

EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Local Governments and Citizens Working Together

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 30, 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
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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, June 30, 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 May 26, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the June 15, 2022, Special Board Meeting Minutes

C. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for May 2022

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from May 26, 2022, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes of the May 26, 2022, Regular Board meeting. The May 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 May 26, 2022, and June 15, 2022, are attached for review as Items 4A and 4B, and the financial report for May 2022 is attached as Item 4C.

5. YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Study - Status Report

The YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Study started in August 2021, and the Board last received a status update in April, 2022. YMPO Staff will provide an update on progress that has occurred during the past two months.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only, at this stage. Charles Gutierrez, YMPO Senior Planning Manager, will present this item and no information summary is provided.

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

During the May 26, 2022, YMPO Executive Board meeting, the Board approved an adjustment to Amendment #1 to the FY 2022-23 UPWP and, during the recent Special meeting on June 15, 2022, the Board is expected to authorize an item for not-to-exceed \$10,000 in local funds to pursue a Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant.

In additional to this Grant, it is understood that several more grant opportunities may 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 (NOFO) 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, the suggestion is to establish a single Grant Application for Transportation Equity (GATE) line item in the UPWP, with a total amount of \$60,000 in local funds, that gives the authority to the Executive Director to allocate up to \$15,000 for separate consultant contract to pursue grants as they become available. This request is listed in the Staff Report Memorandum that is included amongst the supporting documents provided as part of the amendment request.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve Amendment #3 to the FY 2021-23 UPWP to include a line item of \$60,000 in local funds and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into consultant contracts with companies to apply for as yet undefined Transportation Grants made available through the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Crystal Figueroa, YMPO Executive Director, will give a verbal presentation of this item. The appropriate tables and Staff Report Memorandum are included in an Information Summary as Item 6.

7. Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant Opportunity.

The DCIP Program is a Department of Defense effort administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). The program is a competitive grant program to enable State and Local projects to address deficiencies in community infrastructure in support of Local military installations. YMPO was alerted to this program through the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) and the DCIP Grant was the subject of the Special Executive Board meeting that took place last week.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment only, at this time and Paul Ward, YMPO Principal Engineer, information summary is included as item 7.

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

The HSIP is a Federally funded program that offers the opportunity to program funds for a variety of safety projects on roads throughout the YMPO region. The program focuses on Federal-Aid eligible roads but may also be used for improvements on roadways that are NOT eligible. YMPO was remarkably successful during the process two years ago and hopes to be just as successful this time, especially due to the increase in HSIP funds during the recently approved Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion, only at this stage. Charles Gutierrez will present this item, and further information is available in an Information Summary as Item 8.

9. The Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZRTS) and American Consulting Engineers Corporation (ACEC) Roads and Streets Annual Conferences.

The annual 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. Board members will be requested to inform YMPO staff whether they are able to attend this year's conference. In addition, the ACEC Roads and Streets Conference will be held at the El Conquistador Resort and Spa in Oro Valley, Arizona, between September 28 and 30, 2022. YMPO Technical Advisory Committee members are usually invited to attend this conference. Members of YMPO staff usually attend both conferences.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only, at this stage. Ms. Blenda Dale, YMPO Accountant, will present this item, and further information is available as part of an Information summary included as item 9.

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

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- B. TAC Minutes.
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- 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.

11. 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. Possible funding for future IIJA Grants.
- B. DCIP Update.
- C. HSIP Application Update.

12. Progress Reports

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

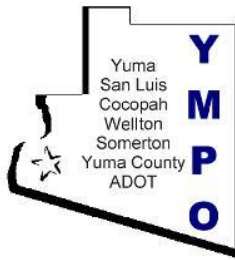
- a. May 27 - Wilson & CO. Meeting (CF, CG)
- b. May 27 - GYEDC Meeting (CF, CG)
- c. May 31 - 5310 Regional Mobility Committee (CG, JR)
- d. June 1 - Title VI Mandatory Training (CG, JR)
- e. June 1 - YMPO Rail Study Stakeholder Meeting (CG, PW).
- f. June 2 - Annual FHWA Title VI Training Webinar (CG).
- g. June 2 - RTAC Board Special Meeting, Executive Session (CG, PW).
- h. June 2 - Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (CG, JR, PW).
- i. June 6 - Achieve 5310 - Quarterly Reports (JR).
- j. June 7 - YMPO Rail Management Call (BD, CG).
- k. June 8 - Local Public Agency Training Series (CG, PW).
- l. June 8 - COG/MPO Directors Meeting (PW).
- m. June 8 - YMPO Rail Study Stakeholder (CG, PW).
- n. June 8 - YMPO Rail Freight Study Conceptual Alternatives (CG, PW).
- o. June 8 - Avenue E/D Industrial Corridor Project (CG, PW).
- p. June 9 - TAC Meeting (BD, JR, PW).
- q. June 9 - YMPO Heavy Rail Corridor Study (PW).
- r. June 9 - Mobility Managers Meeting (JR).
- s. June 9 - YRBC Meeting (JR, PW).
- t. June 9 - New Hire Workplace Harassment Training (NC).
- u. June 14 - Staff Meeting (All).
- v. June 14 - Meeting with Yuma County Re: New Hire Trainings (CF, BD).
- w. June 14 - San Luis Streetscape Design Concepts (PW).
- x. June 16 - Arizona STSP-Intersections EA Meeting (CG).
- y. June 20 - RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, PW).
- z. June 21 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Call (CG).
- aa. June 23 - Defensive Driving Training (NC).
- bb. June 29 - Yuma County's Regional Economic Development Meeting (CF).
- cc. June 30 - YMPO Executive Board Meeting (All).

13. Adjournment

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EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Chairman, Supervisor Martin Porchas, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and asked Councilmember Gary Knight to lead in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call Attendance.
The YMPO Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, Blenda Dale, 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 ~
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Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

As four of the seven constituent member agencies were present, 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 *
Member	Leslie McClendon, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma +

+ Not present but represented by proxy by another member.

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

YMPO Staff Present:

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

Additional Attendees:

Antonio Martinez (MCAS Yuma) attended by teleconference.

Declaration of Votes: Councilmember Knight declared that he would exercise the proxy vote for Deputy Mayor McClendon for a total of three votes and Councilmember Watts would have two votes.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Bruce Fenske, who had recently been confirmed as the new Southwest District Administrator for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Mr. Fenske had served as the Assistant Southwest District Engineer under Paul Patane for the past several months and had recently been promoted to Mr. Patane's former position, as District Administrator. Mr. Fenske reported that the title of District Administrator was now being used, instead of District Engineer, on a Statewide basis. In his new position, Mr. Fenske currently represents both ADOT and had assumed the position of the State Transportation Board member on the YMPO Executive Board, with one vote.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

The YMPO Mobility Manager, Jesus (J.R.) Aguilar, Jr., read the YMPO Title VI obligations. No members of the public addressed the Board.

The Town of Wellton Mayor, Cecilia McCollough, joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

4. Consent Agenda.

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

B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for April 2022.

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from April 28, 2022, accompanied the agenda. Members had the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022, Regular Board meeting. The April 2022 financial report was also provided for review at this meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Gary Knight moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded, and the motion was approved.

5. Proposed Revised Mission Statement for Consideration.

During the March 31, 2022, YMPO Executive Board meeting, the YMPO Executive Director, Crystal Figueroa, had introduced a revised/proposed YMPO mission statement in her introductory presentation for possible consideration. She stated that the main reason was to make the statement more concise and direct. She reported that the TAC had considered the revised statement and had suggested a minor addition to the statement to include collecting data (primarily through traffic counts). The revised statement was currently being presented to the Board for possible approval.

Ms. Figueroa read out the revised statement, as follows: *"Our mission is to balance multimodal transportation-related needs in the formally designated Yuma regional transportation planning area, while promoting a safe environment and enhancing the quality of life in our community. YMPO planning includes collecting data; coordinating and integrating sustainable solutions; and maintaining a continued Long-Range, multi-agency, comprehensive transportation plan, to incorporate all stakeholders and members of the public".*

MOTION: Councilmember Gary Knight moved to approve the revised Mission Statement, as presented. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Possible Changes to the FY 2022-2023 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2023 Only.

Ms. Figueroa addressed the Board on this agenda item. She reminded members that the Board had originally approved the two-year FY 2022 and 2023 YMPO UPWP in April 2021, and that the first year was coming to an end. She also reported that the Board had recently approved a few changes to the UPWP during the prior meeting. She informed members that, as part of the two-year process, YMPO is preparing a revised budget for the forthcoming FY 2023 and intends to formally amend the two-year work program to incorporate any changes that may occur. This presentation was to inform members of possible additions, changes, and/or deletions.

Ms. Figueroa indicated that the recently approved Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) had added more funds to the mix; she reported that four studies were being continued on into the next fiscal year and that the funds targeted would also need to be carried forward; she reminded members that, as the federal funds were being increased (especially due to some of the Grants that were becoming available), additional local (matching) funds would also need to increase; and that we would probably need to increase YMPO operational expenses for possible website improvements and for upgrading automatic backup security procedures, following the electronic intrusion from last year. Finally, Ms. Figueroa indicated that this item was not on the agenda for action at this time, although that would happen, possibly during the next meeting, but that she would welcome any comments.

Chairman Porchas asked if the budget would be presented with amounts and Ms. Figueroa replied that it would contain the expected amounts and would be accompanied by a formal staff report.

YMPO Principal Engineer, Paul Ward, added that there were a couple of studies in the near future, such as a series of suggested standards for sidewalks and on-and off-road bicycle facilities in the guise of a Complete Streets Study, and that a Roads of Regional Significance Study would have outlines presented to the Board prior to formal Scopes of Work being developed. He also reported the expected receipt of more than \$300,000 in additional funds from another newly approved Federal funding source [the Carbon Reduction Program]. The study outlines would initially be presented to the TAC for review and comment and then to the Executive Board, in due course.

7. Update on Additional US-95 Funding.

Mr. Ward updated the Board on the status of construction of the US-95 improvements. He started with the prior ADOT State Highway Construction Program which, in the prior program showed only about \$8 million programmed for the next phase of the overall project, the segment between Rifle Range Road to the Wellton-Mohawk Canal. However, he informed members that, during the recent Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB) meeting, on May 20, 2022, the Board approved additional funding to this second phase.

Councilmember (and AZSTB Vice-Chairman) Gary Knight reported that the Board had added, in three separate actions covering design, right of way, and construction phases, approximately \$21 million, in Federal and State funds, to the project. As a result, the phase in question was targeted to go to bid by the end of the current State fiscal year, by the end of June 2022, with a possible breaking-ground by the end of September, and/or by mid-October 2022.

Mr. Ward added that there was a minor caveat, in that this phase of the project was the anticipated target of a request for a Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant, possibly for as much as \$10 million to \$15 million. Ms. Figueroa had mentioned the DCIP Grant during a previous item, but if YMPO was successful in receiving these funds, ADOT staff had agreed to substitute the Federal funds on the project and would program the unused State funds on another phase of the overall project. Mr. Ward informed the Chairman that this item was just for information and discussion but mentioned that the Executive Director had already appeared in front of the AZSTB and had thanked them, and ADOT staff, on behalf of the Board, for their efforts to widen US-95.

8. YMPO Regional Coordination Plan (RCP).

The YMPO Mobility Manager, J.R. Aguilar, briefed the Board regarding the forthcoming Regional Coordination Plan (RCP). He reported that the Scope of Work for the RCP, which is part of the 5310 program, was almost finalized and that

the Request for Proposals (RFP) was close to being complete. Mr. Aguilar indicated that the 5310 Program provides transportation services to the seniors and people with disabilities (sometimes referred to as 'vulnerable adults'). Mr. Aguilar's main role is to coordinate the efforts of several different companies that provide these services in the YMPO region. The main aim of the RFP is to find a consultant that will update the RCP which will help to ensure that the region is able to provide the appropriate level of services to the maximum number of persons in our region and will form the basis for how to improve services within the YMPO region in the future.

Councilmember Knight asked if the 5310 program also funds the Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT)? Mr. Gutierrez, the YMPO Senior Planning Manager, replied that YCAT does receive some 5310 funds and has had a staff member that has carried out some Mobility Management training, but that their main focus is the 5311 Paratransit program, which is a different program. This item was on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment only.

9. YMPO Staff Hiring Update

Ms. Figueroa reported that members are already aware that YMPO has been searching for a new Accountant II/Executive Assistant. She was happy to confirm that she had promoted an internal candidate, Ms. Blenda Dale, who was the YMPO Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, to the Accountant/Executive Assistant position.

Further, she was able to select the next leading candidate for the Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper from the original list of applicants, was pleased to report that she had hired Ms. Norma Chavez for that position and introduced her to the Board.

She continued that she expects to advertise for the part-time Information Technology (IT) Systems Administrator position in the next few days. This item was also only for information and discussion only. Finally, YMPO was also looking to establish a pool of candidates for Traffic Data Technicians.

10. Notification of Letter of Support for City of San Luis: Cesar Chavez Boulevard - Rural Surface Transportation Application.

Ms. Figueroa reminded members that, during their March 29, 2022 meeting, they approved Letters of Support for two member agencies for submitting Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant applications for two projects within the YMPO region. She informed members that one of the agencies, the City of San Luis had requested a similar Letter of Support for submitting a Rural Surface Transportation Grant application request, also for their Cesar Chavez (Juan Sanchez) Boulevard project.

She reported that, as the Letters of Support were very similar, and as the timeframe concerned did not allow for calling a Special meeting of the Executive Board to

take action, she had approached the Chairman and asked whether he was willing to sign a letter of support stating the region's support for this new Grant. As a result, she had provided a letter to the City of San Luis and was informing the Board of her actions. This item was only for information and discussion.

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- E. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council activities.
- F. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation.

Ms. Figueroa reminded members that the registration window for the Rural Transportation Summit (RTS) was open, although final details of the conference were not yet available. However, members of the Board were welcome to attend the conference at YMPO expense, as the conference is targeted to elected officials. She continued that the conference is scheduled for September 14 and 15 at the Ak-Chin Casino and Resort in Maricopa, Arizona. Councilmember Knight and Administrator Fenske showed interest in attending the conference. She mentioned that the RTS the following year is tentatively scheduled for the Yuma region.

Mr. Gutierrez advised that YMPO customarily welcomes Yuma region attendees and legislators at the RTS conference to attend a dinner on the first night and further details would be forthcoming in due course. This item was only for information, discussion, and for member comments.

12. 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. Possible funding for future IJJA Grants.
- b. FY 2022-23 UPWP Amendment #3.

13. Progress Reports

Members and staff reported participating in the following projects and events:

- A. May 2 - Staff meeting (all).
- B. May 3 - New Hire Orientation (CF, BD).
- C. May 3 - Getting Ready for the Safe Streets and Roads mtg (CG).
- D. May 3 - YMPO Rail meeting (PW, CG).
- E. May 3 - San Luis Senior Center Conference call 5310 (JR).
- F. May 4 - Scope of Work RCP (CG, JR).

- G. May 4 - San Luis Technical Meeting (CF, CG).
- H. May 4 - Discussion with Wells Fargo on Electronic Banking (CF).
- I. May 4 - San Luis City Council Work Session (CF).
- J. May 9 - Data Review Urban SDK (PW, CG).
- K. May 9 - YMPO/ YC HR Dept meeting (CF).
- L. May 9 - ADOT/YMPO Coordination meeting (CF, PW, CG).
- M. May 10 - YMPO Accountant Interviews (CF, PW, CG).
- N. May 11 - YMPO Accountant Interview (CF, PW, CG).
- O. May 11 - Local Public Agency Training Series Module 1 (CF, PW, CG).
- P. May 11 - First Aid & CPR Certification (BD).
- Q. May 11 - Scope of Work RCP (PW, CG, JR).
- R. May 11 - ADOT MPO Coordination meeting (CF, CG).
- S. May 12 - TAC meeting (CG, BD, JR).
- T. May 12 - YMPO Accountant Interview (CF, PW, CG, BD).
- U. May 16 - RTAC Advisory Committee (CF, PW).
- V. May 16-CTS Meeting (CG, CF, PW).
- W. May 17 - Yuma PM10 SIP (CG).
- X. May 19 - ASRS Basic Plus training (BD, NC).
- Y. May 19 - Getting Ready for the Reconnecting Community Pilot Discretionary Grant Program (JR).
- Z. May 19 - Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Webinar (CG, CF, PW).
- AA. May 20 - AZSTB Meeting, Salt River, (CF in person. PW by Zoom).
- BB. May 23 - RTAC Meeting (CG, CF, PW).
- CC. May 24 - Yuma Road Study (CG, CF, PW).
- DD. May 25 - Yuma County's Regional Economic Development Meeting (CF).
- EE. May 26 - Executive Board meeting (CF, PW, CG, JR, BD, NC).
- FF. May 26 - DOT Info Session on Transportation Equity (JR).
- GG. May 31 - 5310 Regional Mobility Committee meeting (CG, JR).

14. YMPO Staff Salary Review

During the last Board meeting, a request was made for the Director to provide a brief update on the current salaries for YMPO staff. Councilmember Knight moved to go into Executive Session to hear this report. Ms. Pancrazi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Board met in Executive Session and no minutes were taken.

16. Reconvene to Public Meeting

The Chairman declared that meeting was reconvened back to open session.

17. YMPO Staff Salary Review

This item was a follow up to the previous three agenda items. The Board had the opportunity to discuss or comment on the Director's report on staff salaries in open session.

Councilmember Knight moved to change the Executive Director's Salary as discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Pancrazi seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:

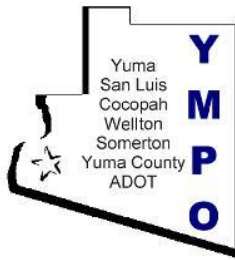
Paul D. Ward, P.E., Principal Engineer

Minutes reviewed to form by:

Minutes approved in regular session on
June 30, 2022

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director,
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Supervisor Martin Porchas,
Chairman, YMPO Executive Board



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

Declaration of Votes: As Supervisor Pancrazi was not present, the Chairman confirmed that he would exercise two votes for Yuma County. As all three members of the City of Yuma were present, prior written precedent established that Councilmember Knight would exercise two votes, Councilmember Watts would exercise two votes and Deputy Mayor McClendon would exercise one vote, for a total of five votes.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

The YMPO Mobility Manager, Jesus (J.R.) Aguilar, Jr., read the YMPO Title VI obligations. No members of the public addressed the Board.

4. FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2.

The Chairman called on the YMPO Executive Director, Crystal Figueroa, to present this item. Ms. Figueroa thanked members for participating in this Special meeting, at short notice, which addresses a request to approve Amendment #2 to the current UPWP. She reminded members that the UPWP was originally approved by the Board during their April 29, 2021, meeting. Since that time, the Board had approved Amendment #1 and an adjustment to that Amendment as recently as last month.

However, in late May 2022, YMPO staff was alerted to an opportunity to apply for a Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant that might provide funds for US-95 widening improvements. YMPO staff immediately reviewed the Grant details and, with the consent of ADOT staff, approached the leadership at the Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG). Consequently, following a meeting with the YPG Commander, Colonel Patrick McFall, US Army, and several of his staff, the Commander consented to YMPO pursuing the Grant, in conjunction with ADOT, and agreed to provide a letter of support for such an effort. Further, she reported that the ADOT Executive Grant Team has approved YMPO's pursuing of the DCIP Grant.

The Grant is for approximately \$13 million in DCIP funds to widen the segment of US-95, from Rifle Range Road to just north of the Wellton-Mohawk Canal. This segment is currently already funded for construction in the ADOT Transportation Facilities Construction program and is expected to go to bid by the end of the calendar month. However, based on the details of the Grant mechanism, it is still

possible to get funded from this Defense Grant and then to move the released funds to another portion of the roadway.

As a result, YMPO staff had originally intended to request Board approval to spend up to \$10,000 in new Local funds to hire a consultant to accomplish this task. However, upon further review, staff has identified funds that were targeted for applying for regional Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for FYs 2025 and 2026, that are no longer needed and could be transferred to the DCIP Grant application effort.

Councilmember Karen Watts enquired about the match and Ms. Figueroa asked Mr. Gutierrez to answer. Mr. Gutierrez reported that a local match is not needed, in this case, but there are additional funds available through ADOT with the appropriate amount of match for those funds as the total cost of the project is higher than the DCIP funds being applied for. Councilmember Knight asked whether this was supposed to be UPWP Amendment #2 or #3? Ms. Figueroa stated that the Amendment is #2, and not #3, and that the staff report that was being shown on the screen is correctly displayed.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Knight moved to approve Amendment #2 to the FY 2022-23 YMPO UPWP and Annual Budget for FY 2022 only to transfer and program \$10,000 of unspent Regional Safety Applications Local Funds from T-560 to T-500 for the Defense Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) Grant effort for improvements to US-95 widening. Councilmember Karen Watts seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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.

Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:

Paul D. Ward, P.E., Principal Engineer

Minutes reviewed to form by:

Minutes approved in regular session on
June 30, 2022

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director,
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Supervisor Martin Porchas,
Chairman, YMPO Executive Board

**Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
May 2022**

	May 22	Jul '21 - May 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4000 · ADOT Grant				
4001 · PL	30,223.46	179,709.15	756,453.00	23.76%
4002 · SPR	8,901.16	86,452.28	360,832.00	23.96%
4004 · STBG	20,273.00	82,542.91	82,543.00	100.0%
4005 · 5305d (CPG)	8,653.50	13,914.00	92,300.00	15.08%
Total 4000 · ADOT Grant	68,051.12	362,618.34	1,292,128.00	28.06%
4010 · FTA Grant				
4020 · 5303/5305	8,762.35	33,509.86	74,954.00	44.71%
4021 · 5304	0.00	0.00	5,495.00	0.0%
Total 4010 · FTA Grant	8,762.35	33,509.86	80,449.00	41.65%
4050 · ADEQ Grant	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds				
4053 · CARES Act MM	0.00	0.00	40,536.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds - Other	11,565.77	31,329.94	58,151.00	53.88%
Total 4055 · 5310 Funds	11,565.77	31,329.94	98,687.00	31.75%
4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	62,864.06	62,864.05	100.0%
4400 · Interest Income	83.75	2,857.30	5,000.00	57.15%
4600 · Charges for Services				
4904 · Traffic Count Revenue	0.00	0.00	13,099.40	0.0%
Total 4600 · Charges for Services	0.00	0.00	13,099.40	0.0%
4700 · Other Revenue				
4907 · Misc Revenue	0.00	172.00		
Total 4700 · Other Revenue	0.00	172.00		
Total Income	88,462.99	493,351.50	1,562,227.45	31.58%
Expense				
5110 · Payroll Expenses				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	2,498.71	22,874.43	32,439.13	70.52%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries				
5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	1,516.16	6,051.27	9,633.79	62.81%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	4,808.47	36,470.16	74,594.45	48.89%
Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries	6,324.63	42,521.43	84,228.24	50.48%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	26,371.49	257,090.23	349,447.00	73.57%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	4,560.00	42,864.00	65,664.00	65.28%
5116 · ASRS	3,431.57	33,115.00	45,184.00	73.29%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	967.00	1,148.08	84.23%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	46.77	387.80	546.00	71.03%
5120 · Life Insurance	121.43	1,275.16	1,872.00	68.12%
Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses	43,354.60	401,095.05	580,528.45	69.09%
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	0.00	17,160.45	135,000.00	12.71%
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	7,700.00	196,742.90	643,522.40	30.57%
Total 5123 · Consulting Services	7,700.00	213,903.35	778,522.40	27.48%
5124 · Staff Training/Education				
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	0.00	1,960.00	6,000.00	32.67%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	0.00	498.00	3,500.00	14.23%
Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education	0.00	2,458.00	9,500.00	25.87%
5125 · Audit Services	0.00	17,500.00	23,500.00	74.47%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	0.00	3,890.29	4,600.00	84.57%
5128 · Accounting Services	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.0%
5129 · Public Participation	0.00	84.20	750.00	11.23%
5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardware	116.95	14,974.79	20,000.00	74.87%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	1,025.00	27,276.33	35,000.00	77.93%

**Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
May 2022**

	May 22	Jul '21 - May 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5140 · Legal	434.00	7,239.80	8,000.00	90.5%
5150 · IT Support	0.00	772.09	2,000.00	38.61%
5151 · Building Ins, property tax	-812.00	8,297.82	7,143.00	116.17%
5152 · Equipment Maintenance	0.00	613.38	1,500.00	40.89%
5153 · Office Supplies	330.37	2,145.53	3,000.00	71.52%
5154 · Postage	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5155 · Printing	15.00	285.08	600.00	47.51%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	0.00	2,233.12	2,250.00	99.25%
5158 · Registration Fees	1,500.00	7,860.00	7,860.00	100.0%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.0%
5160 · Telecommunications	1,089.86	11,159.72	12,000.00	93.0%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	0.00	4,418.58	4,500.00	98.19%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	164.60	268.94	2,500.00	10.76%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	0.00	2,219.33	3,000.00	73.98%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	3.50	31.88	250.00	12.75%
5166 · Website Maintenance	0.00	694.28	2,000.00	34.71%
5167 · Miscellenous Consumables	0.00	1,616.76	2,000.00	80.84%
5168 · Employee Recruitment	0.00	48.08	1,000.00	4.81%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	0.00	9,766.42	9,000.00	108.52%
5171 · Alarm System	0.00	480.00	1,000.00	48.0%
5173 · Electric Bill	631.16	5,847.81	7,500.00	77.97%
5174 · Grounds Maintence	250.00	2,900.00	4,000.00	72.5%
5175 · Janitorial	1,620.00	5,940.00	6,480.00	91.67%
5179 · Office Building Repairs				
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	50.00	500.00	10.0%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	108.81	1,554.85	10,000.00	15.55%
Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs	108.81	1,604.85	10,500.00	15.28%
5182 · Sewer & Water	214.51	2,782.75	3,500.00	79.51%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	92.28	10,654.92	15,000.00	71.03%
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	259.46	2,278.10	2,500.00	91.12%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment				
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	0.00	0.00	2,183.00	0.0%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	0.00	3,174.76	4,000.00	79.37%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	0.00	3,174.76	6,183.00	51.35%
Total Expense	58,098.10	776,516.01	1,603,306.85	48.43%
Net Ordinary Income	30,364.89	-283,164.51	-41,079.40	689.31%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	7,579.02	90,376.14	181,151.00	49.89%
Total Other Income	7,579.02	90,376.14	181,151.00	49.89%
Other Expense				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	7,579.02	90,376.14	181,151.00	49.89%
Total Other Expense	7,579.02	90,376.14	181,151.00	49.89%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	30,364.89	-283,164.51	-41,079.40	689.31%

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$ 75,981.59
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$ 64,628.07
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$ 791,052.96
	\$ 931,662.62

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 7

Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant.

DATE: June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program Grant Opportunity.

SUMMARY:

The DCIP Program is a Department of Defense effort administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). The program is a competitive grant program to enable State and Local projects to address deficiencies in community infrastructure in support of Local military installations. YMPO was alerted to this program in late May 2022, through the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) and the DCIP Grant was the subject of the Special Executive Board meeting that took place last week.

YMPO staff immediately reviewed the Grant details and, with the consent of ADOT staff, approached the leadership at the Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG). Consequently, following a meeting with the YPG Commander, Colonel Ben "Patrick" McFall, U.S. Army, and several of his staff, the Commander consented to YMPO pursuing the Grant, in conjunction with ADOT and agreed to provide a letter of support for such an effort. The ADOT Executive Grant Team has formally approved YMPO's pursuit of the DCIP Grant.

The Grant is for approximately \$13 million in DCIP funds to widen the segment of US-95, from Rifle Range Road to just north of the Wellton-Mohawk Canal. This segment is currently already funded for construction in the ADOT Transportation Facilities Construction program and is expected to go to bid by the end of the calendar month to break ground in mid-October. However, the Grant notification will be made by late September and ADOT Finance staff have indicated that, if the Grant is approved, they will be able to use the Grant funds in place of the State funds that are currently targeted for the project. The understanding is that any funds released in this manner will then be moved to another portion of the roadway.

At the Special YMPO Board meeting on June 15, 2022, the Board approved Local funds for applying for the DCIP Program Grant. Since that time, YMPO staff have contracted with the consultant company, Wilson and Company, to work on the application and the team has already started efforts.

The initial deadline for submittals is July 18, 2022, when a complete proposal needs to be submitted to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. Proposals will be screened to ensure completeness and eligibility and eligible proposals will be referred to a Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program review panel to evaluate them based on a variety of criteria. A final proposal ranking will then be provided by the evaluation panel to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment) for approval. Once approved, the listing will be provided to the Director, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, to invite a formal grant application on or about August 15, 2022.

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.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: YMPO needs to have funds available in the Unified Planning Work Program prior to hiring consultants to apply for Grants.

POLICY: In General, Federal funds may not be used 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 SUMMARY Agenda Item 8

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Applications for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025 & 2026

DATE: June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Applications for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025 & 2026.

SUMMARY:

The HSIP fund is a Federally funded program that offers the opportunity to program funds for a variety of safety projects on roads throughout the YMPO region. The program focuses on Federal-Aid eligible roads but may also be used for improvements on roadways that are not generally on a federal classified road.

ADOT has devised a process for applying for HSIP funds in two-year increments and the next two years that are being addressed during the current cycle are for FFYs 2025 and 2026. YMPO last contracted with Greenlight Traffic Engineering (GTE), and in direct consultation with YMPO member agencies, GTE prepared the actual applications forms for possible projects that resulted in a benefit-cost ratio that, in the opinion of the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would result in a competitive project. As a result of this effort, the region was awarded just over \$10 million in HSIP-funded projects during FFYs 2023 and 2024.

The last and current effort in preparing and submitting HSIP eligible projects was carried out as part of the contract to prepare a Regional Safety Study. As a result, the effort was included as part of the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that was completed last year. ADOT has delayed the submittal of project applications for HSIP, primarily due to the delay in promulgation of the Federal Infrastructure, Investment & Jobs Act or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA or BIL).

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: Information gathered from prior accidents reported to State or local law enforcement agencies & the anticipated costs of a safety related project are used to calculate a possible benefit/cost ratio. This b/c ratio is usually used to prioritize projects for possible selection for funding. Selection is generally decided by ADOT staff, following an analysis & review of projects Statewide.

POLICY: Transportation Performance Measures (TPMs) require that, in Arizona, only the two highest (worst) accident classifications - fatalities and serious (injury) accidents - are used in calculating the ratios concerned. Currently YMPO uses Arizona TPMs.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

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

Proposed HSIP Funded Projects for FFY 2025 &2026		
Agency	Location	Activity
Yuma	24th St & Main Canal (17th Ave)	Design & install HAWK crossing
	Ave C & Crane St	Design & install HAWK crossing
	32nd St & Palm Dr	Design & install HAWK crossing
	Ave C & Central Drain N of 22nd Ln	Design & install HAWK crossing
	Total Cost: \$2,677,782 Benefit Cost Ratio: 11.8	
Note: All HAWK/Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon applications require a PHB Warrants evaluation, ADOT also requires an actual pedestrian peak hour count instead of an estimate of pedestrian volume. YMPO will work with Yuma to provide Greenlight with volumes, dates, and times of those counts.		
Yuma County	Co. 14th St & Ave C	Design & install Traffic Signal
	Total: \$1,009,941 B/C Ratio: 9.0	
	Co. 14th St & Ave G	Design & install Traffic Signal
	Total: \$1,455,306 B/C Ratio: 6.3	
****	US-95 & Ave C	Design & Install Traffic Signal
	Total: \$996,367 B/C Ratio: 18.3	
	Ave B: Co. 18th St to Co. 21 1/2 St	Shoulder widening & rumble strips
	Total: \$3,930,636 B/C Ratio: 8.4	
	Ave G: Co. 11th St to Co. 16th St	Shoulder widening & rumble strips
	Total: \$3,855,676 B/C Ratio: 16.0	
Somerton	Co. 15th St & Ave D	Intersection improvements
	Total: \$1,696,875 B/C Ratio: 9.1	
San Luis Cocopah	US-95: Co. 20 1/2 St to Co. 22 1/2 St	Possible raised median
	Total: \$2,171,275 Local Match: \$123,788	
****	US 95 & Ave C	Design & Install Traffic Signals
	Total: \$996,367 B/C Ratio: 18.3	
The last round of applications averaged a 6.5 B/C Ratio		
Our projects range from 6.3 to 18.3 this round		
Total Project Cost: \$17,793,858 Local Match: \$123,788		

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY Item #9

AZRTS and ACEC Roads and Streets Conferences

DATE: June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: The Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZRTS) and American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) Roads and Streets Annual Conferences

SUMMARY:

The Arizona Rural Transportation Summit

The AZRTS is an annual conference that is hosted by the staff from an Arizona Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), usually in conjunction with the regional Council of Governments (COG), and the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC). For the past two years, the COVID pandemic has restricted this conference. The forthcoming 2022 conference will be hosted by the Sun Corridor MPO (SCMPO), supported by the Central Arizona Governments (CAG). This important event provides opportunities to connect directly with Rural Arizona's transportation decision makers and provide an opportunity to meet those working to improve and enhance transportation needs in Arizona. The event includes a series of status reports from all levels of transportation agencies. In 2023, it will be the YMPO region's turn to host the AZRTS, in conjunction with the Western Arizona Council of Governments.

YMPO would like to invite the Executive Board members to attend this conference and YMPO will pay for registration, lodging, and travel to the conference. Please advise if you are able to attend, by no later than Friday, July 15, 2022, to ensure availability. Also invited are Yuma-related legislators, their staff, and YMPO staff. If elected members of the Executive Board are not available to attend there are some opportunities to invite other elected representatives from the respective agency concerned.

The RTS conference will take place at the Ak-Chin Casino and Resort, in the City of Maricopa, on September 14 and 15. At this point, an agenda has not yet been produced; however, we do know that registration will start Wednesday afternoon, September 14, 2022. A welcome reception will take place that evening and the conference will commence on Thursday, September 15, 2022. For those that wish to attend, the State Transportation Board meeting will occur in the City of Maricopa, Council Chambers on Friday, September 16, 2022, although many attendees will depart the conference the previous day.

Following the welcome reception, all Yuma region participants are invited to attend a dinner hosted by YMPO, starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday night, at a restaurant in the Resort. Currently, all YMPO staff members are scheduled to attend this conference.

ACEC Roads and Streets Conference

The Roads and Streets Conference is also an annual event but is usually a technical-based conference and is targeted primarily at non-elected officials. As a result, YMPO usually invites members of the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to attend this event. This year, it takes place at the El Conquistador Resort, in Oro Valley, from September 28 - 30, 2022.

Similar to the RTS, YMPO provides attendees with registration, lodging, and travel, and attendees will be invited to participate in a dinner with the YMPO Staff. For TAC members that are unable to attend, other agency representatives may be invited to attend on their behalf.

Further information will be provided directly to potential participants in due course.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There have been no specific public comments on this process, to date.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is just for information and discussion.

CONTACT PERSON:

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