



YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 2025
3:30 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	Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis
Vice-Chair	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Secretary/Treasurer	Luis Galindo, Councilmember, City of Somerton
Member	Cecilia McCollough, Councilmember, Town of Wellton
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Darren Simmons, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Art Morales, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Carol Smith, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma
Member	Sam Elters, State Transportation Board, ADOT

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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.

Lourdes (Lulu) Lopez, 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 members 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 July 31, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for July 2025.

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from July 31, 2025, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes. The July 2025 financial report is also expected to accompany this agenda and will be available for comment.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda. Copies of the draft minutes and financial report are attached as Items 4A and 4B, respectively.

5. RTAC Regional Priority Projects for 2026

As previously presented, the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) is continuing efforts to secure State funding for rural Arizona transportation projects. The TAC has reviewed and recommended regional priority projects in the YMPO region for consideration. The Board will have the opportunity to review these projects, provide feedback, and consider approval for inclusion in the RTAC Bill for legislative consideration.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the 2026 Regional Priority Projects. YMPO Executive Director Crystal Figueroa will present this item; further information is available in the information summary in Item 5.

6. FY 2025 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) – Update

ADOT in collaboration with YMPO and the Yuma Proving Ground, submitted a DCIP Grant application for US 95 Improvements, particularly the installation of the Imperial Dam roundabout for approximately \$9M. Staff will provide the latest update on the proposal.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. YMPO IT Manager/Associate Planner Jeff Heinrichs will present this item; further information is available in the information summary in Item 6.

7. AZ SMART Program Update

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

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Ms. Crystal Figueroa will present this item; further details are contained in information summary 7.

8. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Programming Process

The TIP is a short-range (5-year) program of transportation projects that implements the goals and strategies of the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (20+ years). It identifies projects that will use federal, state, and local funding and ensures compliance with federal requirements. Projects must be fiscally constrained and meet compliance with Title 23 Highways code of federal regulation 450. YMPO staff will review the current programming process.

This item is on the agenda for information, and discussion only. Ms. Figueroa and Mr. Villegas will present this item; further details are contained in information summary 8.

9. Executive Board Meetings

A request has been received to reconsider the scheduled time of the Executive Board meetings. Currently, meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Prior to January 2025, the meetings were scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The change to 3:30 p.m. was made at the request of Councilmember Morales and unanimously approved by the Board. A change to the September Board meeting is necessary due to a conflicting schedule with the Roads and Streets Conference that YMPO Staff will be attending.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action. Ms. Figueroa will present this item.

10. YMPO FY 2026 Title VI Plan Update, Accomplishments & Goals Report

Federal Guidance requires YMPO to submit a yearly Title VI Plan, Accomplishments, and Goals Report. Staff will provide the latest update to the plan and briefly highlight components of the Accomplishments and Goals report.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the 2026 YMPO Title VI Plan, Accomplishment and Goals Report, contingent on ADOT review comments. YMPO Mobility Manager/Title VI Coordinator JR Aguilar will present this item; further details are contained in the information summary Item 10.

11. 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.
- G. Status Report on AZ Smart Fund.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and for Board members and other staff reports and 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. Transportation Alternatives Program
- B. RTAC Regional Priority Project Funding for 2026 Legislation
- C. Gary Knight Memorial Highway Update
- D. FY 2026-2027 UPWP Amendment #1
- E. Arizona Transportation Policy Summit Update

15. Progress Reports.

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

- A. Jun 27 – Daily 2025 US-95 DCIP Proposal Updates Meeting (CF, JH)
- B. Aug 04 – YMPO Staff Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- C. Aug 04 – YMPO RORS Monthly Check-In (CF, FV)
- D. Aug 05 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update – PMT Meeting (JH, FV)
- E. Aug 05 – YMPO Presentation to Somerton City Council (CF)
- F. Aug 05 – Roads & Streets YMPO Booth Brain Storming Session (JH, JR, FV)
- G. Aug 06 – Yuma County Resource Guide Advisory Committee (JR)
- H. Aug 06 – Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) (CF)
- I. Aug 06 – Docusign Connect (CF, LL, JH)
- J. Aug 07 – ADOT Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Training (CF, LL, FV, JH, JR, LZ)
- K. Aug 07 – Yuma TMP Biweekly meeting (JH, FV)
- L. Aug 08 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV)
- M. Aug 11 – Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition (JR)
- N. Aug 12 – ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, JH, FV)
- O. Aug 12 – YMPO/Docusign DEMO (CF, LL, JH)
- P. Aug 13 – Project Delivery Academy – Mod2 Federal Auth & Acct (LL)
- Q. Aug 13 – Site visit with Achieve Cathy Myers (JR)
- R. Aug 14 – YMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- S. Aug 14 – Mobility Manager Meeting (JR)
- T. Aug 14 – MPO/COG Directors Meeting (CF)

- U. Aug 15 – Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting - Graham County (virtual) (CF)
- V. Aug 18 – Tour De Fields (JR)
- W. Aug 18 – RTAC Advisory Committee (CF)
- X. Aug 19 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update (JH, FV)
- Y. Aug 19 – Site visit with RISE Inc Aracely Ochoa (JR)
- Z. Aug 19 – Yuma PM 10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, FV)
- AA. Aug 20 – Site visit with Horizon William Moore (JR)
- BB. Aug 21 – Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (JR, JH, FV)
- CC. Aug 21 – Networking for Community Resources Meeting (JR)
- DD. Aug 21 – Yuma TMP Bi-weekly meeting (FV, JH)
- EE. Aug 25 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF, FV)
- FF. Aug 25 – Traffic Count BKM Meeting (JH)
- GG. Aug 28 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)

16. Adjournment.

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Anticipated Future 2025 Meetings

Future meetings will continue 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. In general, meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month, and the next two meetings are tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2025, and October 30, 2025.



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1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Chairwoman, City of San Luis Councilmember, Maria Cecilia Cruz, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked Supervisor Porchas to lead, and the Board to join him, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes

The YMPO Accountant II/Executive Assistant, Lulu Lopez, called the roll as follows:

YMPO Executive Board Members Present:

Chairwoman	Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis ^
Vice-Chair	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe ~
Secretary/Treasurer	Luis Galindo, Councilmember, City of Somerton ^
Member	Cecilia McCollough, Councilmember, Town of Wellton ~
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ^
Member	Darren Simmons, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ^
Member	Arturo Morales, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^
Member	Sam Elters, Arizona State Transportation Board, ADOT ~

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

As all seven constituent member agencies were present, the quorum requirement was met.

YMPO Executive Board Members Absent

Member	Carol Smith, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma #
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma #

Not present, but was represented by proxy by another member, or attendee.

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

Other Attendees Present:

Paul Patane, Southwest District Administrator, ADOT

Chris Joannes – Kimley Horn

Ryan McKell – Kimley Horn

Vamshi Yellisetty – Kittelson & Associates

YMPO Staff Present:

Crystal Figueroa Executive Director

Fernando Villegas Senior Transportation Planner

Jesus Aguilar, Jr Mobility Manager

Lourdes Lopez Accountant II/Executive Assistant

Jeffery Heinrichs IT Manager/Associate Planner

Lucia Zamudio Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

At 3:32 PM, Board member Sam Elters announced he would depart at 4:30 p.m., with his proxy designated to ADOT Southwest District Administrator Paul Patane.

Declaration of Votes

Councilmember Art Morales declared he would exercise all five (5) votes for the City of Yuma.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public

The Chairwoman called on Jesus Aguilar, Jr., YMPO Mobility Manager, who read the YMPO Title VI obligations.

No members of the public were present to address the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of June 26, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for June 2025.

MOTION: Supervisor Darren Simmons motioned to approve both Item A and B of the consent agenda. Councilmember Morales seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. FY 2026-50 Long Range Transportation Plan and Resolution Adoption

Vamshi Yellisetty, Kittelson & Associates consultant, presented the final 2026-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for YMPO. He reported that the plan outlined the region's transportation needs and investment priorities through 2050 and followed three phases of public outreach. Phase three, a 30-day public comment period, generated 548 website visits, 427 unique visitors, and 18 written comments addressing roadway, transit, safety, and multimodal needs. All comments were reviewed and incorporated into the final draft. Vamshi explained that the LRTP included the main public-friendly document and five supporting

appendices covering federal and state requirements, maps, existing and future conditions, public engagement, air quality conformity, and the FY2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Program. He highlighted performance measures, noting unmet targets for bridge conditions and bicycle/pedestrian crashes, which reinforced the focus on multimodal safety improvements. The final recommendations included 41 roadway projects, 46 intersection safety improvements, 78 multimodal projects, and 10 transit improvements, prioritized into short-, mid-, and long-term phases. He further noted that while some projects, such as County 14th were placed in the “beyond 2050” timeframe due to financial constraints, they could be accelerated if warranted by future development. He confirmed that air quality conformity requirements were met and that railroad crossing evaluations and future grade separation studies were also included.

Board members expressed significant concerns regarding regional growth and infrastructure needs, particularly in the Foothills area. Supervisor Porchas and Supervisor Simmons emphasized the importance of prioritizing County 14 and 40th Street, noting the rapid pace of residential and commercial development and the lack of sufficient roadway access. Supervisor Simmons warned that the area faced serious risks in the event of an interstate accident or train blockage, stressing the need for alternate relief routes. Councilmember Morales agreed, highlighting congestion issues and the growing demands on emergency response in the Foothills, while also acknowledging the strong community outreach conducted during the planning process. Chairwoman Cruz raised questions regarding bridge conditions and aviation project funding, seeking clarification on eligibility and funding sources for Raleigh Airfield. In response, Vamshi explained that bridge conditions were classified by ADOT based on deck area, with only one bridge rated in poor condition, and clarified that aviation improvements were listed from airport plans and would fall under the airport authority’s responsibility for funding. The Board also discussed the need for ongoing attention to railroad impacts, particularly in Wellton and Fortuna, and agreed on the importance of advancing critical projects ahead of 2050 should funding or development justify acceleration.

MOTION: Councilmember Morales motioned to approve the FY 2026-50 Long Range Transportation Plan and Resolution 158 Adoption. Supervisor Porchas seconded, adding the contingency that YMPO continue to prioritize County 14 and 40th Street as funding opportunities become available prior to 2050. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. FY 2026-2030 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Resolution Adoption

YMPO Senior Transportation Planner, Fernando Villegas, presented the FY 2026–30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which outlined the list of fully funded transportation projects for the next five years. He explained that the TIP was consistent with the newly adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

and had been reviewed and recommended for approval by the TAC. He noted that some projects were existing and had been shifted between fiscal years, while others were newly added with available funding. Villegas detailed projects across the jurisdictions, including City of Yuma projects in fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2030; Yuma County projects such as the Avenue E/D extension; and projects in San Luis, Somerton, and Wellton. He highlighted that the Town of Wellton's William Street Improvement Project required a cost adjustment due to scope changes, resulting in an increase of \$262,232 in STBG funds, bringing the total project cost to \$784,099, which had been recommended for approval by TAC. He further explained that the TIP only included fully funded projects but could be amended when new federal, state, or local funding became available. Villegas also noted that the program incorporated ADOT projects, transit elements coordinated with YCIPTA, and illustrative unfunded projects that could move into the TIP once funding was secured. He stated that, following Board approval, the TIP would be submitted to ADOT, FHWA, and FTA for final approval.

Board members raised concerns about long-term growth, particularly in the Foothills area. Chairwoman Cruz clarified that although projects such as County 14th had been discussed earlier, they could not be included in the TIP without full funding. Supervisor Simmons emphasized that residential development in the Foothills was rapidly outpacing infrastructure and stressed the urgency of addressing County 14th as an alternative route, even suggesting interim dirt-road solutions to alleviate congestion. He cautioned that without proactive measures; the region would fall behind in meeting future needs. Supervisor Porchas agreed, noting that if funding became available, County 14th should be prioritized at the state level. Councilmember Morales echoed these concerns, urging the Board to establish a stronger advocacy effort, including the potential formation of an ad hoc committee in advance of the upcoming statewide conference, so regional leaders could present a united position on priority corridors. He recommended preparing joint materials to deliver a clear, consistent message to state officials. Chairwoman Cruz agreed that collaboration was needed among the jurisdictions and YMPO to advance shared priorities. Ms. Figueroa suggested re-evaluating regional priority projects, emphasizing that US 95 remained a corridor of regional significance, but that the Board should continue to identify and reassess priority corridors as growth pressures evolved. Mr. Patane confirmed that YMPO was undertaking a Regional Significance Corridors study, which would provide another opportunity to advocate for Foothills-area improvements. Supervisor Porchas added that the region should better coordinate with its six legislative representatives to ensure consistent advocacy and prioritization of key projects, warning that fragmented requests weakened the region's ability to secure funding.

Mr. Patane addressed questions regarding Raleigh Airfield and clarified that, as a public airport, it was eligible for inclusion in ADOT's Airport Capital Improvement Program. He explained that projects would need to compete statewide for funding

within ADOT's five-year program. He further offered to arrange a meeting with an ADOT representative who could provide additional guidance on how airport projects are programmed and how funding opportunities could be pursued.

MOTION: Councilmember Morales motioned to approve the FY 2026–30 Transportation Improvement Program and Resolution 159. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. 2026 Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA) and Resolution

Vamshi Yellisetty explained that, because YMPO is located in a non-attainment area for PM10 and ozone, federal requirements mandated that each update of the LRTP include an air quality conformity analysis. He noted that, in the past, YMPO compared project emissions against state-established budgets for PM10 and ozone; however, those budgets had been rescinded by EPA. As a result, the current process required a build versus no-build comparison to demonstrate that recommended projects would not worsen emissions. Vamshi reported that for each horizon year—2030, 2040, and 2050—the analysis showed emissions were lower with the projects built than if no projects were built, thereby satisfying conformity requirements. He added that YMPO worked closely with the interagency consultation group, including ADEQ, EPA, FHWA, and ADOT, to review findings and address comments. Ms. Figueroa further clarified that air quality conformity ensured transportation projects in both the LRTP and TIP did not worsen regional air quality and that projects could not advance without compliance. She noted that the state was currently implementing new improvement plans and developing updated emission budgets for ozone and PM10, and YMPO may be required to conduct an additional conformity analysis once those budgets are finalized.

MOTION: Councilmember Morales motioned to approve the FY 2026 Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Resolution 160. Supervisor Simmons seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Complete Streets Concept Study (CSC) Final Report

Chris Joannes of Kimley-Horn presented the final Complete Streets Concept Study report to the Board. He explained that the study was developed to establish the benefits of Complete Streets for YMPO's member agencies, define goals and strategies, and provide a consistent planning process across the region. The study inventoried and defined street types and bus pullout priorities, developed sample plans for street typologies and bus pullouts, and created an objective ranking process for identifying priority Complete Street locations. Joannes noted that the draft final report had been presented the previous month and that the second round of public involvement had since been completed, coordinated with the LRTP and Yuma Transportation Master Plan outreach efforts.

Ryan McKell of Kimley-Horn continued the presentation, explaining that the study provided recommended urban and rural street typologies for each functional classification, including cross sections with dimensions, right-of-way allocations, and target speeds. He reported that all regional transit stops were analyzed, resulting in a list of the top 20 recommended bus pullout locations with sample plans and cost estimates. The study also produced a consolidated flowchart to guide member agencies in applying Complete Streets principles during project development, providing design guidance, checklists, and references to supporting documents. McKell further highlighted a regional analysis that identified high-, medium-, and low-priority locations for Complete Streets, noting that priority rankings could change as development occurred. He stated that the final public comment period closed on July 12, and all comments from the public, jurisdictions, and the TAC had been incorporated into the final report.

Joannes concluded that the updated final report had been recommended for approval by the TAC earlier in the month and requested Board approval of the study.

MOTION: Supervisor Simmons motioned to approve the Complete Streets Concept Study. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Gary Knight Memorial Highway Proposal Approved

Ms. Figueroa reported that on July 22 the Arizona State Geographic and Historic Names Board approved the proposal to designate a portion of U.S. Highway 95, from Milepost 31 to 41, as the Gary Knight Memorial Highway. She explained that the proposal originated from the Executive Board's adoption of Resolution 156 on August 22 and had been developed in collaboration with ADOT's Southwest District Office under Paul Patane and with Wilson & Company consultant support from Doug Eberhart. She confirmed that YMPO would coordinate with ADOT to procure and install two signs and anticipated holding a ceremony before the end of the year to honor Gary Knight's legacy. Chairwoman Cruz noted that YMPO would host the ceremony, and Ms. Figueroa added that YMPO would engage with ADOT in the planning process and invite local jurisdictions once a preferred day for an unveiling ceremony was selected. She shared that Gary Knight's widow Bonnie Knight, daughter Mellisa, and Mayor Doug Nichols spoke in favor of the naming proposal during the Board meeting.

Mr. Patane advised that the next steps included submitting a formal request to the ADOT District Office, noting that the signs would take approximately six weeks to develop. He offered to coordinate directly with Mark Sanders of the State Transportation Board to ensure the signs were installed properly and that the process moved forward smoothly. Ms. Figueroa agreed to follow up and provide the necessary requests to facilitate the effort.

10. Notification of FTA Grant for Buses and Bus Facilities Program – City of San Luis Letter of Support

Ms. Figueroa reported that YMPO had received a request from the City of San Luis for a regional letter of support for its application to the Federal Transit Administration's 2025 Buses and Bus Facilities and Low-Emissions Grant Program. The grant proposal sought funding for a downtown park-and-ride transit facility to improve traffic and pedestrian access. She noted that the project was coordinated with YCIPTA and had been supported by a resolution of the San Luis City Council, which also committed to the required local match. Ms. Figueroa added that Chairwoman Cruz had recommended that YMPO provide a regional letter of support for the application.

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development for the City of San Luis, presented details of the project. He thanked YMPO staff for their quick turnaround on the letter and emphasized that the project was regional in nature, with YCIPTA's involvement strengthening the application. He explained that the facility would be located on federal land in central San Luis and would provide much-needed parking for pedestrians crossing into Mexico. The project design was already completed and shovel-ready, with City Council approving a 20% local match. The plan included the development of parking lots, a park element, and two transit hub buildings with restrooms, shade structures, and amenities. Esparza noted that the grant would support integration with YCIPTA routes by adding three new transit stops, creating a multimodal park-and-ride and park-and-walk facility modeled after successful systems in Phoenix. He added that the project was expected to generate revenue year over year and represented a long-standing priority for the community.

Mr. Patane emphasized the importance of coordinating with ADOT regarding the Cesar Chavez Boulevard improvements to ensure proper access and integration. Mr. Esparza confirmed that the final project design, updated from earlier versions, accounted for the Cesar Chavez improvements and was technically coordinated with ADOT's plans.

11. Personnel: Executive Director's Evaluation

Ms. Figueroa introduced the item regarding the Director's annual performance evaluation, which included a review conducted by the evaluation subcommittee composed of the Chair and two Board members from different jurisdictions. She noted that Chairwoman Cruz had met with Deputy Mayor Smith and Councilman Luis Galindo on July 25 to conduct the evaluation and requested that the Board enter executive session to discuss the matter.

At this point, Supervisor Porchas suggested completing the remainder of the agenda before moving into item 11, "Personnel: Executive Directors Evaluation

Executive Session.” Ms. Figueroa agreed and confirmed that the Board would proceed with that approach and the Board continued to Item 14

12. Reconvene to Public Meeting

Following action on Item 14, the Board returned to Item 12, as listed on the agenda.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas moved to reconvene the Executive Board meeting into regular session. Supervisor Simmons seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

13. Executive Director’s Evaluation – Open Discussion

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas moved to approve a 5.7% salary increase for the Executive Director for Fiscal Year 2025–26. Councilmember Morales seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Patane sought clarification on whether the increase applied to all staff or solely to the Executive Director. Ms. Figueroa confirmed that the adjustment was specific to her position and explained that the calculation was based on the same performance evaluation methodology she uses for evaluating YMPO staff, which consisted of a 4.5% pay-scale adjustment and a 1.2% pay-for-performance increase, for a total of 5.7%.

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Ms. Figueroa noted that Lucia Zamudio, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, would provide an update on the Summit. Ms. Zamudio reminded members to notify her by August 11 if they wished to register. She explained that YMPO would cover registration costs up front, and for the Golf Registrations being paid by YMPO upfront, the reimbursement is expected within 30 days of the trip. She added that a golf tournament was scheduled for October 15, with hotel reservations available beginning October 14 for those wishing to participate. She reported that, as of the meeting date, three members had registered for the Summit. Councilmember

Morales responded that additional registrations were expected, noting that the mayor would also be attending.

Ms. Figueroa provided a status update on the AZ SMART Fund. She reported that the Arizona State Transportation Board met on July 18 and redistributed the funding categories, resulting in \$14 million in state funds available to leverage federal grants. She explained that this funding source was designed to strengthen member agencies' federal grant applications and noted that Yuma County had submitted a railroad crossing elimination project with a request for \$160,000 in matching funds, which was recently approved. She added that, following this round, each funding category now had \$2.9 million available, but no additional funding would be provided unless secured through the state legislature or another RTAC initiative.

Councilmember Morales asked whether YMPO's projects were not funded because they were not submitted on time or not chosen. Ms. Figueroa clarified that the process was highly competitive and that there was insufficient funding to award all requests. She confirmed that none of YMPO's projects were funded in this round, consistent with the outcome for the entire greater Arizona region, since the funding was not included in the state appropriations.

Supervisor Simmons emphasized the importance of addressing growth and transportation needs in the eastern part of Yuma County, particularly in the Foothills and Wellton areas. He cautioned that delaying planning efforts would place the region at a disadvantage as growth continued eastward, eventually moving beyond the Foothills due to limited space. He noted that Wellton was already experiencing growth and stressed the need to plan proactively for transportation and related infrastructure to stay ahead of demand.

Ms. Figueroa responded that economic development considerations were included in the regional studies and analyses conducted by consultants but emphasized that public input was also critical in ensuring local needs and priorities were captured. She expressed appreciation for the feedback.

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- B. Jun 30 – Daily 2025 US-95 DCIP Proposal Updates Meeting (CF, JH)
- C. Jul 01 – DCIP Application Submission (CF, JH)
- D. Jul 02 – YMPO AQ EPA Comments Review (CF)
- E. Jul 08 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update - PMT Meeting (FV)
- F. Jul 09 – Canyon State Bus Sales Meeting (JR)
- G. Jul 10 – YMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (JR, FV, LZ)
- H. Jul 10 – Yuma TMP Bi-Weekly Check-in (FV)
- I. Jul 10 – Transportation Alternatives TAC Meeting #3 – Selection of Projects/Debrief (FV)
- J. Jul 14 – Regional Mobility Committee Meeting (JR)
- K. Jul 14 – ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, JH, FV)
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- O. Jul 17 – T0634 40th Street Ave 6E to Fortuna Rd Meeting (CF, FV)
- P. Jul 17 – YMPO CSCS and RORS - Monthly Check-In Meeting (CF, JH, FV)
- Q. Jul 18 – Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting (CF)
- R. Jul 21 – RTAC Advisory Committee (CF)
- S. Jul 21 – MPO/COG - SAFE ROADS information gathering (CF)
- T. Jul 21 – RTAC Advisory Committee (CF)
- U. Jul 21 – CTS Meeting (FV)
- V. Jul 22 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update - PMT Meeting (JH, FV)
- W. Jul 22 – Arizona State Board Geographic and Historic Names (CF)
- X. Jul 23 – Farallon/Yuma Metropolitan Check In (JR)
- Y. Jul 23 – JH Performance Evaluation (CF, JH)
- Z. Jul 24 – 5310 Program Visit (JR)
- AA. Jul 24 – Yuma Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting #5 (CF, FV)
- BB. Jul 24 – Quarterly SWAZ WLG Professional Development Seminar (CF)
- CC. Jul 25 – YMPO Director Evaluation (CF)
- DD. Jul 28 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF, FV)
- EE. Jul 30 – YMPO/YCIPTA SRTP Update Discussion (CF, FV)
- FF. Jul 31 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Councilmember Morales motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss and evaluate the Director's performance. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. No minutes were recorded for this portion of the meeting.

17. Adjournment.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Cruz adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

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Anticipated Future 2025 Meetings

Future meetings will continue 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. In general, meetings will be the last Thursday of each month, and the next two meetings are tentatively scheduled for August 28, 2025, and September 18, 2025

Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:

Lulu Lopez, Accountant II/Executive Assistant

Minutes reviewed to form by:

Minutes approved in regular session on August 28, 2025

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director,
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Councilmember Maria Cecilia Cruz,
Chairwoman, YMPO Executive Board

**Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
July 2025**

	Jul 25	Jul 25	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · ADOT Grant				
4001 · PL	54,505.64	54,505.64	598,842.00	9.1%
4002 · SPR	15,075.12	15,075.12	285,429.00	5.28%
4004 · STBG	157,315.32	157,315.32	0.00	100.0%
4005 · 5305d (CPG)	10,396.23	10,396.23	183,468.00	5.67%
Total 4000 · ADOT Grant	237,292.31	237,292.31	1,067,739.00	22.22%
4007 · PL ISATO	6,676.97	6,676.97	10,240.00	65.21%
4010 · FTA Grant				
4020 · 5303/5305	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	0.0%
Total 4010 · FTA Grant	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	0.0%
4050 · ADEQ Grant	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds				
4056 · RTAP	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds - Other	25,927.99	25,927.99	112,995.00	22.95%
Total 4055 · 5310 Funds	25,927.99	25,927.99	113,995.00	22.75%
4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	0.00	80,565.84	0.0%
4400 · Interest Income	4,231.88	4,231.88	29,318.00	14.43%
4600 · Charges for Services				
4904 · Traffic Count Revenue	0.00	0.00	15,200.00	0.0%
Total 4600 · Charges for Services	0.00	0.00	15,200.00	0.0%
Total Income	274,129.15	274,129.15	1,447,057.84	18.94%
Gross Profit	274,129.15	274,129.15	1,447,057.84	18.94%
Expense				
5110 · Payroll Expenses				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	1,876.07	1,876.07	37,183.00	5.05%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries				
5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	0.00	0.00	11,422.32	0.0%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	3,601.65	3,601.65	69,711.17	5.17%
Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries	3,601.65	3,601.65	81,133.49	4.44%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	20,922.33	20,922.33	416,908.00	5.02%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	6,948.99	6,948.99	84,168.00	8.26%
5116 · ASRS	2,510.68	2,510.68	48,748.00	5.15%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	1,181.00	1,181.00	1,208.00	97.77%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	13.18	13.18	588.00	2.24%
5120 · Life Insurance	130.00	130.00	1,872.00	6.94%
Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses	37,183.90	37,183.90	671,808.49	5.54%
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	1,151.95	1,151.95	85,651.95	1.35%
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	21,887.05	21,887.05	910,855.00	2.4%
Total 5123 · Consulting Services	23,039.00	23,039.00	996,506.95	2.31%
5124 · Staff Training/Education				
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	0.00	0.00	2,722.00	0.0%
Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education	0.00	0.00	9,722.00	0.0%
5125 · Audit Services	0.00	0.00	25,850.00	0.0%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	74.68	74.68	4,600.00	1.62%
5128 · Accounting Services	0.00	0.00	25,681.00	0.0%
5129 · Public Participation	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardwar	7,369.39	7,369.39	12,000.00	61.41%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	3,838.37	3,838.37	20,000.00	19.19%
5139 · RTAP Expense	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
July 2025

	Jul 25	Jul 25	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5140 · Legal	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
5147 · Mobility Management Program	898.90	898.90	15,000.00	5.99%
5150 · IT Support	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5151 · Building Ins, property tax	5,040.00	5,040.00	5,500.00	91.64%
5152 · Equipment Maintenance	95.49	95.49	1,300.00	7.35%
5153 · Office Supplies	151.73	151.73	3,000.00	5.06%
5154 · Postage	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.0%
5155 · Printing	0.00	0.00	650.00	0.0%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	700.63	700.63	500.00	140.13%
5158 · Registration Fees	6,195.00	6,195.00	13,000.00	47.65%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
5160 · Telecommunications	1,062.99	1,062.99	12,500.00	8.5%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	8,072.00	8,072.00	3,675.00	219.65%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	2,405.89	2,405.89	2,600.00	92.53%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5166 · Website Maintenance	247.87	247.87	200.00	123.94%
5167 · Miscellenous Consumables	160.50	160.50	3,500.00	4.59%
5168 · Employee Recruitment	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.0%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5171 · Alarm System	120.00	120.00	700.00	17.14%
5173 · Electric Bill	948.27	948.27	8,000.00	11.85%
5174 · Grounds Maintenance	250.00	250.00	4,500.00	5.56%
5175 · Janitorial	720.00	720.00	9,840.00	7.32%
5179 · Office Building Repairs				
5181 · Pest Control	75.00	75.00	800.00	9.38%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs	75.00	75.00	5,800.00	1.29%
5182 · Sewer & Water	130.94	130.94	3,500.00	3.74%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	52.06	52.06	17,000.00	0.31%
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	189.33	189.33	3,000.00	6.31%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment				
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	0.00	0.00	2,533.17	0.0%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment - Other	854.09	854.09	5,500.00	15.53%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	854.09	854.09	8,033.17	10.63%
Total Expense	99,876.03	99,876.03	1,906,916.61	5.24%
Net Ordinary Income	174,253.12	174,253.12	-459,858.77	-37.89%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	0.00	0.00	102,877.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	102,877.00	0.0%
Other Expense				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	0.00	0.00	102,877.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	102,877.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	174,253.12	174,253.12	-459,858.77	-37.89%

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$82,087.67
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$40,597.75
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$881,848.41
	<u>\$1,004,533.83</u>

YMPO TAC INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #5

RTAC 2026 Regional Priority Projects

DATE: August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 Regional Priority Projects

SUMMARY:

The Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Board continues to support the pursuit of one-time State funding for local transportation projects in rural Arizona. The Board agreed to pursue \$480,000.00 for State Legislation consideration in 2026 for a 2027 State Budget.

The population-based division of the total amount estimated the possible allocation of \$57,748,800 to the YMPO region. The allocation was reduced by \$243,984 compared to last year's cycle, primarily due to the formation of a the Bullhead City MPO.

COG/MPO	Population	Percentage	2026 Allocations
BHCMPO	63,569	3.682%	\$17,673,600
CAG	84,659	4.904%	\$23,539,200
CYMPO	172,302	9.981%	\$47,908,800
LHMPO	61,379	3.556%	\$17,068,800
MAG (Pinal)	298,989	17.320%	\$83,136,000
METROPLAN	95,845	5.552%	\$26,649,600
NACOG	291,576	16.891%	\$81,076,800
SVMPO	68,576	3.973%	\$19,070,400
SEAGO	153,403	8.887%	\$42,657,600
SCMPO	119,181	6.904%	\$33,139,200
WACOG	109,077	6.319%	\$30,331,200
YMPO	207,685	12.031%	\$57,748,800
TOTAL	1,726,241	100%	\$480,000,000

During the August 14, 2025, regular TAC meeting, members agreed to recommend the ADOT's US-95 Gila River Bridge replacement and expansion project, in place of the previously identified US-95 Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen segment. The latter segment is already funded for construction, while the mid-segment was determined to be too costly. Members also recommended retaining the existing Yuma County pavement rehabilitation and City of Somerton Improvement projects as priorities. Other projects and funding were discussed for consideration, and it was agreed that a special meeting would be necessary to make a recommendation to the Board.

Project selection was further discussed at a special TAC meeting held on August 21, 2025. New project fact sheets were provided for review and included as part of the packet for the Board's consideration. The City of Yuma submitted two projects, one of which is the 40th Street SR 195 At-Grade Intersection, which would facilitate east-west travel for current and future growth of the City of Yuma. The second is the Traffic Signal Upgrades

project, which would improve safety and traffic operations by facilitating real-time monitoring, early incident detection, notification, and emergency response capabilities.

Agency	Project Name	Allocation
ADOT	US-95 Gila River Bridge Replacement and Expansion	\$38,756,016
Yuma County	US-95 Pavement Rehabilitation (Phase 2) between County 17th St to Avenue D	\$8,340,000
Somerton	Somerton Main Street Improvements	\$1,652,784
City of Yuma	40th Street SR 195 At-Grade Intersection	\$6,000,000
City of Yuma	Traffic Signal Upgrades	\$3,000,000
Total		\$57,748,800

EB members have the opportunity to review, discuss, and consider the TAC-recommended priority projects for inclusion in the 2026 RTAC Regional Priority Project Booklet for presentation to Legislators during the Arizona Transportation Policy Summit in October, to be held in Sierra Vista.

POSSIBLE ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the 2026 Regional Priority Projects to the Executive Board for approval.

CONTACT PERSON: Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner

US 95, Gila River Bridge



Project Overview

This project is located on US 95 in southwestern Arizona, close to the Arizona-California state line and the U.S. Mexico border. It is east of the City of Yuma, in Yuma County, within the jurisdiction of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). Regionally, US 95 connects east-west Interstate 8 in Yuma to east-west Interstate 10 in Quartzsite, making it a logical connection for heavy truck traffic, including cargo going into or out of Mexico. Unfortunately, it is a two-lane highway in need of modernization and expansion improvements to efficiently serve this important function. Locally, US 95 is the main route providing access to Yuma's largest employer of civilians, the U.S. Army YPG.

US 95 east of Yuma, Arizona is a rural two-lane undivided highway with few passing and left-turn lanes. It has long been identified as a safety concern, and there have been fatal and serious injury crashes on just this segment of highway. US 95 is the main route providing access to YPG (Yuma's top employer of civilians), so crashes that close this highway for hours at a time are highly detrimental to the region.

In 2007, ADOT completed a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for US 95, from Avenue 9E to Aberdeen Road (MP 31.8-47.8) to widen the roadway from 2 lanes to 5 lanes with 8' shoulders. Over the past few years, the DCR limits have been separated into smaller segments completing roadway widening from Avenue 9E (MP 31.8) to Wellton-Mohawk Canal Bridge (MP 38.5). The remaining 10 mile section of US 95 from the Wellton Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road received funding through the 2023 RAISE Grant award for final design. This 10 mile section is currently being designed as two projects. First, is the Wellton Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road portion (5.3 miles), current estimated cost is \$107.6 million. Second, is the Imperial Dam Rd. to Aberdeen Rd., section is at 4.7 miles, current estimated cost is \$75.8 million.

This State funding request is for \$38.4 million to fund construction of the Gila River Bridge. The project would extend the 5 lane section from Wellton-Mohawk Canal Bridges through the Gila River Bridge and tie the roadway back into a two lane section just south of Adair Park Road. This would include removing the existing bridge and constructing a new bridge over the Gila River.



Project Lead

Arizona Department of Transportation



Project Schedule

Construction in FY 2027



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$107.6 Million
State Funding Request: \$38,756,016 Million

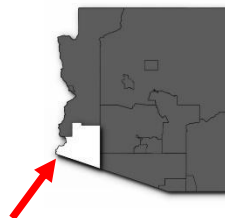


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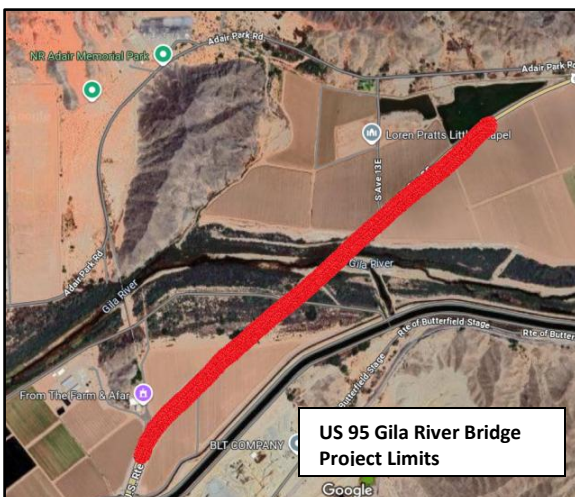


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US-95 Corridor: 3 Segments

County 22nd Street (San Luis) to County 11th Street (Yuma)

Phase II (Co. 17th to Avenue D)



Project Overview

This project is located in Yuma County in southwestern Arizona, close to the Arizona-California state line and the U.S.- Mexico border. It is South and West of the City of Yuma, in Yuma County, within the jurisdiction of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). This roadway, US-95, is a major arterial roadway on the NHS, is the highest Yuma County Project being submitted for consideration. The roadway serves as the Western Canamex corridor and connects the Ports of Entry I and II, through San Luis, Somerton, Cocopah, City of Yuma and Yuma County.

This project limit is 18 miles. Project will mill and overlay three inches along the whole corridor, in three phases of approx. equal lengths and costs. The project serves five local agencies in the Yuma region. Phase I was funded in FY24 and construction completed in FY25 for \$5.9M. This request is to fund Phase II which is estimated to cost \$8.64M. Design for Phase II is approximately 95% complete. No new r/w is needed.

This roadway upon completion will serve the five communities will consist of a new pavement layer that will serve Regional and International traffic for future conditions. This roadway is characteristically challenged due to high concentrations of agriculture and winter visitors and is an established corridor of Regional Significance for the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Region for International Commerce and Agriculture.

Phase 2 of 3 of the entire project will be constructed with the \$8.34M State funding request and a local contribution of Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF). This project was nominated by the Yuma County staff as the highest priority project. Local Partnering agencies are Cities of Yuma, Somerton and San Luis, Cocopah Indian Tribe, and Yuma County.



Project Lead

Yuma County



Project Schedule

Design in 2025

Construction in 2026



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$20,270,000

State Funding Request: \$8,340,000

Local Contribution: \$300,000

Phase II: \$8,640,000



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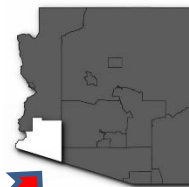


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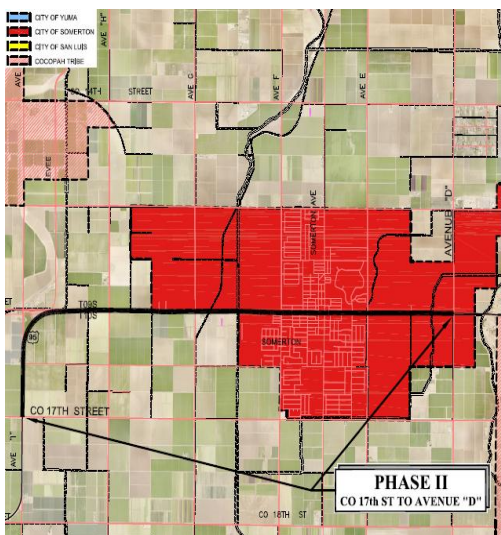
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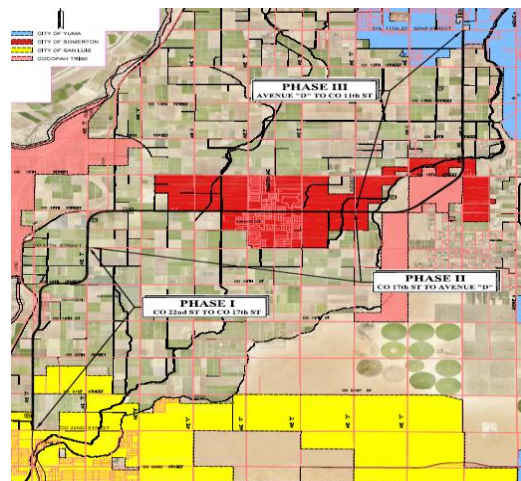


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Phase II



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Main Street (SR 95) Improvements Downtown Redevelopment Phase 1



Project Overview

This project is in the City of Somerton in Southwestern Arizona, near the Arizona-California state line and the U.S.-Mexico border. It is southwest of the City of Yuma in Yuma County and falls within the jurisdiction of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). The focus is on Main Street (SR 95), a crucial East-West corridor, and the surrounding Somerton Avenue/Sanguinetti Park area, a key North-South route.

This project is a top priority for the City of Somerton, addressing essential upgrades and replacements. The traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street (SR 95) and Somerton Avenue will be replaced and upgraded to improve traffic flow and safety. Existing sidewalks and ramps will be replaced and widened to meet ADA standards, ensuring accessibility for all pedestrians. Additionally, the project will address traffic congestion and enhance the Level of Service at the intersection by improving circulation and replacing old, damaged asphalt.

This project is a significant benefit to the local and regional community by creating ADA accessible pedestrian sidewalks and ramps, reduce traffic congestion, and improve the Level of Service at the intersection.

This project will be designed and constructed in phases with \$1,652,784 requested from State funding local contribution of \$52,000. This project was nominated by city staff as the high priority project. Design will be completed in 2025 and construction expected in 2026/27.



Project Lead

City of Somerton



Project Schedule

Design: 2025

Construction: 2026



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$1,704,784

State Funding Request: \$1,652,784

Local Contribution: \$52,000



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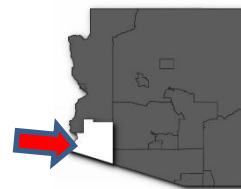
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City of Somerton

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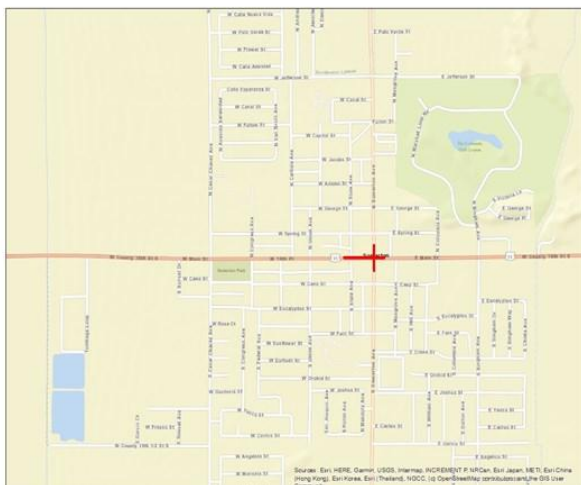
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40th Street / SR 195 At-Grade Intersection



Project Overview

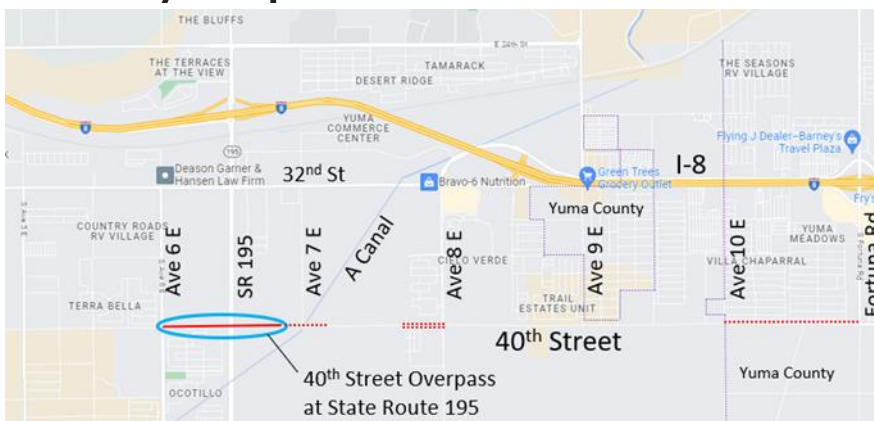
The City of Yuma is experiencing rapid growth south of Interstate 8 from State Route 195 to the Fortuna Rd. Local east-west travel in the area is limited to the I-8 Frontage Rd system and 32nd Street due to the lack of major arterials roadways. The lack of east-west arterials results in congestion on the I-8 Frontage Rd system and 32nd Street. Seven fatal crashes have occurred from Ave 6 E to Fortuna Rd from 2017 to 2021. Improvements to 40th Street are needed to improve safety and facilitate existing traffic volumes and future travel demands in the area. The City of Yuma has identified the 40th Street / State Route 195 At-Grade Intersection project as a project of regional significance.

The City of Yuma is currently developing a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) to improve 40th Street from Avenue 6 E to Fortuna Rd in FY-24-25-26 which includes an At-Grade Intersection at State Route 195.

Improvements to 40th Street would be accomplished in phases as funding becomes available. Initially, the City of Yuma will construct the intersection improvements at 40th Street / Ave 7 E in fiscal year 2026. A five-lane facility could then be constructed from Ave 6E to Avenue 7E when funding becomes available, anticipated for fiscal year 2027. Ultimately, 40th Street would be extended easterly to Fortuna Road as a joint effort with Yuma County when federal funding becomes available (possibly in FY 27 from of a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) grant).

Funding for final design, right-of-way and construction of 40th Street from Avenue 6 E to Avenue Ave 7E is needed. This project is an excellent candidate for the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) because the project will include at grade crossing of State Route 195 that will facilitate east-west travel for current and future growth of the City of Yuma.

Vicinity Map & Site Photo



Project Lead

City of Yuma, Arizona



Project Schedule

Design in FY 2026-2027

Right-of-Way in FY 2026-2027

Construction in FY 2027-2028



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$8.9 M

Federal Funding Request: \$0

State Funding Request: \$6 M

Local Contribution: \$2.9 M



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Traffic Signal Upgrades



Project Overview

In general, the project consists of upgrading the remainder of the City of Yuma Traffic Signals to communicate with the newly built Traffic Management Center (TMC) within the City of Yuma's Public Work's/Engineering Department located at 155 W. 14th Street. For implementing traffic operational improvements to the remaining intersections.

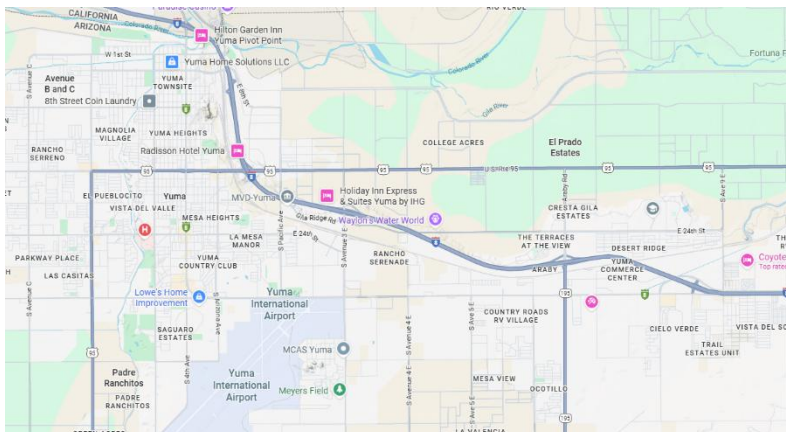
The project will upgrade 33 traffic signals throughout the City of Yuma to provide video/data communications with the TMC. The project will also include the optimization of signal timing.

The signal upgrades will improve safety and traffic operations by facilitating real-time monitoring of traffic that will enable early incident detection, notification and emergency response capabilities.

The Traffic Signal Upgrades project is the final part of an overall project provide an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) for the City of Yuma. Information from the TMC will be integrated with a traffic management website in the future for public and media notification. It is also proposed that the City of Yuma would provide Traffic Management Services to the surrounding communities.

This project is an excellent candidate for the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) because it will facilitate safe travel for the region.

Vicinity Map & Site Photo



Project Lead

City of Yuma



Project Schedule

Construction in FY 2026



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$3,300,000

State Funding: \$3,000,000

Local Contribution: \$300,000



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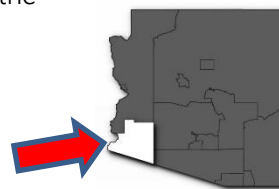
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YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 6

Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Grant Opportunity

DATE: August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Grant Opportunity

SUMMARY:

The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) is a competitive grant program administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) under the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). The program funds state and local infrastructure projects that support the operational needs of military installations and improve the quality of life for military personnel and their families.

During the FY 2022 DCIP program, YMPO in collaboration with Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) received a successful ~\$13 million grant award, executed by ADOT in September 2022, for improvements along US-95. YMPO did not submit an application during the FY 2023 cycle but re-engaged with YPG and ADOT to submit a strong proposal for FY 2024. While competitive, the FY 2024 application was not selected for funding.

On July 1, 2025, YMPO, together with members from Wilson & Company and the ADOT Grant Team, submitted a ~\$9M DCIP proposal for US-95 improvements at Imperial Dam Road. The ADOT Grant Team notified us on August 19, 2025, that the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) did not select our FY 2025 DCIP proposal submission to move forward to the final application process. A debrief will be scheduled to learn about possible improvements for future applications.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: YMPO has funds available in the Unified Planning Work Program for 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 information, discussion, and possible comment only.

CONTACT PERSON: Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, and Jeff Heinrichs, IT Manager/Associate Planner, 928-783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #7

Arizona SMART Fund

DATE: August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: AZ SMART FUNDS

SUMMARY:

The \$50 million AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in competing for federal discretionary surface transportation grants. Applications to the AZ SMART funds must first be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). ADOT administers this fund, and the State Transportation Board (STB) approves all awards.

In 2024, the Arizona Legislature amended the program, including an additional \$12M, MPOs became eligible applicants, and the State Transportation Board was allowed to redistribute funding across funding categories.

Applicants may request AZ SMART Funds for:

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

AZ SMART FUNDS AWARDED

AWARDED YEAR	MUNICIPALITY	AWARD TYPE	FUNDING CATEGORY	PROJECT NAME	AWARD AMOUNT	FEDERAL GRANT	FEDERAL GRANT AMOUNT
2023	City of San Luis	DOES	Municipality Over 10K	Cesar Chavez Blvd Improvements	\$2,787,435	RSTGP 2023	\$25,000,000
2023	Yuma County	DOES	County Over 100K	Avenue E/D New Roadway Construction	\$610,000	RAISE 2025	Not Awarded
2024	City of Yuma	MATCH	Municipality Over 10K	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	\$90,000	SS4A 2024	\$480,000
2024	City of Yuma	MATCH	Municipality Over 10K	Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Center	\$3,537,057		\$10,614,225
2023	ADOT	DOES	N/A	US Highway 95, Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road	\$3,750,000	RAISE 2023	\$8,500,000
2025	Yuma County	MATCH	County Over 100K	Elimination of three UPRR Crossings (9E, Fortuna Rd, County 29E	\$160,000	FRA 2024	\$640,000
TOTAL					\$10,934,492		\$45,234,225

AVAILABLE FUNDING

In July, the State Transportation Board approved a redistribution of the funds for the AZ SMART program. The funds are redistributed equally across all five funding categories. The funding available is \$14,867,752, and each category now has \$2,973,550. No additional funding has been approved for this program this year.

6/30/2025	Cumulative AZ SMART Fund Report					
Funding Category	ADOT	Muni < 10K	Muni 10K+	County < 100K	County 100K+	Total
Revenue						
Legislative Appropriations	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 62,500,000
Interest Earnings to Date	\$ 1,229,034	\$ 1,220,149	\$ 1,200,924	\$ 1,228,645	\$ 1,218,844	\$ 6,097,598
Total Revenues	\$ 13,729,034	\$ 13,720,149	\$ 13,700,924	\$ 13,728,645	\$ 13,718,844	\$ 68,597,598
Approvals						
Grant Development		\$ 4,600		\$ 50,000		\$ 54,600.00
Match Awards	\$ 5,371,724	\$ 31,212	\$ 17,180,153	\$ 3,346,000	\$ 4,402,642	\$ 30,331,731
Design & Engineering	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 10,010,257	\$ 7,638,707	\$ 6,260,283	\$ 6,670,000	\$ 34,329,247
1% Program Administration	\$ 100,000					\$ 100,000
Match Released	\$ (1,250,000)	\$ -	\$ (6,277,008)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (7,527,008)
Design Recovered	\$ -	\$ (807,500)	\$ (1,546,772)	\$ (1,204,452)	\$ -	\$ (3,558,724)
Net Approvals	\$ 7,971,724	\$ 9,238,569	\$ 16,995,080	\$ 8,451,831	\$ 11,072,642	\$ 53,729,846
Redistribution						
July Available for Awards	\$ 3,958,547	\$ 3,950,459	\$ 74,058	\$ 3,096,317	\$ 3,788,370	\$ 14,867,752
July Redistribution	\$ (984,997)	\$ (976,909)	\$ 2,899,492	\$ (122,767)	\$ (814,820)	\$ -
Current Available for Award	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 14,867,752
Pending Requests						
Grant Development		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Match Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Design & Engineering	\$ -	\$ 1,303,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,303,821
Total Pending Requests	\$ -	\$ 1,303,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,303,821
After Approval of Pending Requests	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 1,669,729	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 2,973,550	\$ 13,563,931

Applications are being accepted based on available funding. If any member agency is applying for the AZ SMART, a letter of approval from YMPO is required as part of the application process. Please request a letter of approval as soon as possible to avoid delays in your application. YMPO submitted an application for reimbursement of \$100,000 of local match for the awarded Safe Streets for All Grant. The State Transportation Board is anticipated to consider this application during its September 19, 2025, meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 8

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Programming Process

DATE: August 25, 2025

SUBJECT: YMPO TIP Programming Process

SUMMARY:

To date, YMPO has only received about \$1 million, each year, in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for programming within our region. These funds are included in the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), together with all of the other Federally funded ADOT projects on State Routes and Transit projects within our region. It is unknown if this amount will increase under a new transportation infrastructure bill expected after November of 2026; it would increase substantially if the Yuma region was regarded as a Transportation Management Area (TMA), but details of a new BIL or the TMA status are not yet confirmed.

When the region programs funds to a project, the funds are generally allocated to the project and NOT to the sponsor agency. As a result, if an agency decides to not proceed with a federally funded project, the funds are released back to YMPO for programming on another project, if another project can be found.

The YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) generally follows a standard process for selecting projects to be funded with STBG funds. This involves submitting a mini-Design Concept Report (DCR) which helps other TAC members review the proposed project and allows members to better compare applications. The project application process, includes a schedule which covers submitting an initiation packet to ADOT project review staff, production of the appropriate intergovernmental agreement, completion of preliminary design (DCR), final design and plans, construction cost estimates, right-of way acquisition and confirmation of construction cost estimates, payment of the matching funds and eventual obligation and bidding of the project. This process needs to occur in a timeline that matches the eligibility and availability of the funds concerned. Officially the process is competitive between the member agencies, but, in general, each agency receives an opportunity to receive funds for their agency.

All MPOs are required to track the development of the projects that are funded with the federal funds allocated to them and are usually responsible for ensuring that the funds are used in a timely manner. Indeed, other MPOs have established detailed guidelines that cover the selection and development of federally funded projects and it is suggested that YMPO staff, working with the TAC, could develop something similar for projects in our region.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The proposed process will follow the currently accepted process for submitting, selecting and developing federally funded projects at YMPO. The process may be extended to include other federally funded projects, as they become available.

POLICY: Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §450 et al., contains the guidance on how projects should be selected and ADOT guidelines provide guidance on how to shepherd projects through the development process.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to suggest how to proceed with utilizing the funds released.

CONTACT PERSON:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

PROGRAMMING PROCESS

BY: YMPO STAFF

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2025



What is the TIP



The TIP is a federally required, short-range (5-year) program of transportation projects



Includes highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, bridge projects, and regionally significant projects regardless of funding source.



Implements a subset of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) projects



Must be fiscally constrained and consistent with LRTP

Funding Opportunities

FORMULA DRIVEN FUNDS

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
 - Approx \$1M/yr
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - \$272,032/yr

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING – STATEWIDE

- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - FY 27 - \$32.2M
 - FY 28 - \$56.1M
- Off-System Bridge (OSB) Program
 - STBG - Approx \$3.9M
 - Bridge Formula Program (BFP) – Approx 6.7M
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)
 - Approx \$17M/yr



How Projects Become Part of the YMPO TIP?

THE PATH TO INCLUSION ----->

Project Selection Process: STBG & CRP



Programming Equity

Fiscal Year	Member Agency	STBG Funds	HURF Funds
FY 2022	City of San Luis	\$1,345,760	\$1,211,184
FY 2022	Yuma County	\$1,000,000	\$900,000
FY 2023	No Project	\$0	\$0
FY 2024	Yuma County	\$1,128,737	\$1,015,863
FY 2024	City of Yuma	\$1,000,000	\$900,000
FY 2025	City of Yuma	\$1,000,000	\$900,000
FY 2026	Town of Wellton	\$823,501	\$741,151

STBG Funds Available (FY 26-30)

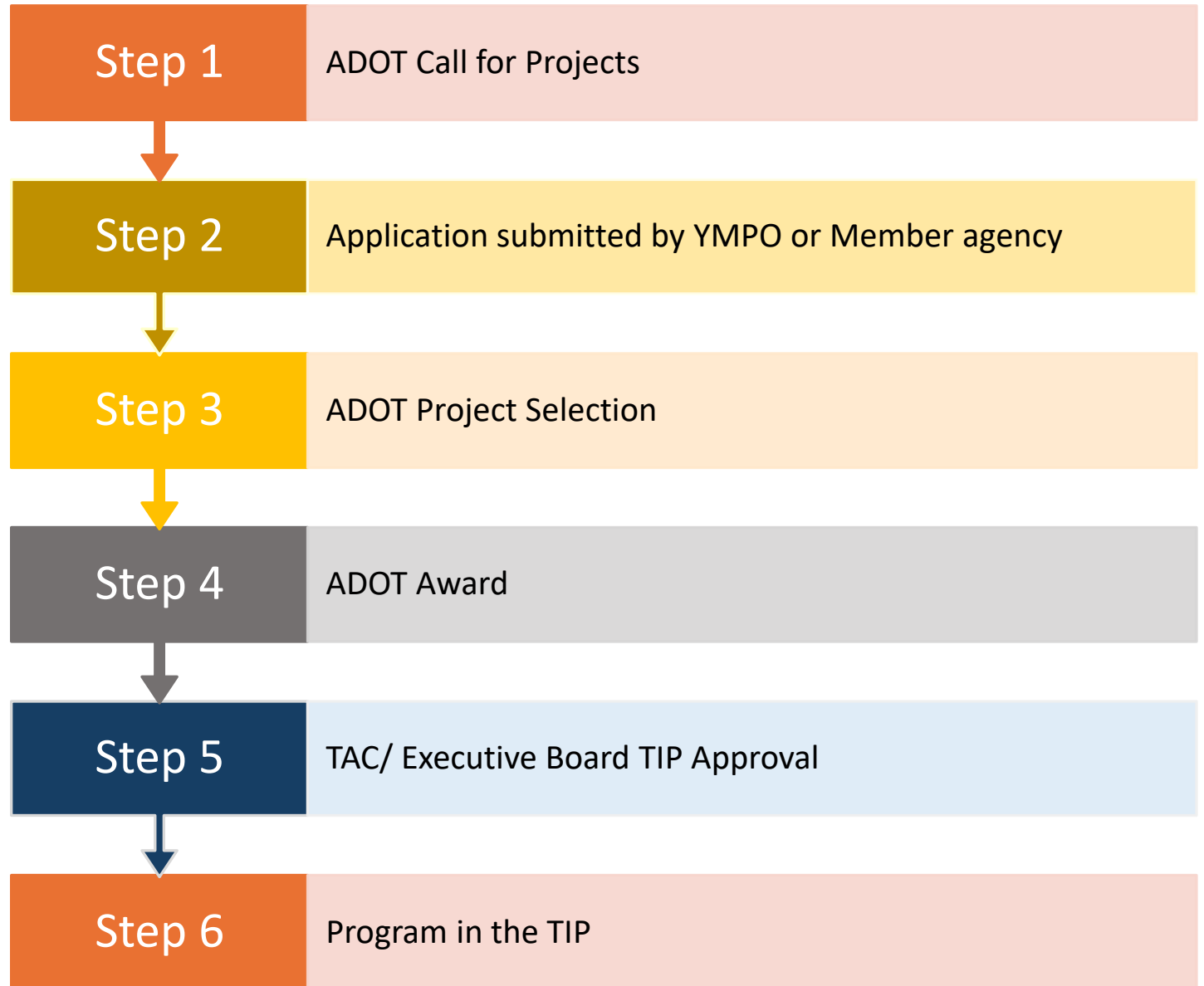
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds			
Fiscal Year	New Funds	Programmed Funds	Funds Available
FY 2026	\$1,038,006	\$932,859.78	\$105,146.22
FY 2027	\$1,027,077	\$5,000	\$1,022,077
FY 2028	\$1,027,077	\$5,000	\$1,022,077
FY 2029	\$1,027,077	\$5,000	\$1,022,077
FY 2030	\$1,027,077	\$5,000	\$1,022,077

CRP Funds Programmed (FY 26)

Fiscal Year	New Funds	Programmed Funds	Funds Available
FY 2022-2026	\$1,049,309	\$1,049,309	\$0

Fiscal Year	Agency	Project	CRP Funds
FY 2026	City of Yuma	Shared Path, connecting E. Wetlands Park to PPAC	\$284,156
	City of Yuma	2 Bus Pullouts on Ave A at 16th St	\$190,486
	Yuma County	Shared Path, Ave B to Ave C, West Main Canal	\$574,667
Total			\$1,049,309

Discretionary Funding – Statewide HSIP/OSB/TA





Thank you, any questions?



YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM 10

YMPO FY 2026 Title VI Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, Accomplishments & Goals Report

DATE: August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: YMPO FY 2026 Title VI Plan Update, Accomplishments, and Goals Report

SUMMARY:

Federal regulations mandate YMPO to submit an annual Title VI Plan, Accomplishments, and Goals Report. This report includes elements like the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

The Title VI Plan is further made to protect all classes of people in that ***“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”***

The YMPO’s Public Participation Plan, part of the Title VI Package, guarantees public involvement throughout all stages of YMPO decision-making, with special attention to PPP and LEP communities. This plan employs diverse methods to engage the public in creating transportation plans and programs, ensuring fair participation and consideration for all community members.

The Accomplishments and Goals report for the Title VI program at YMPO highlights achievements in promoting nondiscrimination and equal access to transportation services over the past year. It documents successful public outreach efforts and applies the four-factor analysis to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communities and improvements in public participation processes. The report also outlines future goals, such as enhancing outreach strategies, increasing accessibility, and ensuring ongoing compliance with Title VI requirements to foster an inclusive decision-making environment.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and potential action to approve the 2026 YMPO Title VI Plan, Accomplishment and Goals Report, contingent upon no major findings requiring correction.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jesus “JR” Aguilar, Mobility Manager/Title VI Coordinator, 928-783-8911



YUMA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

FY2026 ANNUAL TITLE VI REPORT

2026 TITLE VI NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS

YMPO Executive Director
Crystal Figueroa

This report was produced with financial assistance from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

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Title VI Report

Introduction

This report covers Title VI Nondiscrimination in the Federally Assisted Programs Implementation and Review program of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). The report includes a description of the YMPO planning area, a statistical breakdown of the communities in the planning area, the YMPO organizational chart and composition of advisory boards and committees, the public involvement process, a summary of project effects and benefits, a summary of lawsuits alleging discrimination, a listing of federal assistance programs, and assurances.

Title VI/ADA Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

The YMPO, as policy, ensures non-discrimination compliance on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, limited English proficiency, or low-income status as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Executive Order 13166 (Limited English Proficiency), 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 21, 23 CFR Part 200, and 49 CFR Part 303.

No person will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any YMPO program or activity. Every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. YMPO's sub-recipients, grant recipients, and contractors must all comply with this policy.

The YMPO works closely with the Arizona Department of Transportation Civil Rights Office and consultants who work on program responsibilities. Therefore, each program area will be responsible for preventing discrimination and ensuring nondiscrimination compliance in all of YMPO's programs and activities.

The Chair signs assurances and delegates full authority to the Title VI/ADA Non-discrimination Program Coordinator to oversee and implement Title VI regulations.

Signed by:

Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis
YMPO Executive Board, Chair

Date

YMPO Assurances

General Assurance

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization HEREBY AGREES THAT, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the ADOT, it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, Title 42, United States Code (42 USC) 2000d to 2000d-4 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to 49 CFR, the Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) and other pertinent directives, that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, and HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT it will promptly take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. This assurance is required by subsection 21.7(a)(1) of the Regulations.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general assurance, the YMPO hereby gives the following specific assurances with its Federal Aid Highway Program.

Certification

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the YMPO by the Department of Transportation under the Federal Aid Highway Program and Federal Transit Program and is binding on it, other recipients, sub grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in the interest and other participants in the Federal Aid Highway Programs.

YMPO - Title VI Assurances

The YMPO (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), HEREBY AGREES THAT, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and ADOT, is subject to and will comply with the following:

Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC §2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin)

49 CFR, Part 21 (entitled Non-discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

28 CFR Section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
23 C.F.R. Part 200 Subchapter C-Civil Rights (Title VI Program Implementation and related status)

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurances that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity," for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the FHWA.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federal Aid Highway Program.

The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) of 49 CFR § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.

The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests for Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Federal-Aid Highway Program and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

"The YMPO, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252.42 USC. §§2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.

The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance as a covenant running with the land in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.

Where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.

Where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.

That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendices C and D of this Assurance as a covenant running with the land in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:

for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.

That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

The period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, and the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.

The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, YMPO also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing FHWA or ADOT access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews and/or complaint investigations conducted by the FHWA or ADOT. You must keep records and reports and submit the material for review upon request to FHWA, ADOT, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

YMPO gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other federal aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the USDOT under the FHWA and ADOT. This ASSURANCE is binding on Arizona, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Federal Aid Highway Program the person(s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

Appendices A through E that are referred to as part of this assurance are listed on pages 7 through 11.

Signed by:

Crystal Figueroa, YMPO Executive Director

Date

Notes:

A Copy of the August 28, 2025, YMPO Executive Board Agenda will be sent to the ADOT External Civil Rights (ECR).

A Copy of the Official YMPO Executive Board approval will be provided as soon as the Executive Board approves the August 28, 2025, minutes at the September 18, 2025, meeting.

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees as follows:

Compliance with Regulations: The Contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally assisted programs of the USDOT, FHWA or the ADOT, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

Non-discrimination: The Contractor, with regard to the work performance by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.

Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

Information and Reports: The Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient, the FHWA or ADOT to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the Contractor will so certify to the Recipient, the FHWA, or ADOT, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of a Contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the FHWA or ADOT may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

withholding payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies and/or canceling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

Incorporation of Provisions: The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor will take action with a request to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient, the FHWA, or ADOT may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided that if the Contractor becomes involved in or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor or supplier because of such direction, the Contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into litigation to protect the interests of the United States

APPENDIX B

CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the USDOT, as authorized by law and upon the condition that YMPO will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with Title 23 USC, the Regulations for the Administration of Federal Aid for Highways, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the ADOT, FHWA and the in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by 49 CFR, USDOT, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the USDOT pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252;42 USC § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the YMPO all the right, title and interest of the USDOT in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto YMPO and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the YMPO, its successors, and assigns.

The YMPO, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors, and assigns that:

1. No person will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [...] [and]*.
2. That the YMPO will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49 CFR, USDOT, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the USDOT, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended, and
3. That in the event of a breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the USDOT will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that the above-described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the USDOT and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

* Reverter clause and related language are to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.

APPENDIX C

CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the YMPO pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:

In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a USDOT activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities,

With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of a breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, YMPO will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.*

With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of a breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, YMPO will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon. The above-described lands and facilities will thereupon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the YMPO and its assigns. *

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APPENDIX D

CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by YMPO pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that:

No person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities

that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination

that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance

With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of a breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, YMPO will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.*

With respect to deeds, in the event of a breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, YMPO will thereupon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of YMPO and its assigns. *

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APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities, including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin) and 49 CFR Part 21.

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 USC § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects)

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 USC § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 USC § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age)

Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (Title 49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex)

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage, and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not)

Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 USC §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38

The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 USC § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex)

Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, states that national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 USC 1687 et seq)

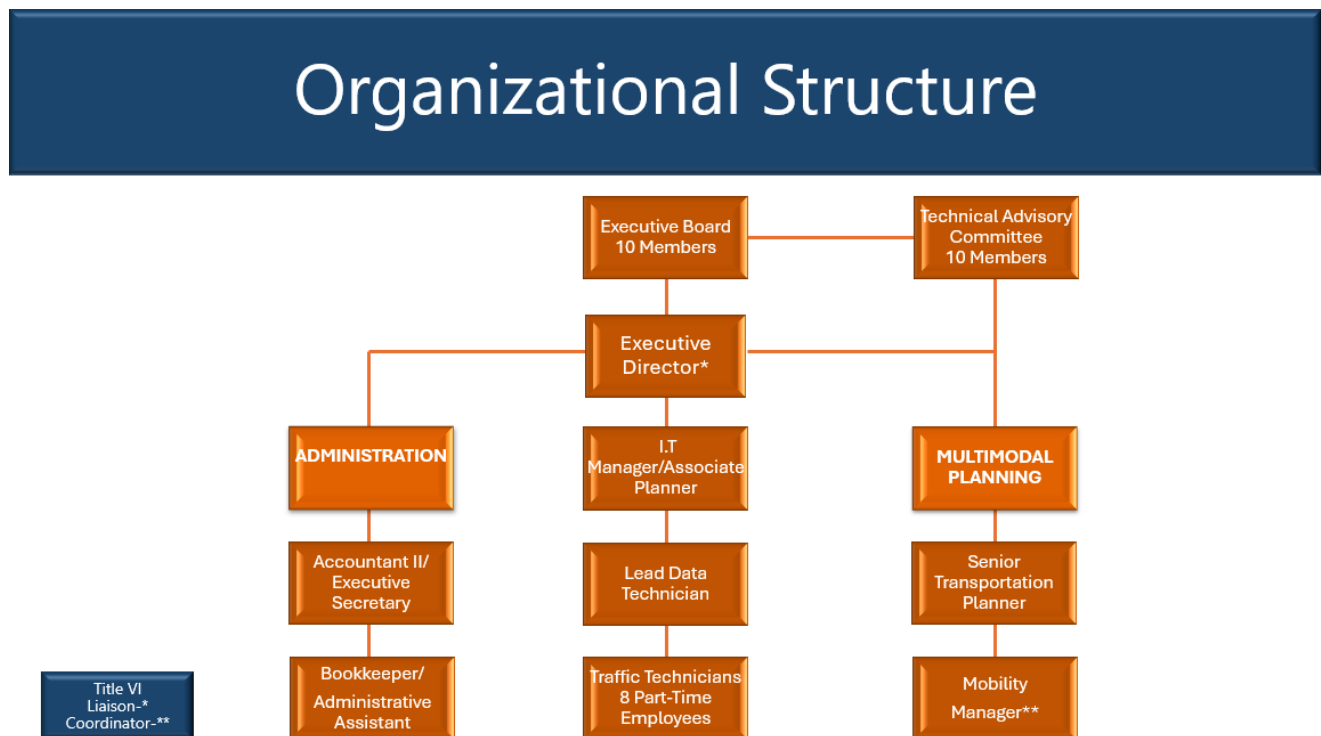
YMPO Organizational Staffing and Program Administration

General Organization and Staffing

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for transportation planning in the Yuma County, Arizona, area and in the Winterhaven, California, area, making the YMPO a bi-state Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for ensuring the implementation of the YMPO Title VI program and serves as the YMPO “Liaison.” JR Aguilar, Mobility Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Title VI program and serves as the “Coordinator.” The Executive Board Madam Chair of the YMPO, on behalf of the Executive Board, is responsible for the overall management of the Title VI program and serves as the Title VI “Officer,” as depicted in Figure 1.

Figure 1: YMPO Organization Chart



MPO Planning Area

The planning area for the YMPO encompasses all of Yuma County and a portion of California (Figure 2). The boundary of the YMPO covers 5,522 square miles, which includes all of Yuma County. The small area of Winterhaven, California, covers less than 1% of the total MPO boundary area. This region is approximately 180 miles southwest of the City of Phoenix and 170 miles east of the City of San Diego. The land ownership percentages for Yuma County are 84% Federal, 10.5% Private, 5.3% State of Arizona, and .2% Tribal lands.

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Title VI Chief Officer

The Madam Chair of the YMPO Executive Board, Cecilia C. McCollough, is the Title VI Chief Officer with the overall responsibility of leading, supervising, and administering the activities of the YMPO. The Madam Chair signs the Policy Statement assuring YMPO's commitment to Title VI and leads the organization in its efforts to ensure nondiscrimination in its programs and activities. The Title VI Chief Officer also delegates Title VI duties, as necessary and appropriate, to the Title VI Liaison.

Title VI Liaison

The Title VI Liaison, Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, has direct access to the Title VI Chief Officer and is charged with the responsibility for implementing, monitoring, and ensuring YMPO compliance with Title VI regulations, including but not limited to the following activities:

- Coordinate with legal and human resources departments to resolve discrimination complaints and implement corrective actions.
- Engage with community groups and stakeholders to gather input and feedback on programs and services.
- Assist in developing and reviewing organizational policies and procedures for Title VI compliance.
- Oversee the provision of language assistance services to ensure meaningful access for individuals with limited English proficiency.

The liaison and coordinator will manage and investigate complaints of discrimination based on race, color, or national origin as required by the FHWA, FTA, Arizona DOT, or a member of the YMPO.

Coordinator Responsibilities

The Title VI Coordinator, JR Aguilar, Mobility Manager, has direct access to the YMPO Title VI Liaison and, when necessary, the Title VI Officer. The coordinator will be under the liaison's direct supervision and will ensure that the Title VI Program is in compliance. Implementation methods will be used to create an equitable program, including, but not limited to, the following activities:

- Use data to identify and eliminate discrimination and create equitable opportunities.
- Provide Title VI Training to staff on a regular basis or as necessary.
- Staff will include all members of boards, committees, and other activities of the YMPO
- Training will be at a minimum of two times per year.
- Prepare a yearly Title VI Accomplishment and Goals Report as required per ADOT directives, as per Federal/Arizona DOT Guidelines
- Conduct Title VI reviews of contractors, consultants, suppliers, and other recipients of Federal Aid Highway and Transit fund contracts administered through the YMPO.
- ensure contracts, contractors, vendors, and/or any other recipient of Federal funds that the YMPO administers
- Collect statistical data (race, color, sex, age, disability, national origin, income, or limited English proficiency (LEP)) of participants in and beneficiaries of transportation-related programs under its jurisdiction.
- utilize data from the ACS, US Census, Surveys, and/or other material collected at business conducted by YMPO.
- Process the disposition of Title VI complaints received by the YMPO.
- Develop Title VI and other information for dissemination to the public and, where appropriate, in languages other than English.
- The YMPO will advertise utilizing the public participation plan that the YMPO Executive Board adopted.

YMPO MEMBERS

List of Member Communities

The YMPO comprises of an Executive Board, a Technical Advisory Committee, an Audit Committee, a Regional Mobility Committee, and a small staff. Member agencies of the YMPO include Yuma County, the Cities of Yuma, San Luis, and Somerton, the Town of Wellton, the Cocopah Indian Tribe, the Fort Yuma Indian Tribe, and a representative of the State Transportation Board.

Statistical Makeup of Yuma County and Data Collection

Yuma County has a population of 203,881 and 5,522 square miles of land. It is situated on the Colorado River and in the southwestern corner of Arizona, bordering Mexico. Tables 1 and 2 show the county's overall population and the specific population characteristics of the member agencies.

Table 1: YMPO Member Agency Populations			
Member Agency	Census 2000	Census 2010	Census 2020
City of Yuma	77,515	93,064	95,548
Yuma County	58,094	60,013	203,881
City of San Luis	15,322	25,505	35,257
City of Somerton	7,464	14,287	14,197
Town of Wellton	1,829	2,882	2,375
Cocopah Indian Tribe	1,025	817	1,251
Fort Yuma Indian Tribe	--	2,189	1,898

Source: 2020 Decennial Census: <https://data.census.gov/>

Table 2: 2019-2023, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles

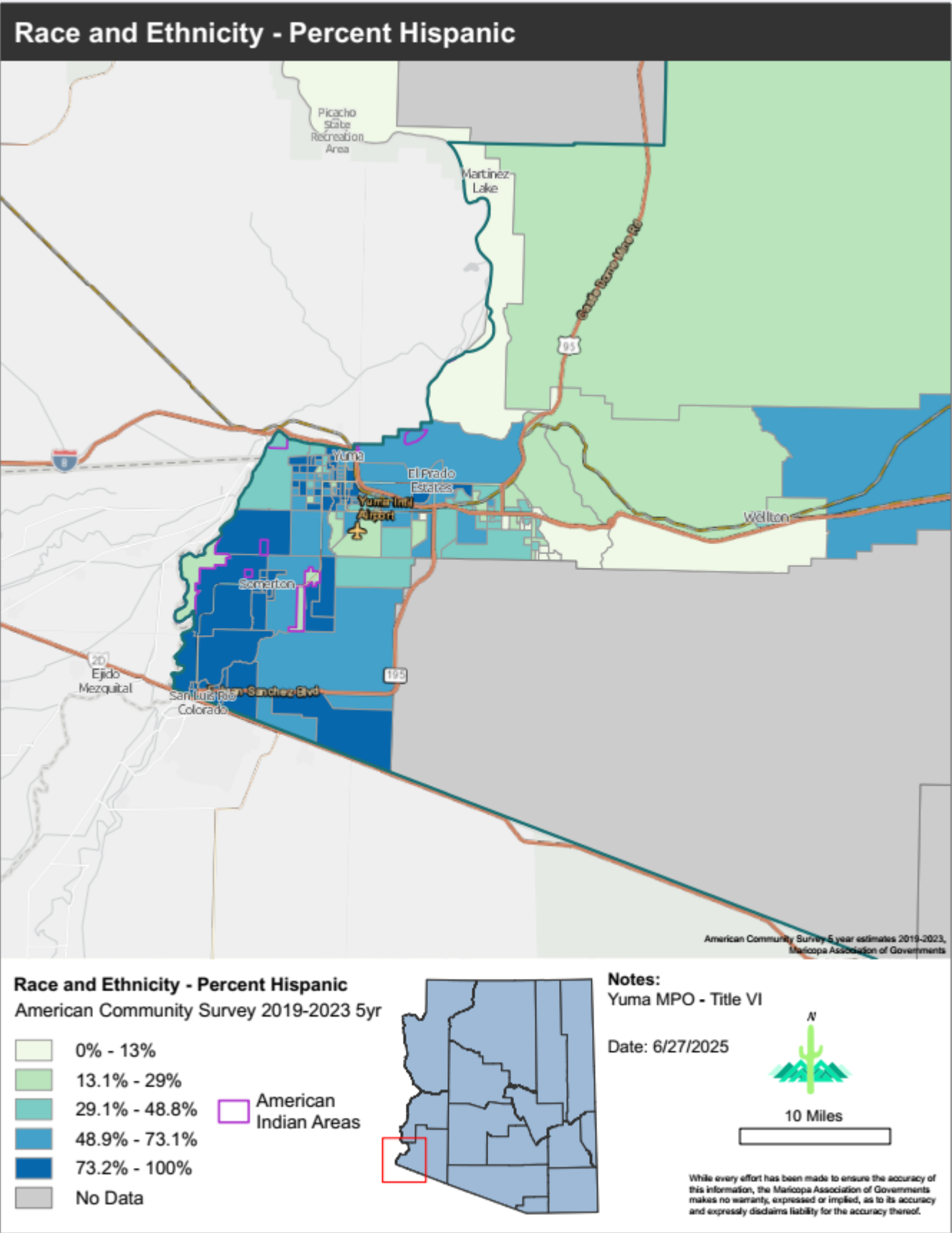
Percentage of Total Community							
General Characteristic	City of Yuma	Yuma County	City of San Luis	City of Somerton	Town of Wellton	Cocopah Indian Tribe	Fort Yuma Indian Tribe
Male	51.8%	51.6%	53.5%	53.5%	48.9%	40.3%	43.4%
Female	48.2%	48.4%	46.5%	46.5%	51.1%	56.6%	58.6%
Hispanic/Latino (any race)	61.1%	64.4%	93%	93%	16.7%	15.5%	20.3%
White	76.5%	48.4%	30.2%	30.2%	94.3%	34.5%	11.2%
Black/African American	4%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	3.5%	2.2%	0.0%
Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	3.4%	1.4%	1.6%	2.0%	1.8%	62.6%	74.1%
Asian	3.3%	1.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%	3.3%	0.4%
Pacific Islander	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Two or more Races	26.6%	34.1%	63.1%	63.1%	6.3%	6.3%	11.4%
Other	40.1%	45%	61.1%	66.1%	11.5%	4.0%	2.9%
Poverty (18-64 years)	15.3%	14.3%	21.9%	21.9%	11.6%	37.3%	31.6%

Source: 2023 American Community Survey, <https://data.census.gov>

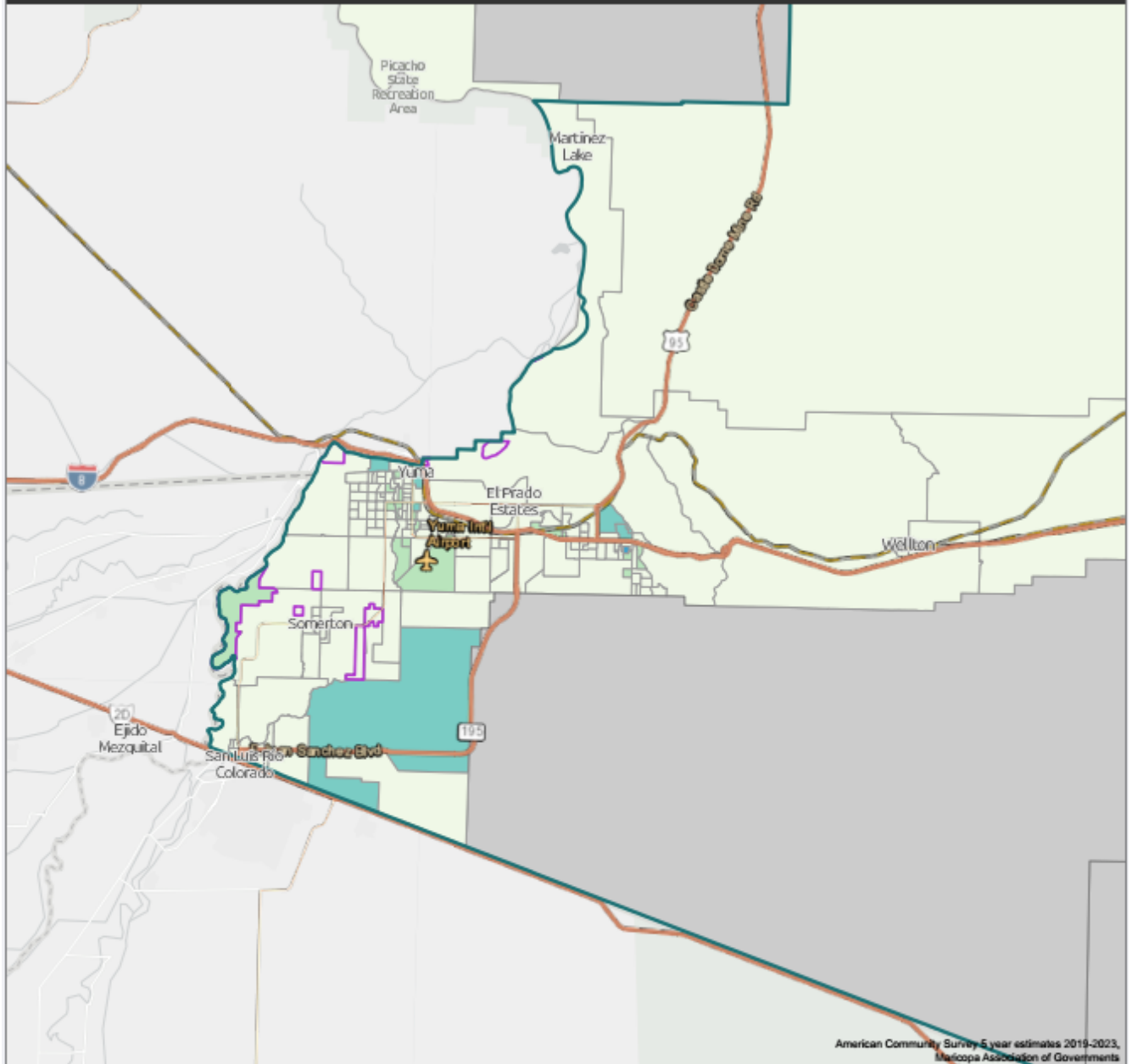
Data Collection and Analysis

Federal regulations require the Yuma MPO to collect statistical data on the race, color, and national origin of participants in its programs. Data collected from the Census Bureau, public meetings, planning study surveys, procurement contracts, and other sources are analyzed and used to ensure that minority, low-income, and disabled populations are considered in the planning process. Data collection efforts specific to each program area are described annually in the Yuma MPO Title VI Implementation Plan. Annually, the data collection findings from each program area are reported in the Yuma MPO Goals and Accomplishment Report. YMPO will begin to track with Title VI Survey Cards for Self-Identification Race (color, sex, and National Origin are not collected currently, maybe in the future). The data will be maintained to plan projects and programs. Demographic Maps can be viewed on pages 17 through 25 of this document.

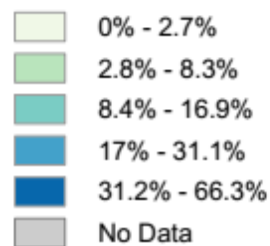
YMPO will start tracking Program Areas (Functional Classification, Special Project and Regional Planning, Public Participation, Public Transportation Planning, and Administration) by using a survey card process at all meetings. The data collected from the surveys will be analyzed to determine if Title VI neighborhoods receive equal benefits and not a disproportionate burden. During the RFP process, YMPO will implement a process to track all submissions for studies, reports, and plans, including those of auditors and external accounting firms. The data collected from these surveys will be used to analyze if Title VI neighborhoods receive equal benefits and not a disproportionate burden. The Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four Factor Analyses will be conducted in the planning study area to determine if study documents need to be provided in both English and Spanish.



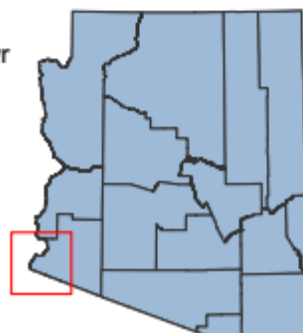
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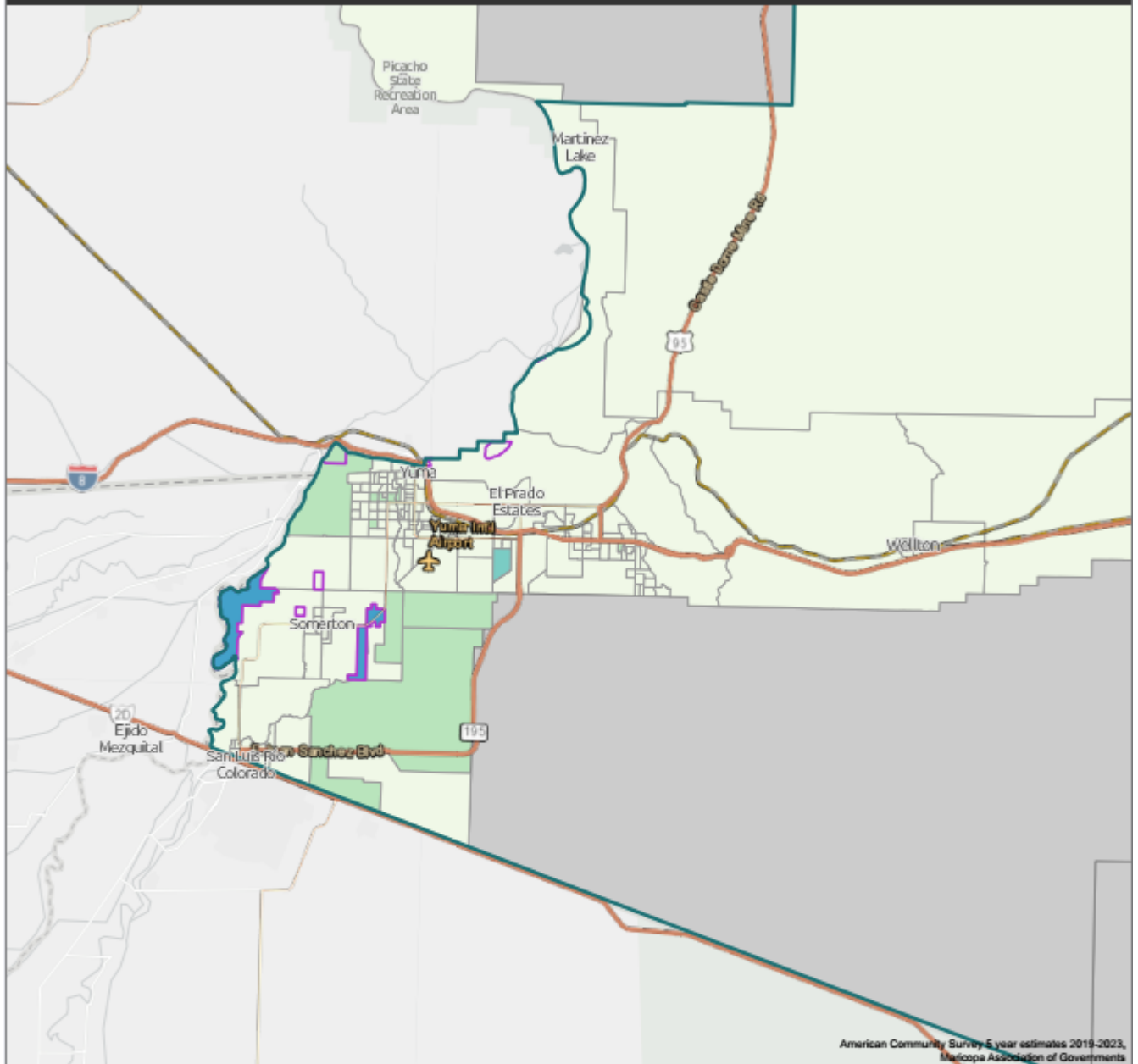
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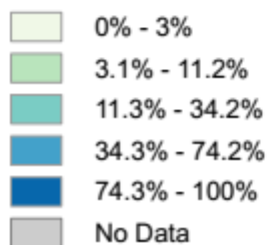
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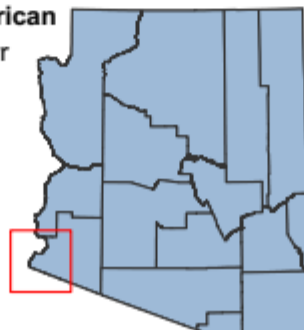


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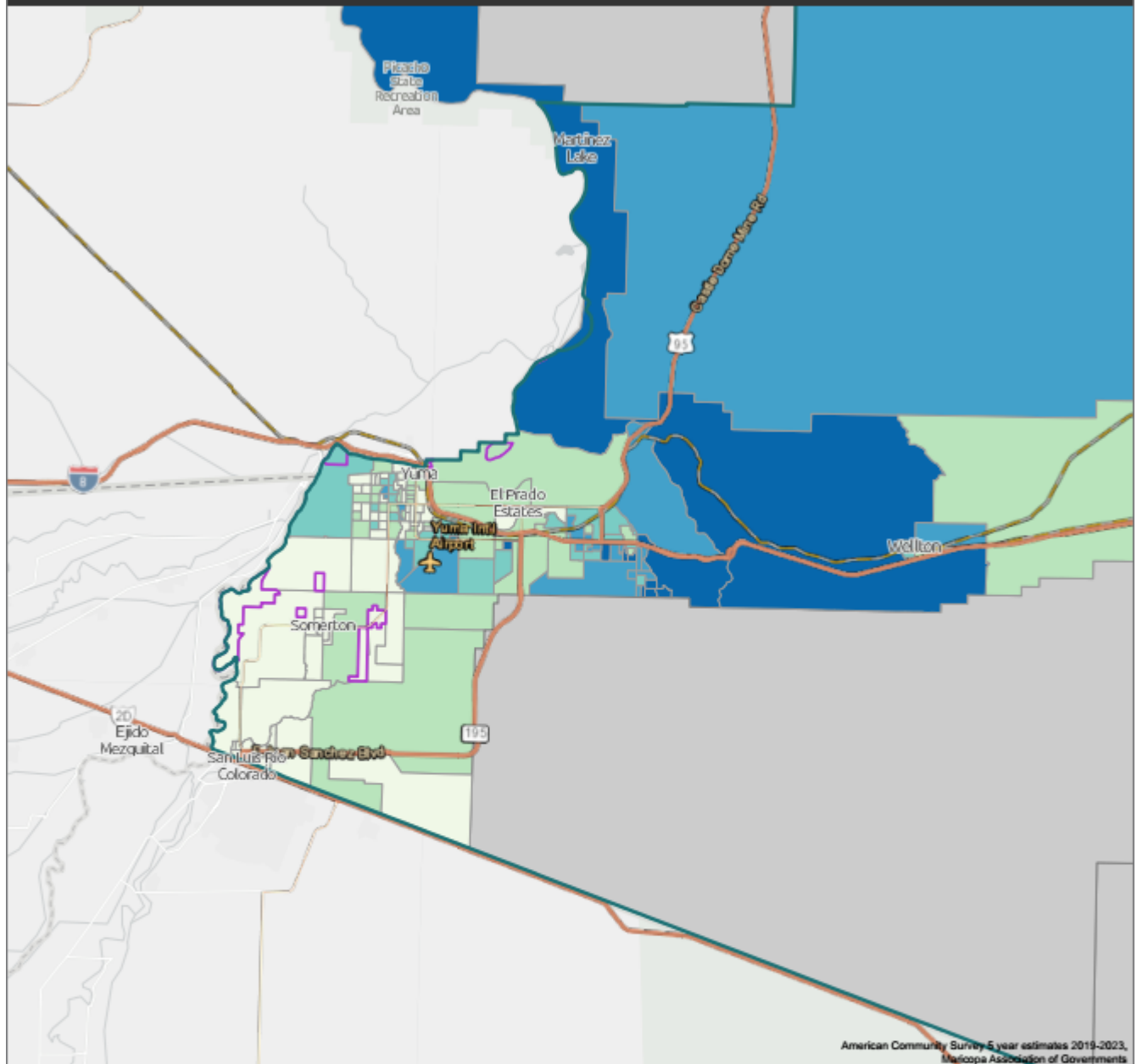
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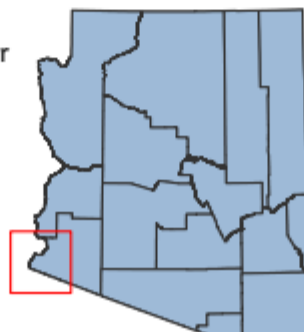
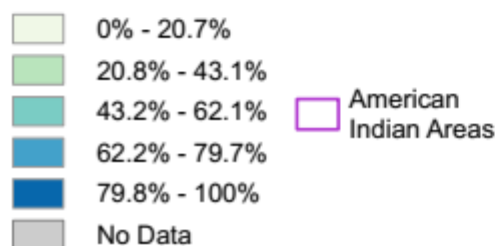
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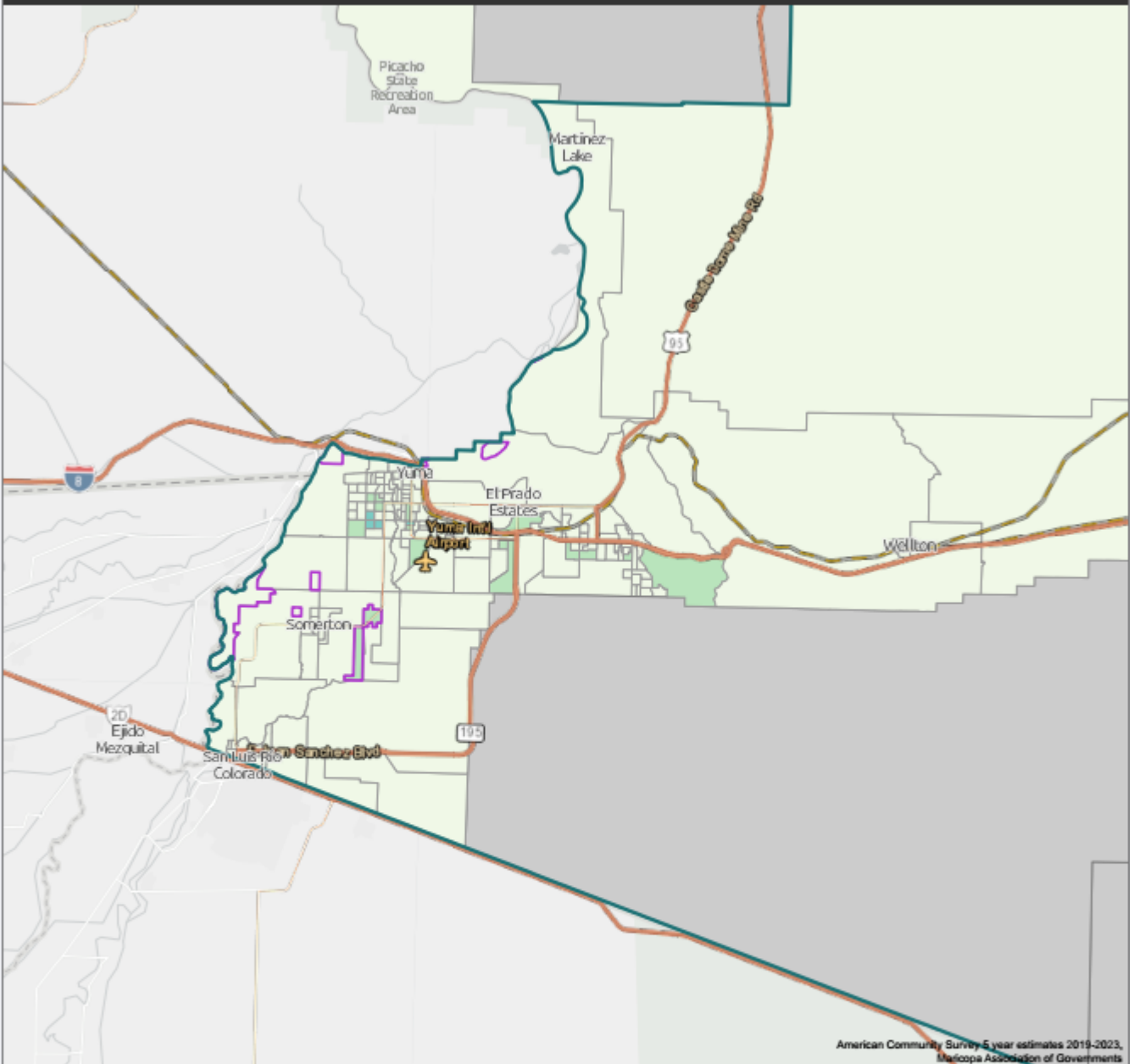
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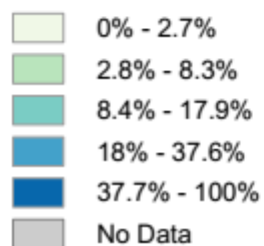
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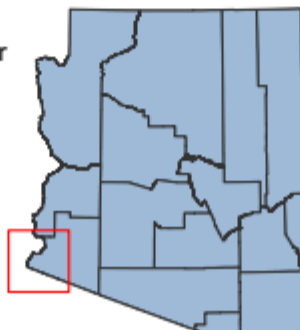
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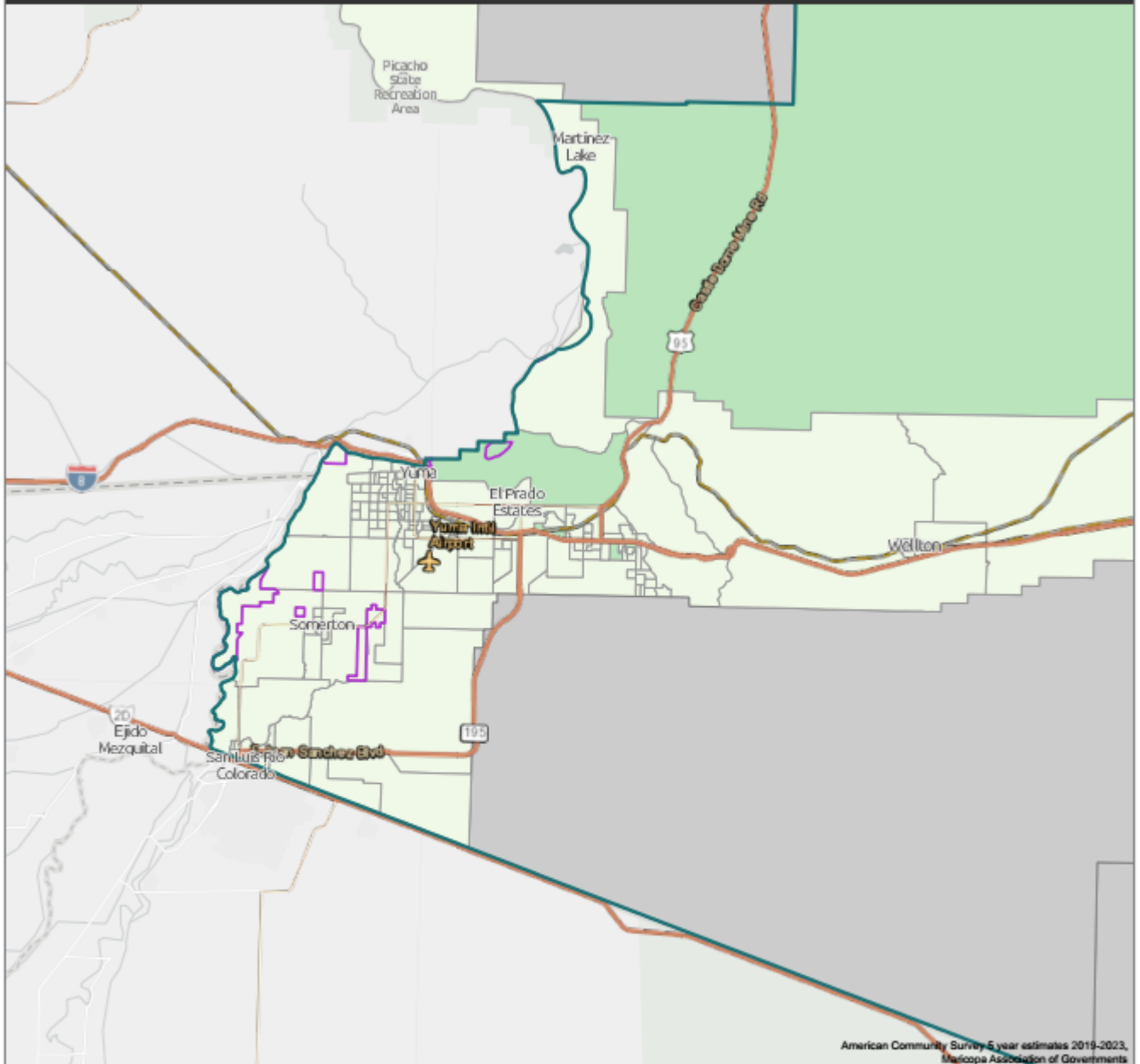
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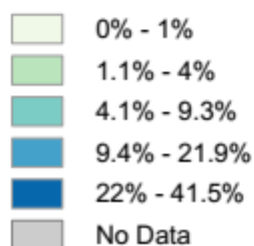
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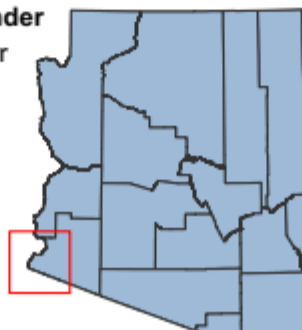


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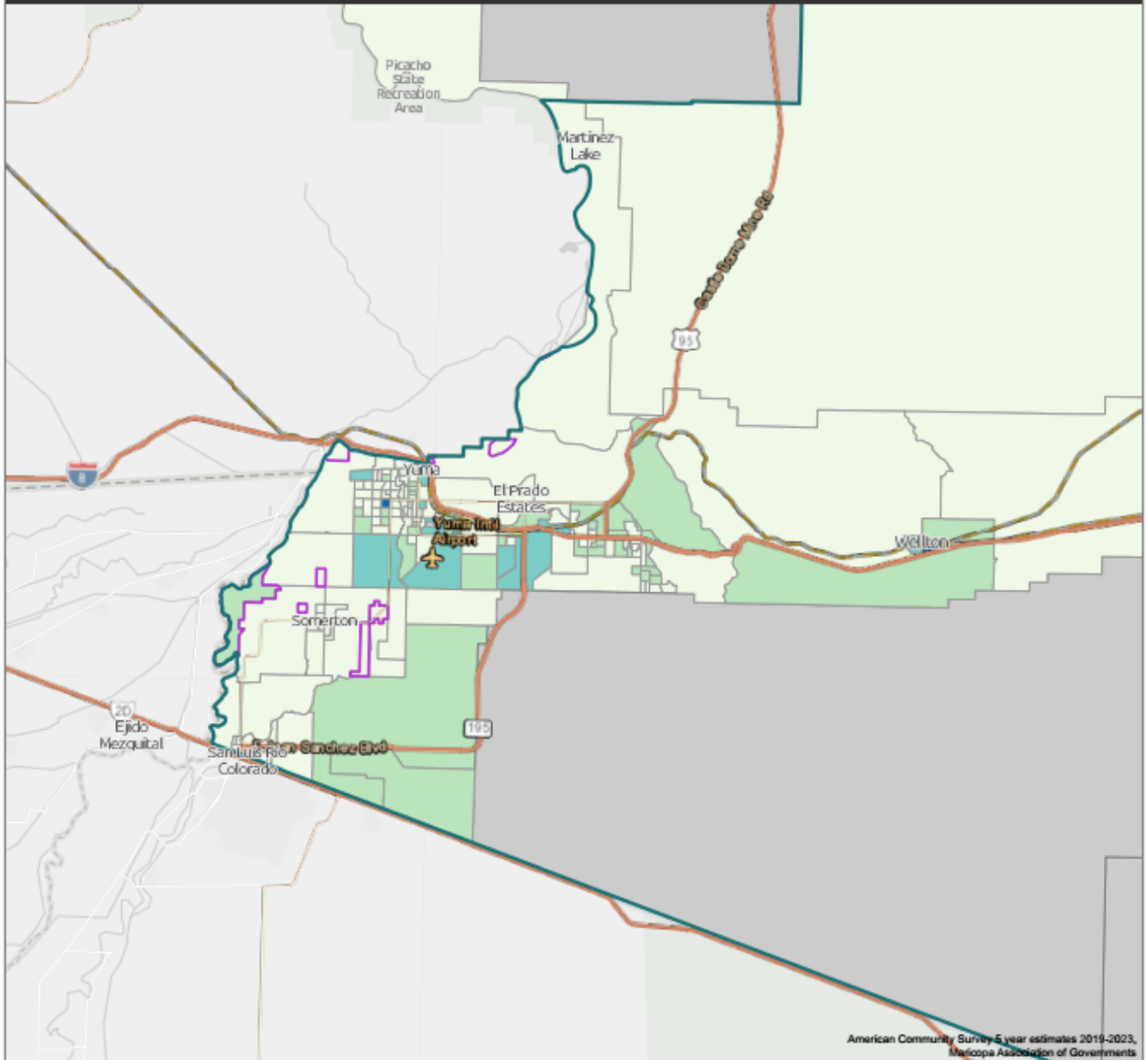
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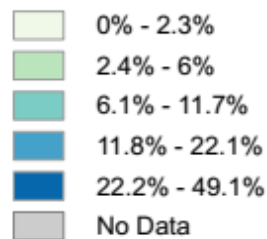
Race and Ethnicity - Percent Two Or More Races



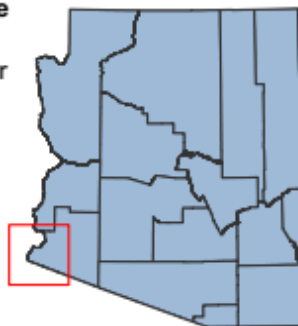
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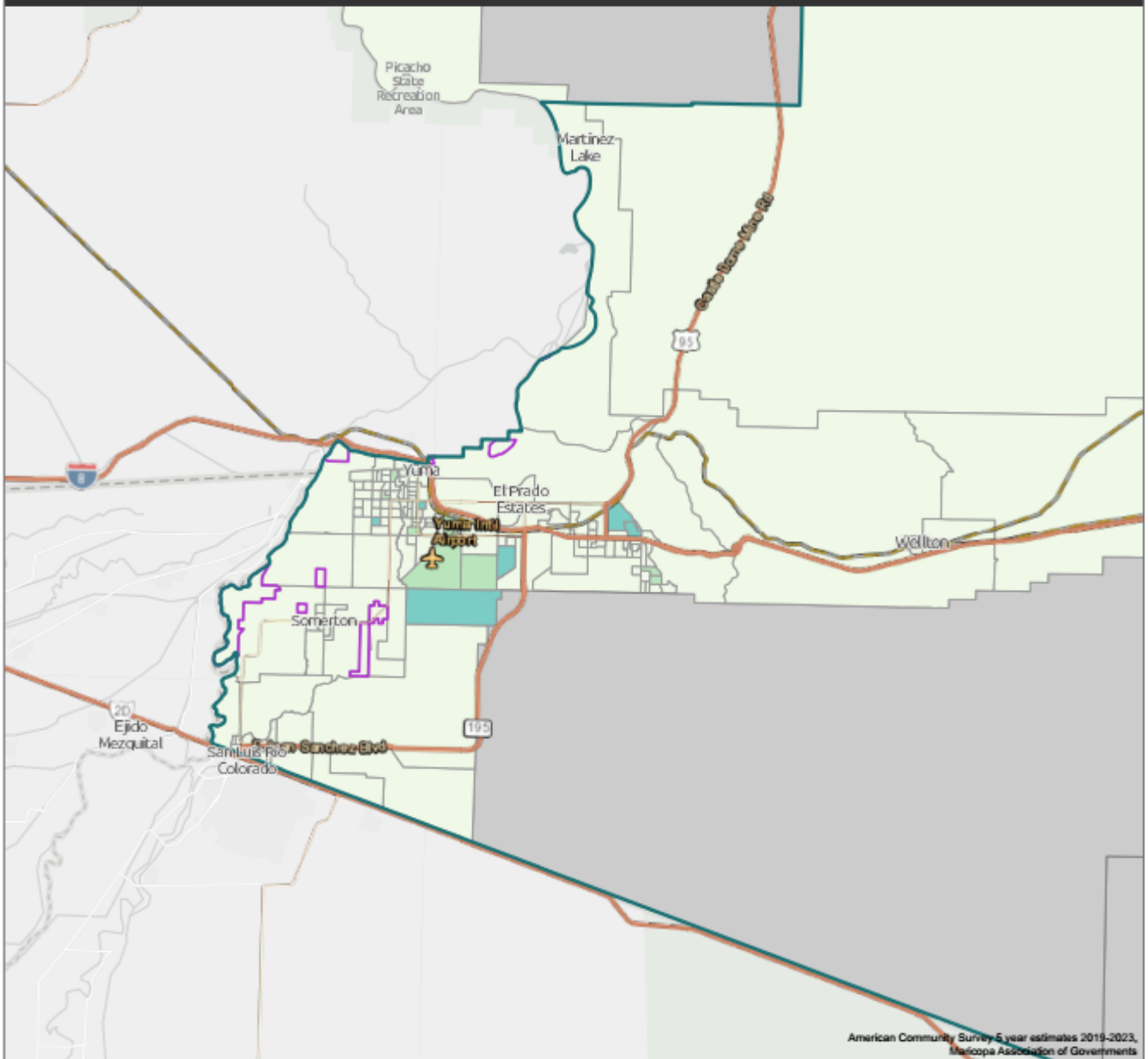
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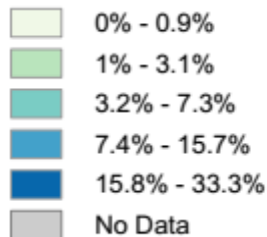
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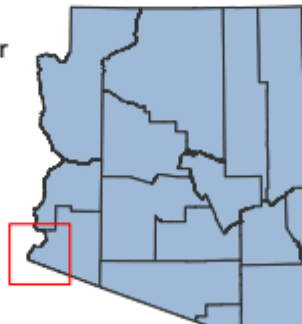


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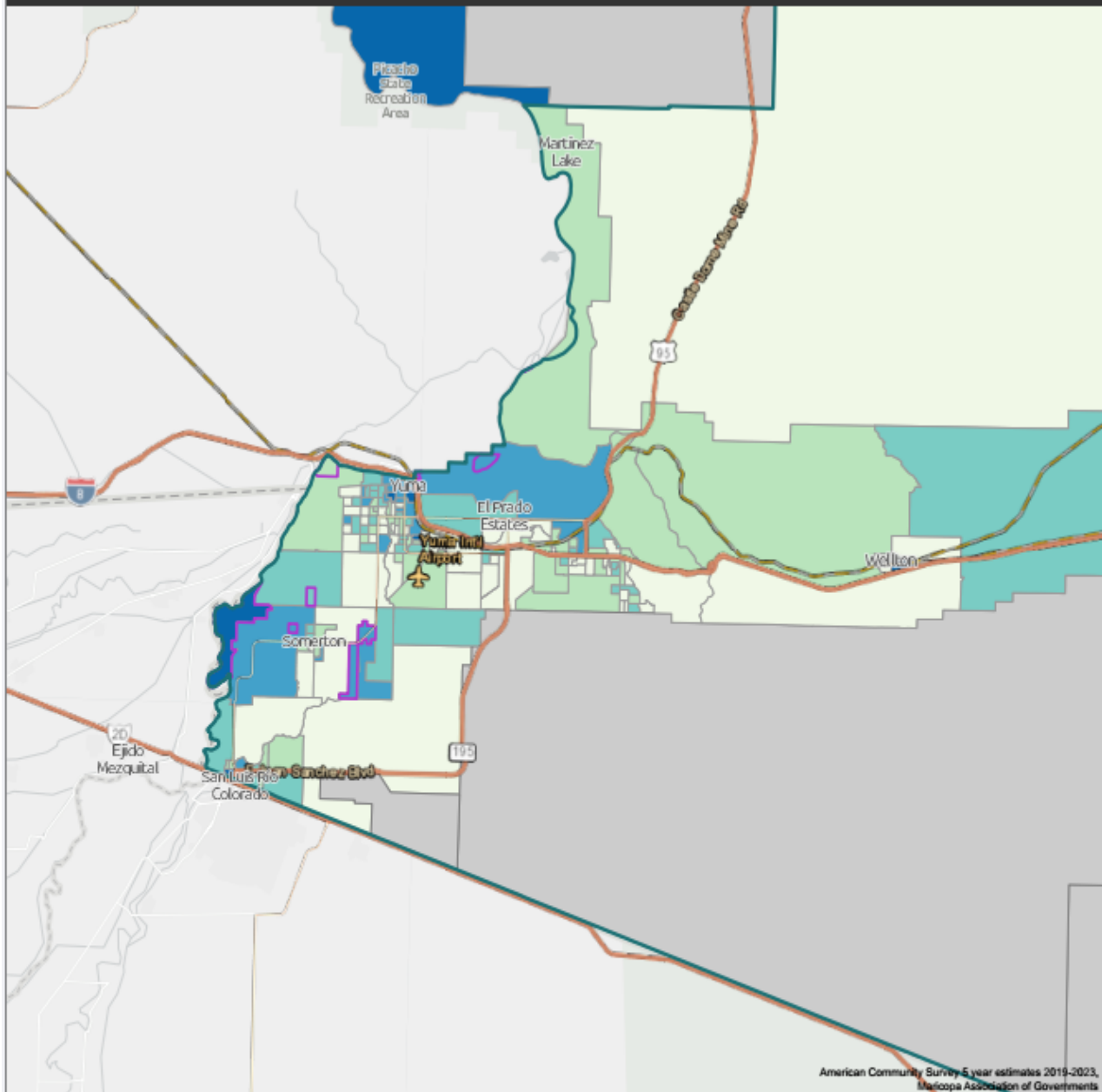
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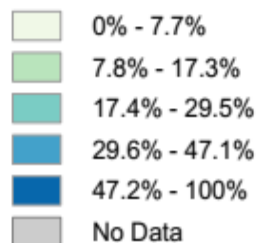
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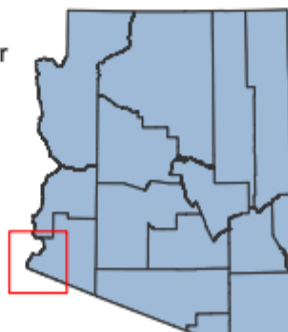
Persons - Percent Below Poverty Level



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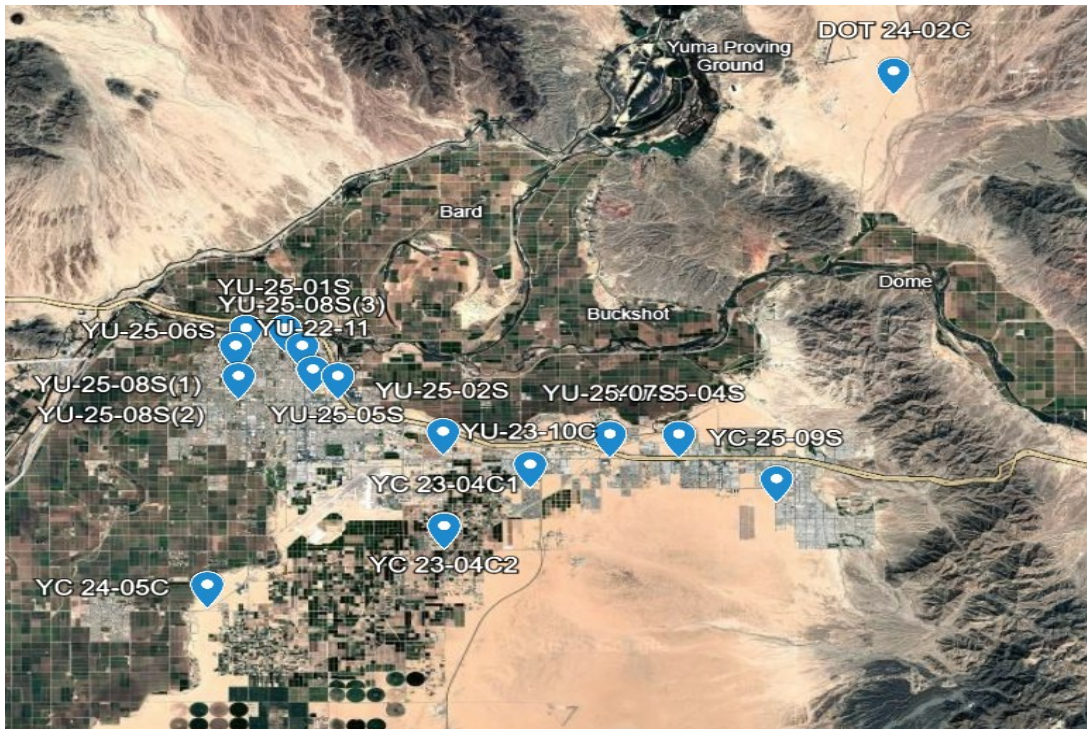


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MAP 11: FY 2025 Federally Funded Project List MAP



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TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF	Local \$	Total \$
2025										
YC 23-04C1	2025	Yuma Co.	County 14th St at Avenue 4E	Traffic Signal & NB & SB Left Turn Lane-Construction (1 to 2)	FFC-5U	HSIP-5.7%	\$965,396	\$0	\$58,354	\$1,023,750
YC 23-04C2	2025	Yuma Co.	County 14th St at Avenue 4E	Traffic Signal & NB & SB Left Turn Lane-Construction (2 to 2)	FFC-5U	HSIP-100%	\$393,750	\$0	\$0	\$393,750
YC 23-05C	2025	Yuma Co.	Yuma County Roadway Segments	Upgrade Pavement Markings-Construction	N/A	HSIP	\$1,700,449	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,449
YC 24-05C	2025	Yuma Co.	US-95 at Avenue C	Traffic Signal Construction	FFC-3U	HSIP-100%	\$716,756	\$0	\$0	\$716,756
YU 23-07C	2025	Yuma	Five Citywide Locations	Five Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons-Construction	N/A	HSIP-100%	\$1,742,344	\$0	\$0	\$1,742,344
YU 23-09C	2025	Yuma	Five Citywide Streets	Upgrade Pavement Markings-Construction	N/A	HSIP-100%	\$568,890	\$0	\$0	\$568,890
YU-23-10C	2025	Yuma	40th Street: 6 3/4 E to 7 1/2 E (3/4 mile)	New Roadway-Construction	FFC-5U	HURFX	\$0	\$900,000	\$2,447,961	\$3,347,961
YU 24-01C	2025	Yuma	Two City of Yuma Locations	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons - Construction	N/A	HSIP-100%	\$1,166,513	\$0	\$0	\$1,166,513
YU 24-01R	2025	Yuma	Three City of Yuma Locations	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons-Acquire ROW	N/A	HSIP	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
YU-24-10D2	2025	Yuma	40th Street: Avenue 6E to Fortuna Road	New Roadway-Design	FFC-5U	Local	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
YU-22-11	2025	Yuma	Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Center	Multi-Modal Transportation Center-Construction	N/A	RAISE GRANT	\$10,614,225	\$0	\$3,538,075	\$14,152,300
YU-25-03C	2025	Yuma	Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Center	Multi-Modal Transportation Center-Construction	N/A	AZ SMART	\$0	\$0	\$3,537,057	\$3,537,057
YU-25-01S	2025	Yuma	3rd Street Bridge @ East Main Canal	3rd Street Bridge-Scoping	N/A	OSB 5.7%	\$143,808	\$0	\$8,693	\$152,500
YU-25-02S	2025	Yuma	B Canal Bridge Structure No. 08517	B Canal Bridge Structure No. 08517-Scoping	N/A	OSB 5.7%	\$150,409	\$0	\$9,092	\$159,500
DOT 24-02C	2025	ADOT	US 95, Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Rd.	Widen Road - Construction	FFC-3R	AZ LEG Approp.	\$0	\$0	\$32,050,000	\$32,050,000
YU-25-04S	2025	Yuma	South Frontage Road and Avenue 10E	Traffic Signal & Right Turn Lane-Scoping	FFC-5U	HSIP-94.3%	\$37,720	\$0	\$2,280	\$40,000
YU-25-05S	2025	Yuma	Redondo Center Drive, 16th Street to I-8 Ramp	Curves Realignment -Scoping	FFC-5U	HSIP-94.3%	\$37,720	\$0	\$2,280	\$40,000
YU-25-06S	2025	Yuma	Avenue B and 3rd Street	Traffic Signal-Scoping	FFC-4U	HSIP-94.3%	\$37,720	\$0	\$2,280	\$40,000
YU-25-07S	2025	Yuma	32nd Street and Cielo Verde Drive	Traffic Signal-Scoping	FFC-4U	HSIP-94.3%	\$37,720	\$0	\$2,280	\$40,000
YU-25-08S	2025	Yuma	Hawks at 16th St. and Arcadia Ln. 8th St. and 5th Ave. and 8th St. and Clifford Way	Three Hawk Installations-Scoping	FFC-4U	HSIP-94.3%	\$37,720	\$0	\$2,280	\$40,000
YC-25-09S	2025	Yuma Co.	44th Street from Avenue 12-1/2E to Colina Avenue	10-foot wide concrete multi-use paths, curb and gutter on both sides of 44th Street-Scoping	FFC-6R	HSIP-94.3%	\$37,720	\$0	\$2,280	\$40,000
	2025	Totals					\$18,388,859	\$900,000	\$45,262,911	\$61,051,770

Enhancing Mobility for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities

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Subrecipient	Fund Type	Project Title	Federal Match Ratio	Local Match	Total Award	Federal Award	COG/MPO Region	Service Area
Achieve Human Services, Inc.	Capital	Preventive Maintenance Year 1	80%	\$ 10,625.00	\$ 53,125.00	\$ 42,500.00	YMPO	Rural
Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University	Operating	Senior Companion Door Through Door & More (YMPO - Year 1)	50%	\$ 22,983.00	\$ 45,966.00	\$ 22,983.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Crossroads Mission, Inc.	Vehicle Capital	Van with Passenger Lift to Enhance Mobility	80%	\$ 26,132.62	\$ 118,784.62	\$ 92,652.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Helping Ourselves Pursue Enrichment Incorporated	Capital	YMPO Preventive Maintenance Year 1	80%	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Helping Ourselves Pursue Enrichment Incorporated	Operating	YMPO Operating Funds Year 1	50%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Rise Services Inc	Capital	Capital preventative Maintenance- YMPO year 1	80%	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Saguaro Foundation Community Living Programs	Capital	PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE - 1st YEAR	80%	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 70,000.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Saguaro Foundation Community Living Programs	Operating	BEYOND ADA PARATRANSIT OPERATING FUNDS - 1st YEAR	50%	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Saguaro Foundation Community Living Programs	Vehicle Capital	14 PASSANGER CUTAWAY BUS 1st YEAR	80%	\$ 38,747.92	\$ 176,126.92	\$ 137,379.00	YMPO	Small-Urban
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization	COG/MPO Mobility	YMPO Regional Mobility Manager Year 2	80%	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$100,000.00	YMPO	Small-Urban

Listing of Transportation Committees and Committee Composition

The YMPO is responsible for transportation planning in the Yuma County, Arizona, area and in the Winterhaven, California, area, making the YMPO a bi-state Metropolitan Planning Organization. The YMPO comprises an Executive Board, a Technical Advisory Committee, and a small staff.

Executive Board

The YMPO Executive Board is responsible for all actions, agreements, and functions carried out by the YMPO. The Executive Board hires an Executive Director to administer day-to-day operations and direct YMPO staff. The Executive Board consists of elected officials from the YMPO member agencies: Yuma County, the cities of Yuma, San Luis, and Somerton, the Town of Wellton, the Cocopah Indian Tribe, and one member from the State Transportation Board appointed by the Governor.

The Executive Board is also responsible for reviewing and approving the YMPO Title VI Program Plan. A copy of the minutes indicating approval is included as an Attachment to this report.

The YMPO Bylaws State, under Section III: Organization, A. Executive Board, 1. Membership (a), that to be an eligible member of the Executive Board, that person must be a duly elected member of a governing body of a unit of local government located in the YMPO area, excepting the member of the Arizona State Transportation Board (who is appointed by the Governor of the State of Arizona). Each unit of local government and the State Transportation Board shall designate the person or persons among its duly elected governing body or appointed to the State Transportation Board by the Governor that shall serve as primary member(s) of the YMPO Executive Board. (see Table 3 for Executive Board Characteristics)

Technical Advisory Committee

The YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has the authority and primary responsibility to conduct technical reviews and analyses regarding all Unified Planning and Work Program and Budget work activities and advise the Executive Board on appropriate actions to be taken. The TAC is composed of technical and/or managerial staff representatives from each of the member agencies. In addition, there are one or more ex-officio, non-voting representatives.

Audit Committee

The YMPO Audit Committee is a three-member committee selected by the Executive Board to oversee Federal audit compliance

Note: All members of the Executive Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and Audit Committee are appointed as per the YMPO's bylaws. Currently, the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization has no committees where members are non-elected and selected by the MPO.

Complaint Process

The YMPO is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participating in or denied the benefits of its services or programs on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as afforded under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. As a federal grant recipient, the YMPO is required to conform to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related authorities.

The YMPO is committed to enforcing nondiscrimination in its programs and activities and protecting the rights and opportunities of the public within the service area of the YMPO.

This section outlines the Title VI complaint procedures related to providing programs, services, and benefits. However, it does not deny the complainant the right to file formal complaints with the ADOT, the Secretary of the USDOT, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), FHWA, and/or FTA or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination, intimidation, or retaliation of any kind that is prohibited by law.

Any person who believes that he or she, either individually, as a member of any specific class of persons, or in connection with any minority contractor, has been subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related authorities including the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, may file a complaint. The basis of the complaint must be (a) unequal treatment because of race, color, national origin, or disability.

FTA Title VI Complaint Procedures

These procedures apply to all complaints filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 relating to any Federal Transit Administration-funded program or activity administered by YMPO, its sub-recipients, consultants, and contractors. In addition to these procedures, complainants reserve the right to file formal complaints with other state or federal agencies or take legal action for complaints alleging discrimination.

Required Procedures for FTA Title VI/ADA Non-discrimination Complaints filed against YMPO:

For FTA-funded programs or activities, the complainant may file a discrimination-related complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration, ADOT, or YMPO at the contacts below:

FTA Office of Civil Rights
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590
[Federal Transit Administration](#)

ADOT External Civil Rights (ECR)
1801 West Jefferson Street, Suite 101,
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Phone: 602-712-8946
Email: civilrightsoffice@azdot.gov
azdot.gov/business/civil-rights

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
230 West Morrison Street,
Yuma, Arizona 85364
Phone: 928-783-8911; Fax: 928-329-1674
Email: Title_VI_Coordinator@ympo.org

Required Procedures for FTA Title VI/ADA Non-discrimination Complaints filed against YMPO sub-recipients, contractors, or consultants:

1. Any person, specific class of persons, or entity that believes they have been subjected to discrimination on an FTA-related activity or program as prohibited by the legal provisions of Title VI on the basis of race, color, or national origin can file a formal complaint. A copy of the Complaint Form may be accessed electronically at <https://ympo.org/studies-reports/title-vi-report/>
2. Complaints must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination and include the date the alleged discrimination became known to the complainant or the last date of the incident.
3. Complaints should be in writing and signed. They may be filed by mail, fax, in person, or email. However, the complainant may call the YMPO to provide allegations by phone for transcription. The YMPO will transcribe the allegations of the complaint as provided over the phone and send a written complaint to the complainant for acknowledgment and signature.
4. A complaint should contain at least the following information:
 - A written explanation of what has happened
 - A way to contact complainant
 - The basis of complaint (e.g., race, color, national origin)
 - The identification of a specific person/people and the respondent (e.g., Yuma MPO/ organization) alleged to have discriminated
 - Sufficient information to understand the facts that led to the complaint to believe that discrimination occurred in a program or activity that receives Federal Transit Administration financial assistance and is a consultant, contractor, or sub-recipient of the YMPO.
 - The date(s) of the alleged discriminatory act(s).
5. Upon receipt of a completed complaint, the YMPO will determine whether the jurisdiction is acceptable or whether additional information is needed.
6. Once the determination has been made to accept the complaint for investigation, ADOT ECR will be notified within 72 hours of its receipt.
7. YMPO will investigate all Title VI complaints against YMPO sub-recipients, contractors, or consultants in FTA-funded

8. The complainant will receive a letter of finding stating the final decision

YMPO will maintain a confidential log of all accepted Title VI Complaints for four (4) years; the log will include:

- Name of complainant(s)
- Date the complaint was received
- Date of allegation
- Description of the alleged discrimination
- Other relevant information, as needed
- Report date
- Recommendations
- Outcome/disposition

Timeframes for investigating Title VI complaints directly by the YMPO must be completed within 60 days of receipt.

YMPO will forward a copy of the FTA Title VI complaints and preliminary findings report to ADOT ECR within 60 days. Once ADOT ECR issues concurrence on the preliminary report, YMPO will notify all parties involved.

FHWA Title VI Complaint Procedures

These procedures apply to all complaints filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 as they relate to any FHWA-funded program or activity administered by Yuma MPO (YMPO), its sub-recipients, consultants, or contractors. In addition to these procedures, complaints reserve the right to file formal complaints with other state or federal agencies or take legal action for complaints alleging discrimination.

Required procedures for FHWA Title VI Complaints filed against Yuma MPO, YMPO's sub-recipients, contractors, or consultants:

1. Any person, specific class of persons, or entity that believes they have been subjected to discrimination on an FHWA-related activity or program as prohibited by the legal provisions of Title VI on the basis of race, color, or national origin can file a formal complaint with YMPO. A copy of the Complaint Form may be accessed electronically at <https://ympo.org/studies-reports/title-vi-report/>.
2. The complaint must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination and include the date the alleged discrimination became known to the complainant or the last date of the incident.
3. Complaints should be in writing and signed and may be filed by mail, fax, in person, or email; in addition, the complainant may call YMPO and provide the allegations by telephone for transcription. Once transcribed, YMPO will send the written complaint to the complainant for correction and signature.
4. A complaint should contain at least the following information:
 - A written explanation of what has happened
 - A way to contact complainant
 - The basis of complaint (e.g., race, color, national origin)
 - The identification of a specific person/people and the respondent (e.g., Yuma MPO/ organization) alleged to have discriminated
 - Sufficient information to understand the facts that led to the complaint to believe that discrimination occurred in a program or activity that receives Federal Highway Administration financial assistance; a consultant, contractor, or sub-recipient of the YMPO
 - The date(s) of the alleged discriminatory act(s)
5. Upon receipt of a completed complaint, YMPO will forward all FHWA Title VI complaints to the ADOT External Civil Rights (ECR) within 72 hours.
6. ADOT ECR will forward all FHWA Title VI complaints to the FHWA Division Office.

7. All Title VI complaints received by the FHWA Division Office will be forwarded to the FHWA Office of Civil Rights for Processing and potential investigation.
8. If the FHWA Office of Civil Rights determines that a Title VI complaint against a sub-recipient can be investigated by the ADOT ECR, the FHWA Office of Civil Rights may delegate the task of investigating the complaint to the ADOT ECR. The ADOT ECR will conduct the investigation and forward the investigation report to the FHWA Office of Civil Rights for review and final disposition.
9. The FHWA Office of Civil Rights will undertake the disposition of all Title VI complaints through either (1) informal resolution or (2) Issuance of a Letter of Finding of compliance or noncompliance with Title VI. A copy of the Letter of Finding will be sent to the FHWA Division Office.
10. The complainant may also file a discrimination-related complaint on an FHWA program or activity directly with FHWA, ADOT, or YMPO at the contacts below:

Federal Highway Administration

USDOT, Office of Civil Rights
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
8th Floor E81-105
Washington, D.C. 20590
Phone: 202-366-0693
Fax: 202-366-1599
Email: civilrights.fhwa@dot.gov

ADOT External Civil Rights (ECR)

1801 West Jefferson Street
Suite 101,
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Phone: 602-712-8946
Email: civilrightsoffice@azdot.gov

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

230 West Morrison Street,
Yuma, Arizona 85364
Phone: 928-783-8911
Fax: 928-329-1674
Email: Title_VI_Coordinator@ympo.org

YMPO Complaint Forms:

[Title VI Complaint Form - English](#)
[Title VI Complaint Form - Spanish](#)

YMPO will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within five (5) calendar days of receipt.

YMPO will begin an investigation within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of a complaint.

YMPO will contact the complainant in writing no later than thirty (30) working days after receipt of the complaint for additional information if needed. If the complainant fails to provide the requested information on a timely basis, YMPO may administratively close the complaint.

YMPO will complete the investigation within ninety (90) working days of receipt of the complaint. If additional time for investigation is needed, the Complainant will be contacted. The investigator will prepare a written investigation report. This report shall include a summary description of the incident, findings, and recommended corrective action.

A closing letter will be provided to the complainant. The respondent or respondent department will also receive a copy of the closing letter. Each will have five (5) working days from the receipt of the report to appeal. If neither party appeals, the complaint will be closed.

If required, the investigation report with recommendations and corrective actions taken will be forwarded to ADOT or the appropriate USDOT agency, the complainant.

What happens to my complaint after it has been submitted to YMPO?

All complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color or national origin, Limited English Proficiency, and disability in a transportation-related service or benefit provided by YMPO will be recorded on a Complaint Log in the Title VI Database and electronically assigned an ID number by the Title VI Liaison.

The YMPO Title VI Liaison reviews all customer feedback and research complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color or national origin, Limited English Proficiency, and disability in a transportation-related activity or benefit. Upon request, the YMPO Title VI Liaison will provide appropriate assistance to complainants, including people with disabilities or who are limited in the ability to communicate in English in accordance with YMPO's Limited English Proficiency Plan.

In instances where additional information is needed to assess or investigate the complaint, the YMPO Title VI Liaison will contact the complainant in writing within 15 working days. Failure to provide the requested information by a specific date may result in the administrative closure of the complaint.

YMPO Title VI Liaison will investigate the complaint and prepare a draft written response subject to review by the YMPO Executive Director and YMPO Legal Counsel.

How will I be notified of the outcome of my complaint?

YMPO will send a final written response to the complainant and advise the complainant of his or her right to file a complaint externally. YMPO will use its best efforts to respond to Title VI complaints within 60 working days of receiving such complaints.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

The YMPO is responsible for conducting a continuous, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in Yuma County. This planning process guides the use of federal and state dollars spent on existing and future transportation projects or programs, and the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan plays an integral role in the process. This document will detail the LEP Plan, developed in conjunction with best practice standards for public involvement.

Introduction

On August 11, 2000, President Clinton signed an executive order, Executive Order 13166: Improving Access to Service for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, to clarify Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Its purpose was to ensure accessibility to programs and services to eligible persons who are not proficient in the English language.

This executive order stated that individuals who do not speak English well and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English are entitled to language assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with respect to a particular type of service, benefit, or encounter. It reads in part:

Each Federal agency shall prepare a plan to improve access to its federally conducted programs and activities by eligible LEP persons. Each plan shall be consistent with the standards set forth in the LEP Guidance and shall include the steps the agency will take to ensure that eligible LEP persons can meaningfully access the agency's programs and activities.

Not only do all federal agencies have to develop LEP Plans, but as a condition of receiving federal financial assistance, recipients must also comply with Title VI and LEP guidelines of the federal agency from which funds are provided.

Federal financial assistance includes grants, training, and use of equipment, donations of surplus property, and other assistance. Recipients of federal funds range from state and local agencies to nonprofits and other organizations. Title VI covers a recipient's entire program or activity. This means all components of a recipient's operations are covered. Simply put, any organization that receives federal financial assistance is required to follow this Executive Order. The USDOT published Policy Guidance Concerning Recipient's Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient Person in the December 14, 2005, Federal Register. The guidance explicitly identifies MPOs as organizations that must follow this guidance:

The guidance applies to all DOT funding recipients, including state transportation departments, state motor vehicle administrations, airport operators, metropolitan planning organizations, and regional, state, and local transit operators, among many others. Coverage extends to a recipient's entire program or activity, i.e., to all parts of a recipient's operations. This is true even if only one part of the recipient receives the Federal assistance. For example, if the DOT assists a state department of transportation in rehabilitating a particular highway on the National Highway System, all of the operations of the entire state department of transportation – not just the specific highway program or project – are covered by the DOT guidance.

This Limited English Proficiency Plan intends to ensure access to the planning process and information published by the MPO, where it is determined that a substantial number of residents in Yuma County do not speak or read English proficiently. The production of multilingual publications and documents and/or interpretation at meetings or events will be provided to the degree that funding permits, based on current laws and regulations.

Laws and Policies Guiding Limited English Proficiency

The LEP Plan will be assessed and evaluated as part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization certification by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The following matrix illustrates these laws, policies, and considerations:

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| - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 | - Limited English Proficiency Executive Order 13166 |
| - Federal Law | - Federal Policy |
| - Enacted in 1964 | - Enacted in August 2000 |
| - Considers all persons | - Considers eligible population |
| - Contains monitoring and oversight compliance review requirements | - Contains monitoring and oversight compliance review requirements |
| - Factor criteria is required; no numerical or percentage thresholds | - Factor criteria is required; no numerical or percentage thresholds |
| - Provides protection on the basis of race, color, national origin, income, or limited English proficiency | - Provides protection on the basis of national origin |
| - Focuses on eliminating discrimination in federally funded programs | - Focuses on providing LEP persons with meaningful access to services using four-factor criteria |
| - Annual Accomplishment and Upcoming Goals Report to FHWA | - Annual Accomplishment and Upcoming Goals Report to FHWA |

Who is a LEP individual?

As defined in the 2000 United States Census, it is any individual who speaks a language at home other than English as their primary language and who speaks or understands English “not well” or “not at all.”

Determining the Need

As a recipient of federal funding, the YMPO must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to the information and services it provides. As noticed in the Federal Register/Volume 70, Number 239/Wednesday, December 14, 2005/Notice, four factors must be considered in determining “reasonable steps.”

The Yuma MPO will conduct a Four-Factor Analysis and ensure compliance with LEP requirements on a project-by-project basis. The project study area will be analyzed to determine if an LEP population exists and to ensure public outreach materials are made available to the LEP population.

The DOT Policy Guidelines give federal fund recipients substantial flexibility in determining what language assistance is appropriate based on a local assessment of the four factors listed above. The following is an assessment of Yuma County's needs concerning the four factors and the transportation planning process.

Yuma MPO LEP Four Factor Analysis

Factor 1: The Number and Proportion of LEP persons in the YMPO Service Area.

The first step towards understanding the profile of individuals who could participate in the transportation planning process is reviewing the 2019 - 2023 Census Data. For planning purposes, YMPO considers individuals who speak English “less than very well” or “not at all,” and only the top three language groups are included in the analysis.

Table 3, based on data from the 2019–2023 American Community Survey, shows the percentage of people who speak English less than “very well” or speak another language at home. The City of San Luis has the highest percentage of LEP (Limited English Proficiency) residents at 41%. The second highest is the City of Somerton, with 30%. (Other languages include American Sign Language, Cocopah Indian Tribe, and Quechan Indian Tribe.)

Factor 2: The Frequency in which LEP Persons Encounter YMPO Programs.

The growing size of the LEP population in this region will likely increase the probability of future contact with the YMPO. There have been several requests in the past to provide publications in Spanish as well as an interpreter for public meetings.

Factor 3: The Importance of Services Provided by YMPO Programs.

The YMPO programs utilize federal funds to plan for future transportation projects and, therefore, do not include any direct service or program that requires vital, immediate, or emergency assistance such as medical treatment or services for basic needs (e.g., housing or food).

Table 3: Yuma MPO Limited English Proficiency Populations that Meet the *Safe Harbor Thresholds				
Languages Spoken at Home				
Yuma MPO region	Language	Percent	Speak English less than “very well”	Total Population
San Luis	Spanish	41%	13,738	33,502
Somerton	Spanish	30%	4,026	13,279
Wellton	Spanish	8%	206	2,445
Cocopah	Spanish	2%	20	967
Fort Yuma	Spanish	1%	18	1,304
City of Yuma	Spanish	14%	12,809	91,089
Yuma County	Spanish	20%	38,000	193,606
<p>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, (n.d.) "Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over." American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates, 2019-2023. Detailed Tables, Table C16001, Accessed on 26 Aug 2025. https://data.census.gov/table/ACS5Y2023.C16001?q=Yuma+County,+C16001.</p> <p>*Safe Harbor Threshold: LEP language group that constitutes 5% or 1,000, whichever is less, of the population of persons eligible to be served or likely to be affected or encountered.</p>				

The impact of proposed transportation investments on underserved and underrepresented population groups is part of the evaluation process in the use of federal funds in three (3) significant areas for the YMPO:

- The annual Unified Work Program and Budget
- The four-year Transportation Improvement Program
- The Long-Range Transportation Plan, covering 24 years

Inclusive public participation is also a priority consideration in other MPO plans, studies, and programs. The transportation improvements resulting from these planning activities affect all residents. Understanding and continued involvement are encouraged throughout the process. The YMPO is concerned with input from all stakeholders, and every effort is made to make the planning process as inclusive as possible.

As a result of the Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan, selected projects receive approval for federal funding and progress toward project planning and construction under the responsibility of local jurisdictions or state transportation agencies. These local and state organizations have their own policies to ensure LEP individuals can participate in the process that shapes where, how, and when a specific transportation project is implemented.

Factor 4: The resources available and overall cost to the YMPO

Due to current financial constraints, translation of the large plan documents and maps is not considered warranted at this time. However, because of the continued growth of the YMPO area and its LEP population, the YMPO will create an inventory of language assistance measures that are currently provided and determine what additional services are needed to provide meaningful access to the LEP population. The YMPO will continue collaborating with state and local agencies to provide language translation and interpretation services when practical and in consideration of available funding.

Meeting the Requirements

Engaging the diverse population within the YMPO service area is important. The YMPO is committed to providing quality services to all entities and citizens, including those with limited English proficiency. Spanish is the most dominant language spoken by LEP individuals in the YMPO service area. All language access activities detailed below will be coordinated in collaboration with the YMPO Executive Board and staff.

Safe Harbor Stipulation

Federal law provides a “safe harbor” stipulation so recipients of federal funding can ensure compliance with their obligation to provide written translations in languages other than English with greater certainty. A “safe harbor” means that as long as YMPO has created a plan for the provision of written translations under a specific set of circumstances, such action will be considered strong evidence of compliance with written translation obligations under Title VI. However, failure to provide written translations under the circumstances does not mean there is noncompliance but rather provides recipients a guide for greater certainty of compliance in accordance with the four-factor analysis.

Evidence of compliance with the recipient’s written translation obligations under “safe harbor” includes providing written translations of vital documents for each eligible LEP language group that constitutes 5% or 1,000 persons, whichever is less of the eligible persons served or likely to be affected. Translation can also be provided orally.

The “safe harbor” provision only applies to the translation of written documents. It does not affect the requirement to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals through competent oral interpreters where oral language services are needed and reasonable to provide.

Providing Notice to LEP Persons

US DOT guidance indicates that once an agency has decided, based on the four factors, to provide language services, it is important that the recipient notify LEP persons of services available free of charge in a language the LEP persons would understand. Notification methods may include:

- Signage that indicates when free language assistance is available with advance notice, stating in outreach documents that language services are available
- Working with community-based organizations and other stakeholders to inform LEP individuals of YMPO services and the availability of language assistance
- Using automated telephone voicemail or menu to provide information about available language assistance services
- Including notices in local newspapers in languages other than English
- Providing notices on non-English-language radio and television about YMPO services and the availability of language assistance
- Providing presentations and/or notices at schools and community-based organizations

The YMPO will provide complimentary Spanish interpreter services at YMPO Executive Board meetings, workshops, public meetings, or events. These services will be announced on the YMPO website as far in advance as possible before the meetings. It is preferred to provide notice at least 7 days in advance. The YMPO defines an interpreter as a person who translates spoken language orally instead of a translator, who translates written language and transfers the meaning of written texts from one language into another. The YMPO can advertise public meeting notices in the Bajo Del Sol newspaper that serves the Hispanic community throughout Yuma County.

Language Assistance

The YMPO will regularly review the language access needs of our population and update and monitor the implementation of this policy and these procedures as necessary. The YMPO Public Participation Plan aims to provide user-friendly, appealing, and easy-to-understand materials.

Training

YMPO's Executive Director/Liaison and Mobility Manager/Coordinator receive Title VI Training from ADOT. The Title VI Liaison/Coordinator will train the YMPO staff to ensure they understand the requirements of Title VI and related authorities, including the complaint process and the LEP Plan, so that staff can assist LEP individuals in person and/or by telephone. YMPO Executive Board members will receive a copy of the LEP Plan and the Public Participation Plan and have access to training to ensure they are fully aware of Title VI requirements, the LEP Plan, and the importance of public outreach.

New staff members, Executive Board, and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members are given an initial, formal briefing on Title VI issues during their first few days. After the initial session, further training is included as an integral part of a continuous implementation phase. This allows our staff, Executive Board, TAC members, and members of the public to be informed of any changes in policy and/or emphasis that might be forthcoming from time to time from Federal Authorities and ADOT. The implementation phase also includes opportunities to remind members, at the beginning of any Board or TAC meetings or at the kick-off meetings for any new studies or plans that YMPO might commence, of the need for continual awareness of the importance of non-discrimination.

Program Areas

Regional Transportation Planning

The YMPO's Regional Transportation Planning aims to ensure that transportation and air quality planning, related issues, and project implementation are effectively identified and coordinated by local, state, and federal agencies and the general public. The YMPO Executive Board, through the Executive Director, directs the management of the planning process. The Executive Board is a policy body coordinating transportation planning, traffic engineering, air quality conformity, and related implementation activities within the regional comprehensive planning process. The YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provides review and input, as appropriate, and works closely with the YMPO's staff provides guidance for the development of all work activities.

The primary products of the Regional Transportation Planning are:

- Long Range Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Air Quality Conformity
- Planning Studies (e.g., Transit, Safety, etc.)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (RCP)

General Description

Regional Transportation Planning addresses the mobility needs of people of all ages, incomes, and abilities. It identifies the desired vision for the region's transportation system with unconstrained funding. The fiscally constrained RTP addresses federal requirements for the process of developing and the content to be included within an LRTP. Specifically, it defines transportation elements and services to be provided over the next 24 years based on reasonably expected revenues. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies all federally funded transportation projects to be completed in the Yuma MPO region over a five-year period. Under the Clean Air Act, YMPO is responsible for ensuring its transportation plans and programs support air quality goals and contribute to meeting air quality standards.

Program Review Procedures

In accordance with 23 CFR 200.9(b)(5), (6), & (13) and 23 CFR 200.9(a)(4), the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) has established procedures to review the effectiveness of its FHWA/FTA Title VI program across all program areas. These reviews ensure that no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any YMPO program or activity based on race, color, national origin, or other protected characteristics, including age, sex, disability, income status, or limited English proficiency (LEP). The review process assesses equitable access, benefits, and impacts, with a focus on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Public Participation Plan (PIP), and other transportation plans such as the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA), and Regional Coordination Plan (RCP).

Each program area is reviewed annually, with additional reviews triggered by complaints, significant program changes, or federal/state audits (e.g., FHWA/FTA certification reviews). The Title VI Coordinator (JR Aguilar, Mobility Manager) conducts the reviews under the supervision of the Title VI Liaison (Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director) and the Title VI Chief Officer (Maria Cecilia Cruz, Executive Board Chair). Reviews utilize data from self-identification survey cards, U.S. Census/American Community Survey (ACS), public comments, complaint logs, and program-specific outputs (e.g., project maps, ridership data). The Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four-Factor Analysis is conducted on a project-by-project basis to ensure language access. Findings are reported in the annual Title VI Accomplishment and Goals Report submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) External Civil Rights (ECR) office. Corrective actions, such as enhanced outreach or program adjustments, are implemented if disparities are identified.

Other Activities/Programs

Public Participation Plan

The Public Participation Plan (PIP) ensures a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, opportunities for comments, full access to key decisions, and early and continuing involvement in developing transportation plans and programs, such as the TIP, LRTP, and RCP. It aims to engage all community members, particularly Title VI-protected groups based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, income status, and LEP.

Program Review Procedures

To ensure Title VI compliance, the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) reviews the Public Participation Plan (PIP) for effectiveness by collecting and analyzing demographic data from self-identification survey cards at Executive Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and public meetings to compare participant diversity against regional demographics (e.g., 64.4% Hispanic/Latino, 90.6% Spanish speakers in San Luis per 2023 ACS); evaluating ADA compliance at meeting venues, provision of Spanish interpreters (with 7-day advance notice), virtual platforms (e.g., GoTo Meeting), and delivery of information to those unable to attend; assessing bilingual public notices in The Yuma Sun and Bajo Del Sol, website postings, and survey distribution to confirm outreach to Title VI-protected groups; analyzing how comments from minority, low-income, or LEP groups influence outcomes (e.g., TIP, LRTP); and implementing corrective actions like increased bilingual advertising, free transit to meetings, or accommodations for hearing/visually impaired individuals if gaps are identified. The PIP is reviewed every three years, with public comment periods for the PIP (45 days), TIP (annually, 30 days), and LRTP (every five years, 30 days) assessed for equitable input, using metrics such as participation rates reflecting demographics, number of LEP accommodations, diverse meeting attendance, comment-driven plan adjustments, and absence of complaints. Bi-annual reviews align with PIP updates and major plan comment periods, with additional reviews after major meetings or complaints, led by the Title VI Coordinator (JR Aguilar), supervised by the Title VI Liaison (Crystal Figueroa) and Executive Board, with findings reported to ADOT ECR.

Regional Coordination Plan

The Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provides strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. It supports FTA-funded programs (e.g., Sections 5310, 5311) and informs the TIP.

Program Review Procedures

To ensure Title VI compliance in the Regional Coordination Plan (RCP), the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) conducts annual reviews, with additional assessments post-implementation or upon complaints, to evaluate effectiveness in serving Title VI-protected groups (e.g., minority, low-income, disabled, and LEP populations). The Title VI Coordinator (JR Aguilar, Mobility Manager), under the supervision of the Title VI Liaison (Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director) and Title VI Chief Officer (Maria Cecilia Cruz, Executive Board Chair), leads the process, which includes: analyzing

U.S. Census/ACS data to map demographics (e.g., 64.4% Hispanic/Latino, 90.6% Spanish speakers in San Luis per 2023 ACS) against transit service areas to assess coverage; evaluating on-board surveys from transit agencies (e.g., Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority) to identify ridership demographics and service gaps; reviewing 5310/5311 grant awards (e.g., 5310 Preliminary Award List 2025) for equitable distribution to projects like accessible vehicles for seniors/disabled; conducting LEP Four-Factor Analysis to ensure RCP documents and outreach (e.g., bilingual materials, interpreters) are accessible; and implementing corrective actions like adjusting routes, increasing service frequency, offering free rides for disabled/LEP individuals, or enhancing outreach if disparities are found. The RCP is reviewed every three to five years, and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is assessed annually to confirm RCP-informed transit projects equitably benefit protected groups, with a minimum 30-day public comment period. Effectiveness is measured by metrics such as the percentage of transit stops/routes serving Title VI neighborhoods (target: proportional to population), ridership diversity, equitable 5310/5311 fund distribution, on-time performance in underserved areas, and absence of complaints. Findings are reported to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) External Civil Rights (ECR) office, with the Executive Board approving RCP/TIP changes.

Dissemination to the Public

Through its Public Participation Plan, YMPO makes every effort to reach and include the public in the planning process.

Public Notice

A copy of the Public Notice is included as an Attachment. YMPO's Notice to the Public is posted in its conference room, breakroom, and main lobby by the front desk and on its website. Individuals needing additional information on YMPO's Title VI Nondiscrimination Program or ways to file a complaint or obtain additional information may contact:

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attn: Title VI Liaison
230 West Morrison Street,
Yuma, Arizona, 85364
cfigueroa@ympo.org - Title VI LIAISON
jraguilar@ympo.org – Title VI COORDINATOR
928-783-8911

Process

The MPO's axiom is "Local Governments and Citizens Working Together." The public input process used by the YMPO has many components. First, the elected representatives on the Executive Board receive citizen input from their communities in many ways. All have Calls to the Public on their agency agendas and get direct input at that time. Several hold regular neighborhood meetings or lunch meetings to be available to their citizens to answer questions and receive input. In turn, the agency representatives carry forward this information to the YMPO Executive Board meetings and the Technical Advisory Committee meetings for discussion. The YMPO Executive Board meetings are open to the public, with agendas posted 24 hours in advance, and an item identified as Call to the Public is on the agenda of each meeting, providing a specific forum for citizen input. The YMPO will provide complimentary Spanish interpreter services at YMPO Executive Board meetings, workshops, public meetings, or events. These services will be announced on the YMPO website as far in advance as possible before the meetings. It is preferred to provide notice at least 7 days in advance.

Additionally, YMPO conducts official public meetings that are advertised and held on specific agenda items, including but not limited to the 5-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the 24-Year Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and the Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWPB). At times, the public meetings have been held twice on the same day--once in the afternoon and again in the evening--and at as many as six separate locations. YMPO conducts these public meetings in this manner to provide citizens with ample opportunity to provide input. YMPO staff will post an announcement in The Yuma Sun and the Bajo Del Sol local newspapers in both English and Spanish before the last public meeting regarding the Regional Transportation Plan. The announcement will highlight the plan's key components and invite comments from the public. At public meetings, YMPO staff solicits and accepts written comments. This solicitation is designed to target minority groups that typically do not respond to newspaper postings.

Moreover, YMPO will conduct an additional round of public meetings to seek input on technical analyses or alternatives that are defined as a result of the initial public input phase. For the RTP, YMPO will conduct a second series of public meetings

at the same sites, and consultants performing transportation studies on behalf of YMPO will conduct similar public meetings. Finally, YMPO will send out letters of invitation for both sets of public meetings for the RTP. The process is described in further detail in the Public Participation Plan.

Contracts and Solicitations

YMPO contracts for some planning activities and professional services. The YMPO obtains consultant support by using a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) procedure. Prior to advertising the RFP or RFQ, the YMPO will submit project information to ADOT and will determine a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and/or race-neutral goal(s). The requests are advertised with the DBE goal(s), and a compact list of qualified applicants is determined from the proposals submitted. A selection committee is formed, interviews with the short-listed consultants are held, and a consultant is chosen. The Executive Board must approve a contract before the Executive Director is authorized to sign it. Purchases less than \$2,500 may be done at the discretion of the Executive Director. Three verbal quotes are required for purchases of more than \$2,500 and less than \$50,000. For purchases between \$50,000 and \$100,000, three written quotes are required. The Executive Board must authorize purchases greater than \$100,000 and must use sealed bids.

The consultants are required to conform to all Title VI provisions and those provisions specifically included in Request for Proposals and in the Contract for Services.

Informing Consultants of Title VI Processes

In accordance with 23 CFR 200.9(b)(9), which mandates that recipients develop procedures for advising contractors and sub-recipients of Title VI program requirements, YMPO ensures consultants are fully informed of the agency's Title VI process through a multi-step approach. First, all RFPs and RFQs include explicit language outlining Title VI obligations, including nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and related authorities (e.g., Executive Order 13166 for Limited English Proficiency). This language references YMPO's Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement and requires consultants to acknowledge compliance as part of their proposal submission. Second, during the consultant selection and onboarding process, selected firms receive a complete copy of YMPO's Title VI Implementation Plan and are required to attend an orientation session led by the Title VI Coordinator or Liaison. This session covers key elements such as complaint procedures, data collection for demographic analysis, public involvement strategies to reach protected populations, and monitoring for equitable project impacts. Third, all consultant contracts incorporate appendices (e.g., Appendices A and E from this report) that detail nondiscrimination clauses, reporting requirements, and sanctions for noncompliance. YMPO's Title VI Coordinator conducts periodic reviews of consultant activities to verify adherence, and consultants are required to submit annual certifications of Title VI compliance. This process ensures consultants are not only informed but also equipped to integrate Title VI principles into their work, promoting equitable outcomes in transportation planning.

Request for Proposal

Solicitation

Respondents are notified that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals to this request. The YMPO will ensure during the consultant selection process and award process, those respondents to this request will not be discriminated against based on sex, race, age, color, disability, creed, or national origin.

Qualifications and Selection Process

The applicants' technical merits will determine the choice of a consultant/firm and will be based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to the following: (1) Education of the staff assigned to the project, experience of the firm, the assigned project manager, and the assigned staff relative to the desired work; (2) References of bilateral processes or agreements from past clients to gauge competence, technical understanding of the issues, procedures, and tasks accomplished in reaching the objective; (3) Direct experience; (4) Project understanding and approach; and (5) the YMPO has adopted ADOT's current race neutral Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. Based on the above technical factors, the YMPO's selection committee will rank the submitted proposals. The consultant/firm ranked highest will be chosen for negotiation of a final cost, at which time the Review Committee may review the attached cost estimates.

Contracts

Other Responsibilities of Consultant

The CONSULTANT shall comply with, at its own expense, the provisions of all local, state, and federal laws, regulations, ordinances, requirements, and codes that are applicable to the CONSULTANT as an employer of labor or otherwise. The CONSULTANT shall further comply with all laws, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements pertaining to its professional status and that of its employees and shall require the same compliance of partners, associates, subcontractors, sub-consultants, and others employed or retained by it, rendering any services hereunder. The Title VI Coordinator will review all documents for any and all CONSULTANT contracts, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), and Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) to ensure that the Title VI language and Appendix A are contained in the document.

Compliance and Enforcement Procedures

Sub-recipient Review Procedures

The YMPO will review sub-recipient contracts, collect data, analyze efforts, and interview staff to ensure compliance with Title VI and subsequent authorities. Currently, the YMPO does not have any sub-recipients.

Project Effects and Benefits

The effects and benefits of YMPO projects are that transportation within the planning area is improved and that coordination has taken place among all agencies, assuring the development of a complete, dependable, efficient, safe, aesthetically pleasing, and economical transportation system. It is a system that will provide safer and smoother traffic flow, reduce fuel consumption, optimize the use of citizens' personal and tax money, and increase the efficiency of the existing transportation system. All citizens of the YMPO Planning Area benefit from these improvements.

Lawsuits Alleging Discrimination

YMPO has had no lawsuits, investigations, or complaints during the past three years. All the member agencies have been contacted, and none reported any lawsuits, claims, or complaints against them for transportation and/or public transit discrimination. A copy of the complaint log, which is attached, will be maintained should any of these occur.

Federal Assistance Programs

The YMPO presently receives yearly grants from Federal Transit Administration Planning Section 5303, in addition to MAP21 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), SPR, and PL funds. Eligible entities within the YMPO planning area receive Section 5310, 5311, 5316, and 5317, which have been combined into one source of funds in competing for the grant statewide.

Compliance and Enforcement Procedures

YMPO is committed to nondiscrimination in its programs and activities, and YMPO will enforce Title VI and related authorities and make every effort to identify and eliminate discrimination when it is found to occur. In the event that a complaint is made, the Title VI Coordinator will determine which program area is identified, FTA or FHWA, as the complaint. The Coordinator will then proceed to contact the necessary Federal and State agencies depending on the program area of complaint. The Title VI Coordinator will be responsible for FTA program area components. Upon receipt of a completed complaint, YMPO will determine jurisdiction acceptability or the need for additional information. Once the determination has been made to accept the complaint for investigation, ADOT ECR will be notified within 72 hours. Title VI complaints against YMPO sub-recipients, contractors, or consultants in FTA-funded programs will be investigated by YMPO.

If, during the investigation, additional training is recommended to any YMPO Staff member, sub-recipient, contractor, or consultant, the YMPO will administer training to correct the possible complaint. In the event the YMPO Coordinator/Liaison determines that the ADOT ECR needs to intervene for higher-level training, then the ADOT ECR will be notified of the next phase of the training as recommended.

Program Statement

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Related Authorities

The YMPO is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participating in, or denied the benefits of, its services or programs on the basis of race, color, or national origin as afforded under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. YMPO, as a federal grant recipient, is required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to conform to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its amendments. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that no person in the United States, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. YMPO is further committed to those related nondiscrimination authorities that provide protections on the basis of age, gender, disability, income status, and limited English proficiency.

If you believe you have been subjected to discrimination under Title VI, you may file a written complaint with YMPO, Attention: Title VI Coordinator, 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. Call 928-783-8911, or email Title_VI_Coordinator@ympo.org, placing in the subject line Title VI Complaint.

Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y Autoridades Relacionadas

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Yuma (YMPO) se ha comprometido a garantizar que ninguna persona sea excluida de participar en, o negado los beneficios de, sus servicios o programas sobre la base de raza, color u origen nacional garantizada en virtud del Título VI de los Derechos Civiles Acta de 1964. la Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Yuma (YMPO) como beneficiario de subvención federal es requerido por la Administración Federal de tránsito (FTA) para cumplir con el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y sus modificaciones. Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 requiere que ninguna persona en los Estados Unidos, por motivos de raza, color u origen nacional, ser excluida de, ser negado los beneficios de, o ser objeto de discriminación, bajo cualquier programa o actividad que reciba asistencia financiera federal. YMPO es aún más comprometida con dichas autoridades no discriminación relacionados que proporcionan protecciones sobre la base de la edad, sexo, discapacidad, estado de ingresos y un dominio limitado del inglés.

Si usted cree que ha sido objeto de discriminación bajo el Título VI, puede presentar una queja por escrito con YMPO, A la atención de: Coordinador del Título VI, 230 Calle West Morrison , Yuma, Arizona 85364, llame al 928-783-8911, o envíe un correo electrónico a Title_VI_Coordinator@ympo.org, coloque en la línea de asunto: Queja Título VI.

Public Participation Plan

Purpose

The purpose of a public participation plan is to ensure a proactive public involvement process that assures the opportunity for the public to be involved in all phases of the planning process by providing complete information, timely public notice, opportunities for making comments, full access to key decisions, and early and continuing involvement in developing transportation plans and programs.

Within these programs, the following components are defined for the purpose of establishing the proper participation protocols:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP represents the project selection document for federally funded projects. Project priorities are indicated by the year the project is programmed. For federally funded projects, the year program, as indicated in the TIP, refers to the Federal fiscal year ending September 30. Under federal guidelines, the TIP is a sequential, multi-year (3-5 years) program of transportation projects that is consistent with and implements the goals and objectives as described in the approved Regional Transportation Plan.

Long Range Transportation Plan (RTP)

This long-range plan (covering a span of 23 years) developed under Federal Transportation Planning Guidelines is designed to provide the continual development of a complete, dependable, efficient, safe, aesthetic, and economical regional transportation system.

Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA)

The YMPO is responsible for ensuring that the transportation plans and programs within the YMPO planning boundaries conform to state and national air quality plans and standards. Specifically, the emissions generated from proposed projects in the YMPO's five-year Transportation Improvement Program and the twenty-three-year Regional Transportation Plan must be consistent with and conform to air quality standards. The YMPO is required to undertake an air quality conformity analysis for two specific reasons: (1) to ensure that transportation investments (projects), strategies, and programs, taken as a whole, have air quality impacts consistent with and conforming to state and national air quality plans and standards; and (2) to ensure that neither the transportation system as a whole nor individual transportation projects cause new air quality violations or worsen existing conditions.

Environmental Documents (ED)

Those documents developed by the YMPO relate directly to environmental policy.

Regional Transportation Coordination Plan (RCP)

The plan is meant to establish goals, criteria, and strategies for delivering efficient, coordinated services to elderly, underemployed, or otherwise financially disadvantaged persons and persons with disabilities.

Public Participation

To participate is to express oneself at the proper time and in the proper forum. Public participation means participation in planning by people (public) outside the YMPO and its member entities, by planning and engineering professionals, and by those who are not professional planners or government officials. It is a process of taking part in transportation planning and decision-making that affects the community.

The YMPO's efforts to secure participation will be targeted to stakeholders, who are individuals or entities that could be significantly affected by the transportation plan recommendations or could significantly influence implementation. Stakeholders include but are not limited to the general public: low-income, minority, and disabled communities; neighborhood representatives; chambers of commerce; special transportation interests such as freight shippers, transit users, and bicycle organizations; local officials; military installations; and federal and state transportation agencies.

Why the YMPO needs the public involved in Transportation Planning

The public has the right to have a strong voice in all matters of public policy, including planning. Only the public can provide the information needed to develop, maintain, and carry out an effective transportation plan. Planning staff, consultants, and local officials need comments from those who know the community best: those who live and work there. Involvement informs and educates the public about transportation planning and creates an informed community, leading to better planning. Participation gives the public a sense of ownership of the plan and fosters cooperation between them and the YMPO. The Public Participation Plan contains the following elements:

- Involvement Opportunities.
- Provide the opportunity for the public to be involved in all phases of the planning process.
- Communications.
- Establish mechanisms for maintaining communications between the public and local officials, such as through mailings, legal ads, displays, and newsletters. See Section IV for details.
- Information.
- Assure that technical information is available and in a simplified, understandable form.
- Response to Public Input. A description of the methods used to respond to comments from the public.
- Advisory Committees.
- The use of committees and the means of providing a cross-section of affected citizens on the advisory committees.

Public Participation Process

To promote active public involvement, the YMPO will offer a 30-day public comment period regarding the proposed public participation procedure for transportation planning. The procedures will outline how, when, and where the public can participate.

Public Notice

Official notification of meetings, hearings, or other significant events will be provided in the following manner:

Publication will be at least thirty (30) days before public hearings and an adequate period for public meetings. An explanation of the content, along with the date, time, and place of the meeting, will be published in English and Spanish as early as possible, at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Yuma area.

The official notice (Special) will be published as a display advertisement in the non-legal section of the newspaper.

The YMPO will also utilize the following techniques to disseminate the information to a larger audience:

- Information regarding meetings and events will be posted on the YMPO website: www.ympo.org.
- Public Service Announcements and interviews on radio, government cable, and television to explain the subject matter and promote participation.
- Articles and Press Releases for the newspaper or other widely circulated publications.
- Mass mailings through utility bills or other documents periodically issued to the community.
- Use of advisory committees for community involvement.
- Informal presentations at regional sites, open houses, round tables, or other community forums.
- Formal presentations to various service clubs and civic and professional groups.
- Mailings to select individuals, groups, or interests that have expressed interest or commented at meetings.

Public Notification Methods:

√ = Planned or * = Encouraged					
Notification Techniques	RTP	Air Qual	TIP	ED/ AQCA	RCP
Printed Notification	√	√	√		
Newspaper Advertisements	√	√	√	√	√
YMPO Web Site	√	√	√	√	√
Articles	√	√	*	*	*
Press Release	√	√	*	*	√
Mass Mailing	√	√	√		
Flyers	√				
TV/Radio	√	√	√		√
Public Service Announcements	√	*	*	√	
Interviews	√	*	*		
Public Cable Channels	√	*	*		
Community Forums					
Public Information Meetings	√	√	*		*
Public Meetings	√	√	√	√	√
Group Presentations	√	*	*		√
Advisory Committee	√	√	√	√	√

Access to Information

The YMPO will provide the public with reasonable and timely access to technical and policy information about the data or content used in developing transportation plans, programs, and projects. Standard documents will be available on the YMPO website, www.ympo.org, and at the YMPO office, 230 W Morrison St, Yuma, AZ 85364, during normal working hours. Copies of draft plans will also be placed at the main branch location of the Yuma County Library District.

Public Meetings

Public information meetings will be held at various Yuma area locations to inform the public of the planning process and to solicit ideas, input, and feedback. Public hearings and public information meetings will be held at locations accessible to and at times convenient to minority and disabled residents. The intent of holding public informational meetings at diverse locations is to solicit broad public comments. General locations of meetings will be in the City of Yuma, Yuma County Foothills, the Cities of San Luis and Somerton, and the Town of Wellton.

As mentioned above, the public hearings and informational meetings will be announced in the Public Notice section. We will make reasonable efforts to notify organizations representing minority and disabled individuals and request that they share meeting notices and information with their members.

To ensure that everyone can participate, we will make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals, and those who do not speak English. The YMPO may offer free public transit to the meetings for those without transportation and individuals with disabilities. If given advance notice, we will provide a Spanish interpreter. Ideally, please provide at least seven days' notice.

YMPO uses the Virtual Public Involvement GoTo Meeting platform to conduct all meetings open to the public or any various meetings. This platform enables the YMPO to conduct business with best practices to provide a means of public participation while maintaining social distancing. This will remain a practical public engagement platform for all YMPO meetings and a means for disseminating information to the public on a Virtual Reality Media Platform.

Visualization

In order to ensure that the public can visualize the potential impact of any transportation or planning project, the YMPO will provide visual aids at public meetings and/or at the YMPO office. The visual aids may include but are not limited to the following types:

- PowerPoint Presentations
- Story Boards
- Project Renderings
- Regional and Project Level Maps
- Satellite Photos
- Project Site Photos
- Charts and Graphs, and
- Before and After" Depictions

Opportunities for Participation

The YMPO will take a proactive approach to providing the opportunity for the public to be involved early and with continuing involvement in all phases of the planning process. As previously mentioned, extensive public notice will be undertaken of public information meetings and hearings. Before the public participation process begins, a list of names and addresses of citizens and organizations will be developed, and they will be contacted on a continued basis to serve as a base of interested citizens for input and comment. This list will be expanded as additional citizens attend the informational public meetings and make comments.

Consultation with Regional Partners

YMPO will coordinate meetings with local, state, regional, and tribal entities affected by its planning projects. For example, the YMPO may host a meeting(s) to review and receive comments concerning transportation-related projects in addition to mass mailings and all other official comment periods. Below is a general list of the regional partners that should be invited to participate, and the list should be updated to reflect changes in federal and state transportation planning regulations.

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- U.S. Army Yuma Proving Grounds (US ARMY YPG)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Yuma (US MCAS YUMA)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (Bureaus of Reclamation and Land Management)
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. National Park Service

- U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
- ADOT, Office of Environmental Services
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (AZDEQ)
- Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD)
- Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (AZSHPO)
- Arizona Department of Water Resources
- Arizona State Land Department
- Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Quechan Indian Tribe

This list assumes that the local government agencies that comprise the YMPO TAC and Executive Board membership are automatically included in a Regional Partners list.

Response to Public Input

Responses to questions and comments from the public concerning the public participation process, draft transportation plans, programs, or public agency consultation process will be made directly to the individual by letter or telephone call or through a periodic newsletter. A summary analysis and report on the disposition of comments will be made as part of the final plan. The rationale for policy decisions will be available to the public in writing if requested.

Advisory Committees

Advisory committees will be formed to advise the YMPO Executive Board and staff in preparing and reviewing public participation plans, transportation plans, programs, and other related matters. There are two types of committees: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a permanent committee composed of technical, planning, and/or managerial staff representatives from the participating agencies of the YMPO. The membership of ten is as designated by the member agencies, and the number of members is fixed. In addition, there are ex-officio non-voting members from the Marine Corps Air Station, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority, and the Yuma Airport Authority. The TAC has an area representation makeup. Subcommittees of the TAC will be utilized to study issue areas that do not require full TAC participation.

Specific citizen advisory committees will be formed ad hoc; members will be selected based on their expertise, interests, or as affected stakeholders. Examples are representatives of interest groups, transportation agencies, minorities, disabled, or representatives of geographical areas, such as neighborhood associations. The number of committee members will vary depending on the purpose for which the committee is formed. All committee members will have an equal voice in deliberations. Examples of ad hoc advisory committees include the Transit Committee, Yuma County Transportation Consortium, Port Authority Formation Committee, Yuma County Pedestrian Safety Task Force, and the Regional Transportation Plan Committee.

Title VI

As part of the transportation planning process to meet Title VI requirements and better serve the community, the YMPO will reach out to the disadvantaged to ensure participation. A Four-Factor Analysis will need to be conducted on a project-by-project basis. Members of the Executive Board of the YMPO will continue to hold localized meetings in their respective areas where transportation issues are discussed. Advertising for major public meetings will be advertised in English and Spanish, and a Spanish interpreter will be provided if notified as early as possible. Ideally, a notice should be provided at least 7 days in advance. Citizens who express interest or comment at a public meeting will be put on a mailing list to be notified of other conferences and any proposed actions. For those without transportation and the disabled, the YMPO will provide free transportation via public transit to the meetings. A reasonable attempt will be made to notify organizations representing minority and disabled people, and a request will be made that they provide their members with meeting notices and information. Attempts will be made to have minority and disabled citizen representation on advisory committees. Native American representation in the planning process is assured because the Cocopah Tribe is a full member of the YMPO and has direct involvement in all decisions.

Amendments

Substantial changes or amendments to the transportation plan will be made only after the public has been notified of an intent to modify the plan and has had 30 days to review and comment on the proposed substantial changes. The YMPO Executive

Board will hold the final public hearing on the transportation plans. Following the notification requirements previously mentioned, notice of the time and place of the Public Hearing will be provided. Following the Public Hearing, the Executive Board will adopt transportation and related plans by Resolution.

Follow Up

This is the initial effort of the YMPO to formalize the public participation process for transportation and related plans. This document establishes the basic techniques for disseminating the information to the public and engaging the citizens in interactive discussions about the transportation planning process. The YMPO will continue identifying and pursuing other ways to increase public knowledge and participation. A review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process will be made on a tri-annual basis.

Title VI Complaint Form

Section I:		
Name:		
Address:		
Telephone (Home):	Telephone (Work):	
Electronic Mail Address:		
Accessible Format Requirements?	Large Print	Audio Tape
	TDD	Other
Section II:		
Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf?	Yes*	No
*If you answered "yes" to this question, go to Section III.		
If not, please supply the name and relationship of the person for whom you are complaining.		
Please explain why you have filed for a third party:		
Please confirm that you have obtained the permission of the aggrieved party if you are filing on behalf of a third party.	Yes	No
Section III:		
I believe the discrimination I experienced was based on (check all that apply):		
Race <input type="checkbox"/> Color <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Date of Alleged Discrimination (Month, Day, Year):		
Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were discriminated against. Describe all persons who were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known) as well as names and contact information of any witnesses. If more space is needed, please use the back of this form.		
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Section VI:		
Have you previously filed a Title VI complaint with this agency?	Yes	No

If yes, please provide any reference information regarding your previous complaint.

Section V:

Have you filed this complaint with any other Federal, State, or local agency, or with any Federal or State court?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, check all that apply:

☐ Federal Agency: _____

☐ Federal Court: _____

☐ State Court: _____

☐ State Agency: _____ ☐ Local Agency: _____

Please provide information about a contact person at the agency/court where the complaint was filed.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Section VI:

Name of agency the complaint is against: _____

Name of person the complaint is against: _____

Title: _____

Location: _____

Telephone Number (if available): _____

You may attach any written materials or other information that you think is relevant to your complaint. Your signature and date are required below.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit the form to the address below, or mail it to Title_VI_Coordinator@ympo.org.

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
YMPO Title VI Coordinator
230 W Morrison Street Yuma, Arizona 85364
928-783-8911

A copy of this form can be found online at www.ympo.org

Title VI Formulario de Queja

Sección I:		
Nombre de la persona que presenta la queja:		
Domicilio del participante:		
Telefono de la casa:	Telefono de trabajo:	
Direccion de correo electronico:		
Requisitos formato accesible?	Letra Grande	cinta De Audio
	TDD	otro
Sección II:		
¿Está presentando esta queja en su propio nombre?	sí*	no
* Si usted contestó "sí" a esta pregunta, vaya a la Sección III.		
Si no es así, por favor proporcione el nombre y la relación de la persona para la cual se está quejando.		
Por favor, explique por qué usted ha presentado para un tercero:		
Por favor, confirma que ha obtenido el permiso de la parte perjudicada, si usted está presentando en nombre de un tercero.	sí	no
Sección III:		
Creo que la discriminación que experimenté fue basado en (marque todo lo que corresponda):		
Raza <input type="checkbox"/> Color <input type="checkbox"/> Origen Nacional <input type="checkbox"/> Discapacidad <input type="checkbox"/> Fecha de la Discriminación Presunta (mes, día, año):		
<p>Explique lo más claramente posible lo que pasó y por qué cree que fue discriminado. Describir todas las personas que estuvieron involucradas. Incluya el nombre y la información de contacto de la persona (s) que lo discriminó (si se conoce), así como los nombres y la información de los testigos en contacto. Si se necesita más espacio, por favor use la parte de atrás de este formulario.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		
Sección IV:		
¿Ha presentado previamente una queja del Título VI con esta agencia?	sí	no

En caso afirmativo, sírvase proporcionar cualquier información de referencia con respecto a su queja anterior.

Sección V:

¿Ha presentado esta queja ante cualquier otro, estatal o agencia local Federal, o con cualquier corte federal o estatal?
sí ☐ no ☐

En caso afirmativo, marque todo lo que corresponda:

☐ Federal Agency: _____

☐ Federal Court: _____

☐ State Agency : _____

☐ State Court: _____

☐ Local Agency: _____

Sírvanse proporcionar información sobre una persona de contacto en la agencia / tribunal donde se presentó la denuncia.

nombre: _____

Título: _____

Agencia: _____

dirección: _____

Teléfono: _____

Sección VI:

Nombre de la agencia de queja es en contra: _____

Nombre de la persona queja es en contra: _____

Título: _____

Ubicación: _____

Número de teléfono (si está disponible): _____

Puede adjuntar cualquier material escrito o cualquier otra información que usted piensa que es relevante para su queja. Su firma y la fecha están obligados a continuación

Firma _____ fecha _____

Por favor envíe este formulario en persona en la dirección abajo, o envíe este formulario a:

[Title VI Coordinator@ympo.org](mailto:Title_VI_Coordinator@ympo.org)

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Yuma, Arizona 85364
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Logs of Investigations, Complaints, and Lawsuits

2025 FHWA Title VI Log Sheet							
Case #	Complaint	Respondent	Agency File With	Date Filed	Basis	Report Date	Decision

2025 FTA Title VI Log Sheet

Type of Action	Date	Summary (Race, Color, National Origin)	Status	Action Taken
Investigations				
1				
2				
Lawsuits				
1				
2				
Complaints				
1				
2				

YMPO Executive Board Minutes will be provided once approved through the ADOT External Civil Rights (ECR)

Title VI Program Statement Displayed:

YMPO has posted its Notice to the Public in the conference room, breakroom, and main lobby by the front desk. Additionally, the notice is available on its website.

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

YMPO's NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) hereby gives public notice that it is the agency's policy to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and other related authorities in all of its programs and activities.

YMPO's Title VI and ADA Programs require that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

Any person who believes their Title VI or ADA rights have been violated, may file a complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with Yuma MPO's Title VI Coordinator, within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. Title VI Discrimination Complaint Forms may be obtained from the Yuma MPO Office or website.

AVISO DE NO DISCRIMINACIÓN AL PÚBLICO DE YMPO

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Yuma (YMPO) por la presente da aviso público de que es la política de la agencia para asegurar el pleno cumplimiento del Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Título II de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990 (ADA), y otras autoridades relacionadas en todos sus programas y actividades.

Los programas del Título VI y ADA de YMPO requieren que a ninguna persona se le excluya de participar, se le nieguen beneficios o de ninguna otra manera sea sujeta a discriminación en ningún programa o actividad de YMPO por motivo de raza, color, país de origen, o discapacidad.

Cualquier persona que crea que sus derechos bajo el Título VI o ADA han sido violados, puede presentar una queja. Cualquier queja debe ser por escrito y presentada ante el Coordinador del Título VI de Yuma MPO, dentro de los ciento ochenta (180) días siguientes a la fecha de la supuesta ocurrencia discriminatoria. Los Formularios de Queja de Discriminación del Título VI pueden obtenerse en la Oficina de la MPO de Yuma o en el sitio web.

Jesus "JR" Aguilar Title VI Coordinator/Mobility Manager Title_VI_Coordinator@ympo.org	YMPO Title VI Coordinator 230 West Morrison Street Yuma, Arizona 85364 928-783-8911 www.ympo.org
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