

EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Local Governments and Citizens Working Together

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 25, 2022
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, Town of Wellton
Member	Matias Rosales, Councilmember, City of San Luis
Member	Martha Garcia, Councilmember, City of Somerton
Member	Bruce Fenske, Southwest District Administrator, ADOT
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Leslie McClendon, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma
Member	Cocopah Indian Tribe - Not Currently Identified

A regular electronic meeting of the Executive Board (the Board) of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) will be held on **Thursday, August 25, 2022**, 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. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the July 28, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for July 2022

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from July 28, 2022, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, Regular Board meeting. The July 2022 financial report is expected to be available for review 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 July 28, 2022, and the financial report for July 2022 are attached as Items A and B respectively.

5. Approval of the FY 2023 YMPO Title VI Plan

YMPO Title VI Coordinator Charles Gutierrez will update the Board changes to the FY 2023 YMPO Title VI Plan, which includes the changes to the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Plan, the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, the Public Participation Plan, and training that has already occurred.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the FY 2023 YMPO Title VI Plan. Charles Gutierrez, YMPO Senior Planning Manager, will present this item, further information is available in the Information Summary 5.

6. YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study - Update

The YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Study started in August 2021, and the Board last received a status update in July 2022. YMPO Staff will provide an update on progress that has occurred during the past month including the results of the recent YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Agriculture Business Public Engagement held on August 11, 2022.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Charles Gutierrez and Chris Joannes, KHA, will present this item and further information is available in an information summary as item 6.

7. FY 2022 Audit Schedule

The FY 2021 Audit was completed and presented to the Board by the Audit company, Walker and Armstrong during the February 2022 Board meeting, YMPO Staff is preparing for the FY 2022 Audit with the proposed schedule in the information summary.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment at this stage. Blenda Dale, YMPO Executive Assistant /Accountant II, will present this item and additional background is included as part of an Information Summary as Item 7.

8. Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant Update.

The DCIP Program is a Department of Defense effort administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). Following recent Board approval, consultant firm Wilson and Company was contracted to pursue the DCIP Grant for approximately \$13.3 million for US-95 improvement northward from Rifle Range Road to Wellton-Mohawk Canal. ADOT submitted the grant proposal (Phase 1) on July 15, 2022, and YMPO Staff is patiently waiting for feedback on possibly moving forward to (Phase II) of the process on or about August 22, 2022, to submit a formal application if selected.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment only, at this time and Crystal Figueroa, YMPO Executive Director, will present this item, an information summary as item 8.

9. Regional Project Priority List

The Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Board is going through the process with the Greater Arizona MPOs/COGs to develop a list of projects submitted on behalf of RTAC based on population for consideration next year by the State Legislature. The list for the Yuma region consists of at least \$13M, 26M, and \$40M worth of projects and the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has compiled another list of regional projects for consideration and recommended approval by the Board.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and action to approve the Regional Project Priority List of Projects. Mr. Gutierrez will present this item and information summary is included as item 9, including the packet of this year's priority projects.

10. YMPO Legal Services

After fifty-five years of service to clients, YMPO attorney Wayne C. Benesch has decided to retire at the end of the calendar year. As a result, the managing partner

Trevor White, and Associate Attorney Elizabeth Punpayuk, will continue to serve the firms' clients, including YMPO, if desired. The most recent contract, with Benesch, Shadle & White, PLC., has been in place since January 1, 2021, for a two-year term ending on December 31, 2022. The YMPO Board will have the opportunity to discuss and decide whether to extend the existing contract with continued representation by this firm, or advertise for Legal Services.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to extend the existing contract or advertise for Legal Services. Ms. Figueroa will present this item and information summary is included as item 10.

11. Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) Request for Proposal Update

Each MPO is responsible for producing a Regional Coordination Plan under the Mobility Management Program. The plan must be maintained to include all 5310-funded projects at the regional level to assist local transportation providers in assessing and developing local and regional mobility management and coordination options. YMPO Staff has advertised the RFP for an update to the existing YMPO Regional Coordination Plan, but no proposals were received. The Mobility Manager will provide a status update of progress for re-advertisement of RCP.

This item is on the agenda for information, and discussion only at this stage. Mr. Aguilar will present this item, and further information is available in an Information Summary as Item 11.

12. 2023 Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZRTS) Planning.

The annual conference for the AZRTS is scheduled for September 14 and 15, 2022, at the Ak-Chin Casino and Resort, in Maricopa. The summit is a signature event for Rural Arizona, in which elected and appointed local government officials, transportation professionals, legislators, and other guests engage in solutions to improve and enhance transportation in Greater Arizona. Customarily, the MPO/COG rotates hosting responsibility of the RTS, and YMPO's turn to host the conference here in Yuma falls during October 2023. YMPO staff has begun looking for a venue a year in advance and has a preferred recommendation for the Board's consideration.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, only. Ms. Figueroa will present this item, no further information is provided.

13. 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 member and other staff reports and comments.

14. 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. DCIP Update.
- B. HSIP Application Update.
- C. POPTAC

15. Progress Reports

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

- a. Aug 1 - Staff Meeting (All)
- b. Aug 1 - Budget Input into QB training (CF, BD)
- c. Aug 2 - Scheduling Meeting to Discuss Yuma HAWK HSIP Application Pedestrian Counts (CF, CG)
- d. Aug 2 - YMPO & ADOT Transit/5305(4)e (CF, CG, JR)
- e. Aug 2 - RTS 22' planning Meeting (CF, BD)
- f. Aug 2 - KHA & YMPO Rail Meeting (CF, PW, CG)
- g. Aug 2 - Rail Heavy Freight (CF, PW)
- h. Aug 3 - Payroll Reclass training (CF, BD)
- i. Aug 4 - Western Growers Association (CF, PW, CG)
- j. Aug 4 - RFP Process - Complete Streets Study (CF, PW)
- k. Aug 4 - Tribal/ Rural/ Nonprofit Focus: Reconnecting Communities Grant Program Overview (JR)
- l. Aug 4 - Meeting with Gary Knight (CF, CG)
- m. Aug 4 - Change signers on Wells Fargo accounts (CF, PW)
- n. Aug 8 - August Mobility Management Meeting (CG, JR)
- o. Aug 9 - RTS 2023 Meeting (CF, CG, BD, NC)
- p. Aug 9 - Meet with Sheraton Four points as possible venue for RTS 23' (CF, CG, BD, NC)
- q. Aug 9 - YMPO Presentation Review (CF, CG)

- r. Aug 9 - Meeting with Mayor Nicholls (CF)
- s. Aug 10 - Unpaved Road and pricing updates for traffic counting (CG)
- t. Aug 10 - ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, PW, CG)
- u. Aug 10 - Meet with Pivot Point Conference Center as possible venue for RTS 23' (CF, CG, BD, NC)
- v. Aug 10 - Avenue E/D Industrial Corridor Project (CF, PW, CG)
- w. Aug 10 - Maximizing Productivity with Microsoft Teams (NC)
- x. Aug 11 - YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, PW, CG, BD, JR)
- y. Aug 11 - YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Agri-Business Public Engagement (CF, CG, BD, JR)
- z. Aug 11 - STSP Safety-Related Data EA meeting (CF, CG, JR)
- aa. Aug 11 - DC Staff of Senator Mark Kelly Re: Trade & other issues (CF)
- bb. Aug 12 - YMPO TIP discussion (CG)
- cc. Aug 11 - COG/MPO Planners August Meeting (CG)
- dd. Aug 11 - YRBC Board Meeting (PW, JR)
- ee. Aug 15 - RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, PW)
- ff. Aug 16 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Call (CF, PW, CG)
- gg. Aug 16 - RTS Planning Meeting (CF, BD)
- hh. Aug 17 - How to Use QuickBooks Seminar (NC)
- ii. Aug 18 - Community Resource Meeting (JR)
- jj. Aug 19 - Az State Transportation Board Meeting (CF, PW)
- kk. Aug 22 - RTAC Board Meeting (CF)
- ll. Aug 23 - RTS Planning Meeting (CF, BD)
- mm. Aug 25 - YMPO Executive Board Meeting (All)
- nn. Aug 29 - League of AZ Cities and Towns (CF, PW)
- oo. Aug 29 - RTS Planning Meeting (CF, BD)
- pp. Aug 31 - P2P Workshop Southwest District (CF)
- qq. Aug 31 - Yuma County's Regional Economic Development Meeting (CF)

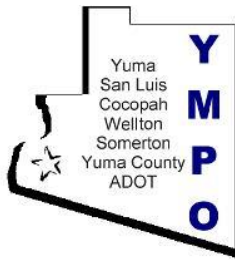
16. Adjournment

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 2022 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 meeting was proposed to be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, to avoid conflict with the Roads and Streets Conference and October 27, 2022, in the YMPO

offices, starting at 1:30 p.m. The September meeting falls on the fourth Thursday of the month, members may choose to cancel the meeting.



EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Local Governments & Citizens Working Together

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Executive Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 2022
1:30 P.M.

This meeting was 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.

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 Councilmember (and Vice-Chairman) Gary Knight to lead, and asked members to join him, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes

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

YMPO Executive Board Members Present:

Chairman	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ^
Vice-Chairman	Gary Knight, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^
Secretary/Treasurer	Cecilia McCollough, Mayor, Town of Wellton ^
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ~
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^
Member	Leslie McClendon, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma ~
Member	Bruce Fenske, Southwest District Administrator, ADOT ^

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

As four 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	Martha Garcia, Councilmember, City of Somerton *
Member	Cocopah Indian Tribe - not currently identified *

+ 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

Paul Ward	Principal Engineer
Jesus R. Aguilar, Jr.	Mobility Manager
Blenda Dale	Accountant II/ Executive Assistant
Norma Chavez	Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Declaration of Votes: All three representatives for the City of Yuma and both representatives for Yuma County were either present and/or on-line, so the votes would be cast based on the default voting decided at the beginning of the year.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

Ms. Norma Chavez, YMPO Bookkeeper, read a message reminding members of the YMPO Title VI obligations. No members of the public addressed the Board.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the June 30, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes.

B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for June 2022.

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from June 30, 2022, accompanied the agenda and the June 2022 financial report was also provided for review. Ms. Crystal Figueroa, YMPO Executive Director, reported that Mr. Bruce Fenske, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Southwest District Administrator, had requested a minor correction to the draft minutes. On page 4 of 7, reference had been made to the ADOT Metropolitan Planning Division. The name of the Division should be correctly called the Multimodal Planning Division.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Knight moved to approve the June 30, 2022, regular meeting minutes, as amended, and to accept the YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for June 2022, as published. Councilmember Karen Watts seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Requested Changes to the YMPO Title VI Plan and Training.

Mr. Charles Gutierrez, YMPO Senior Planning Manager (YMPO Title VI Coordinator), updated the Board on proposed changes to the YMPO Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Plan, the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, and the Public Participation Plan (PPP). In addition to the listed changes, Mr. Gutierrez conducted a brief training session for members of the Board on the FY 2023 YMPO Title VI Plan. There was no further action expected as part of this agenda item.

6. YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Study - Update Report.

Mr. Gutierrez updated the Board on the YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Study. The second round of stakeholder meetings occurred in July 2022. The turn-out for the San Luis and Yuma public engagement meetings was higher than expected. Mr. Gutierrez stated that 34% of attendees chose at least one of the alternative routes for the rail, but the majority of the 65 respondents who attended the second meeting were not supportive of any of the routes under current consideration.

About half did not want any rail and half of the remainder only supported rail if it was NOT on farmland.

As for future steps, Mr. Gutierrez continued that there will be more public involvement and all of the alignments will be formally assessed. In about a month there will be a technical analysis and an economic impact analysis that focuses on direct, indirect and induced effects in local business activities. The end result will be a recommended alignment. The next step involves another public meeting focusing on, but not limited to, the farming community.

Vice-Chairman Knight stated his support for further public meetings and expressed the importance of gaining the opinions of the agricultural and military stakeholders. He also asked when the 2013 study was conducted, were there not informal agreements already been established with these stakeholders in reference to building a rail-line?

Mr. Gutierrez assured Vice-Chairman Knight that these stakeholders had been approached in a timely fashion. He was not aware of any agreements made with said stakeholders during the 2013 study.

Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi asked if the Bureau of Reclamation was also included as a stakeholder. Mr. Gutierrez confirmed that the Bureau had been one of the stakeholders formally contacted regarding the study. Supervisor Pancrazi also asked why the existing unused rail land, which runs through Fourth Avenue and downtown Yuma area could not be considered as an alternative route since the right-of-way already exists. Vice-Chairman Knight stated that route is “off the table”, as the route was not possible. There would have to be a bridge constructed at Fourth Avenue and the rail in question could not support heavy rail. He stated that, on this alignment, the existing rail would never be able to connect with Union Pacific Railroad ever again.

Mr. Fenske asked if whomever needs to acquire land for the project, should the project get approved, would they have eminent domain available to them? Chairman Porchas opined that the rail authorities usually have that authority, but further suggested that it depends on whether the agency acquiring any such land was a government agency or not.

Mr. Gutierrez reminded members that the study is still in the conceptual phase. YMPO is very interested in any comments and referred all to the YMPO website to leave comments. He also stated he would compile all comments resulting from the latest stakeholder meeting and provide those comments to the consultants who are conducting the study.

Based on the greater than normal interest received to date, Ms. Figueroa suggested that YMPO would consider holding an additional public meeting to

gather further input into the alignments, especially from, but not limited to, the farming community. Further information regarding such an additional meeting would be forthcoming and all members would be notified. There was no further action expected as part of this agenda item.

7. Amendment #3 to the FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Figueroa presented this item and showed a copy of the staff memorandum which was included in the agenda packet. There were 21 items in the memorandum that accompanied the packet which detailed the changes to funding sources and work to be performed. Most of the changes addressed the closeout of the budget for fiscal year 2022, the deferral of funds and the work associated to FY 2023. The memorandum also included two ongoing studies, the Regional Coordination Plan, and the San Luis Downtown Redevelopment Study, which included YMPO funds for the Origin-Destination (O-D) Study component and ADOT funds being passed-through YMPO for the Downtown Circulation and Parking Studies components. Finally, there are two major YMPO Studies in the memorandum, the Roads of Regional Significance Study and the Complete Streets Concept Study. Ms. Figueroa then briefly showed the updated funding tables and summarized that the budget had slightly decreased to \$1,647,594 in combined federal and local funds.

Ms. Figueroa continued that several more grant opportunities were expected to become available during the next few months as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL, aka the IIJA) and, based on the recent Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for those Grants released, generally the timelines for applying for these Grants do not allow for sufficient time for requesting funds for each Grant process.

As a result, she had previously suggested establishing a single Grant Application for Transportation Equity (GATE) line item in the UPWP. This item includes a total amount of \$60,000 in local funds, and would give authority to the Executive Director to allocate up to \$15,000 for separate consultant contracts to pursue grants as they become available, and was now being presented, as part of this UPWP Amendment, for approval.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Knight moved to approve Amendment #3 to the FY 2022-2023 YMPO UPWP, as shown in the staff report and authorize the Executive Director to enter into consultant contracts, with companies to apply for as-yet undefined transportation grants made available through the BIL. Ms. Watts seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried. As a follow-up, Ms. Figueroa confirmed that she would report back to the Board regarding any uses of these funds for consultant contracts.

8. Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant Update.

Mr. Paul Ward, YMPO Principal Engineer, presented this item and explained that the DCIP Program is a Department of Defense effort administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) and that this was the third year of the program. Having been informed of the opportunity, at very short notice, Mr. Gutierrez set up a series of meetings, with various stakeholders, including staff from the ADOT SW District and the Executive Grants Team, the US Army-Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG), YMPO, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC), and an Arizona State Transportation Board representative, to solidify a grant application proposal.

Following Board approval of the funding at a special Board meeting earlier in June 2022, a small consultant team from Wilson and Company was contracted to pursue the DCIP Grant for approximately \$13.3 million for US-95 improvements from Rifle Range Road to the Wellton-Mohawk Canal bridge. Mr. Ward summarized the steps in the process and reported that the result has been the successful submittal of the Grant to the Defense Department, by the ADOT Coordination staff. Mr. Gutierrez reported that the application had been accepted and that we expect to hear some feedback from the Defense Department during the middle of August. No Board action is anticipated on this item, at this stage.

9. Regional List of Projects.

Ms. Figueroa presented this item and reported that last year, the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) went through a lengthy process with the Greater Arizona Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the rural Councils of Governments (MPOs/COGs), compiling a regional list of projects that were submitted on behalf of RTAC for possible State funding through the State budget process and NOT for regular funding by ADOT. As a result of last year's effort, the Yuma region received \$3.5 million in State general funds (instead of the expected \$6.5 million) for US-95 widening improvements in the State budget approved mid-June 2022.

As the State budget appears to be generating a similar surplus again this year, the RTAC Board authorized an additional effort for next year's budget cycle. The YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has already started compiling another list of regional projects for consideration and recommended approval by the YMPO Board at next month's meeting. The goal is to have the lists of priority projects to promote and engage our Legislators at the upcoming Rural Transportation Summit, to be held in the City of Maricopa between September 14-15, 2022.

Mr. Gutierrez showed the list of projects from last year and reported that the TAC has until August 4, 2022, to submit additional projects for inclusion on the list that will be presented to the YMPO Board and then to the RTAC Board. Ms. Figueroa added that this year's intent was to target three different total amounts, for \$100, \$200 and \$300 million. The expectation is that, if funds are allocated to the RTAC

list, the YMPO region should receive approximately \$13, \$26, or \$40 million in funding, based on population, and depending on the amount authorized by the State Legislature.

10. YMPO FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3.
Mr. Gutierrez presented this item and outlined the changes being requested to the TIP. He pointed out some corrections to project numbers, federal funding changes, tweaks to project descriptions and some new projects being submitted by Yuma, Yuma County, YMPO and a series of transit project changes being requested by YCIPTA.

Vice-Chairman Knight moved to approve Amendment #3 to the YMPO FY 2022-2026 TIP, Deputy Mayor McClendon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) Request for Proposal (RFP).
Mr. J. R. Aguilar, Jr., the YMPO Mobility Manager, presented this item, reporting that the RFP for the RCP was advertised on June 22, 2022, with e-mail invitations being sent to over 35 different consultant companies.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program focuses on Enhanced Mobility of Seniors (65 years and over) and Individuals with Disabilities, primarily in the Urban Areas, through ADOT Transit Staff. The plan must be maintained to include all 5310-funded projects at the regional level to assist local transportation providers in assessing and developing local and regional mobility management and coordination options, and the most recent YMPO RCP that was approved occurred in 2017.

Proposals were due to YMPO by 3:00 p.m. on July 20, 2022, but no proposals were submitted by that date. YMPO staff have contacted the consultant companies to see whether there are any reasons why their companies did not respond and/or to gain any feedback on whether they are interested in submitting, if YMPO decides to re-advertise.

YMPO staff have reviewed the RFP in detail, will make any changes that are needed to the RFP and the associated timeline, and will correct several errors in the contact names on the original distribution list of consulting companies. We expect to re-advertise the RFP within 30 days and expect to make a recommendation to the Board, regarding a preferred consultant company, by the October meeting.

Ms. Figueroa reminded members that this has happened before, with the Short-Range Transit Plan. In that case, YMPO re-advertised and receive four bids by the extended deadline and resulted in a successful Plan.

12. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Applications for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025 and 2026 Update

Mr. Gutierrez presented this item and reported that all applications for HSIP funded projects for FFYs 2025 and 2026 had been delivered to the ADOT Traffic Safety Section, for their review and comment, with ADOT questions expected by tomorrow, July 29, 2022. The deadline for answering those questions, by YMPO member agencies, has been extended and this response time is expected to be mid-September.

Mr. Gutierrez briefly outlined the projects submitted for consideration by ADOT and reported that they totaled almost \$28 million, with benefit/cost (b/c) ratios between 6.3 and 18.3. During the last HSIP cycle for FFYs 2023 and 2034, which occurred almost three years ago, the lowest funded b/c ratio was 6.5 and the YMPO region received almost \$10.2 million in federal funds.

Based on the additional safety funds in the BIL, Mr. Gutierrez indicated that there had been discussions regarding a possible second round of safety projects. However, he reported that the YMPO consultant team is ready to react to whatever comments or questions ADOT may have and the TAC members from each agency had been alerted to be ready to respond, as needed.

Mr. Ward reported that, very recently, some of the projects that had been selected during the previous cycle were shown in the Yuma Sun as going in front of the Board of Supervisors for approval of the intergovernmental agreements between Yuma County and ADOT to actually construct the projects concerned.

13. The Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZRTS) Board attendance follow-up.

Ms. Dale presented this item, reminding members that the annual RTS conference for the AZRTS is currently scheduled for September 14 and 15, 2022, at the Ak-Chin Casino and Resort, in Maricopa. Customarily, members of the Executive Board are invited to attend this conference and YMPO will normally pay for registration, lodging and travel to the conference. She gently reminded members to please let her know who wanted to attend as the early-bird registration date was approaching on July 31, 2022. Chairman Porchas, Vice-Chairman Knight (who was being paid for by ADOT), and Secretary/Treasurer McCollough confirmed their attendance for the conference.

Ms. Dale indicated that YMPO intended to provide members a chance to influence Yuma region legislators by inviting them to dinner, probably at the Chop, Block and Grill restaurant on the first night, after the initial conference meet and greet was over. Currently, members of YMPO staff are expecting to attend the conference.

The Chairman called on Kevin Adam, the RTAC Legislative Liaison, to provide some input by confirming that after the early-bird deadline, prices would increase. He also cautioned that the conference allocation of rooms had temporarily been

exceeded, but that the organizing team staff was arranging an increase in the number of rooms.

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Mr. Fenske reported that the CalTrans/ADOT bridge project on I-8 over the Colorado river is breaking ground in October. During the project, I-8 will have lane closures approximately four times. There was some bridge rehabilitation work on Fourth Street and Giss Parkway replacing the bridge rail with concrete and which will result in a two-month closure, to occur during August and September, as this project must be finished before the CalTrans project can start.

Mr. Kevin Adam, RTAC, stated the legislature adjourned their session. They were able to approve the budget, directing approximately a billion dollars in one-time funding to infrastructure. They discussed the rural priority list which was directed towards transportation. Next year, there will be a push towards getting funding for local projects in the state budget, but this had been covered in another agenda item.

Ms. Figueroa stated she would be interviewing candidates for the IT Manager position at YMPO and hopes to present the new IT Manager at the next Executive Board meeting.

15. Possible Future Agenda Items

Ms. Figueroa suggested that the following items will be heard at future meetings and encouraged members to suggest topics for discussion at future Board meetings:

- A. Regional Project Priority List
- B. Possible funding for future IIJA Grants
- C. DCIP Update
- D. HSIP Application Update

16. Progress Reports

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

- a. Jun 1 - Title VI Mandatory Training (CG, JR)
- b. Jun 1 - YMPO Rail Study Stakeholder Meeting (PW)
- c. Jun 2 - Traffic Counters Staff Meeting (CG, JR, RA)
- d. Jun 2 - AZSTB Study Session, Phoenix (PW by Zoom)
- e. Jun 2 - Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (CG, PW)
- f. Jun 2 - RTAC Board Special Meeting (CG, PW)
- g. Jun 6 - Achieve 5310 Quarterly Report (JR)
- h. Jun 8 - Local Public Agency Training Series (Module 2) (CF, CG)
- i. Jun 8 - COGs/MPOs Director's meeting (PW)
- j. Jun 8 - Avenue E/D Industrial Corridor Project telemeeting (PW)
- k. Jun 9 - TAC Meeting (All, ex CF)
- l. Jun 9 - Mobility Managers Meeting (CG, JR)
- m. Jun 10 - COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CG)
- n. Jun 13 - RFP Main Document Review and Repair (JR, PW)
- o. Jun 14 - Staff Meeting (All)
- p. Jun 14 - Rail Study Stakeholder telemeeting with Yuma Econ. Dev. (PW)
- q. Jun 14 - Wells Fargo; Credit cards and signatures (CF, PW, BD)
- r. Jun 14 - San Luis Streetscape Design Concepts (PW)
- s. Jun 14 - Meeting with Yuma County Re: New Hire Trainings (CF, BD)
- t. Jun 15 - Special YMPO Executive Board Meeting (All)
- u. Jun 16 - YMPO/ADOT Coordination Meeting (PW, CG, CF)
- v. Jun 16 - 5310 Crossroads Virtual Meeting (JR)
- w. Jun 17 - AZSTB meeting, San Carlos, Gila County (CF, PW)
- x. Jun 20 - YMPO Server - Carbonite (CG, BD, CF)
- y. Jun 20 - RTAC Advisory Committee telemeeting (CF, PW)
- z. Jun 21 - ADOT Freight Plan Project Prioritization Workshop (CG, PW)
- aa. Jun 21 - Yuma PM-10 SIP Update telemeeting (CG)
- bb. Jun 21 - MAG Transportation Ambassador Program Meeting (JR)
- cc. Jun 23 - Wilson & CO & YMPO DCIP Meeting (CG, CF)
- dd. Jun 23 - Defensive Driving Training (NC)
- ee. Jun 27 - CTS Meeting (PW)
- ff. Jun 27 - Appt. w/ QuickBooks Re: Server Manager Issues (CG, CF)
- gg. Jun 27 - SDS with Yuma County HR (BD)
- hh. Jun 27 - 5310 Meeting with Genine Sullivan (JR)
- ii. Jun 28 - ADOT/YMPO DCIP Grant Weekly Meeting (CG, CF, JR)
- jj. Jun 29 - Yuma County's Regional Economic Development Meeting (CF)
- kk. Jun 29 - DCIP - Wilson/YMPO (CF)
- ll. Jun 30 - Insurance Claim Inspection for Vandalism (CF)
- mm. Jun 30 - EB meeting (All)

Ms. Figueroa stated the scheduled September Executive Board meeting conflicts with the Roads and Streets conference. Vice-Chairman Knight suggested we move

the September Executive Board meeting one week earlier to avoid the conflict. He also stated the next State Transportation Board meeting will be August 19, 2022, in Gilbert, Arizona.

17. 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 2022 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 be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, and September 29, 2022, in the YMPO offices, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Revenue & Expense Budget Performance

July 2022

	Jul 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4000 - ADOT Grant			
4001 - PL	0.00	711,762.00	0.0%
4002 - SPR	0.00	316,837.00	0.0%
4005 - 5305d (CPG)	0.00	162,725.00	0.0%
Total 4000 - ADOT Grant	0.00	1,191,324.00	0.0%
4010 - FTA Grant			
4020 - 5303/5305	0.00	5,495.00	0.0%
Total 4010 - FTA Grant	0.00	5,495.00	0.0%
4050 - ADEQ Grant	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
4055 - 5310 Funds			
4053 - CARES Act MM	0.00	40,536.00	0.0%
4055 - 5310 Funds - Other	0.00	85,964.00	0.0%
Total 4055 - 5310 Funds	0.00	126,500.00	0.0%
4200 - YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	80,390.74	0.0%
4400 - Interest Income	366.21	3,000.00	12.21%
4600 - Charges for Services			
4904 - Traffic Count Revenue	11,886.83	11,886.83	100.0%
Total 4600 - Charges for Services	11,886.83	11,886.83	100.0%
Total Income	12,253.04	1,428,596.57	0.86%
Gross Profit	12,253.04	1,428,596.57	0.86%
Expense			
5110 - Payroll Expenses			
5111 - Fringe Benefits	2,187.89	37,495.00	5.84%
5112 - Part Time Staff-Salaries			
5133 - Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	1,192.42	9,905.69	12.04%
5112 - Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	3,659.59	76,033.10	4.81%
Total 5112 - Part Time Staff-Salaries	4,852.01	85,938.79	5.65%
5113 - Full Time Staff-Salaries	23,772.72	414,101.00	5.74%
5115 - Health Insurance-ER Portion	5,735.52	66,960.00	8.57%
5116 - ASRS	3,012.74	52,137.00	5.78%
5117 - Workman's Comp Insurance	943.00	1,196.00	78.85%
5118 - FUTA Payroll Expense	34.67	588.00	5.9%
5120 - Life Insurance	147.43	1,872.00	7.88%
Total 5110 - Payroll Expenses	40,685.98	660,287.79	6.16%
5123 - Consulting Services			
5134 - Contractual-Local	1,151.95	123,454.00	0.93%
5123 - Consulting Services - Other	21,887.05	488,979.00	4.48%
Total 5123 - Consulting Services	23,039.00	612,433.00	3.76%
5124 - Staff Training/Education			
5137 - Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	80.00	6,000.00	1.33%
5124 - Staff Training/Education - Other	99.00	3,500.00	2.83%
Total 5124 - Staff Training/Education	179.00	9,500.00	1.88%
5125 - Audit Services	0.00	23,500.00	0.0%
5126 - Payroll Processing Fees	0.00	4,800.00	0.0%
5128 - Accounting Services	0.00	25,000.00	0.0%
5129 - Public Participation	0.00	750.00	0.0%
5130 - Reimbursement of Expenses	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5131 - Data Process, Software, Hardwar	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
5132 - Furniture and Equipment	393.42	15,000.00	2.62%
5140 - Legal	0.00	9,000.00	0.0%
5150 - IT Support	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%
5151 - Building Ins, property tax	2,335.68	8,200.00	28.48%
5152 - Equipment Maintenance	95.49	1,500.00	6.37%
5153 - Office Supplies	125.00	3,100.00	4.03%

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Revenue & Expense Budget Performance

July 2022

	Jul 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5154 · Postage	1.20	500.00	0.24%
5155 · Printing	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	222.00	2,250.00	9.87%
5158 · Registration Fees	3,400.00	9,000.00	37.78%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
5160 · Telecommunications	888.80	13,000.00	6.84%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	2,681.17	4,500.00	59.58%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	10.00	2,500.00	0.4%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	3.50	250.00	1.4%
5166 · Website Maintenance	143.00	20,000.00	0.72%
5167 · Miscellaneous Consumables	34.00	2,000.00	1.7%
5168 · Employee Recruitment	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	0.00	9,000.00	0.0%
5171 · Alarm System	120.00	3,500.00	3.43%
5173 · Electric Bill	984.47	7,500.00	13.13%
5174 · Grounds Maintenance	250.00	4,600.00	5.44%
5175 · Janitorial	0.00	6,700.00	0.0%
5179 · Office Building Repairs			
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	600.00	0.0%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	0.00	10,269.00	0.0%
Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs	0.00	10,869.00	0.0%
5182 · Sewer & Water	801.92	3,500.00	22.91%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	383.29	15,000.00	2.56%
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	471.52	2,700.00	17.46%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment			
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	0.00	19,891.00	0.0%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment - Other	570.30	4,500.00	12.67%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	570.30	24,391.00	2.34%
Total Expense	77,818.74	1,551,330.79	5.02%
Net Ordinary Income	-65,565.70	-122,734.22	53.42%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	11,644.22	154,933.00	7.52%
Total Other Income	11,644.22	154,933.00	7.52%
Other Expense			
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	11,644.22	154,933.00	7.52%
Total Other Expense	11,644.22	154,933.00	7.52%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	-65,565.70	-122,734.22	53.42%

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$ 108,829.07
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$ 18,074.56
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$ 760,253.68
	\$ 829,236.92

YMPO SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM #6

YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study - Update

DATE: August 18, 2022

SUBJECT: YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study

SUMMARY:

The Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study (Rail Study) process has started with a kickoff meeting back in September 2021, YMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Charles Gutierrez is the YMPO Project Manager and will provide a summary of the intended study.

So, why are we doing the efforts for a Rail/Heavy Freight Corridor. We are re-evaluating the previous recommendation of the 2013 Rail Study. Identify approximately 500' north/south corridor between the US & Mexico border and identifying the Union Pacific (UPRR) Sunset Line connection. Things of consideration include forecasted freight flows, impacts to existing or planned developments and the environment, and finally, how is the economic development of opportunities along the prospective alignment. During the study potential funding sources will be explored.

There are 7 Tasks of the Study

Task 1 - Scope of Work - Completed

Task 2 - Work Plan - Completed

Task 3 - Public and Stakeholder Involvement Plan - Underway for section - Ongoing

Task 4 Current and Future Conditions - evaluating

Task 5 Alternative Analysis - awaiting TAC Recommendations

Task 6 Economic Analysis - currently underway at this time

Task 7 Final Report

As Kimley-Horn states there will be 3 major phases of work:

Phase 1: Understanding - What do we need to know

Phase 2: Analysis - What are the best options

Phase 3: Recommendations: How should we move forward

The Rail/Heavy Freight Team, Kimley-Horn and Associates (KHA), Sub-consultants Wilson and Co., Suma, Matrix, EDP, and Nicklaus Engineering will evaluate and will work with the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to make recommendations for the YMPO Executive Board to approve a final result.

At recent public Engagement activities July 13 & 14, the public was invited to view the story boards of the project and make comments on the Original Proposed alignments. We had approximately 70 visitors and a myriad of comments that up to today the comments are still coming in from the website and emails. There was a request to go back to the agri-business sector of our region. YMPO accommodated the request and on August 11, 2022, at the Yuma Civic Center, West Room, the public engagement activity for the agri-business folks were catered to with the YMPO and KHA team.

Currently, the KHA team is working on the Alternative Analysis and the Economic Analysis. A Stakeholder meeting was held with the Economic people of the region. The cities of Yuma and San Luis, Yuma County, GYPA and GYEDC as partners. GYEDC will be reached out to at a later time.

ACTION NEEDED:

No Action at this time.

CONTACT PERSON:

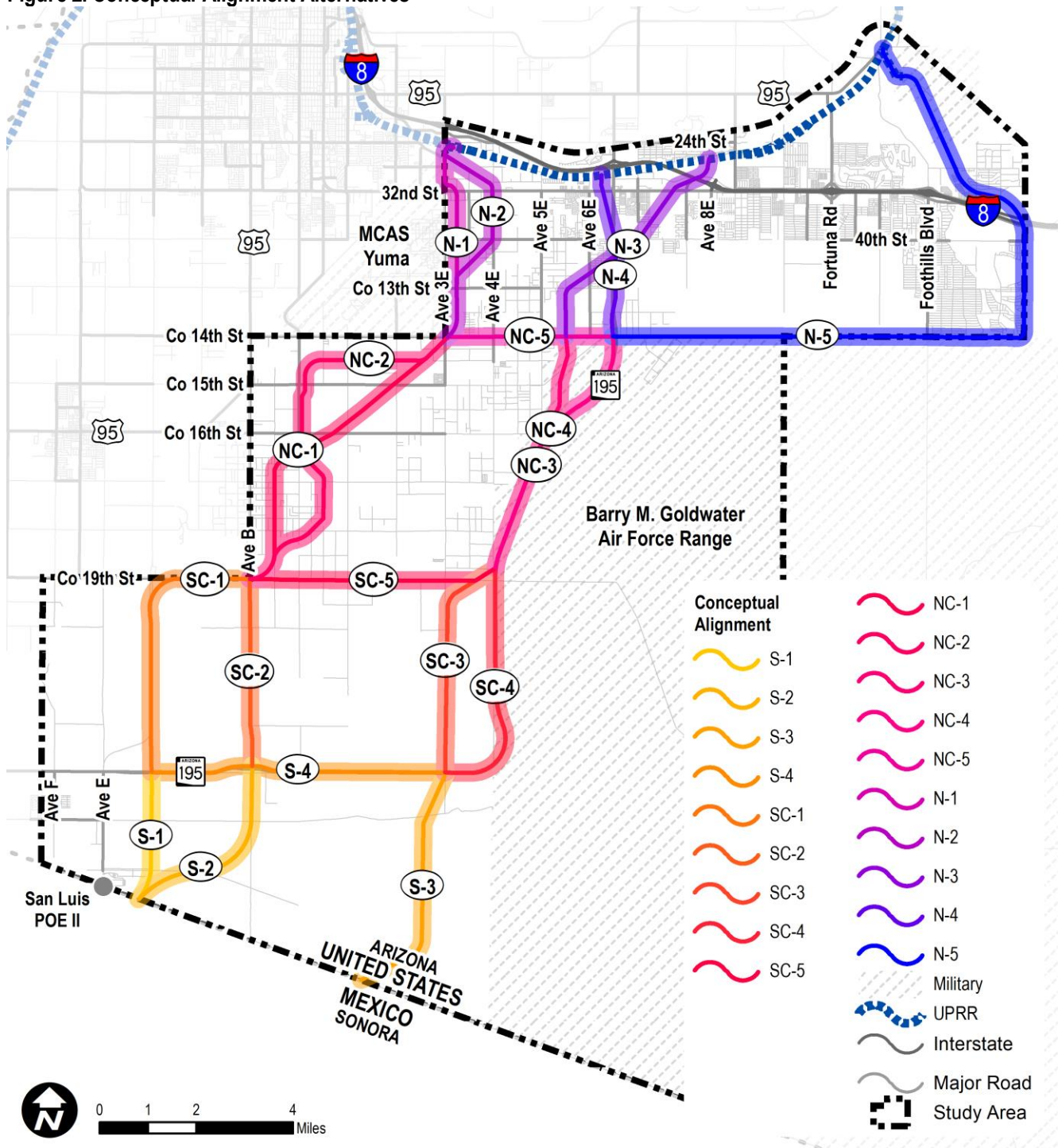
Charles A. Gutierrez, Senior Planning/Mobility Manager, 928-783-8911

2. Conceptual Alignment Alternatives

Conceptual Alternatives

The following Conceptual Alternatives, shown in **Figure 2**, are the preliminary alternatives identified to meet the goals and objectives of the YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment study.

Figure 2. Conceptual Alignment Alternatives





YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Alignment Study

Working Paper 2. Alternatives Analysis

The process of identifying conceptual alternatives included the consideration of:

- Future land use maps from local municipalities and Yuma County
- Identified opportunities and constraints from the first round of stakeholder interviews and existing conditions research
- Existing or anticipated right-of-way availability

The Conceptual Alternatives were grouped into four categories geographically: South, South-Central, North-Central, and North.

South Alternatives

The South Alternatives are located in the portion of the study area that stretches from the U.S./Mexico border to the east-west section of SR 195. The four Southern alignment alternatives have connections to SR 195 right-of-way and provide access to Mexico just east of the San Luis II Border Port of Entry and through a site proposed for the Sonora Crossing Transmission Line Project.

- S-1 connects from the border just east of the San Luis II POE to SR 195 following the Avenue D alignment.
- S-2 connects from the border just east of the San Luis II POE to SR 195 following a future County 25th Street and Avenue B connection.
- S-3 connects from the Mexican border to SR 195 following the proposed alignment of the Sonora Crossing Transmission Line Project.
- S-4 offers connections between for the other South Alternatives via the SR 195 right-of-way

South-Central Alternatives

The five South-Central alignment alternatives provide options for connecting through the four-mile span between SR 195 and County 19th Street.

- SC-1 connects from SR 195 to County 19th Street via the Avenue D alignment, then turns eastward along the County 19th Street alignment to Avenue B.
- SC-2 connects from SR 195 to County 19th Street via the Avenue B alignment.
- SC-3 connects from SR 195 to County 19th Street just west of SR 195 following the proposed Sonora Crossing alignment.
- SC-4 follows the SR 195 right-of-way from the Sonora Crossing right-of-way to County 19th Street.
- SC-5 offers connections between the other South-Central Alternatives along the County 19th Street alignment.

North-Central Alternatives

The five North-Central alignment alternatives provide options for connecting through the five-mile span from County 19th Street to County 14th Street.

- NC-1 connects County 19th Street to County 14th Street via the B Main Lateral Canal right-of-way.
- NC-2 connects County 19th Street to County 14th Street via the A8-9 Lateral Canal right of way.
- NC-3 connects from the intersection of SR 195 and County 19th Street to County 14th Street west of Avenue 6E following the proposed Sonora Crossing alignment.
- NC-4 follows the SR 195 right-of-way from County 19th Street to County 14th Street.
- NC-5 offers connections between the other North-Central alternatives via the County 14th Street alignment.



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Working Paper 2. Alternatives Analysis

North Alternatives

The five Northern Alignment alternatives connect from County 14th Street to the UPRR Sunset Line.

- N-1 travels from the intersection of County 14th Street and Avenue 3E, follows a north-south alignment just east of Avenue 3E until it intersects with an existing rail spur from the UPRR line.
- N-2 connects from the intersection of County 14th Street and Avenue 3E and follows the B Canal right-of-way to an existing rail spur from the UPRR line.
- N-3 follows right-of-way obtained by APS for a new transmission line now under construction that connects from County 14th Street west of Avenue 6E and follows the Gila Gravity Main Canal to the UPRR line.
- N-4 follows the SR 195/Araby Road alignment from County 14th Street to the UPRR line.
- N-5 connects from the intersection of SR 195 and County 14th Street to the east following the County 14th Street alignment to Avenue 15E where it turns northward and crosses I-8 to connect with an existing rail spur from the UPRR line near Rifle Range Road.

Conceptual Alternatives Screening

The screening process for the Conceptual alternatives is made up of three primary sources: TAC and stakeholder input, public input, and a high-level technical analysis to identify fatal flaws.

TAC and Stakeholder Input

The Project Team engaged regional stakeholders for the second time during this planning process to obtain specific input on the Conceptual Alternative alignments. Interview groups and dates are shown in **Table 1**. Summaries of each of the stakeholder meetings is provided in **Appendix A**.

Table 1. Stakeholder Meeting Groups

Group	Agencies/Positions	Interview Date
Arizona Farm Board	Director	June 6, 2022
Yuma County	Development Services, Multimodal Planning, County Engineering	June 8, 2022
City of San Luis	Public Works, Economic Development	June 8, 2022
City of Yuma	Multimodal Planning, Utilities, Economic Development	June 8, 14, 2022
Economic Development	Greater Economic Development Corp., YMPO	June 8, 2022
MCAS Yuma	Community Planning Liaison, Air Station Command	June 9, 2022 and July 13, 2022
ADOT	Planning	June 1, 2022
Other Mexican Stakeholders	Agency for the Promotion of Economic Development	June 15, 2022

Key takeaways from each of the stakeholder interviews include:

- **ADOT**
 - This study will need to be aware of the environmental conditions/constraints that ADOT addressed during the design concept phase of the SR 195 corridor implementation assessment process
 - The study will also need to be aware of all existing and proposed major utility corridors within the area under review for a new heavy rail facility
 - Heavy rail connectivity to a new deep-water port along the west coast of Mexico had been considered in the past, however this linkage has not been resurrected by the current administration in Mexico



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Working Paper 2. Alternatives Analysis

- Land south of the airport and agricultural fields near that area appear to be more feasible
- Southern alignments are less problematic, but the “North Central” and “North” routes would have issues as they segment the denser residential areas.
- ADOT didn’t identify any other routes that should be introduced to the preliminary concepts
- Pushback should be expected from the Air Force Range due to encroachment from eastern running Conceptual Alternatives.
- ADOT felt eastern running alignment is more feasible, but discussion for potential on the west of the 195 should be considered.
- **Arizona Farm Board**
 - Standards for construction and train operations near produce crops, need to be researched and applied
 - An alignment along the eastern border of the study area would be preferred to avoid agriculture
 - Supportive of (S3, SC4, NC3, NC4, N5) as an alignment
- **Yuma County**
 - Based on previous experience, a corridor along Avenue E is unlikely to receive environmental clearance or joint right-of-way acquisition
 - The S3 corridor runs through South County Landfill parcels that are planned to be developed for industrial use
 - Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is unlikely to grant
- **City of San Luis**
 - Main priority for the City of San Luis for this project is the Mexico connection point
 - The S3 corridor is currently being considered for an electric powerline project (Sonora Crossing). There could be potential for right of way or permit partnering.
- **Economic Development**
 - Avenue E has residential development coming in near future which will be a hindrance to rail construction.
 - Recommend alternatives along SR 195 away from residential and farmland.
- **MCAS**
 - The eastern alignments seem to be on MCAS right of way and are undesired
 - Representatives of MCAS have made it very clear that eastern alignments that use bombing range right of way are infeasible.
 - There are concerns for types of materials being transported via train near the bombing range and how incidents involving hazmat or derailment will be exasperated due to the proximity of the bombing range.
 - MCAS not only owns the right of way near the conceptual alternatives but the air rights as well.
 - Orphaned parcels near conceptual alternatives NC4 and NC3 have ordinances buried within them and would require extensive precaution measures and studies to allow any construction.
 - Would prefer alignments most west running of the bombing range.
- **City of Yuma**
 - The N5 alternative negatively impacts state lands and the residents near that alignment are very vocal when in opposition of proposals.



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Working Paper 2. Alternatives Analysis

- Gowan Milling and Yuma County Cotton Gin are concerned about conceptual alternative corridors disturbing operations.
 - Utilizing 4E Street or 4 ½ E could have less impact on developed areas
 - There is expected pushback from agriculture landowners for alternative corridors that utilize farmland.
 - MCAS has concerns for impacts and potential development
- **Mexican Stakeholders**
 - Interest from Mexican stakeholders has been very positive, development near the American border garners interest in future freight possibilities as well as more southern connections in Mexico.
 - The Agency for the Promotion of Economic Development known as OPRODE in Mexico is a very interested stakeholder for this study however, turnover in the administration has made input meetings difficult to schedule and maintain. Once the administration personnel are solidified in their positions, more detailed input on the project will be feasible.

Public Input

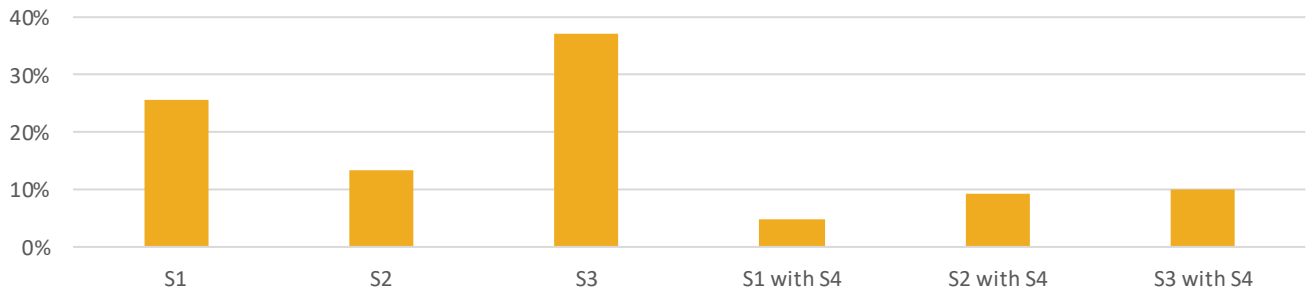
Two in-person open house meetings were held, one in Yuma and one in San Luis, to allow the public to provide input on the conceptual alternatives. The San Luis public meeting was held on July 13th at San Luis City Hall and the Yuma Open House was located at the Yuma County Public Work Facility on July 14th.

In addition to the in-person open houses, a public survey was available virtually through the YMPO website and in-person at the open houses. The survey was available in both English and Spanish. The survey was available from July 6th to July 24th, 2022. A total of 262 surveys were received, 70 of which were paper surveys collected at the public open house and the remainder were submitted virtually through SurveyMonkey. The public survey results are summarized below.

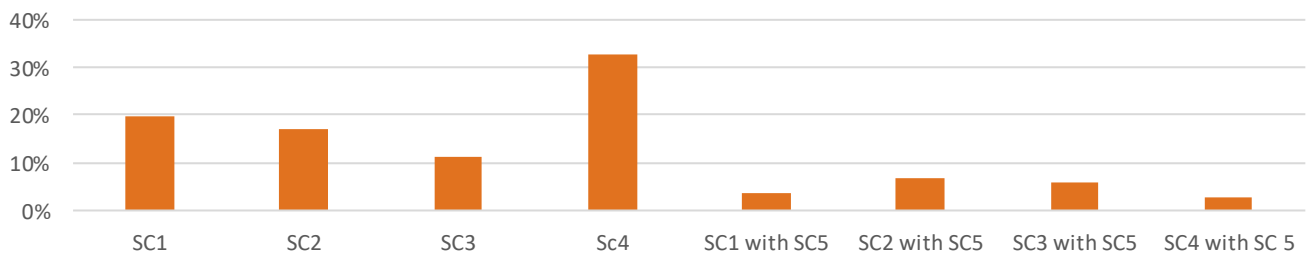
How supportive are you of a future freight rail corridor in the Yuma Region?



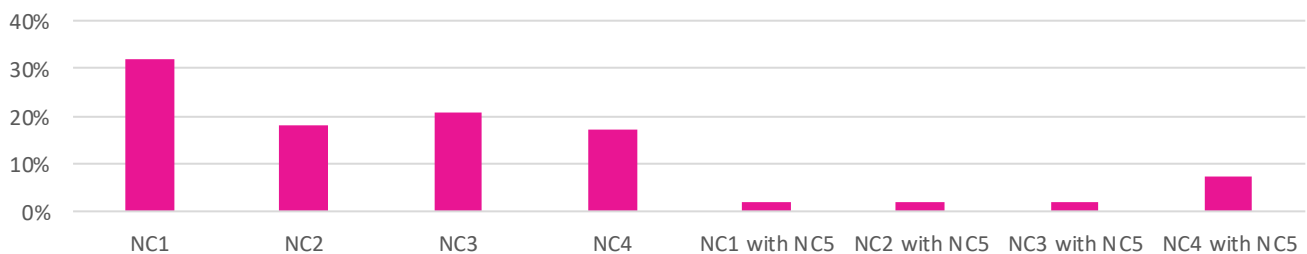
Which Southern Alternative do you feel would be best for a future rail corridor?



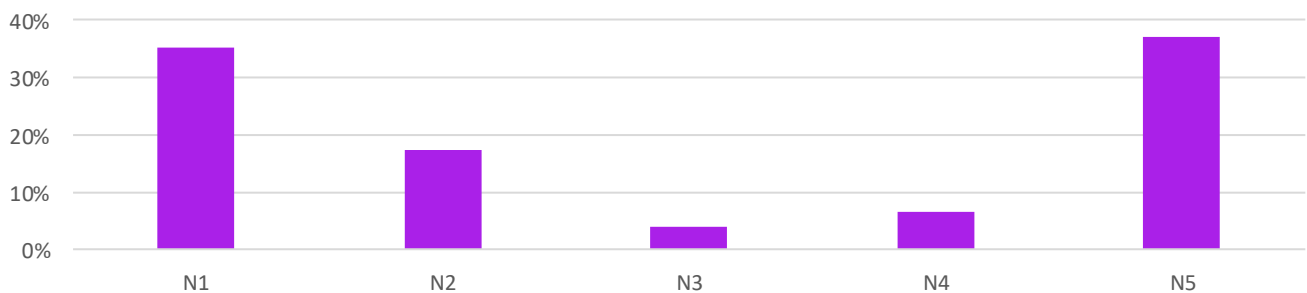
Which South-Central Alternative do you feel would be best for a future rail corridor?



Which North-Central Alternative do you feel would be best for a future rail corridor?



Which North Alternative do you feel would be best for a future rail corridor?



Screening Matrix Methodology

The Conceptual Alternatives were evaluated to identify those that are most suitable as an alignment for a possible rail/heavy freight corridor in the Yuma region. A high-level technical analysis was combined with the stakeholder and public input to identify fatal flaws with Conceptual Alignments that should be screened out before selecting Candidate Alternatives. This analysis included:



Land Use

- Land use compatibility
- Acres of public land impacted
- Acres of private land impacted
- Right-of-way availability



Roadway System Impacts

- # of classified road crossings
- # of local road crossings/closures



Environmental

- Historic property impacts
- Floodplain/waterway impacts
- Flat-Tailed Horned Lizard impact



Constructability

- Circuitry
- UPRR connection geometrics



Political Feasibility

- TAC and stakeholder input
- Public input

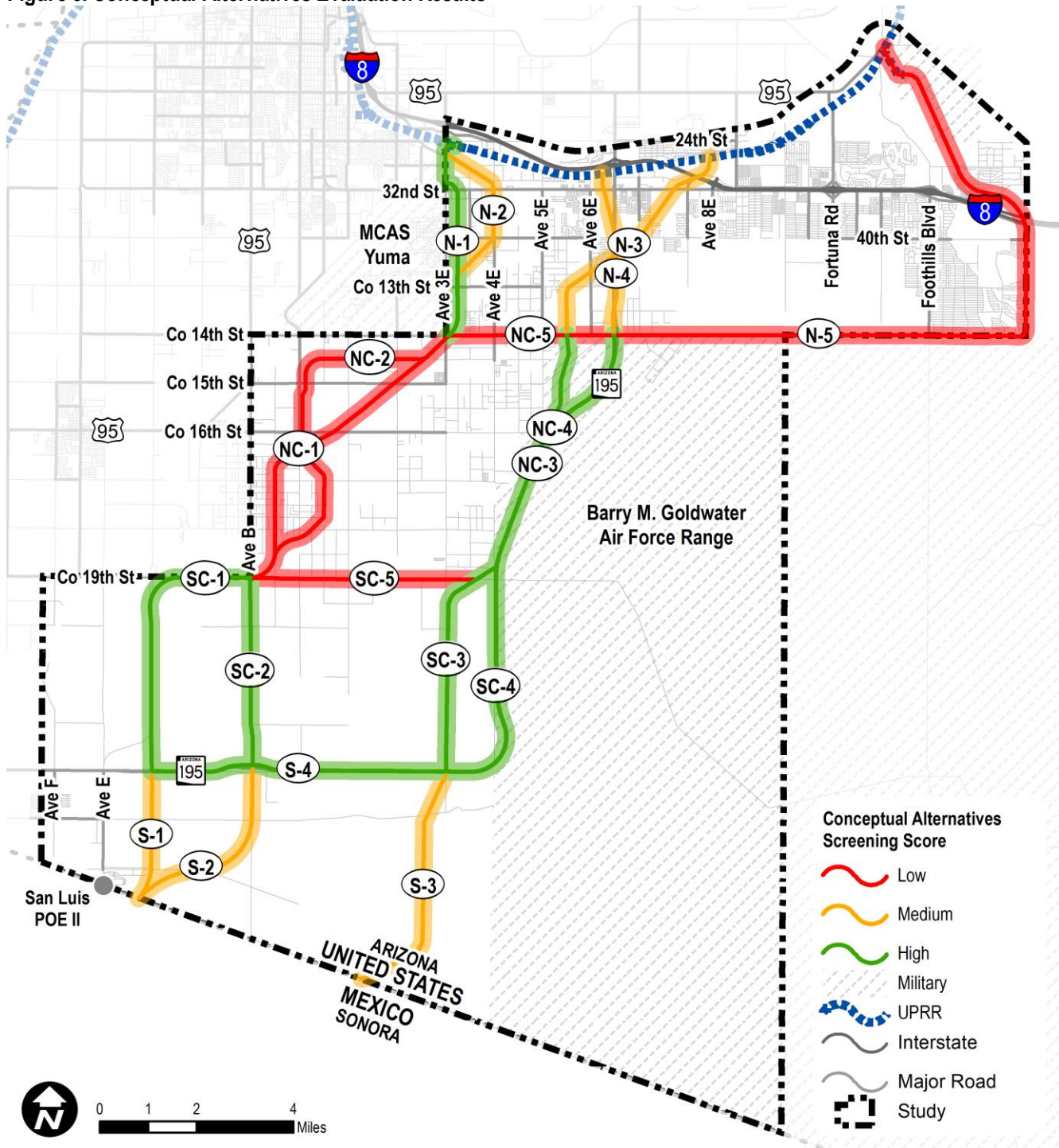
Screening Matrix Results

The assessment of Conceptual Alternatives was evaluated using the criteria categories of Land Use, Roadway System, Environmental and Constructability. The evaluation rated alternatives based on impact to the applicable category criteria with a score of poor (1), fair (2), or good (3). The scoring breakdown for each alternative is shown in **Table 2** and the results are shown graphically in **Figure 3**. Using these results, Candidate Alternatives were selected which went through a more vigorous technical analysis.

Table 2: Conceptual Alternatives Evaluation Matrix

Conceptual Alternative	Land Use				Political		Environmental			Roadway		Constructability		Total
	Compatibility	Public Land Impact	Private Land Impact	Right-of-way Impact	TAC/Stakeholder	Public Input	Historic Property Impact	Floodplain/Waterway Impact	Flat-Tail Horned Lizard Impact	Classified Road Crossings	Local Road Crossings	Circuitry	UPRR Connection	
N1	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	30
N2	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	28
N3	3	2	1	3	1	1	3	3	3	1	2	3	1	27
N4	3	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	26
N5	1	3	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	3	24
NC1	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	-	24
NC2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	-	21
NC3	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	-	30
NC4	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	-	31
NC5	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	1	-	22
SC1	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	3	1	3	3	-	30
SC2	3	3	3	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	-	30
SC3	3	3	3	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	-	29
SC4	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	-	33
SC5	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	1	1	-	23
S1	3	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	-	26
S2	3	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	2	3	-	28
S3	3	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	-	28
S4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	1	1	-	29

Figure 3. Conceptual Alternatives Evaluation Results



Appendix A. Stakeholder Engagement Summaries

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)

Stakeholder	Position	Interview Date
Bruce Fenske	Southwest District Administration	May 25, 2022
Mark Hoffman	Govt. Relations & Outreach Manager	June 1, 2022

Key takeaways and considerations resulting from discussions with ADOT Stakeholders include:

- Residents located in newer subdivisions along NC-1 and NC-2, may have issues with the construction/operation of a heavy rail facility along either of those routes
- N-1/N-2 have industrial uses (packaging plants) located within that area
- N-1/N-2 may also have a potential for adverse impact(s) to MCAS Yuma
- N-3/N-4, along the I-8 corridor, traverse the booming residential area in the Yuma Foothills region
- Construction of a new heavy rail facility along the canal alignment (N-3), will cause great concern to the owners/customers of the canal
- N-5 Alternative may have a new east-west collector or arterial roadway extension along the County 14th Street alignment to serve continuing growth and development
- N-5 and the north-south crossing of I-8 could be the easiest way to connect to UPRR Sunset Route Mainline, potentially the alternative with the least amount public resistance
- N-4 alignment had a lot of resistance in the past in relation to the construction of additional roadway capacity improvements, stakeholders along this alignment will likely not be in favor of a new heavy rail facility
- NC-1/NC-2 along with SC-1/SC-2 traverse heavy concentrations of long-time agricultural uses and newer residential subdivisions
- A new heavy rail facility following NC-1/NC-2 & SC-1/SC-2 alignments will receive mixed reviews from agricultural stakeholders
- NC-1/NC-2 and then transitioning to NC-5 will need to adhere to ADOT access control limits/restrictions when the alignment crosses the SR 195 facility, anticipate having a bridge structure to cross over ADOT's ROW
- If you follow S-2 to S-3 with a linkage to S-4 on the east side, you could avoid the need for a bridge to cross the SR 195 Surface Area Highway
- DOD leadership representing the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range will likely prefer locating the heavy rail facility along the west side of SR 195 (SC-4, NC-3, and NC-4), since they have some land on the east side of the highway, but not much
- This study will need to be aware of the environmental conditions/constraints that ADOT addressed during the design concept phase of the SR 195 corridor implementation assessment process
- The study will also need to be aware of all existing and proposed major utility corridors within the area under review for a new heavy rail facility
- Currently, Avenues D and E are under review/consideration for a new arterial facility to serve growing N/S travel demand
- SC-2 follows the Avenue B alignment, and this existing roadway is the primary N/S roadway in that area, serving a large amount of agricultural land
- SC-5 traverses agricultural land until you get to SR 195
- If closer to the San Luis II POE, could use monorails/truck traffic to move trailers to/from railroad
- Heavy rail connectivity to a new deep-water port along the west coast of Mexico had been considered in the past, however this linkage is not a priority of the current administration in Mexico
- The San Luis II POE and land just east of the agricultural fields may need to be avoided, land south of the airport and agricultural fields near that area appear to be more feasible



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- Southern alignments are less problematic, but the “North Central” and “North” routes would have issues as they segment the denser residential areas.
- N5 alignment would be the best, followed by N3 and N4 on the northernmost part of the study area (the chilling plant may have some operations that might halt some western routes), but if there was intent to serve local businesses, the western routes could be more suitable.
- Mark didn't identify any other routes he thought should be introduced to the preliminary concepts
- ROW may be an issue (in ROW or outside ROW) would be a concern
- Pushback expected from Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range on encroachment SC4, NC3 and NC4
- Mark felt an alignment on the east side would be more feasible, but discussion for potential on the west side of SR 195 should be considered
- N5 north of I-8 has a point where the alignment would be in a wash between two existing developments, this could be an issue
- Mark discussed the new rail line as a regional service that would tie into larger rail lines for distribution
- Potential for an alignment to the east of the Gila mountains suggested by people looking for routes that connect near Welton, which would bypass Yuma entirely
 - These people are not interested in serving Yuma
 - “Alignment” would go through the bombing range
- GYPA and other agencies had meetings regarding a monorail that could take containers from the POE to another intermodal facility to the north
 - No alignment suggested
 - Above ground in theory
- Paul likes the alignments, and the thought process that went into choosing said alignments

Arizona Farm Board Interview

Stakeholder	Position	Interview Date
Ana Kennedy	Govt. Relations & Outreach Manager	June 6, 2022

Discussion of opportunities and constraints included:

- Standards for construction and or future train operations near produce crops should be investigated.
- The Project Team requested guidance that could delineate which farmlands are dedicated (even half the year) to producing crops for human consumption. A GIS shapefile or a map or a drawing.
- Support the conceptual alignment routes furthest to the east (i.e., S-3, SC-4, NC-3, NC-4, and N-5)
 - Keeping the railway along the eastern alignment avoids the agricultural areas where produce is grown. The options avoid food safety/rail crossing issues.
- Kimley Horn had questions specific to special precautions or required distance along the rail lines, as well as visual guide delineating farmland from the Arizona Farm Board. However, the Board members did not delve into these topics because of their preference for the easternmost alignments.
- The Board members noted that alignments on the west end of the study area created serious concerns for growers in the area.
- The board expressed that alignment S-3 is preferred to S-1 or S-2, as the location of the S-3 alignment helps reduce traffic congestions by keeping the truck and rail ports separate.
- Additionally, Paul Brierley, the acting Yuma County Farm Bureau President, plans to reach out to Robby Barkley, a grower who was heavily engaged in the earlier railway discussions, because of the proximity of the then proposed railway to a large portion of his farmland.



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Yuma County Interview

Stakeholder	Position	Interview Date
Craig Sellers	Director of Development Services	June 8, 2022
Jason James	Multimodal Planning Division	June 8, 2022
Francisco Sanchez	Deputy County Engineer	June 8, 2022

Key takeaways and considerations resulting from discussion with Yuma County Stakeholders include:

- Avenue E corridor is highly unlikely to get environmental clearance, or a joint right of way acquisition based on previous experience.
- South County Landfill parcels are going to be developed for industrial use (near S-3)
- BOR unlikely to give up any right of way for railroad dedication (effects any potential alignments along the canal system).
- Suggested we meet with Greater Yuma Economic Development Council.

City of San Luis Interview

Stakeholder	Position	Interview Date
Eulogio Vera	City of San Luis, Public Works	June 8, 2022
Jenny Torres	City of San Luis, Economic Development	June 8, 2022

Key takeaways and considerations resulting from discussion with City of San Luis Stakeholders include:

- Where the line connects with Mexico is main priority.
- Along the S3 corridor there have already been outreach efforts made for the electrical powerline project, could be worth more investigation to gauge efforts and response.
- More research needed on the existing powerline that moves south towards the border from the SR 195 corridor. May be a permit already for this path.

Economic Development Interview

Stakeholder	Position	Interview Date
Julie Engel	Greater Economic Development Corp.	June 8, 2022

Discussion of economic development opportunities and constraints within the study area resulted in key takeaways shown below:

- Avenue E has residential development coming in near future which will be a hindrance to constructing rail.
- Recommend alternatives along SR 195 away from residential and farmland.

Marine Corps Air Station Interview

Stakeholder	Position	Interview Date
Mary Ellen Finch	MCAS Representative	June 9, 2022
Randy English	MCAS Representative	June 9, 2022
Ronald Kruse	MCAS Representative	June 9, 2022
Jonathon Gordon	MCAS Representative	June 9, 2022
Jeremy Pennell	MCAS Representative	June 9, 2022
Jeffrey Ruby	MCAS Representative	June 9, 2022
Antonio Martinez	MCAS Representative	June 9, 14, 2022
Bill Sellars	MCAS Representative	June 9, 2022

Discussion of opportunities and constraints along the border of the MCAS artillery range resulted in key takeaways shown below:

- The eastern alignments seem to be on MCAS right of way and are undesired
- Representatives of MCAS have made it very clear that eastern alignments that use bombing range right of way are unfeasible.
- There are concerns for types of materials being transported via train near the bombing range and how incidents involving hazmat or derailment will be exasperated due to the proximity of the bombing range.
- MCAS not only owns the right of way near the conceptual alternatives but the air rights as well.
- Orphaned parcels near conceptual alternatives NC4 and NC3 have ordinances buried within them and would require extensive precaution measures and studies to allow any construction.
- Would prefer alignments most west running of the bombing range.
- Better efforts to include MCAS on future study findings need to be made.
- The N5 conceptual alternative would not be feasible as it traverses through planned housing developments associated with the air station.

City of Yuma Interview

Stakeholder	Position	Interview Date
Jennifer Albers	Multimodal Planning Division	June 8, 2022
Jeremy McCall	Director of Utilities	June 8, 2022
Jeffrey Burt	Economic Development Administrator	June 14, 2022

Discussion of opportunities and constraints within the City of Yuma resulted in key takeaways shown below:

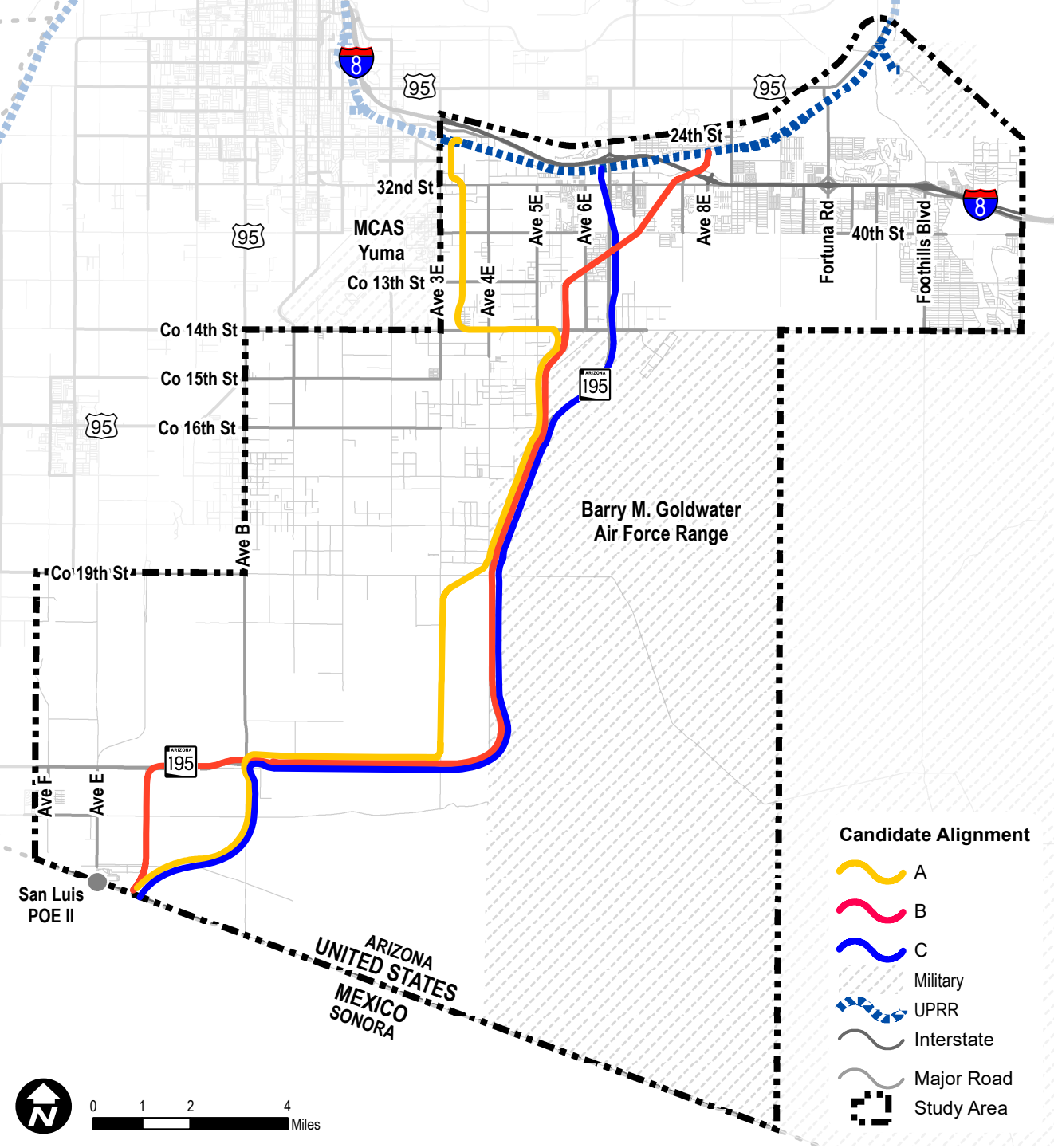
- 2022 City of Yuma plan is to develop spaceport in the area of Avenue A, adopted by council as public/quasi-public.
- S3 option has the potential to be the best location for entry into Mexico .
- There are State Lands negatively impacted by the N5 alternative to be considered
 - Public is very vocal in the Fortuna Foothills near N5 alternative
- Existing SPUT near US95 could be used for N5 option
- Gowan Milling and Yuma County Cotton Gin are concerned about potential rail corridor development and disturbing their operations.
- Using 4E street or 4 ½ E could impact less developed areas
- There is more acreage available between 3E and 5E for stations along existing rail
- State Lands has holding north of I-8 where N5 option is being evaluated.



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- 75 to 80 acres near Kyle and 30th Place, east of N2 option, would benefit from development with rail located in that region
- Agriculture owners may push back on railway development through their parcels.
- Agriculture fields east of Avenue 3E are mostly secured with established buildings and businesses
- There is a high sensitivity level, that has been elevated in recent years, due to discussion of potentially moving the fairground
- MCAS has concerns for impacts and potential development



YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 7

FY 2022 YMPO Audit Schedule

DATE: August 25, 2022

SUBJECT: FY 2022 YMPO Audit Schedule.

SUMMARY:

The FY 2021 Audit was completed and presented to the Board by Walker and Armstrong, the Audit company, during the February 2022 Board meeting. YMPO Staff is beginning to prepare for the FY 2022 Audit with the proposed schedule.

The current audit process of YMPO's accounts for FY 2022 (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022) has started. In the previous year, the accounting firm known as Pun Group prepared the YMPO financial reports. YMPO has agreed to continue with the accounting and audit firms under the same criteria. The Walker and Armstrong audit firm completes the audit, submits a formal letter to staff and presents the audit to members of the Audit Committee, usually on the morning of an Executive Board meeting.

The schedule for the forthcoming audit is as follows:

FY 2022 YMPO Audit Schedule		
Date	Proposed Action	By Whom
June 29, 2022	Audit Team On-Site (Test of Control Selections)	Audit Firm
Oct 3-6, 2022	Accounting (field work)	YMPO Staff, Accounting Firm
November 3, 2022	Deadline of all deliverables, PBC (schedules and Documents) Trial Balance, list, account reconciliation, closing entries, SEFA to Auditors	YMPO Staff, Accounting Firm
November 10, 2022	Draft ACFR (1st draft should go to YMPO before the Audit team)	Accounting Firm/ YMPO
December 12-15, 2022	Audit (field work)	YMPO Staff, Audit Firm
December 22, 2022	Final Draft of Financial Statements to YMPO Audit Firm	Accounting Firm

FY 2022 YMPO Audit Schedule		
January 12, 2023	Financial Statement Issuance	Audit Firm
January 18, 2023	Copies of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) & Single Audit Reporting Package to provide to Board on Jan 19, 2022	Audit Firm
January 26, 2023	Financial Statement Presentation to Audit Committee and Executive Board	Audit Firm
January 27, 2023	Submit GFOA COA **	YMPO
March 31, 2022	Deadline for Single Audit Filing Submittal	Audit Firm/ YMPO Exec. Director

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: YMPO uses two steps, first we use a consultant company to prepare detailed financial reports and then a separate consultant company to audit them.

POLICY: The 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.

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 February 24, 2022, the YMPO Executive Board unanimously approved the FY 2021 YMPO Audit.

CONTACT PERSON:

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

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 8

Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant

DATE: August 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant Status Report

SUMMARY:

The DCIP Program is a Department of Defense effort administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). YMPO staff were alerted to this program in late May 2022, and immediately reviewed the Grant details. YMPO worked with ADOT staff from the Southwest District, the Multimodal Planning Division, the Executive Grant Team, and the Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG) Commander, Colonel Ben “Patrick” McFall, U.S. Army, and a team of his staff. The Board formally approved the funding during a Special Executive Board meeting on June 15, 2022, and YMPO promptly hired a small consultant team from Wilson and Associates.

Consequently, the project application was successfully completed, submitted, and accepted by the reviewing agency. An evaluation panel has recommended funding to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment). ADOT staff are currently working with a DoD Project Manager to formally apply for the funds. All grant agreements must be issued and countersigned prior to September 23, 2022, so the appropriated funds can be obligated no later than September 30, 2022.

Overall, widening on US-95 is being addressed under a 2007 Design Concept Report, between Avenue 9E and Aberdeen Road, a total of almost 16 miles. Currently, the segment from Avenue 9E to Rifle Range Road (aka Blaisdell Road) just north of the Fortuna Wash bridge, a distance of 2.8 miles is under construction and is expected to be open to traffic in the next few months. The segment that will receive these funds is between Rifle Range Road to just north of the Wellton-Mohawk Canal, a distance of approximately 3 miles.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: ADOT has fully funded the project with a combination Federal Highway Administration and State funds, so the project is guaranteed to proceed, once the bids are received and a contract is signed. However, the intent is to utilize the DoD funds on the current roadway segment and to transfer some of the State funds to the next segment of the roadway, in due course.

POLICY: The region utilized local funds to apply for federal Grants.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

Paul Ward, Principal Engineer, 928-783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM #9

Regional Project Priority List

DATE: August 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Regional Project Priority List

SUMMARY:

The Rural Transportation Advocacy Committee has gone through a lengthy process last year with the Arizona Greater MPO/COGs participating in an exercise of compiling project in our region, by municipality, by ranking and again compiling for a regional list of projects to be submitted on behalf of the RTAC and Arizona Congressman to be considered for Arizona funding.

The Yuma region will receive 3.5 million dollars through the Legislative process that the RTAC successfully made with the Arizona Congress. These efforts will be used for the U.S. 95. That being said another RTAC push for the regional project lists has been requested to the MPO/COGs of Arizona.

The YMPO TAC has a recommended project list for the 2022 RTS that was created using the same criteria and updating last year's list. The overall RTAC intention is to target project amounts of \$100M, \$200M, and 300M. The expectation for the region if funds are allocated by the legislative process, the region should receive approximately \$13, \$26, or \$30 million dollars of funding, based on population, and depending on the amount authorized by the State Legislature.

A video will be made to incorporate the member projects and during the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZ RTS) the video will be presented during the conference and the congressional session.

A total of 84 projects will be submitted. A cost for all projects is \$400,500,000. The Prioritized number one (1) project for each member is as follows.

Regional Priority

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) - #1 Regional Priority

US 95: 9E to Aberdeen Road

- Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road
- Wellton/Mohawk Canal Bridge to Dome Valley Road 9(Include Gila River Bridge)
- Dome Valley Road to Imperial Dam Road

City of San Luis

4th Avenue and Union Street Intersection Improvement

City of Somerton

Main Street Improvement Phase 1 Somerton Avenue/Sanguinetti Park

City of Yuma

40th Street - Avenue 8E to Avenue 10E

Yuma County

US 95 - County 22nd Street to County 11th Street

- Phase 1 - County 22nd Street to County 17th Street
- Phase 2 - County 17th Street to Avenue "D"
- Phase 3 - Avenue "D" to County 11th Street

Town of Wellton

Ave 25E Alignment - County 14th Street to County 12th Street

Cocopah Indian Tribe

County 14th Street and West Main Canal Road R & R Project

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The Regional Priority List of Projects originated last year and was submitted to RTAC for consideration through the State Legislative budget process. This year, members of the TAC have reviewed the previously adopted list and updated projects where necessary.

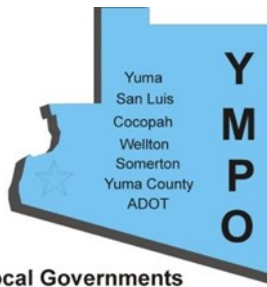
POLICY: Currently, the only regional priority that YMPO has formally approved is to widen US-95, between Avenue 9E and Aberdeen Road, from two lanes to four lanes.

ACTION NEEDED:

To approve the Regional Project Priority List to submit Rural Transportation Advocacy Committee (RTAC) for consideration at the Legislative budget process.

CONTACT PERSON:

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



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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS

84 Member Projects

\$402,500,000

**City of Yuma - 12 Projects
\$91,750,000**

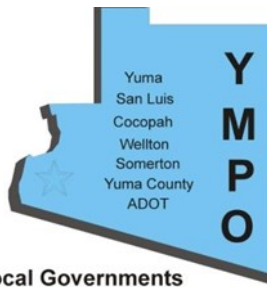
**Yuma County - 12 Projects
\$70,600,000**

**City of San Luis - 20 Projects
\$25,300,000**

**City of Somerton - 23 Projects
\$30,000,000**

**Town of Wellton- 5 Projects
\$52,500,000**

**Cocopah Indian Tribe - 4 Projects
\$2,900,000**



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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS

YMPO MEMBER NUMBER ONE (1) PROJECTS

Arizona Department of Transportation

\$95,400,000

City of Yuma

\$8,000,000

Yuma County

\$16,400,000

City of San Luis

\$800,000

City of Somerton

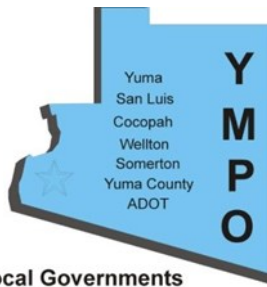
\$2,000,000

Town of Wellton

\$10,000,000

Cocopah Indian Tribe

\$1,000,000



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ADOT

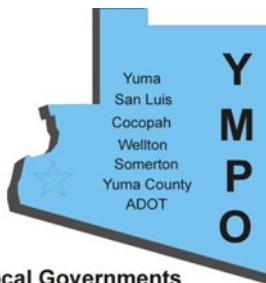
\$95,500.000

Arizona Department of Transportation

US - 95 Corridor

Ave 9E to Aberdeen Road

- #1 - Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road
- #2 - Wellton/Mohawk Canal Bridge to Dome Valley Road
- #3 - Dome Valley Road to Imperial Dam Road



YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY 1 (US-95)



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OVERVIEW

US - 95: Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road

- US-95 Improvements: 6 segments within a 16-mile distance. All serve the Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG) the largest proving grounds in the USA
- One project was complete (Fortuna Wash bridge) in 2017
- One segment is currently underway, Avenue 9E to Rifle Range Road
- Four segments remain. All segments carry >10,000 daily traffic, with heavy military and agricultural use and need to be widened from two lanes to four lanes
- This segment (Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road) is 3.8 miles.
- This project (95-4) is the second highest priority in the YMPO region for funding.

Project Schedule

Start: Winter 2024 -2025

Completion: Spring 2026

Project Cost

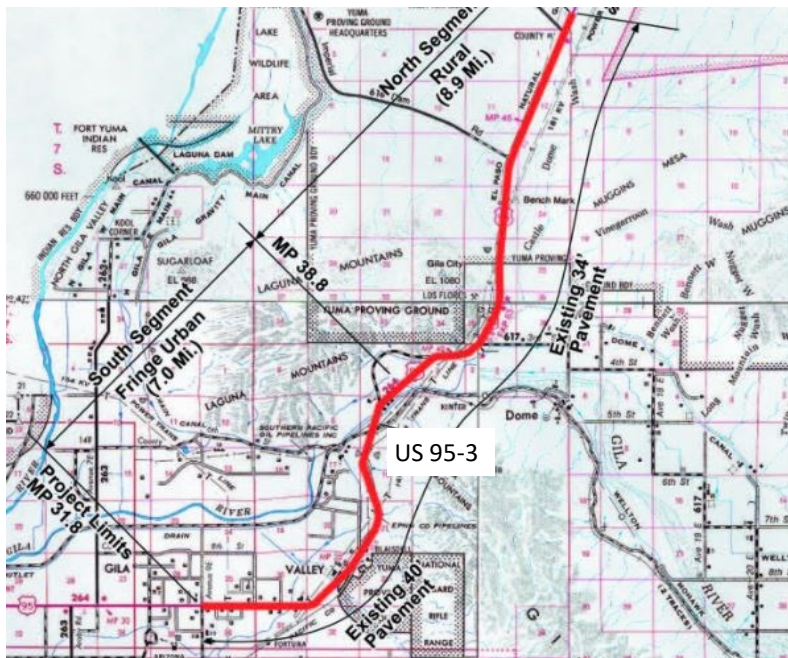
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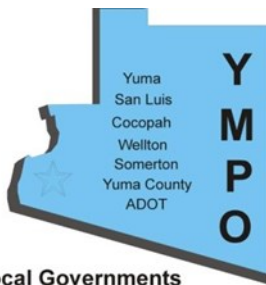
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For More Information

**Crystal Figueroa
Executive Director**

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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY 2 (US-95)



OVERVIEW

US - 95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal Bridge to Dome Valley Road

- US-95 Improvements: 6 segments within a 16-mile distance. All serve the Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG) the largest proving grounds in the USA
- One project was complete (Fortuna Wash bridge) in 2017
- One segment is currently underway, Avenue 9E to Rifle Range Road
- Four segments remain. All segments carry >10,000 daily traffic, with heavy military and agricultural use and need to be widened from two lanes to four lanes
- This segment (Wellton/Mohawk Canal to Dome Valley Road) is 2.3 miles
- This project (95-3) is the third highest priority in the YMPO region for funding

Project Schedule

Start: Summer 2026

Completion: Winter 2027/28

Project Cost

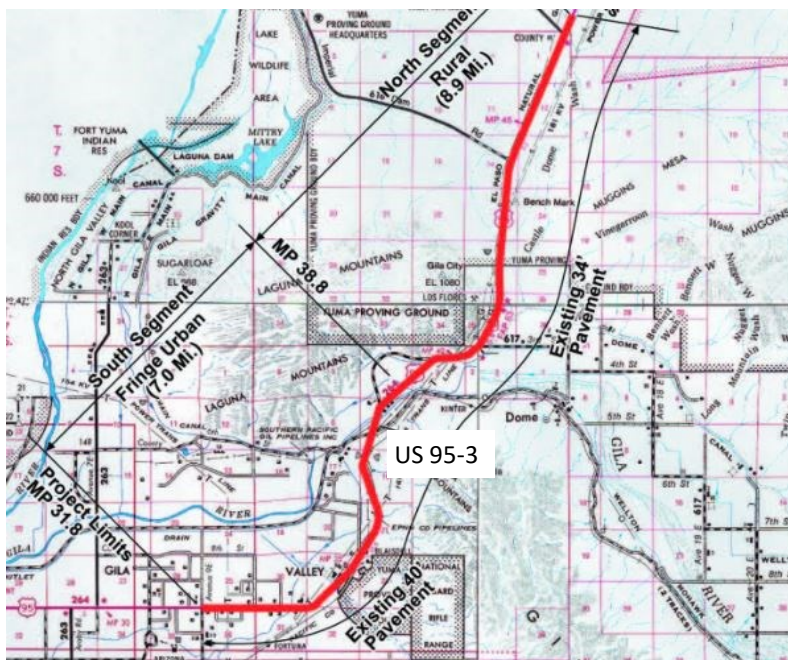
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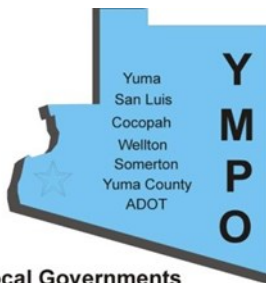
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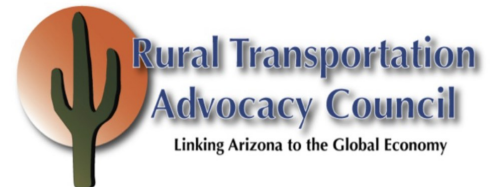
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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY 3 (US-95)



OVERVIEW

US 95: Dome Valley Road to Imperial Dam Road

- US-95 Improvements: 6 segments within a 16-mile distance. All serve the Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG) the largest proving grounds in the USA
- One project was complete (Fortuna Wash bridge) in 2017
- One segment is currently underway, Avenue 9E to Rifle Range Road
- Four segments remain. All segments carry >10,000 daily traffic, with heavy military and agricultural use and need to be widened from two lanes to four lanes
- This segment (Dome Valley Road to Imperial Dam Road) is 3.3 miles
- This project (95-4) is the fourth highest priority in the YMPO region for funding

Project Schedule

Start: Spring 2028

Completion: Autumn 2029

Project Cost

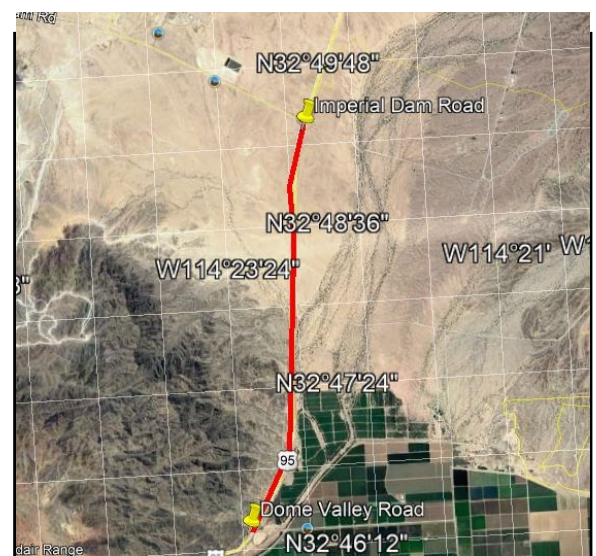
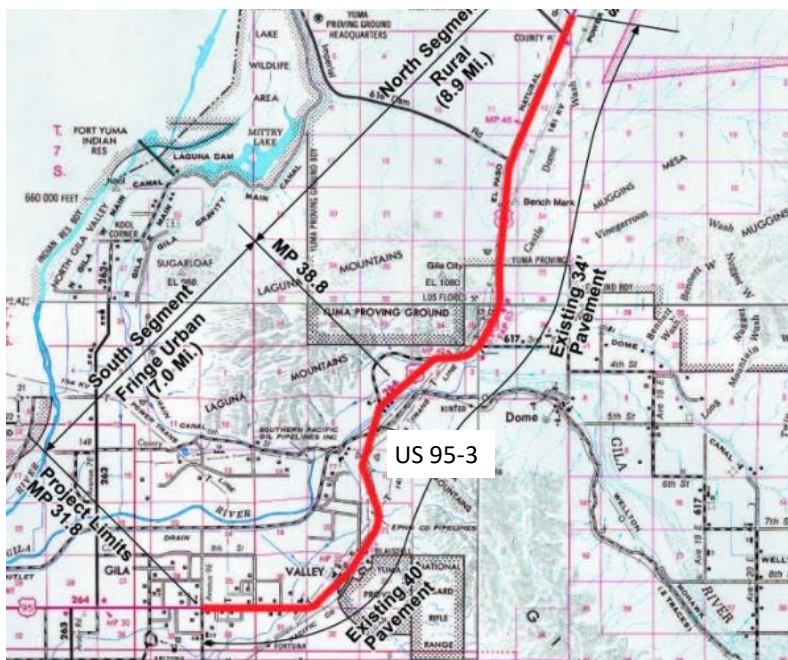
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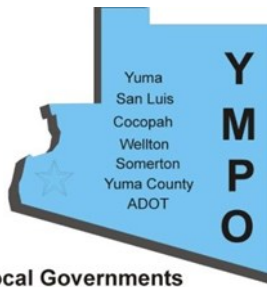
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For More Information

**Crystal Figueroa
Executive Director**

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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT

City of San Luis

\$49,400,000

City of San Luis

**4th Ave and Union Street
Intersection Improvement**



Project Overview

4th Avenue and Union Street Intersection Improvements Project

- 4th Avenue and Union Street Intersection Improvements Project is number 1 of 20 total projects for the YMPO.
- Fourth Avenue is one of the main north-south corridors in San Luis that connect the San Luis valley traffic to the downtown area.
- Widening and turn lane intersection improvements at the intersection will help circulation by increasing level of service.
- Benefits to the City/Town and/or Region

Project Schedule

Start: Winter 2022

Estimated Completion:
September 2023

Project Cost

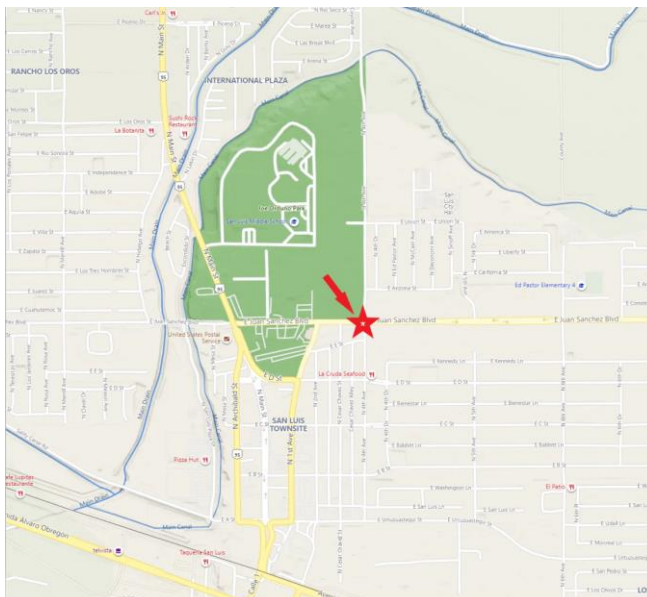
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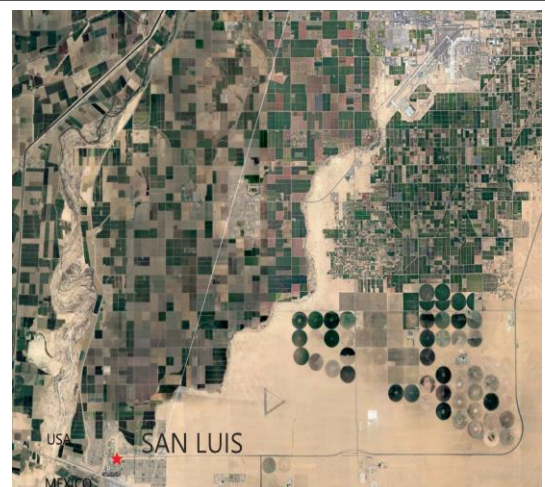
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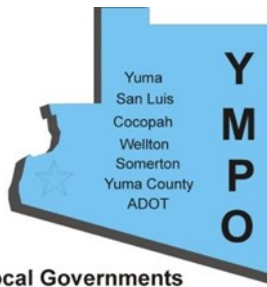
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PROJECT VICINITY MAP



PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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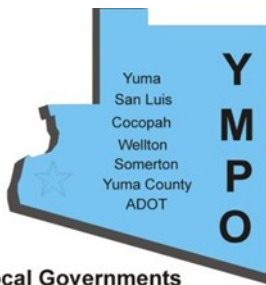
YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT

City of Somerton

\$30,000,000

City of Somerton

**Main Street Improvements Phase 1
Somerton Avenue/Sanguinetti Park**



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OVERVIEW

Main Street (Hwy 95) Improvements Phase I, Somerton Avenue/Sanguinetti Park

- Project 1 of 7 total priority projects within the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) that will be funded out of the total allocation to the YMPO region.
- This project is a priority for our local and regional traffic. Main Street (Hwy 95) is a Highway that connects four jurisdictions and will provide a needed upgrade/replacement to the traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street (Hwy 95) and Somerton Ave. and will replace the existing sidewalks and ramps in order to be in compliance with ADA Standards.
- Project contemplates widening the narrow and uneven sidewalks and ramps to meet ADA standards, traffic signal upgrade/replacement to improve traffic circulation and replace old, damaged asphalt.
- This project will be a significant benefit to the local and regional community by creating ADA accessible pedestrian sidewalks and ramps, solve the traffic congestion and improve the Level of Service at the intersection of Somerton Avenue and Main Street (Hwy 95).

Project Schedule

Start: **January 2023**

Estimated Completion: **July 2023**

Project Cost

General Fund Request: **\$2,000,000**

Local Contribution:
\$160,000 (Design)

For More Information

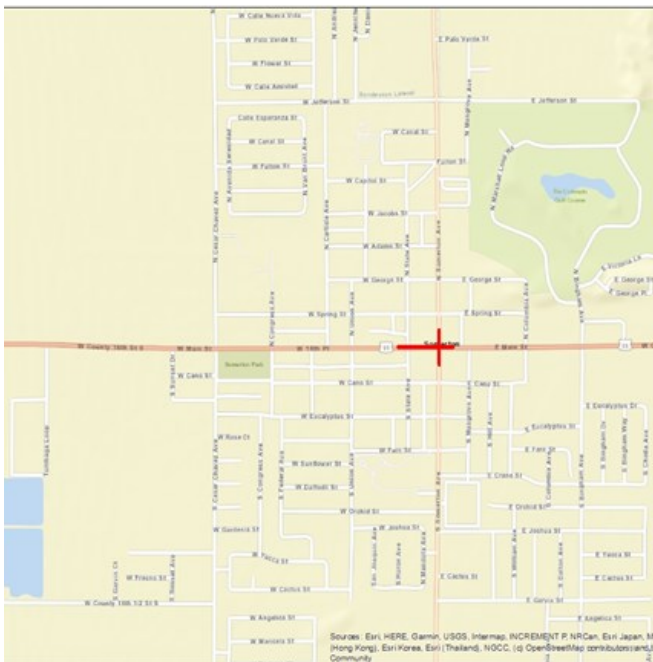
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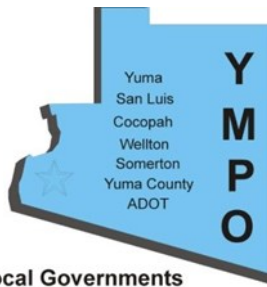
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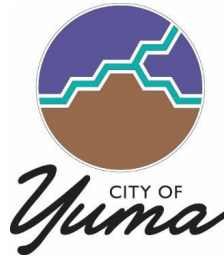
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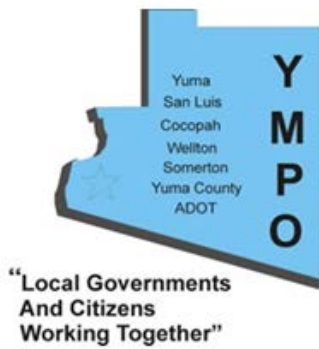
YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT

City of Yuma

\$95,700,000

City of Yuma

40th Street - Avenue 8E to Avenue 10E



PROJECT OVERVIEW

40th Street – Avenue 8E to Avenue 10E

- A priority project of the City of Yuma to be funded out of the total allocation to the YMPO region.
- The roadway segment will provide a needed connection between Avenue 8E and Avenue 10E for a fast growing area of the City.
- The Project will involve the construction of approximately 2 miles of new roadway connection existing roadways to the East and West.
- This project will be a significant benefit to the community as it will not only provide a new connection east/west for the subdivisions in the area but will also relieve traffic on South Frontage Road and the Avenue 10E/South Frontage Road intersection by providing a new western connection for commuters.

Project Schedule

Start: Spring 2024
Estimated Completion:
12 months from start

Project Cost
\$8,000,000

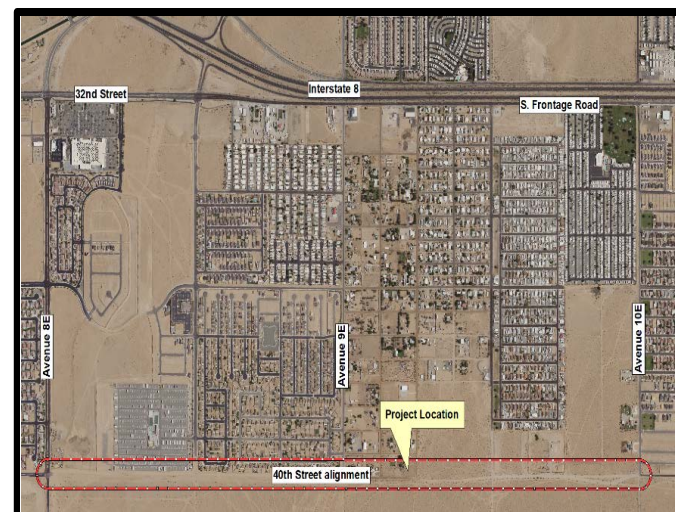
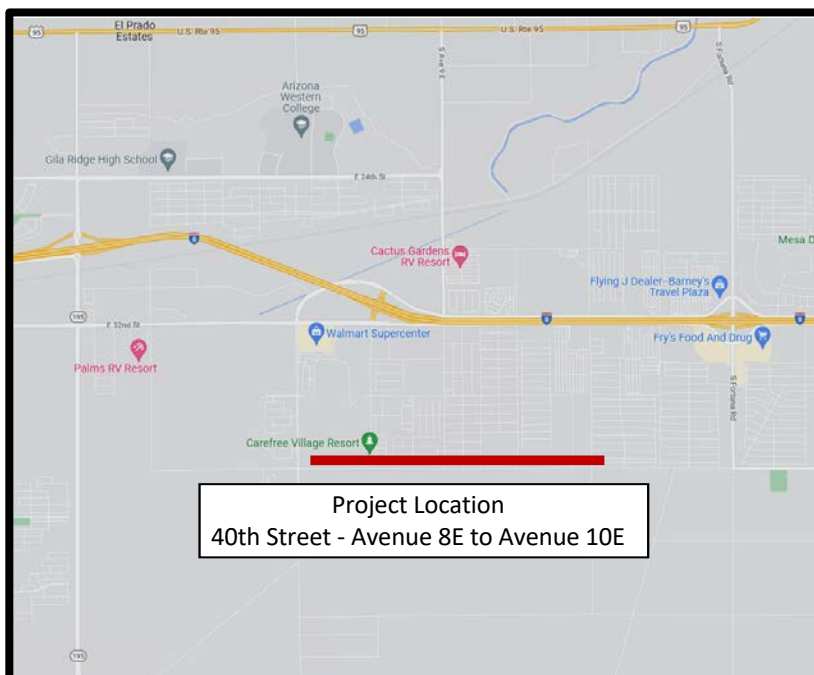
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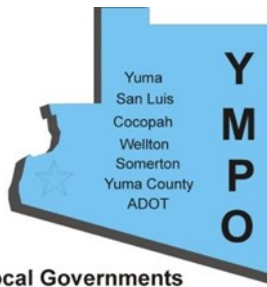
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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT

Yuma County

\$70,600,000

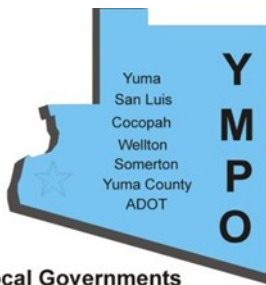
Yuma County

US - 95

County 22nd Street to County 11th Street

**To Rehabilitate the U.S. 95 Corridor, in 3 Segments,
from County 22nd Street (City of San Luis)
to County 11th Street (City of Yuma)**

- Phase 1—County 22nd Street to County 17th Street
- Phase 2—County 17th Street to Avenue "D"
- Phase 3—Avenue "D" to County 11th Street



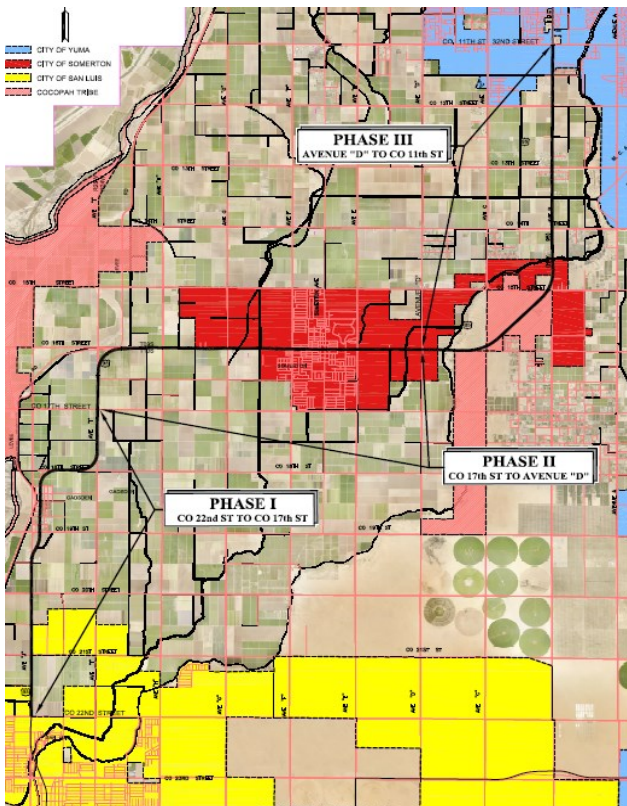
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

US-95: County 22nd St to County 11th St 3 inch Mill and Overlay

- US 95 is a major arterial roadway on the NHS, US 95 is a priority project within Yuma MPO and will be funded out of the total allocation for the region.
- This roadway serves as the Western Canamex corridor and is a vital corridor through San Luis, Somerton, Cocopah, City of Yuma and Yuma County to the San Luis Ports of Entry I and II.
- This project limit is approximately 18 miles 3 inch mill and overlay.
- Project will be done in three phases of approximately equal lengths and costs. Project serves all four local agencies in the Yuma Valley.



Project Schedule

Phase I - Start: **Mid 2022**
Estimated Completion: **Early 2023**

Phase II - Start: **Early 2023**
Estimated Completion: **Late 2023**

Phase III - Start: **Late 2023**
Estimated Completion: **Mid 2024**

Project Cost

\$16,400,000 - Total

Phase I - **\$5,600,000**

Phase II - **\$5,200,000**

Phase III - **\$5,600,000**

General Fund Request

Local Contribution: **20% from HURF**

Partnering Agencies:

Phase I - **Yuma County, City of San Luis**

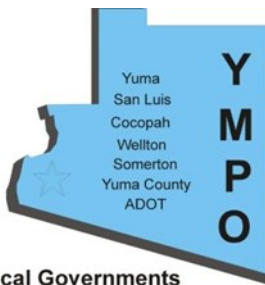
Phase II - **Yuma County, City of Somerton**

Phase III - **Yuma County, Cities of Yuma & Somerton, and Cocopah Indian Tribe**

For More Information

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

US-95: County 22nd St to County 17th St 3 inch Mill and Overlay - Phase I

- US-95 is a major arterial roadway on the NHS. US 95 is a priority project within the Yuma MPO and will be funded out of the total allocation for the region.
- This segment of roadway serves as part of the Western Canamex corridor and is a vital corridor through San Luis and Yuma County to the San Luis Ports of Entry I and II.
- This project length is approximately 6.00 miles 3 inch mill and overlay.

Project Schedule

Phase I - Start: **Mid 2022**

Estimated Completion: **Early 2023**

Project Cost

\$5,600,000—Total

General Fund Request

Local Contribution: **20% from HURF**

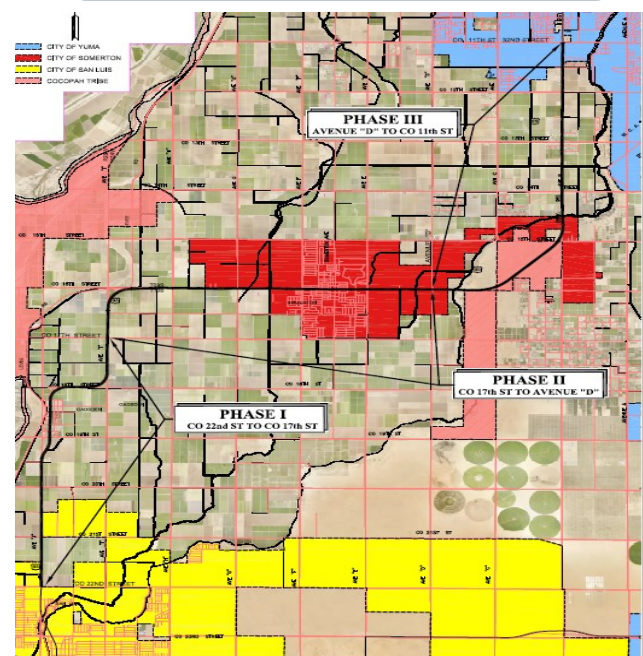
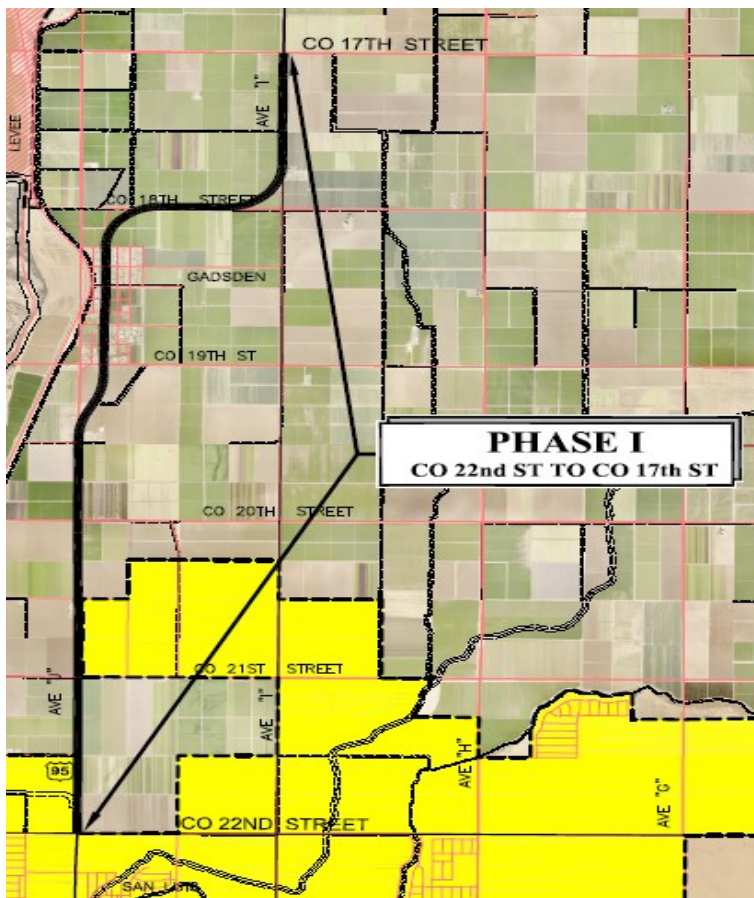
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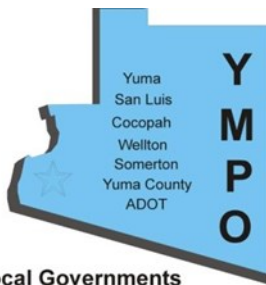
Yuma County & City of San Luis

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

US-95: County 17th St to Avenue D 3 inch Mill and Overlay - Phase II

- US-95 is a major arterial roadway on the NHS. US-95 is a priority project within Yuma MPO and will be funded out of the total allocation for the region.
- This segment of roadway serves as part of the Western Canamex corridor and is a vital corridor through Somerton and Yuma County to the San Luis Ports of Entry I and II.
- This project limit is approximately 5.7 miles 3 inch mill and overlay.

Project Schedule

Phase II - Start: **Early 2023** Estimated Completion: **Late 2023**

Project Cost

\$5,200,000 - Total

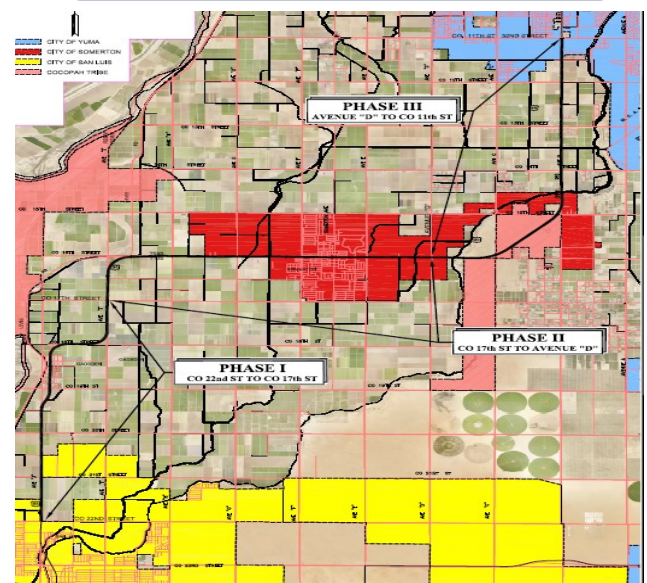
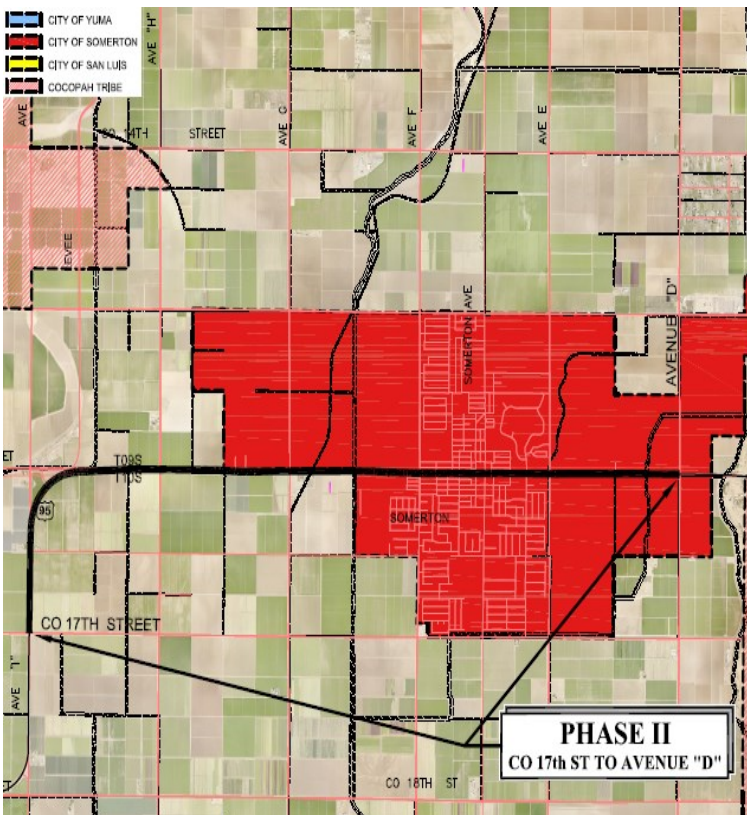
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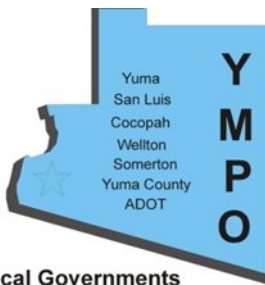
Local Contribution: **20% from HURF**
Partnering Agencies: **Yuma County & City of Somerton**

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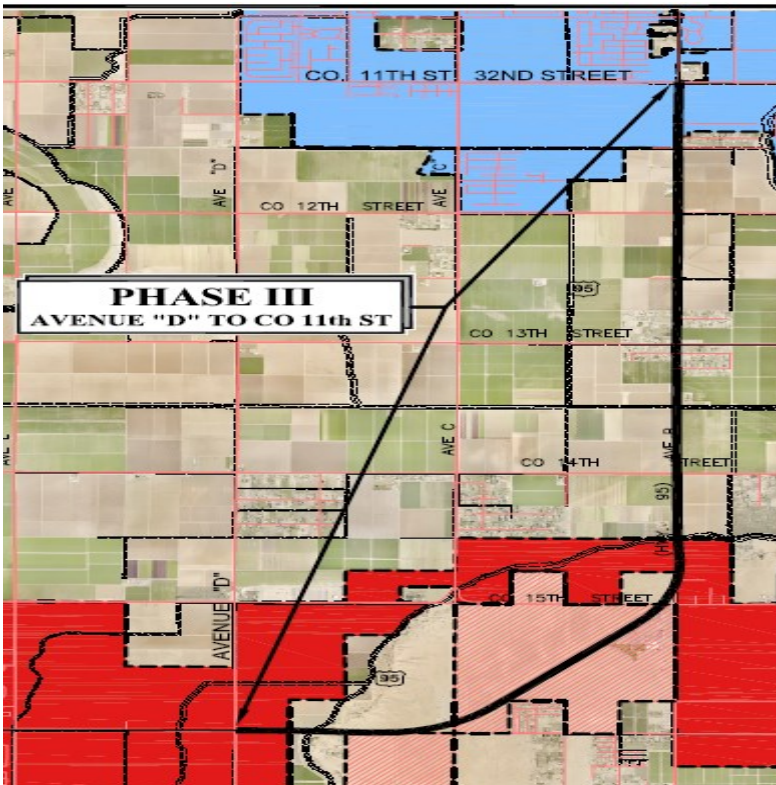
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

US-95: Avenue D to County 11th Street 3 inch Mill and Overlay - Phase III

- US 95 is a major arterial roadway on the NHS. US 95 is a priority project within Yuma MPO and will be funded out of the total allocation for the region.
- This segment of roadway serves as part of the Western Canamex corridor and is a vital corridor through Somerton, Cocopah Indian Reservation, City of Yuma and Yuma County to the San Luis Ports of Entry I and II.
- This project limit is approximately 6.4 miles 3 inch mill and overlay.



Project Schedule

Phase II Start: Late 2023

Estimated Completion: Mid 2024

Project Cost

\$5,600,000—Total

General Fund Request

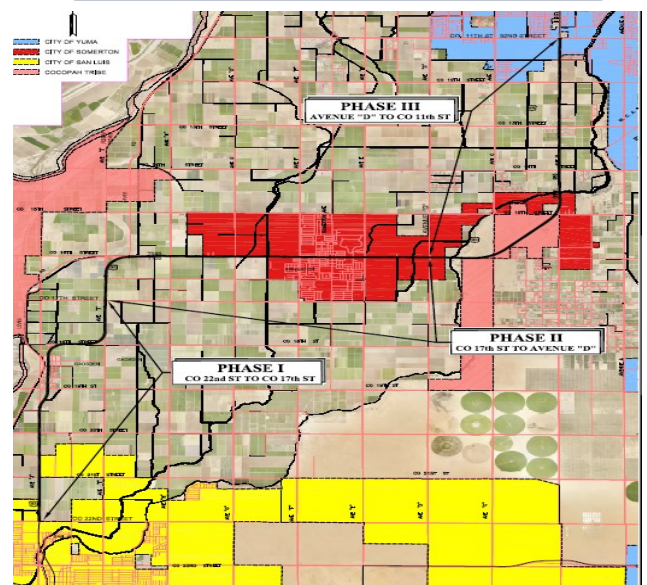
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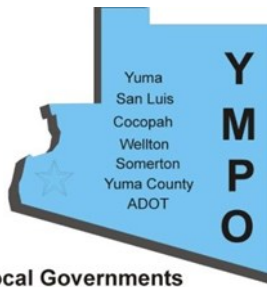
**Partnering Agencies: Yuma County,
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Cocopah Indian Reservation**

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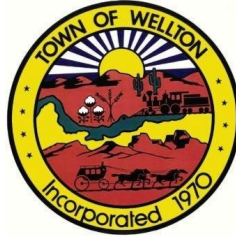
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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT

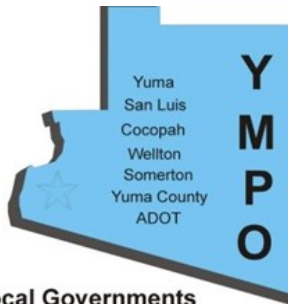
Town of Wellton

\$52,500,000

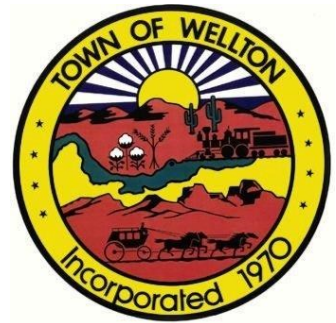
Town of Wellton

Ave 25E Alignment

County 14th Street to County 12th Street



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Town of Wellton

OVERVIEW

Avenue 25 E Alignment: County 14th St to County 12 Street

- County 25E is the western terminus of the Camino del Diablo Trail, and it is also the main entrance for the U.S. Marines from MCAS-Yuma to enter the Barry Goldwater range . Most importantly there is a community of houses west of 25E at Gila Ranch Road scattered west to the base of the Laguna mountains.
- Although, the military does most of the damage to this primitive road. They have shown no interest in improving the road or at least helping to maintain it.
- The road consists mainly of native sand and gravel which makes it impossible to keep in a safe passable condition. A Jeep recently broke a tie rod and rolled on the road injuring the driver, due to the wash boards.
- So, one can imagine how difficult this makes it to provide common services and especially emergency services to this area.
- This project is to realign and finish paving 25E from County 12th Avenue to County 14th Avenue.

Project Schedule

Start: Mid 2022

Completion: Late 2023

Project Cost

\$10,000,000

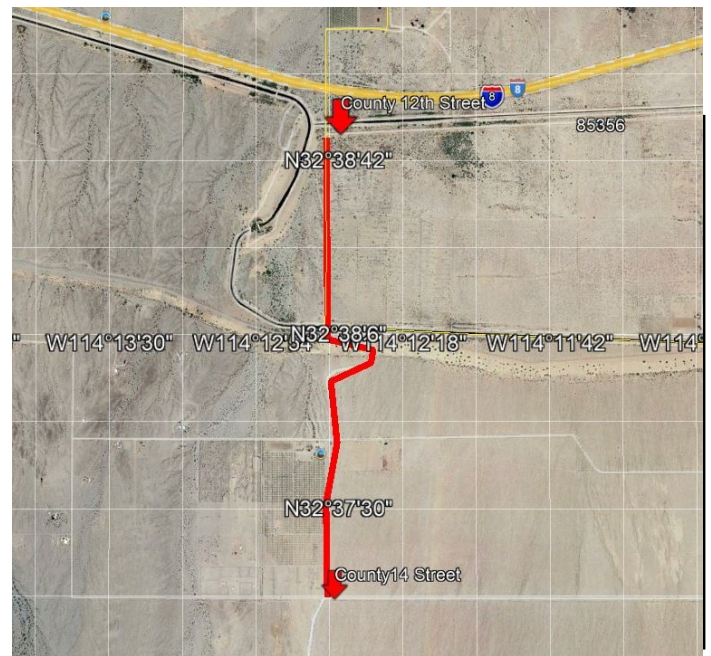
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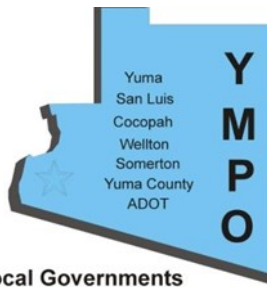
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Avenue 25 E Alignment





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YMPO REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT

Cocopah Indian Tribe

\$2,800,000

Cocopah Indian Tribe

1. County 14th Street & West Main Canal Road - Bridge R & R Project
2. County 14th Street & Avenue H to Yuma Levee Road Pavement R & R Project
3. Salt Cedar Drive (.5 Mile) East Reservation Pavement R & R Project
4. Salt Cedar St (.25) East Reservation Pavement R & R Project

Rank	Project Name	Project Description	Total
	City of Yuma		
1	40th St: Avenue 8E to Avenue 10E	Construct	\$8,000,000
2	Pacific Ave Multi-Use Path: Colorado River Levee to 12th Street	Construct multi-use path	\$500,000
3	1st Street: 4th Avenue to Avenue B - Restripe to 3 lanes and bike lanes per RS	Design and Construct	\$2,250,000
4	32nd St Multi-Use Path: Avenue 3E to Avenue 7 1/2 E	Construct multi-use path	\$3,000,000
5	Ave B: 8th Street to 1st Street	Design and Construct	\$5,000,000
6	Ave B: 24th Street to 8th Street	Design and Construct	\$3,000,000
7	Ave C: 24th Street to 32nd Street	Design and Construct	\$3,000,000
8	Ave C: 32nd Street to 40th Street	Design and Construct	\$3,000,000
9	Ave D: 16th Street to 24th Street	Design and Construct	\$3,000,000
10	Ave D: 24th Street to 32nd Street	Design and Construct	\$3,000,000
11	32nd Street: Arizona Avenue to Avenue 10E	Design and Construct	\$46,000,000
12	County 14th Street: SR-195 to Avenue 10E	Construct	\$12,000,000
	Total for the City of Yuma		\$91,750,000
	Yuma County		
1	US 95: County 22nd St to County 11th St	3" Mill & Overlay	\$16,314,225
2	Fortuna Road: I-8 to HWY 95	Reconstruction and widening	\$3,800,000
3	8th Street: Ave D to Somerton Ave	Reconstruction and widening	\$5,000,000
4	Somerton Ave: Co 11th to Co 14th	Reconstruction	\$2,600,000
5	Somerton Ave: Co 8th to Co 11th	Reconstruction	\$2,600,000
6	Foothills Blvd: 48th St to Co 14th	Reconstruction and widening	\$4,000,000
7	Avenue E/D: Co 23rd to Co 18th	New construction	\$18,000,000
8	County 14th St: 10E to foothills blvd	Construct	\$12,000,000
9	Bridge No. 9481: Somerton Ave and Co 10 1/4 Street	Reconstruct Bridge	\$1,200,000
10	Bridge No. 8515: Ave 3E and County 14 1/2 Street	Reconstruct Bridge	\$1,200,000
11	Bridge No. 8795: Ave 1E and County 14 1/2 Street	Reconstruct Bridge	\$850,000
12	Foothills Blvd: S. Frontage Road to 48th Street	3" Mill and Overlay	\$3,000,000
	Total for Yuma County		\$70,564,225
	City of San Luis		

Rank	Project Name	Project Description	Total
1	4th Avenue and Union Street Intersection Improvements	Traffic Signal and Turn Lanes	\$800,000
2	Cesar Chavez Blvd Widening	Wideninig Project (Main St to 10th Avenue)	\$6,000,000
3	Cesar Chavez Blvd Widening	Widening Project- (10th Ave. to Avenue E)	\$2,000,000
4	6th Avenue Extension - Union St to Co. 22nd	New Roadway	\$2,000,000
5	County 22nd & 4th Avenue	Traffic Signal	\$400,000
6	Avenue F and Co. 24th Street Intersection Improvements	Traffic Signal	\$400,000
7	Avenue E and San Luis Lane Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	Traffic Signal/Ped Crossing	\$800,000
8	Bike Lane Incorporation Project	Widening/Restriping/Signing	\$500,000
9	County 24th Street - Avenue F1/2 to H	Pave Dirt Road	\$2,300,000
10	East Main Canal Pathway	8th Avenue to Cesar Chavez Blvd	\$1,000,000
11	Avenue E and Co. 24th Street Intersection	Traffic Signal	\$600,000
12	F Street Widening - San Luis Lane to Cesar Chavez Blvd	Widening Project	\$1,000,000
13	County 22nd & Sidewinder Road	Intersection Improvements - Turn Lanes	\$500,000
14	County 22nd Widening - 4th to Sidewinder Road	Widening Project	\$1,800,000
15	Citywide Traffic Signal Update	Traffic Signal/ITS	\$1,800,000
16	10th Ave Widening - Co. 22nd to Cesar Chavez Blvd.	Widening Project	\$1,200,000
17	Merrill Avenue Widening - Los Oros to Co. 22nd St	Widening Project	\$1,400,000
18	Port of Entry Traffic Re-routing with HAWK	HAWK, Signage and Striping	\$800,000
19	Pedestrian HAWK Crossings	D St, William Brooks, 9th Ave, and Lakin Drive	\$800,000
20	Avenue B Improvements - North of SR195	Safety Improvements	\$2,000,000
	Total for the City of San Luis		\$25,300,000
	City of Somerton		
1	State Avenue Fulton Street to Main Street	Street Reconstruction & Drainage Project	\$1,200,000
2	Somerton Ave. to Cesar Chavez Ave.	Downtown Redevelopment Plan Phase 1	\$10,000,000
3	Zocalo Gardens Subdivision 4 and 6	Pavement Replacement Project	\$400,000
4	Somerton Ave. & CO.17TH	Somerton Avenue Bridge Replacement	\$700,000
5	Somerton Heights Subdivision	Pavement Replacement Project	\$500,000
6	City Limits (Hwy 95)	Main Street (Highway 95) Mill and Fill Overlay	\$1,500,000
7	Main St (Hwy 95)	New Traffic Signal High School Area	\$1,100,000

Rank	Project Name	Project Description	Total
8	Main St. (Hwy 95) & Somerton Ave	Somerton Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade	\$500,000
9	Main Street (Hwy 95) & Bingham Avenue	Bingham Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade	\$500,000
10	Rural Pavement Surface Improvements CO.15TH, 16TH, 17TH, Ave. B, C, D, G	Pavement Preservation Chip Seal	\$600,000
11	Citywide ADA Sidewalk Ramps	Citywide ADA Sidewalks Ramps Replacement	\$2,100,000
12	Main St. (Hwy 95) to Fern St.	South Somerton Avenue Pathway Project Phase I	\$400,000
13	C.Chavez Ave. & CO.17TH	Cesar Chavez Avenue Pavement Replacement	\$700,000
14	Somerton Transportation Master Plan Update	Study	\$200,000
15	Somerton Multi-Use Pathway Master Plan Update	Study	\$100,000
16	Eucalyptus Avenue Street Reconstruction Project Somerton-C.Chavez	Pavement Replacement Project	\$500,000
17	George Street to Palo Verde Street	North Somerton Avenue Pathway Project	\$800,000
18	Fern Street to Garvin Street	South Somerton Avenue Pathway Project Phase II	\$1,000,000
19	Acacia Avenue	Design and Construction	\$750,000
20	CO.15TH Avenue G to Cesar Chavez	Design and Construction	\$2,000,000
21	Main Street (Hwy 95) to CO.15TH Street (Madison)	Main Drain Multi-Use Pathway	\$1,500,000
22	City Limits CO.17TH to CO.15TH	Avenue D/E Corridor	\$1,000,000
23	Avenue B and CO.15TH Intersection Improvements	Design and Construction	\$2,000,000
	Total for the City of Somerton		\$30,050,000
	Town of Wellton		
1	25E Alignment	Cty 14 to cty 12	\$10,000,000
2	County 12th Street; 27E to 29E	Design & Build	\$2,500,000
3	Ave 31 E Bridge	TI Construct	\$35,000,000
4	County 11th St. 29E to 31 E	Design & Build	\$2,500,000
5	County 12th St. 29E to 31 E	Design & Build	\$2,500,000
	Total for the Town of Wellton		\$52,500,000
	Cocopah Indian Tribe		
1	County 14th and West Main Canal Rd	West Reservation Bridge R&R Project	\$750,000
2	County 14th and Avenue H to Yuma Levee Rd (1.37 miles)	West Reservation Pavement R&R Project	\$1,370,000
3	Salt Cedar Drive (.5 miles)	East Reservation Pavement R&R Project	\$500,000

Rank	Project Name	Project Description	Total
4	Salt Cedar St. (.25 miles)	East Reservation Pavement R&R Project	\$250,000
	Total for the Cocopah Indian Tribe		\$2,870,000
	ADOT Southwest District		
1	US 95, Wellton-Mohawk Canal Bridge-Aberdeen Road Widening	Phase 3 Design & Construction	\$100,000,000
2	US 95 & Araby Road Intersection Improvements	Design & Construction	\$3,500,000
3	SR 280 @ Gila Ridge Road Reconstruction & Widening	Design & Construction	\$4,000,000
4	I-8, Avenue 29E TI Ramp Improvements	Design & Construction	\$3,500,000
5	I-8, 16th Street TI Ramp Improvements	Design & Construction	\$3,500,000
6	SR 195 & County 14th Street Intersection Improvements	Design & Construction	\$3,500,000
7	Avenue 3E & 24th Street Roundabout	Design & Construction	\$5,000,000
8	I-8 @ Foothills Blvd, Ramps & South Frontage Rd Intersection Improvements	Design & Construction	\$4,500,000
	Total for the ADOT Southwest District		\$127,500,000
	Combined Total for All Agencies		\$402,479,225

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 10

YMPO Legal Services

DATE: August 25, 2022

SUBJECT: YMPO Legal Services

SUMMARY:

After fifty-five years of service to clients, YMPO attorney Wayne C. Benesch has decided to retire at the end of the calendar year, he has represented YMPO since 1988 and YMPO now owns the building where he diligently took care of YMPO's legal matters. YMPO last advertised for Legal Services in 2017 and only received one proposal by Byrne and Benesch, P.C. and contracted for a three-year term that ended on December 31, 2020. The contract was renewed for an additional two-year term which ends on December 31, 2022.

The YMPO Board has the decision to continue the transition with Benesch, Shadle, & White, PLC and extend the contract with representation by the managing partner Trevor White and Associate Attorney Elizabeth Punpayuk who have offered to continue to serve the firms' existing clients or advertise for Legal Services.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The current company has several years of experience in representing YMPO on a wide variety of subjects

POLICY: If needed, staff will follow the standard Procurement Policy for legal services.

ACTION NEEDED:

Members are requested to review, discuss, and possibly authorize the Executive Director to extend the existing contract or advertise for Legal Services.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

At their meeting on December 14, 2017, the YMPO Executive Board unanimously approved the award of a legal services contract for three years until December 2020 and since has been extended for an additional two years.

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YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 11

Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) Status Report

DATE: August 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) Status Report

SUMMARY:

The YMPO RCP is a plan that identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, senior adults, and people with low incomes. It provides strategies for meeting those local needs and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. This effort is funded by the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) 5310 Program through the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Transit Section. A full update to the RCP normally occurs every four (4) years with annual updates to the data being provided by YMPO staff. The RCP aims to maximize the program's collective coverage by minimizing the duplication of services.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the RCP was distributed to the public on June 22, 2022. Approximately 4 weeks after distribution all RFPs were to be submitted to YMPO by 3:00 PM on July 20th, 2022. Unfortunately, YMPO did not receive a submittal to meet the deadline.

YMPO has called over 30 Consultants to try and determine why no submission for the RCP were made to YMPO. ADOT reviewed the RFP, made comments and suggestions for improvement. The new PROPOSED timeline is as follows:

- Release date - August 24, 2022
- RFP submittal - September 21, 2022
- RFP Distributed to TAC - September 22, 2022
- TAC recommends consultant - October 13, 2022
- Notice to proceed possible approval by Board
 - October 27, 2022
- Tac recommends approval - April 13, 2022
- RCP final report dur - April 27, 2022

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

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The RCP is part of a Mobility Management Program that varies, based on the needs of each region.

POLICY: FTA and ADOT require the development of a RCP as part of receiving funds for the 5310 Program.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for review, discussion, and/or possible comment only at this stage.

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