART funding.

In 2024, the Legislature significantly amended the AZ SMART program. Applications are continuously accepted based on the availability of funding.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Mr. Villegas will present this item and further details are provided in Information Summary 10.

11. Proposal for the Gary Knight Memorial Highway- Status

On December 30, 2024, a proposal was submitted to the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names to name U.S. 95 from milepost 31 to 48 the Gary Knight Memorial Highway, including Resolution 156 by the Executive Board supporting the effort. Naming a feature is a collaborative and multi-stage process.

Community stakeholders will have the opportunity to support and provide feedback for the State Transportation Board (STB) consideration at the April 22nd meeting.

This item is on the agenda for information, and discussion only. Mr. Heinrichs will present this item and further information is contained in an Information Summary that is attached to this agenda packet as Item 11.

12. FY 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #19

The FY 2022-26 YMPO TIP was initially approved on July 29, 2021, and has since been amended eighteen times, most recently on December 3, 2024, through an administrative amendment.

Amendment #19 will include a planning document that has received federal funding. YMPO was awarded \$400,000 in federal funding to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and YMPO is responsible for \$100,000 in local

match. Currently, YMPO is working with FHWA on the grant agreement. Approval of this amendment will include this project as part of the TIP in FY 2026 and allow YMPO to apply for the AZ SMART Fund reimbursement for the non-federal match.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend the FY 2022-2026 YMPO TIP Amendment #19 for approval by the Executive Board. Mr. Villegas will present this item; further information is available in an information summary as Item 12.

13. YMPO and ADOT

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

- a. YMPO
- b. ADOT MPD Update

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Mr. Villegas will present this item.

14. 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, attend meetings either in-person OR by teleconference), YMPO is able to capture portions, or all, of your time as 'soft' match for those YMPO programs.

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

15. TAC Status Reports

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.

Yuma County:

Avenue D/E Corridor: 16th Street to 23rd Street
Pathway-Avenue B to Avenue C/West Main Canal
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US-95; County 22nd Street to County 17th Street; Mill and Fill

City of San Luis:

Cesar Chavez Boulevard US95 to SR195
10th Avenue Los Alamos St. Curve Realignment
US95-County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd Raised Medians

City of Yuma:

40th Street: Avenue 6E to Fortuna Road
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Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterials (5 locations)
Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center
Traffic Operations Center

Town of Wellton:

No projects

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

No Projects

City of Somerton:

County 15th and Avenue D, Crest Curve Correction

ADOT:

US-95: Rifle Range Road to Wellton-Mohawk Canal; Roadway/Bridge Widening
US-95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road
US-95: Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road

16. Future Agenda Items

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

a. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Update

17. Progress Reports

YMPO staff has provided a list of recent activities:

- Jan 8 – YMPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (CF, FV)
- Jan 9 – Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, PW, FV, JR, LL, NC)
- Jan 9 – Yuma TMP Bi-Weekly Check-in (FV)
- Jan 13 – Legislative Coordination Meeting: Yuma County & YMPO – US 96 (CF)

- Jan 13 – ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, PW, FV, JH)
- Jan 14 – YMPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (CF, FV, JH)
- Jan 14 – RORS RFP Meeting (CF, FV)
- Jan 15 – TIP Training (PW, FV)
- Jan 16 – YMPO/ADOT/RTAC Transportation Projects in Yuma Region with Senator Tim Dunn (CF, FV)
- Jan 16 – RORS Study Debrief – Wilson and Company (CF, PW, FV, JF)
- Jan 21 – YMPO/Wilson and Company Lunch (CF, PW, FV, JF)
- Jan 21 – Yuma PM10 Update Meeting (FV)
- Jan 21 – YMPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (FV, JH)
- Jan 23 – TIP Training (PW, FV)
- Jan 23 – YMPO/ADOT/RTAC Transportation Projects in Yuma Region with Senator Brian Fernandez (CF, FV)
- Jan 23 – Yuma TMP Bi-Weekly Check-in (FV, JH)
- Jan 27 – RTAC Board Meeting and Legislator Lunch (CF)
- Jan 28 – Rural Transportation Summit Session (CF)
- Jan 28 – YMPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (FV, JH)
- Feb 3 – Staff Meeting (CF, FV, JH, JR, LL)
- Feb 3 – YMPO CSCS – Monthly Check-In (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 3 – Arizona Sun Data Portal – Statewide Implementation (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 4 – ADOT One-on-one Consultation (CF, FV)
- Feb 4 – YMPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 6 – YMPO LRTP - One-on-one meeting with Somerton to review preliminary projects list/ideas (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 6 – YMPO LRTP - One-on-one meeting with Cocopah Indian Tribe to review preliminary projects list/ideas (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 6 – Yuma TMP Bi-Weekly Check-in (FV, JH)
- Feb 10 – ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 10 – YMPO LRTP - One-on-one meeting with Yuma County to review preliminary projects list/ideas (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 11 – YMPO LRTP - One-on-one meeting with ADOT to review preliminary projects list/ideas (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 12 – YMPO LRTP - One-on-one meeting with the City of San Luis to review preliminary projects list/ideas (CF, FV, JH)
- Feb 13 – Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, FV, JR, LL)

18. Adjournment.

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Member	Kelly Fricke, Public Works Director, Yuma County ^
Member	Jennifer Hobert, Regional Planner, ADOT ~
Member	Arturo Durazo, Tribal Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe ^

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated via teleconference.

YMPO TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Member	Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma
Member	Greg Ellingson, Public Works Director, Town of Wellton

ADDITIONAL PRESENT

ADOT, Southwest District	Jon Fell ~
	Buna George ~

YMPO STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director	Crystal Figueroa
YMPO Principal Engineer/Consultant	Paul Ward
Senior Transportation Planner	Fernando Villegas
Mobility Manager	JR Aguilar
Accountant II/ Executive Assistant	Lourdes Lopez
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant	Nancy Curotto

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

Chairman Frank Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The City of Yuma declared votes: Dave Wostenberg (3), Erika Peterson (2).

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

YMPO Title VI Coordinator/Mobility Manager JR Aguilar read the YMPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Notice to the Public. YMPO has survey cards on the TAC website, for the public to complete. Please send these to JR Aguilar, YMPO Mobility Manager, at jraguilar@ympo.org.

3. **Call to the Public**

There were no announcements from the public or TAC members.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the December 12, 2024, TAC minutes. Dave Wostenberg, City of Yuma, City Engineer, moved to approve the December 12, 2024, minutes, with one correction. Mr. Wostenberg's last name was misspelled in the last line in Item #7. Charles Gutierrez, Public Works Director, City of Somerton, seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

5. **Election of Officers**

YMPO Senior Transportation Planner, Fernando Villegas, informed members regarding the process of electing the officer structure for the year according to YMPO Bylaws. Mr. Villegas also informed members that the Executive Board meeting is coming up, and there will also be an election of officers. Mr. Villegas presented a possible rotation table, which was included in the information summary. According to YMPO Bylaws, TAC members shall serve on a rotation basis, whereby when the Chair's Position is vacated, the Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair, and the TAC must elect another TAC member to serve as Chair Vice. The TAC's Chair and Vice Chair shall be from jurisdictions other than those same officer's jurisdictions on the YMPO Executive Board.

Mr. Villegas presented the rotation table, showing that the next rotation for Vice-Chair would be from the Town of Wellton or the City of Yuma. The Town of Wellton, at the time of the meeting, needed to appoint a new member, leaving the City of Yuma members as the only other option for Vice-Chair.

YMPO consultant Paul Ward stated that the Committee could elect a Vice-Chair pending the appointment of a new member from the Town of Wellton. Executive Director Crystal Figueroa stated that any member from the Town of Wellton would be new to the TAC, and it may take time for the Town of Wellton to appoint a new representative.

Charles Gutierrez, Public Works Director, City of Somerton, made a motion to approve Charles Gutierrez as Chair and nominate Dave Wostenberg from the City of Yuma as Vice-Chair contingent upon the Town of Wellton either

accepting the vice chairman position or releasing it to Dave Wostenberg. Kelly Fricke seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried.

At this time, the Chairperson's responsibility has been transferred from Mr. Sanchez to Mr. Gutierrez.

6. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Update

Mr. Villegas, presented information regarding the TA Program. The TA Program set-aside provides funding for projects helping member agencies build various smaller-scale alternative transportation projects to achieve safer, connected, and equitable on-road networks for all users. The latest update indicates a call for projects will likely occur in January 2025.

Mr. Villegas suggested getting applications ready since they needed to be submitted through YMPO. Mr. Sanchez asked whether Jeff (Heinrichs) would be the point of contact for the application. Mr. Villegas stated Jeff would be the point of contact. Mr. Wostenberg asked if the applications were due to YMPO before January 21st. Mr. Villegas stated the call for projects was going out on January 21, 2025, and the application deadline had not yet been set.

Mr. Wostenberg gave an overview of the application process the City of Yuma went through for the TA program. Steve Wilson, at the City of Yuma, would be a good resource for additional information regarding the application process.

This item was on the agenda for information and comments only.

7. Revised 2025 Pavement Target

Mr. Villegas presented information regarding the ADOT performance targets. In 2022, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) established performance targets for the 2022-2025 performance period as required by the federal legislation Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (MAP-21).

ADOT exceeded the poor condition targets of 2.0% for Interstate pavement and 6.0% for non-interstate NHS pavement. Therefore, ADOT has decided to revise the poor pavement condition targets for the interstate and the non-interstate NHS to 4.5% and 10%, respectively.

ADOT is requesting a letter from YMPO indicating whether YMPO supports the revised pavement targets or identifying YMPO targets for the poor condition pavement measures.

Mr. Wostenberg asked why ADOT was not able to meet the targets. Ms. Figueroa stated ADOT failed to meet the targets due to bad winter weather conditions in

2022 and 2023. This failure would have consequences in the long term with their asset management fund. ADOT has the option to change the targets, and YMPO has the option to set its own targets but has consistently accepted the state's targets.

Mr. Wostenberg made a motion to approve the revised 2025 pavement targets. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Possible Future Studies for YMPO

Paul Ward, Principal Engineer, presented this item and informed members that during the last two TAC meetings, several outlines for studies were presented for consideration for possible inclusion in future Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs).

The TAC requested that staff send the suggested prioritization matrix to members for further review and that members respond to staff before this meeting. This review and prioritization have now occurred, and the information summary attached to this agenda contains the results of each member's responses.

Mr. Ward presented the results of the member ranking. Three members, Cocopah, Somerton, and Wellton have not submitted rankings. Mr. Ward offered to allow Cocopah and Somerton members to submit their rankings and suggested returning to this agenda item. Chairman Charles Gutierrez agreed to move forward with the agenda and return to this item after the rankings are updated.

Item resumed after Item 10.

Mr. Ward presented a matrix of the member rankings of the proposed studies. The top two studies in the rankings were TMA Upgrade Study and the Regional Sales Tax Study.

Mr. Sanchez asked about the anticipated timelines for these studies. Mr. Ward and Ms. Figueroa stated that the studies would be in the next UPWP and likely start around July 2025.

Mr. Wostenberg made a motion to present the recommendations and current rankings of the top two studies and possibly the third-ranked study to the Executive Board for approval. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Roads of Regional Significance Study RFP Update

Ms. Figueroa, Executive Director, provided the update. ADOT has reviewed the request for proposal (RFP) to develop a Roads of Regional Significance Study in the YMPO region. For this reason, the release date has been moved to the end of the month. The anticipated release date is January 27, 2025. However, it may be

released sooner to give consultants time to submit their proposals. Ms. Figueroa provided the anticipated timeline for the Roads of Regional Significance Study, with the estimated final report due in February 2026.

This item was on the agenda for information and discussion only.

10. YMPO and ADOT

YMPO and ADOT staff presented updates on any other business not fully covered in previous agenda items.

- a. Mr. Villegas presented the ADOT projects update provided bi-monthly. Mr. Wostenberg stated he received verbal confirmation that the HSIP projects submitted had been approved.
- b. ADOT MPD Update – Jennifer Hobert, Regional Planner, ADOT, provided an update on the Off-System Bridge Program.

11. In-Kind Match Forms

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12. TAC Status Reports

Member agencies reported the status of their projects (Local or Federal). A list of ongoing projects is shown in the information below.

Town of Wellton: No update available.

Recoating on Los Angeles

Yuma County: Update provided by Frank Sanchez, County Engineer, Yuma County.

Avenue 3E Bridge Over “A” Canal – Completed ahead of schedule.

Avenue D/E Corridor: 16th Street to 23rd Street – Stage 3 resolution meeting on 1/15/25. Working on RAISE Grant application due 1/31/25.

Pathway-Avenue B to Avenue C/West Main Canal – Estimated \$500,000 over budget, making adjustments to address over budget.

County 14th at Avenue G, Traffic Signal and Left Turn Lane – Resolution meeting next week.

Avenue B. Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips – Scheduling Stage 3 comment resolution meeting.

Avenue G. Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips – Scheduling Stage 3 comment resolution meeting.

County 14th St. at Avenue C, Traffic Signal – Working on Stage 4 plans.

US95 at Avenue C, Traffic Signal – Will need to move intersection to the west, or east to deal with airplane departures and approaches.

County 14th at Avenue 4E, Traffic Signal – Consultants working on Stage 5 plans, coordinating with utilities, and right of way.

County 11th and Avenue G Intersection Realignment Project – Finalizing Stage 5 plans

Roadway Segments, Upgrade Paving Markings – Plans complete, construction in April or May.

County 19th and Avenue G Centerline Rumble Strips – Plans completed, construction in April or May.

US-95; County 22nd Street to County 17th Street; Mill and Fill – 80% complete.

City of San Luis: Update provided by Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, City of San Luis.

Cesar Chavez Boulevard US95 to SR195—Stage 4 plans are completed, the right-of-way acquisition is almost complete, and utility relocation has begun.

10th Avenue Los Alamos St. Curve Realignment – Under design, working on BLM ROW acquisitions.

US95-County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd Raised Medians – no change

City of Yuma: Update provided by Dave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma.

40th Street: Avenue 6E to Fortuna Road – DCR should be completed with NEPA documentation by June 2025.

Avenue 4E: B Canal Bridge (OSB) – Waiting for the IGA from ADOT SW.

3rd Street Bridge @ East Main Canal (OSB) – Waiting for the IGA from ADOT SW.

A Canal; Avenue 7E & 40th St. Bridge Reconstruction – Substantially complete. Out to bid soon for a separate project.

Crane Elementary School #13 21st Dr. & 30th St. Hawk Signal – IGA has been completed. Beginning on the design shortly.

Shared Use Pathway East Wetland Park to Pacific Ave – 60 % design. 90% in February.

Bus Pull-Outs Avenue A and 18th Street – 60 % design, 90% in February.

1st Street Shared Use Pathway from 4th Avenue to Ave. B – Consultant on board.

32nd St; Avenue 3E to Avenue 7 ½ E Shared Pathway – IGA completed Kemly Horn has been selected.

Traffic Signal, Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (Various Locations)—Two projects have 90% of the design completed, and the ROW is almost done.

Traffic Signal, Flashing Yellow Turn Arrow Installation – 90% complete, due for construction in 2027.

Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterials (5 locations) – Bid opening January 17, 2025.

Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center – Meeting on January 30, 2025, with P3 to finalize the development agreement.

Traffic Operations Center – Out for bid currently.

City of Somerton: Presented by Charles Gutierrez, Public Works Director, City of Somerton.

County 15th and Avenue D, Crest Curve Correction – Will be coming to TAC for a name change amendment; requesting comments from Yuma County may relocate utility lines on the west side of the property.

Somerton Ave on the APS Project – Received approval, but we need to make some terminations to cross George St. and Adams.

Circle K – Demolition beginning in March 2025.

Cesar Chavez and Main Street Redesign – Working with Core Engineering to deal with local growth.

Crosswalks on Cesar Chavez and Fulton – future projects.

Dedicated Right Turn at Somerton Ave

Adding on-street parking

ADOT: - Update presented by Jon Fell, ADOT, Southwest District.

US-95: Rifle Range Road to Wellton-Mohawk Canal; Roadway/Bridge Widening – Working on final process items, shoulder grading, cleanup, and environmental mitigation cleanup.

US-95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road – 60% of plans were submitted for review on December 12, 2024, with comments due by January 17, 2025.

US-95: Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road – Comment resolution meeting held on November 19, 2024, designer currently working on the next submittal which will be the final set of plans.

Cocopah Indian Tribe: Update presented by Arturo Durazo, Tribal Planner

Partnering with Yuma County for seal coat and chip seal over Center Avenue from Veterans Drive to County 14th – Project postponed to April or May due to failing test results.

13. **Future Agenda Items**

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

- a. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Update
- b. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funding Status
- c. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC)
- d. TIP Name Change

14. Progress Reports

YMPO staff provided a list of recent activities:

- Dec 12 – Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, PW, FV, JR, LL, NC)
- Dec 12 – YMPO Audit Committee Meeting (CF, LL, NC)
- Dec 12 – YMPO Monthly Update (JR)
- Dec 12 – Yuma TMP Bi-Weekly Check-in (FV)
- Dec 12 – AZ Mobility Managers Coordination Meeting (JR)
- Dec 12 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, PW, FV, JR, LL, NC)
- Dec 13 – AZ Planners Meeting (JR)
- Dec 13 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, FV, JR)
- Dec 16 – YMPO Audit Exit Conference (CF, LL)
- Dec 16 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF)
- Dec 17 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update (CF, PW)
- Dec 17 – Traffic Count Labor Performance (CF, JH)
- Dec 18 – Transportation Alternatives Technical Advisory Committee (CF, JH)
- Dec 18 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (CF, FV, JH)
- Dec 20 – State Transportation Board Meeting – Sierra Vista (CF, PW)
- Dec 23 – Wheelchair (PASS) Training (JR)
- Dec 24 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update – PMT Meeting (CF, PW, FV, JH)
- Jan 6 – Staff Meeting (CF, PW, FV, JH, JR, LL, NC)
- Jan 6 – YMPO CSCS – Monthly Check-In (CF, PW, FV, JH)
- Jan 7 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (CF, PW, FV, JH)

15. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

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YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 8

Arizona Sun Cloud Data Portal Statewide Implementation

DATE: February 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Arizona Sun Cloud Data Portal Statewide Implementation.

SUMMARY:

The Arizona Sun Cloud is a data portal for sharing information and statistics on everything from roads, traffic flow and transportation information to broadband connectivity and socioeconomic data. In 2017 Sun Cloud was initially funded by federal grant money – with \$1M coming from the Federal Highway Administration. Over a five-year period, Sun Cloud developers collaborated with numerous partners across the Sun Corridor megaregion to develop the data portal that currently exists. The Sun Cloud portal is a useful tool that can be used to enhance and strengthen the regional planning process. The portal is accessible to use by everyone.

Recently, a second round of federal funding has been provided for the Arizona Sun Cloud project, and they are looking to expand the portal to cover greater Arizona. As part of this effort MAG in support with ADOT are reaching out to regions outside the Sun Corridor to see if there is interest in being a contributor or a technical partner. To be a contributor there is a one-time cost of \$5,000 in in-kind funds or local funds to have a voice in the Arizona Sun Cloud project decision making process, or we can choose to be a technical partner at no expense in in-kind funds, but we will be unable to provide decision making input.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend to the Executive Board to become a contributor or technical partner.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jeff Heinrichs, IT Manager/Associate Planner.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 9

Roads of Regional Significance Study

DATE: February 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Roads of Regional Significance Study Update

SUMMARY:

The Roads of Regional Significance Study (RORS) was identified in the FY 2025-45 Long Range Transportation Plan as a recommended study for the region selected by the TAC and Board to be conducted during the FY 24-25 two-year Unified Planning Work Program. The study is partially funded in the current FY 25 and is expected to be completed in FY 26.

The purpose of the study is to identify which roadways and/or highways in the YMPO region should be classified as RORS and, possibly, whether they will be in line for regional funding for their construction, ongoing maintenance, and/or preservation of rights-of-way for identified routes when development occurs throughout the county.

YMPO released the RFP on January 21, 2025. The deadline for submission is no later than 3:00 PM local time on February 24, 2025. YMPO staff will deliver all the proposals to the TAC members on the same day, and the TAC members will evaluate and rate the proposals. The most qualified, in the opinion of the TAC members, will be recommended to the Executive Board during the March TAC meeting.

The YMPO Executive Board will review and approve the recommended firm selected for the RORS on March 27, 2025, Executive Board meeting.

Anticipated Timeline for the Roads of Regional Significance Study:

DATE	ACTIVITY
1/21/2025	Release Date of RFP – START DATE
2/24/2025	RFP submittals are due no later than 3 P.M. MST
3/13/2025	Review by TAC, recommend Firm/Team
3/27/2025	YMPO Executive Board approves selected Firm/Entities
4/03/2025	Estimated Notice to Proceed
1/05/2026	Draft due for TAC Meeting
2/02/2026	Estimated final report due. (Executive Board Approval)

The notice to proceed will be issued on April 03, 2025, to the firm selected by the Executive Board. A RORS draft is due on January 5, 2026, and the Executive Board should approve the final document during the February Executive Board meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner, 928-783-8911.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 10

Arizona SMART Fund

DATE: February 13, 2025

SUBJECT: AZ SMART FUNDS

SUMMARY:

The Arizona Legislature amended the AZ SMART program in 2024. The AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in competing for federal discretionary surface transportation grants. Applications to the AZ SMART funds must first be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). ADOT administers this fund, and the State Transportation Board (STB) approves all awards.

Today, with the recent changes, MPOs, tribes, non-profits, and for-profit entities are eligible for funding if the entity is competing for a federal discretionary surface transportation grant.

Applicants may request AZ SMART Funds for:

- Reimbursement of up to 50% of the eligible costs associated with Grant Development and Submission of an application for a federal discretionary grant. Limited to counties with a population of less than 100,000 and cities and townswith a population of less than 10,000. (Town of Wellton).
- Reimbursement of non-federal match for a federal grant.
- Reimbursement of design and other engineering services expenditures that meet federal standards for projects eligible for a federal grant.

AZ SMART FUNDS AWARDED

AWARDED YEAR	MUNICIPALITY	AWARD TYPE	FUNDING CATEGORY	PROJECT NAME	AWARD AMOUNT	FEDERAL GRANT	FEDERAL GRANT AMOUNT
2023	City of San Luis	DOES	Municipality Over 10K	Cesar Chavez Blvd Improvements	\$2,787,435	RSTGP 2023	\$25,000,000
2023	Yuma County	DOES	County Over 100K	Avenue E/D New Roadway Construction	\$610,000	RAISE 2025	Not Awarded
2024	City of Yuma	MATCH	Municipality Over 10K	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	\$90,000	SS4A 2024	\$480,000
2024	City of Yuma	MATCH	Municipality Over 10K	Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Center	\$3,537,057		\$10,614,225
2023	ADOT	DOES	N/A	US Highway 95, Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road	\$3,750,000	RAISE 2023	\$8,500,000
TOTAL					\$10,774,492		\$44,594,225
AVAILABLE FUNDING							
ADOT	UNDER 10K	OVER 10K	COUNTY UNDER 100K	COUNTY OVER 100K	TOTAL FUNDING		
\$3,741,004	\$3,741,004	\$3,741,004	\$3,741,004	\$3,741,004	\$18,705,020		

YMPO intends to apply for the AZ SMART Funds this year to reimburse the non-federal match awarded for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant program. YMPO was awarded \$400,000 in federal funds to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, and the local match is \$100,000.

During the December 12, 2024, Executive Board meeting, Resolution 157 was approved to support the AZ SMART Fund application being submitted by YMPO to fulfill the local match requirements for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The City of Yuma has also expressed interest in applying for two projects: the 1-8/Avenue 8-1/2 E Traffic Interchange Design Concept Study and the Hacienda Estates Storm Drainage Improvements.

Section V of the Request for Grant Application and Agreement (RFGAA) explains the scores and rankings of the applications in detail. Projects that include safety improvements get more points, and projects listed on the TIP, CIP, municipal General Plan, or County Comprehensive Plan with evidence of public support also get more points. (See table below)

Figure 5

Figure 3

PRIORITY CRITERIA, ORDER OF IMPORTANCE AND SCORES		
Priority Criteria	Evidence or Source	Points
1. Project includes safety improvements		
a. Project addresses more than one of the below	Demonstrated by scope of work provided by the Applicant and based on the definitions in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan ("SHSP")	15
b. Project addresses safety of vulnerable road users		10
c. Project addresses intersection safety		5
d. Project addresses roadway lane departures		5
e. Project address other safety factors		5
f. Project does not address safety improvements		0
2. Evidence of public support for Project		
a. Project is included in the approved regional TIP for the jurisdiction in which the Project is located	Page from regional or tribal TIP	15
b. Project is included in an adopted planning document of the jurisdiction in which the Project is located	Page from General Plan or CIP	10
c. Project has been discussed in public meetings or study sessions	Minutes of meeting/study session	5
d. Project is not in an adopted planning document and has not been discussed in public meetings or study session	NA	0
3. Population of city/town or county in which Project is located – Points will be based on the jurisdiction in which the Project is located. If project spans multiple jurisdictions, the one in which the largest percentage of the Project is located will be used.		
a. Projects located in a Municipality of less than 10,000 population		
1) Municipalities 0 to 4,999 population		10
2) Municipalities 5,000 to 9,999 population		5
b. Projects located in a Municipality with population of 10,000 or more		
1) Municipalities 10,000 to 49,999 population		10
2) Municipalities 50,000 and above		5
c. Projects located in a County of less than 100,000 population		
1) Counties under 40,000 population		10
2) Counties 40,001 to 100,000 population		5
d. Projects located in a County with population of 100,000 or more		
1) Counties over 100,000 to 149,999 population		10
2) Counties over 150,000 and above		5
e. ADOT Projects (applies only to ADOT applications)		NA
4. Long-term Impacts		
a. Infrastructure project - Description of life cycle costs is included with application	Identified in application questions	5
b. Non-infrastructure project - Description of long-term impacts is included with application		5
c. Estimate is not included with application		0
5. The percent (whole numbers only) of cash monies provided by Applicant		
a. 51% to 75% or higher	Calculated based on answer to application questions	3
b. 26% to 50%		2
c. 25% or less		1
d. 0%		0
6. Extent that Applicant will partner with other entities to deliver Project		
a. Five Letters of Support	Based on the number of Letters of Support uploaded with the Application (maximum of 5)	5
b. Four Letters of Support		4
c. Three Letters of Support		3
d. Two Letters of Support		2
e. One Letter of Support		1
f. No Letters of Support		0

Applications are being accepted based on available funding. If any member agency is applying for the AZ SMART, a letter of approval from YMPO is required as part of the application process. Please request a letter of approval as soon as possible to avoid delays to your application.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 11

Renaming – U.S. Route 95 in Honor of the Late Gary Knight

DATE: February 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Naming of U.S. Route 95 in Honor of the Late Gary Knight

SUMMARY:

As a distinguished Yuma resident, the late City of Yuma Councilmember, and Arizona State Transportation Board member, Gary Knight was a tireless champion for transportation improvements in his region, particularly US Highway 95. On August 22, 2024, the Executive Board approved Resolution 156, formally recommending that the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names (ASBGHN) consider the permanent, posthumous designation of US-95 as the Gary Knight Memorial Highway.

The ASBGHN has a statutory responsibility for reviewing application proposals and determining the most appropriate names for places in Arizona. The proposal was submitted to ASBGHN in December of 2024. As part of the collaborative, multi-stage process, every proposal receives thorough research and opportunities for community stakeholders to provide feedback to the ASBGHN Board in its considerations. ASBGHN recommended gathering community feedback on the “Gary Knight Memorial Highway” proposal through letters of support and by using the [Proposed Name Response Form](#).

The approval process is a minimum of two months long, and the naming of the Gary Knight Memorial Highway will be eligible for a vote at the April 22, 2025, ASBGHN regular Board meeting. Gathering support for the naming of the Gary Knight Memorial Highway prior to the April 22nd ASBGHN Board meeting is crucial to this overall effort.

A draft letter of support was approved by the Executive Board on January 30th and will be forwarded for your respective council’s support. TAC members are encouraged to provide support using the Proposed Name Response Form for the late YMPO Executive Board Chairman and City of Yuma Councilmember Gary Knight.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No members of the public have provided any input on this item.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

Jeff Heinrichs, IT Manager/Associate Planner.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 12

FY 2022-26 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #19

DATE: February 13, 2025

SUBJECT: FY 2022-26 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Amendment #19.

SUMMARY:

The FY 2022-26 YMPO TIP was initially approved on July 29, 2021, and has since been amended eighteen times, most recently on December 3, 2024, through an administrative amendment.

Amendment #19 will include a planning document that has received federal funding. YMPO was awarded \$400,000 in federal funding to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and YMPO is responsible for \$100,000 in local match. Currently, YMPO is working with FHWA on the grant agreement. Approval of this amendment will include this project as part of the TIP in FY 2026 and allow YMPO to apply for the AZ SMART Fund reimbursement for the non-federal match.

During the December 12, 2024, Executive Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution 157 to support the AZ SMART Fund application submittal by YMPO.

FY 2026

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF	Local \$	Total \$
2026										
MPO-26-04P	2026	YMPO	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the YMPO Region	N/A	SS4A	\$400,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$500,000

PUBLIC INPUT:

There has been limited public input on this subject.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend the FY 2022-26 YMPO TIP Amendment #19 for approval by the Executive Board.

CONTACT PERSON: Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner