



## YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 29, 2026  
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

Chairwoman	Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis
Vice-Chair	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Secretary/Treasurer	Luis Galindo, Vice-Mayor, City of Somerton
Member	Cecilia McCollough, Councilmember, Town of Wellton
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Carol Smith, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Mark Martinez, Councilmember, 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. Annual Declaration of Votes for Calendar Year 2026

Under YMPO By-Laws, the number of votes a voting member carries from his/her jurisdiction must be declared at the first meeting in January. There is only one agency that has more votes than members. The City of Yuma has five votes, but only three members. Yuma County has two votes but also has two members. All other agencies only have one member and one vote. It is presumed that all agencies, other than the City of Yuma, will operate on the basis of one member, one vote, so only action from the City of Yuma is anticipated.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action for representatives of the City of Yuma to declare how the five votes that their agency has been allocated will be divided this year. The Senior Member for the City of Yuma is expected to initiate discussion on this item.**

5. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the December 11, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Reports for November and December 2025.

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from December 11, 2025, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes. The November and December 2025 financial reports will accompany this agenda and will be available for comment, and possible approval, at this meeting.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda. Copies of the draft minutes for December 11, 2025, and the financial reports for November and December 2025 are attached as Items 5A and 5B, respectively.**

6. RTAC Legislative Update on Possible Priority Projects

The 2026 Legislative process at the State Legislature is ongoing. A draft copy of House Bill (HB) 2304 has been distributed by Kevin Adam from the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC). This Bill contains a potential list of projects and possible funding amounts to be appropriated from State General funds to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Arizona House Transportation Committee Chairman Leo Biasiucci has committed to sponsoring the RTAC bill for possible appropriations to Greater Arizona transportation projects and Representatives Bliss, Diaz, Martinez, Nguyen, Tsosie and Wilmeth are co-sponsors. The bill proposes to appropriate over \$454 million to 71 projects in the Greater Arizona area. A brief analysis of how many funds HB 2304 allocates, by County, is shown in the attached information summary.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment only at this stage. YMPO Principal Engineer, Mr. Paul Ward, will present this item, and further information is contained in the attached Information Summary 6.**

7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Update

The TA Program set-aside provides funding for projects that help States build a variety of smaller-scale alternative transportation projects that achieve safer, connected, and equitable on-road networks for all users. The latest update indicates a call for projects will likely occur by the end of February.

**This item is on the agenda for information, and comment only. Jeff Heinrichs, YMPO IT Manager/Associate Planner, will present this item, and further details are contained in the attached Information Summary 7.**

8. Fortuna Road Crossing Resolution/Letter of Support

Supervisor Simmons expressed his concerns regarding the recurring and prolonged closures of the Fortuna Road Railroad Crossing during the December Executive Board Meeting. Yuma County Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution during the January 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting expressing its concerns regarding the ongoing disruption and safety risks.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and Possible Action to authorize YMPO staff to draft a Resolution or a Letter of Support regarding the closure of the Fortuna Road Railroad Crossing. Mr. Ward will present this item and further details are attached as Information Summary 8.**

9. Election of Executive Board Officers - Calendar Year 2026

YMPO By-Laws provide that elected officers of YMPO shall serve on a rotation basis. Usually, the Vice-Chair assumes the position of Chair, the Secretary/Treasurer assumes the position of Vice-Chair, and the Board elects a new officer to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position.

This year, the rotation seems reasonably well established, but this item has been placed on the agenda so members may have the opportunity to express their views and discuss possible options prior to the forthcoming election of officers in February 2026. Although action is not needed, nor anticipated, at this time, this item is open for action by members, as desired.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action for members regarding the usual rotation of Board Officers, as indicated in the YMPO By-Laws and to elect a new Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Ward will present this item and further information is provided in the attached Information Summary 9.**

10. Election of YMPO Subcommittee Members and Identification of Officials for Attending AZSTB and RTAC meetings - Calendar Year 2026

YMPO has three possible subcommittees:

- (a) The Audit Subcommittee;
- (b) The By-Laws Subcommittee; and
- (c) The Evaluation Subcommittee.

The Audit and Evaluation Subcommittees are needed every year, but the By-Laws Subcommittee is only needed when changes to the By-Laws (or YMPO Policies and Procedures) are needed. All three Subcommittees will likely be needed this year.

In addition, there are two Statewide Boards/Councils for which YMPO normally nominates representatives to attend meetings, when requested. YMPO generally appoints members (and alternates) to attend and represent the region.

- (d) the Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB); and
- (e) the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC);

Although subcommittee members follow a nomination/election process, AZSTB and RTAC representatives are usually appointed by the YMPO Chair. Elections are only held if more than one member volunteers their services. If members are interested in taking on any of the responsibilities outlined above, they are encouraged to contact the incoming Board Chair, and/or Executive Director, and/or Principal Engineer and/or you are welcome to have someone nominate you and/or self-nominate when this item is heard during the meeting on February 26, 2026.

**This item is on the agenda for information and discussion, only at this stage. Mr. Ward will present this item and further information is provided in the attached Information Summary 10.**

11. FY 2026-30 YMPO TIP Amendment # 3

The FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP was initially approved on July 31, 2025, and has since been amended two times, most recently on December 11, 2025. Since that time, we have received funding for two new TA projects that need to be added to the TIP. These projects include the scoping for a Yuma County shared-use pathway on the East Main Canal: County 12th Street to County 14th Street; and the design and construction of a City of Yuma shared-use pathway from 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to amend the FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP (Amendment #3). Mr. Ward will present**

**this item; further details are contained in the attached Information Summary 11.**

**12. In-Kind Match Forms - Annual Reminder for Executive Board Members**

This item is on the agenda as a reminder that all YMPO business that any member or staff that does work for YMPO in any form (i.e., read, comment, attend meetings either in-person OR by teleconference), YMPO is able to capture portions, or all, of your time as 'soft' match for our YMPO programs. This effort is an excellent way to lower the actual 'cash' match that YMPO member agencies need to contribute.

**This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only, at this stage. YMPO Accountant, Ms. Lopez, will present this item, In-Kind form is attached as Information Summary 12.**

**13. Entity Dues from Member Agencies.**

YMPO staff will review the updated Non-In-Kind matching funds (Entity Dues) to be collected from member agencies for this year. This update includes changes made as part of FY 2026-27 UPWP Amendment #1 and recently received updated population data on December 10, 2025, for the July 1, 2025, Population Estimates by the Arizona State Demographer. YMPO will provide the actual FY 2026 Entity Dues to be paid by member agencies as part of the YMPO UPWP. Members will have the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the Entity Dues.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the FY 2026 Entity Dues. Ms. Lopez will present this item; further information is attached as Information Summary 13.**

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

This agenda item is an opportunity for members and staff to update the Board regarding recent occurrences, as shown below. If written information is available, it will be included in an attached information summary.

- A. Staff Reports - Future Meetings.
- B. TAC Minutes.
- C. Conference Updates (AZRTS, and Roads and Streets).
- 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.**

**15. Possible Future Agenda Items**

The following items will likely be heard at a future meeting. Members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion at a future Board meeting:

- A. YMPO Accounting Manual, Employee Manual, and Procurement Updates.
- B. Election of Executive Board Officers - Calendar Year 2026
- C. Election of Subcommittee Members
- D. AZ SMART Fund
- E. Transportation Alternatives Program
- F. FY 2026 and 2027 YMPO Unified Planning Work Programs
- G. Accounting and Auditing Services for FY 2026 Request for Proposals (RFP)

16. Progress Reports.

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

- a. Dec 11 – YMPO TAC Meeting (JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- b. Dec 11 – YMPO Holiday Luncheon (JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- c. Dec 11 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- d. Dec 12 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, JH, FV)
- e. Dec 15 – Procurement Policy Work (LL)
- f. Dec 15 – Organizational Structure Discussion (CF, LL)
- g. Dec 15 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF, FV)
- h. Dec 16 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, FV)
- i. Dec 17 – Yuma Road Safety Action Plan TAC Meeting 2 (FV)
- j. Dec 17 – 2025 Annual Governmental GAAP Update Encore (LL)
- k. Dec 17 – Independent Contractor Discussion (CF)
- l. Dec 18 – WACOG-Networking for Community Resources (JR)
- m. Dec 18 – Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (JH, FV)
- n. Dec 18 – Roof Style/Material Meeting (CF, FV, LL, LZ)
- o. Dec 18 – Tour de Fields (JR)
- p. Dec 18 – 2019 Ford Explorer - Tires Replacement (JR)
- q. Dec 19 – Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting - Queen Creek (CF)
- r. Dec 22 – Website and BikeReg Update Meeting (JR, JH)
- s. Dec 22 – 5311 2026 Webinar (JR)
- t. Dec 22 – YMPO Holiday Breakfast (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- u. Dec 22 – Wells Fargo Bank Appointment (CF, FV)
- v. Dec 23 – DSR Roofing – Quote (CF, FV, LZ)
- w. Dec 24 – TAC Member Orientation (CF, FV)
- x. Dec 29 – Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition-Board Meeting (JR)
- y. Dec 31 – YMPO/ ADOT 5310 Quarter Report OCT – DEC (JR)
- z. Jan 05 – YMPO RORS Monthly Check-In (CF, JH, FV)
- aa. Jan 06 – Staff Meeting (CF, PW, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- bb. Jan 06 – TA TAC Voting Members Leadership Election (CF, JH)
- cc. Jan 07 – Auditing and Accounting RFP Schedule (CF, PW, LL)
- dd. Jan 07 – YMPO Ledgers & Financial Statements Training (CF, FV, LL)
- ee. Jan 08 – YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, PW, JR, JH, FV, LZ)

- ff. Jan 08 – PASS Training Site Visit (JR)
- gg. Jan 08 – 5310 meeting w/ Amity Medical Transport (JR)
- hh. Jan 09 – PASS Training (JR)
- ii. Jan 12 – Regional Mobility Committee (JR)
- jj. Jan 12 – ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (PW, JH, FV)
- kk. Jan 13 – Mobility Management and Community Outreach Webinar (JR)
- ll. Jan 13 – NHI Training: Connection between HPMS and TPM (JH)
- mm. Jan 14 – Auditing and Accounting Services RFP Review (LL)
- nn. Jan 15 – Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (FV)
- oo. Jan 15 – Future I-8 Corridor Study (FV)
- pp. Jan 20 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update (PW, FV)
- qq. Jan 22 – Yuma SAP: Strategies and Countermeasures Workshop (PW, FV)

17. Adjournment.

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18. Anticipated Future 2026 Meetings and Locations.

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 February 26, and March 26, 2026.



## YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
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Thursday, December 11, 2025  
1:30 P.M.

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### 1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning (YMPO) Chairwoman, City of San Luis Councilmember, Maria Cruz, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked Cocopah Indian Tribe Councilmember, Wynnie Ortega, to lead, and the Board to join her, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes.

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 ^
Member	Cecilia McCollough, Councilmember, Town of Wellton ^
Member	Darren Simmons, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ^
Member	Carol Smith, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma ~
Member	Sam Elters, State Transportation Board, ADOT ~

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

As six of our seven constituent member agencies were present, the quorum requirement was met.

#### YMPO Board Members Absent:

Secretary/Treasurer	Luis Galindo, Councilmember, City of Somerton *
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County #
Member	Art Morales, Councilmember, 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 ^

YMPO Staff Present:

Fernando Villegas	Senior Transportation Planner
Jesus Aguilar, Jr	Mobility Manager
Lourdes Lopez	Accountant II/Executive Assistant
Jeffrey Heinrichs	IT Manager/Associate Planner
Lucia Zamudio	Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Declaration of Votes

City of Yuma Councilmember, Carol Smith, declared she would exercise all five votes for the City of Yuma.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

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

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of October 30, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for October 2025.

MOTION: Supervisor Darren Simmons, Yuma County, moved to approve both Items A and B on the consent agenda. Vice-Chair Winnie Ortega, Cocopah Indian Tribe, seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. FY 2025 YMPO Audit

Ms. Lopez reported that the audit of the fiscal year 2025 financial statements was complete. She stated that YMPO would be applying for the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Ms. Lopez noted that the Audit Committee had met previously in a virtual meeting and had been presented with the final audit documents. She advised that the auditors were available to provide a summary to the Board and respond to any questions.

Mr. Jay Parke, of Walker & Armstrong, provided a brief summary of the audit results. He reported that the auditors issued an unmodified (clean) opinion on the financial statements and that the required single audit was completed with no compliance issues identified. He stated that the audit process proceeded smoothly and that no audit findings, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses were identified. Mr. Parke explained that new accounting standards were implemented during the fiscal year and were appropriately reflected in the financial statements

without material impact. He provided a high-level overview of YMPO's financial position and operating results, noting stable financial performance and strong overall financial condition. Mr. Parke also summarized required communications to the Board, indicating that there were no difficulties encountered during the audit and no corrected mistakes reported. He acknowledged the cooperation and preparedness of management and accounting staff throughout the audit process. Finally, Mr. Parke noted that the auditors issued a recommendation related to strengthening information technology policies and internal controls, particularly in the areas of cybersecurity, access controls, and disaster recovery planning. Management acknowledged the recommendation and confirmed that discussions had already taken place regarding improvements in this area.

Vice-Chair Ortega inquired whether YMPO staff had developed policies and procedures related to information technology security, based on recommendations provided during the audit process.

YMPO IT Manager, Jeff Heinrichs, responded that a set of IT policies and security procedures had been drafted. He explained that the draft had been prepared, but additional time was needed for internal evaluation and formal presentation to the Board. He stated that staff remained on track to finalize and implement the policies. Mr. Heinrichs also noted that, due to YMPO's small staff size and limited system access, overall risk exposure was reduced. He emphasized that the primary focus of the policies was on risk management related to disaster recovery, system backups, data protection, and external security threats.

Vice Chair Ortega thanked YMPO staff for their hard work and efforts.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Ortega moved to approve the YMPO FY 2025 Audit. Councilmember Cecilia McCollough (Town of Wellton) seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2

YMPO Senior Transportation Planner, Fernando Villegas, reported that the FY 2026-2030 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had previously been approved by the Board and had since undergone one amendment. He explained that the current amendment revised the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding and corresponding local match amounts for the City of Somerton: County 15th Street at Avenue D; Crest Curve Correction project. Mr. Villegas stated that the amendment reflected updated cost estimates for the project and adjusted the associated funding accordingly. He noted that a revised eligibility letter documenting these changes was included with the information summary provided to the Board.

MOTION: Councilmember McCollough moved to approve the FY 2026-2030 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2. Supervisor Simmons seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Arizona 2026 Safety Performance Projections (Targets)

Mr. Villegas reported that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) had formally established statewide Safety Performance Projections for the upcoming year, in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Safety Performance Management requirements. He explained that the projections were developed using data-driven methodologies based on multi-year rolling averages and reflected statewide trends in fatalities and serious injuries. Mr. Villegas stated that the Projections were intended to support ongoing efforts to improve roadway safety while advancing the goals of both YMPO's Strategic Regional Transportation Plan and the statewide Arizona Strategic Highway Safety Plan. He further reported that ADOT requested a formal letter from YMPO indicating whether we would adopt ADOT's established Safety Performance Projections or intended to set our own projections. Mr. Villegas noted that the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended that the Board adopt ADOT's Safety Performance Projections on a continuing basis, which would eliminate the need for annual approval. Mr. Villegas advised that a draft support letter was included in the meeting materials for the Board's consideration.

Chairwoman Cruz asked for clarification regarding a reported increase shown in the safety data presentation provided by ADOT and presented to the Board and inquired whether the increase specified the types of crashes involved.

Mr. Villegas explained that the increase referenced the proportion of total crashes that resulted in fatalities or serious injuries. He clarified that the data reflected overall crash outcomes during the applicable reporting period and that the accompanying graph illustrated the relationship between total crashes and those resulting in fatal or serious injuries.

MOTION: Councilmember McCollough moved to adopt the Arizona 2026 Safety Performance Projections (Targets). Supervisor Simmons seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Update

Mr. Heinrichs provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program, noting that the program was funded through a competitive grant process as a set-aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. He explained that funding was made available statewide for eligible transportation alternative projects. Mr. Heinrichs also reported that applications from across Arizona were received, evaluated, and ranked based on established criteria, including technical quality, project schedule,

community support, and consistency with adopted plans. He stated that a ranked list of projects was recommended for funding by the TA TAC. He further reported that, due to unforeseen circumstances, affecting one awarded project elsewhere in the state, funding was redistributed to additional projects on the ranked list. As a result, Yuma County's East Main Canal Multi-Use Pathway project was advanced to receive scoping funds. Mr. Heinrichs also reported that the TA TAC recommended funding for the remaining submitted projects, allowing them to be programmed in a future fiscal year. He noted that the City of Yuma's Shared Use Pathway project would receive design funding under this action. Mr. Heinrichs concluded by advising that the next call for TA projects was anticipated in the coming year. He stated that updates were underway to streamline the application and review processes and that these improvements were expected to be implemented prior to the next call for projects. He also noted that ADOT staff had been engaged to assist with program updates and administration.

Original \$1M award distribution details:

- Yuma County's East Main Canal: Multi-Use Pathway Project pulled forward to receive scoping funds in the amount of (\$183,885) for FY 2026.
- City of Yuma's Shared Use Pathway connected 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park at 36th Street and will receive design funds in the amount of (\$424,350) in FY 2027.

ADOT Southwest District Administrator, Paul Patane, asked whether YMPO participated in the TA TAC and sought clarification on the name of the group responsible for TA discussions.

Mr. Heinrichs responded that YMPO did indeed participate in the TA TAC. He explained that the TAC was composed of representatives from MPOs and Councils of Governments from across the state and was responsible for reviewing and scoring TA applications. He further stated that the ranked list developed by the committee was forwarded for final consideration, with projects generally retained in the order established through the scoring process.

9. FY 2026-27 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2

Ms. Lopez reported that the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget were developed on a biennial basis through a multi-month process involving member agencies and public input. She stated that the FY 2026-2027 UPWP had previously been approved by the Board and had since been amended, with the current action representing a second amendment. Ms. Lopez explained that the amendment incorporated updates to both federal and local planning funds. She noted that certain state-authorized federal planning funds were pre-authorized for early use to ensure funding availability for special project planning activities. She also reported that the amendment reallocated federal planning funds between

work elements to support expanded regional planning efforts, including adjustments to an existing study budget.

Ms. Lopez further reported that the amendment identified previously programmed local contingency funds to support temporary leadership services during the Executive Director's approved Family Medical Leave. She noted that this direction had been discussed and supported by the Board during a prior Executive Session. Ms. Lopez stated that the amendment also programmed local funds for a complete roof replacement as a capital improvement. She explained that recent weather conditions had accelerated deterioration of the building's original roof, which had exceeded its useful life, necessitating full replacement. Finally, Ms. Lopez reported that the amendment also programmed a previously approved one-time local contribution for a statewide transportation data initiative into the appropriate work element to ensure accurate reflection within the UPWP.

MOTION: Councilmember McCollough moved to approve the FY 2026-27 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2. Vice-Chair Ortega seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

10. Travel Policy Amendment #1

Ms. Lopez introduced the agenda item and provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment to the YMPO Travel Policy. She then introduced YMPO Administrative Assistant Lucia Zamudio to explain the specific policy changes. Ms. Zamudio explained that the amendment incorporated clarifications requested by ADOT to ensure compliance with federal and state reimbursement requirements. She summarized that the changes clarified the treatment of local mileage as a reimbursable business expense only when tied to approved work program activities; they added requirements for employees operating vehicles on official YMPO business to maintain a valid and unrestricted Arizona driver's license; and established advance notice requirements for travel involving rental vehicles to allow for insurance verification, cost review, and prior management approval.

MOTION: Supervisor Simmons moved to approve the Travel Policy Amendment #1. Councilmember McCollough seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Tentative Schedules for Calendar Year 2026 YMPO Board and TAC Meetings

Ms. Zamudio presented the tentative YMPO Board and TAC meeting schedules for the upcoming year (2026) for review and comment. She stated that, consistent with prior years, Board meetings were proposed to be held monthly on a regular schedule, with TAC meetings proposed on a separate monthly schedule. Ms. Zamudio noted that in-person Board meetings would continue to be held at the YMPO office unless otherwise stated, and that virtual access would remain

available through an online meeting platform. She advised that the proposed meeting schedules were included with the meeting materials.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Ortega moved to approve the Tentative Schedules for Calendar Year 2026 Board and TAC Meetings. Supervisor Simmons seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. YMPO Newsletter - Gary Knight Memorial Highway Ceremony

Ms. Lopez reported that YMPO had launched a monthly newsletter intended to provide regular updates on regional transportation planning efforts, ongoing and upcoming projects, partnerships, and funding opportunities impacting Yuma County. She stated that the newsletter was designed to enhance communication with member agencies, partners, and the public; highlight YMPO's work and regional accomplishments; and support transparency and public engagement in the transportation planning process. Ms. Lopez advised that staff would post the first edition of the newsletter, which highlighted the YMPO-led dedication of the Gary Knight Memorial Highway naming collaboration, on the YMPO website.

13. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Draft - Scope of Work

Mr. Villegas reported that YMPO had been awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to support development of a CSAP, intended to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. He explained that the grant required a non-federal match, which YMPO requested through a state safety funding program, and that the match request had been approved by the State Transportation Board. Mr. Villegas stated that YMPO had initiated the agreement process with the U.S. Department of Transportation and that the agreement was currently under federal review. In anticipation of plan execution, staff had begun preparing a request for proposals and a draft scope of work for the CSAP.

He further explained that the plan would evaluate transportation safety conditions throughout the YMPO region, excluding the City of Yuma, which was developing a separate SS4A-funded safety plan. The analysis would include crash data related to fatalities and serious injuries, as well as pedestrian- and bicyclist-involved crashes. Mr. Villegas noted that the plan would identify potential safety improvements, develop a list of candidate safety projects, and include demonstration activities such as traffic signal and pedestrian crossing warrant studies at multiple locations within the region.

Mr. Villegas further reported that the scope of work included preparation of Highway Safety Improvement Program eligible applications for potential future funding and that member agencies would be able to use the final plan recommendations to pursue future SS4A implementation grants. He noted that an approved action plan was required for eligibility for implementation funding. Mr. Villegas advised that a tentative timeline had been established for the procurement

and project development process and emphasized that the schedule was subject to change.

He stated that this item was being presented to the Board for guidance and recommendations regarding the preparation of the request for proposals and scope of work. A draft scope of work outline was included in the meeting materials, and staff welcomed Board comments to ensure alignment with Board priorities.

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- C. Transportation Alternatives Program
- D. Election of Board Officers - Calendar Year 2026
- E. Entity Dues from Member Agencies (Actuals)

Mr. Villegas informed the Board that if any member agency has any items they'd like to add to the list, please reach out to YMPO Executive Director, Crystal Figueroa.

Supervisor Simmons stated that, although it was his final month serving on the YMPO Board, he wished to raise a concern regarding ongoing issues at the railroad crossing on Fortuna Road. He requested consideration of having Yuma County introduce a resolution to be forwarded to state and federal legislators urging Union Pacific to address the recurring problems at the crossing. He explained that the issue was not related to the overpass but rather to repeated signal failures caused by rainfall. He noted that the crossing system frequently malfunctioned during rain events due to unsealed wiring, resulting in extended closures lasting multiple days. He reported that these closures had occurred on several occasions and had significantly disrupted roadway traffic operations. Mr.

Simmons emphasized that the prolonged closures created serious challenges for traffic circulation and emergency response in the Yuma Proving Ground area, as vehicles were forced to detour to alternate routes. He stated that while train stoppages already caused delays, the loss of the crossing for extended periods exacerbated the situation. Supervisor Simmons requested that YMPO consider supporting a resolution encouraging Union Pacific to invest in permanent repairs to the signal wiring and infrastructure at the crossing. He indicated that he was willing to engage with congressional offices to seek assistance and advocated for coordinated action to prompt corrective measures.

15. Progress Reports.

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

- A. Oct 30 - YMPO Board Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL)
- B. Oct 31 - RORS Public Outreach at 2025 Scary & Safe: Trick or Treat (FV)
- C. Nov 03 - Staff Meeting (All)
- D. Nov 03 - Civic Center Tech Testing (JH)
- E. Nov 03 - YMPO RORS Monthly Check-In (CF, JH, FV)
- F. Nov 03 - Gary Knight Memorial Highway On-Site Coordination (All)
- G. Nov 05 -Implementation Workshop Webinar Day 2 (JR, LL)
- H. Nov 05 - Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC) (CF)
- I. Nov 06 - Gary Knight Memorial Highway Ceremony (All)
- J. Nov 12 - Project Delivery Academy - Module 5 - Project Advertising, Construction and Construction Closeout (CF, JH, FV)
- K. Nov 12 - Regional Mobility Committee (JR)
- L. Nov 12 - YMPO Roads of Regional Significance - MCAS (FV)
- M. Nov 12 - SS4A 2024 YMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan & Demonstration Grant, Kickoff Meeting (CF, FV, LL)
- N. Nov 12 - Gary Knight Memorial Highway Social Media Post Meeting (CF, LL, LZ)
- O. Nov 13 - YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LZ)
- P. Nov 13 - 2025 Regional Allocation Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, FV)
- Q. Nov 17 - ADOT MPD Corridor Profile Studies Update: Northern and Southern Interstates - TAC Meeting #1 (CF, FV)
- R. Nov 17 - TTP Flyer Delivery to Senior Centers (JR)
- S. Nov 17 - RTAC Board Meeting (CF, FV)
- T. Nov 17 - CTS Meeting (FV)
- U. Nov 18 - Mobility Management addition to YMPO Website (JR, JH)
- V. Nov 18 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, FV)
- W. Nov 19 - Ride the YCAT Bus - Route Familiarization (JR)
- X. Nov 19 - Travel Training Program - Route Learning (JR)
- Y. Nov 20 - Binational Aerospace Summit 2025 (CF)
- Z. Nov 20 - WACOG - Networking for Community Resources (JR)
- AA. Nov 20 - Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (JH, FV)

- BB. Nov 20 - YMPO Roads of Regional Significance - MCAS (FV)
- CC. Nov 20 - Transportation Alternatives TAC Meeting #4 (JH)
- DD. Nov 21 - Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting - Wickenburg (CF)
- EE. Nov 24 - Audit Meeting Prep (CF, LL)
- FF. Nov 24 - Yuma SS4A Opp: High Street, Mobility Matrix (CF, JH, JR, FV)
- GG. Nov 24 - YMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV)
- HH. Nov 24 - YMPO Audit Inquiries (CF)
- II. Nov 24 - Travel Training w/Art - Interview Process (JR)
- JJ. Nov 25 - FY25 DCIP Debrief US95 Safety Improvement (CF, JH)
- KK. Nov 25 - YMPO Audit Inquiries (LL)
- LL. Nov 26 - YMPO MS2 & Gap Map Working Session (CF, JH)
- MM. Dec 02 - MPO/COG Directors Meeting - Traveled to Phoenix (CF)
- NN. Dec 02 - YMPO RORS Monthly Check-In (FV)
- OO. Dec 08 - Staff Meeting (All)
- PP. Dec 08 - ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, FV)
- QQ. Dec 08 - Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition (JR)
- RR. Dec 10 - Project Delivery Academy - ROAD Portal/Maint. (CF, JH, FV)
- SS. Dec 11 - YMPO TAC Meeting (All)
- TT. Dec 11 - YMPO Holiday Luncheon (All)
- UU. Dec 11 - YMPO Board Meeting (All)

16. Adjournment.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Cruz adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

*Notice: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, YMPO does not discriminate on the basis of disability, in the admission of, or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services. If you have any questions regarding YMPO programs, activities, or services, please contact Crystal Figueroa, or Paul Ward, at 928-783-8911.*

Anticipated Future 2026 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 scheduled for January 29, 2026, and February 26, 2026.

Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:

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Lulu Lopez, Accountant II/Executive  
Assistant

Minutes reviewed to form by:

Minutes approved in regular session on  
December 11, 2025

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Paul Ward, Principal Planner,  
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Councilmember Maria Cecilia Cruz,  
Chairwoman, YMPO Executive Board

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

	Nov 25	Jul - Nov 25	YTD Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4000 · ADOT Grant				
4001 · PL	29,652.98	256,259.31	480,625.00	53.32%
4002 · SPR	13,053.23	111,361.30	219,045.00	50.84%
4004 · STBG	10,459.54	218,780.69	69,756.00	313.64%
4005 · 5305d (CPG)	12,300.81	73,201.46	159,980.00	45.76%
Total 4000 · ADOT Grant	65,466.56	659,602.76	929,406.00	70.97%
4007 · PL ISATO	0.00	16,916.97	10,240.00	165.21%
4008 · SS4A Grant (USDOT)	0.00	0.00	240,000.00	0.0%
4010 · FTA Grant				
4020 · 5303/5305	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.0%
Total 4010 · FTA Grant	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	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	0.00	48,691.52	122,764.00	39.66%
Total 4055 · 5310 Funds	0.00	48,691.52	123,764.00	39.34%
4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	0.00	80,565.84	0.0%
4400 · Interest Income	924.14	16,123.87	29,318.00	55.0%
4600 · Charges for Services				
4904 · Traffic Count Revenue	0.00	454.00	15,200.00	2.99%
Total 4600 · Charges for Services	0.00	454.00	15,200.00	2.99%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>66,390.70</b>	<b>741,789.12</b>	<b>1,588,493.84</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>66,390.70</b>	<b>741,789.12</b>	<b>1,588,493.84</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5110 · Payroll Expenses				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	2,642.26	14,577.95	36,897.68	39.51%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries				
5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	867.67	3,792.16	11,422.32	33.2%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	1,598.57	20,454.27	64,291.17	31.82%
Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries	2,466.24	24,246.43	75,713.49	32.02%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	32,073.00	166,315.23	418,031.00	39.79%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	6,948.98	34,744.90	83,387.82	41.67%
5116 · ASRS	3,848.76	19,957.81	49,594.23	40.24%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	1,181.00	1,202.00	98.25%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	2.44	70.42	588.00	11.98%
5120 · Life Insurance	130.00	780.00	1,872.00	41.67%
<b>Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>48,111.68</b>	<b>261,873.74</b>	<b>667,286.22</b>	<b>39.25%</b>
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	0.00	1,151.95	78,652.00	1.47%
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	9,118.21	117,818.59	599,103.00	19.67%

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<b>Total 5123 · Consulting Services</b>	9,118.21	118,970.54	677,755.00	17.55%
<b>5124 · Staff Training/Education</b>				
<b>5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local</b>	1,127.55	2,117.55	7,000.00	30.25%
<b>5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other</b>	0.00	429.00	2,722.00	15.76%
<b>Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education</b>	1,127.55	2,546.55	9,722.00	26.19%
<b>5125 · Audit Services</b>	0.00	0.00	25,850.00	0.0%
<b>5126 · Payroll Processing Fees</b>	0.00	1,729.39	5,200.00	33.26%
<b>5128 · Accounting Services</b>	4,638.15	24,438.15	25,000.00	97.75%
<b>5129 · Public Participation</b>	0.00	456.84	500.00	91.37%
<b>5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardwar</b>	311.97	8,285.52	15,000.00	55.24%
<b>5132 · Furniture and Equipment</b>	813.06	5,056.87	8,300.00	60.93%
<b>5139 · RTAP Expense</b>	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
<b>5140 · Legal</b>	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
<b>5147 · Mobility Management Program</b>	789.47	3,168.05	17,044.00	18.59%
<b>5150 · IT Support</b>	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
<b>5151 · Building Ins, property tax</b>	0.00	5,040.00	5,500.00	91.64%
<b>5152 · Equipment Maintenance</b>	0.00	300.11	1,300.00	23.09%
<b>5153 · Office Supplies</b>	0.00	723.92	2,100.00	34.47%
<b>5154 · Postage</b>	0.00	77.75	150.00	51.83%
<b>5155 · Printing</b>	156.01	291.08	650.00	44.78%
<b>5157 · Publications, Subscriptions</b>	0.00	700.63	1,000.00	70.06%
<b>5158 · Registration Fees</b>	1,500.00	8,995.00	11,700.00	76.88%
<b>5159 · Special Meetings</b>	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
<b>5160 · Telecommunications</b>	766.45	4,328.97	12,000.00	36.08%
<b>5162 · Vehicle Insurance</b>	0.00	8,072.00	8,500.00	94.97%
<b>5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts</b>	0.00	258.28	500.00	51.66%
<b>5164 · YMPO Memberships &amp; Dues</b>	0.00	3,167.14	5,000.00	63.34%
<b>5165 · Finance Charges and Interest</b>	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0%
<b>5166 · Website Maintenance</b>	0.00	247.87	200.00	123.94%
<b>5167 · Miscellaneous Consumables</b>	90.38	1,618.51	3,500.00	46.24%
<b>5168 · Employee Recruitment</b>	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.0%
<b>5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense</b>	95.55	1,501.75	7,000.00	21.45%
<b>5171 · Alarm System</b>	54.19	294.19	700.00	42.03%
<b>5173 · Electric Bill</b>	540.13	4,231.15	9,000.00	47.01%
<b>5174 · Grounds Maintence</b>	250.00	1,250.00	4,500.00	27.78%
<b>5175 · Janitorial</b>	720.00	3,780.00	9,840.00	38.42%
<b>5179 · Office Building Repairs</b>				
<b>5181 · Pest Control</b>	0.00	330.00	520.00	63.46%
<b>5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other</b>	0.00	108.39	5,000.00	2.17%
<b>Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs</b>	0.00	438.39	5,520.00	7.94%
<b>5182 · Sewer &amp; Water</b>	188.04	836.54	3,500.00	23.9%
<b>5190 · Travel - Local &amp; Outside County</b>	431.02	9,876.28	18,000.00	54.87%

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5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	86.55	1,033.46	3,000.00	34.45%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	0.00	0.00	2,533.17	0.0%
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	67.71	1,178.35	5,500.00	21.43%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment - Other	67.71	1,178.35	8,033.17	14.67%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	69,856.12	484,767.02	1,584,650.39	30.59%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>-3,465.42</b>	<b>257,022.10</b>	<b>3,843.45</b>	<b>6,687.28%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>				
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	12,497.93	88,963.85	117,334.00	75.82%
Total Other Income	12,497.93	88,963.85	117,334.00	75.82%
<b>Other Expense</b>				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	12,497.93	88,963.85	117,334.00	75.82%
Total Other Expense	12,497.93	88,963.85	117,334.00	75.82%
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-3,465.42</b>	<b>257,022.10</b>	<b>3,843.45</b>	<b>6,687.28%</b>

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$49,650.32
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$64,740.68
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$811,434.40
	<u>\$925,825.40</u>

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<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · ADOT Grant</b>				
<b>4001 · PL</b>	0.00	256,259.31	480,625.00	53.32%
<b>4002 · SPR</b>	0.00	111,361.30	219,045.00	50.84%
<b>4004 · STBG</b>	0.00	218,780.69	69,756.00	313.64%
<b>4005 · 5305d (CPG)</b>	0.00	73,201.46	159,980.00	45.76%
<b>Total 4000 · ADOT Grant</b>	0.00	659,602.76	929,406.00	70.97%
<b>4007 · PL ISATO</b>	0.00	16,916.97	10,240.00	165.21%
<b>4008 · SS4A Grant (USDOT)</b>	0.00	0.00	240,000.00	0.0%
<b>4010 · FTA Grant</b>				
<b>4020 · 5303/5305</b>	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4010 · FTA Grant</b>	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.0%
<b>4050 · ADEQ Grant</b>	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
<b>4055 · 5310 Funds</b>				
<b>4056 · RTAP</b>	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
<b>4055 · 5310 Funds - Other</b>	0.00	48,691.52	122,764.00	39.66%
<b>Total 4055 · 5310 Funds</b>	0.00	48,691.52	123,764.00	39.34%
<b>4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues</b>	75,410.64	75,410.64	80,565.84	93.6%
<b>4400 · Interest Income</b>	1,909.49	18,033.36	29,318.00	61.51%
<b>4600 · Charges for Services</b>				
<b>4904 · Traffic Count Revenue</b>	2,900.40	3,354.40	15,200.00	22.07%
<b>4600 · Charges for Services - Other</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4600 · Charges for Services</b>	2,900.40	3,354.40	15,200.00	22.07%
<b>Total Income</b>	80,220.53	822,009.65	1,588,493.84	51.75%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	80,220.53	822,009.65	1,588,493.84	51.75%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>5110 · Payroll Expenses</b>				
<b>5111 · Fringe Benefits</b>	2,703.21	17,281.16	36,897.68	46.84%
<b>5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries</b>				
<b>5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local</b>	1,436.98	5,229.14	11,422.32	45.78%
<b>5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other</b>	1,826.15	22,280.42	64,291.17	34.66%
<b>Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries</b>	3,263.13	27,509.56	75,713.49	36.33%
<b>5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries</b>	32,073.00	198,388.23	418,031.00	47.46%
<b>5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion</b>	6,948.98	41,693.88	83,387.82	50.0%
<b>5116 · ASRS</b>	3,848.76	23,806.57	49,594.23	48.0%
<b>5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance</b>	0.00	1,181.00	1,202.00	98.25%
<b>5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense</b>	1.00	71.42	588.00	12.15%
<b>5120 · Life Insurance</b>	130.00	910.00	1,872.00	48.61%
<b>Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses</b>	48,968.08	310,841.82	667,286.22	46.58%
<b>5123 · Consulting Services</b>				
<b>5134 · Contractual-Local</b>	0.00	1,151.95	78,652.00	1.47%

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5123 · Consulting Services - Other	0.00	117,818.59	599,103.00	19.67%
<b>Total 5123 · Consulting Services</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>118,970.54</b>	<b>677,755.00</b>	<b>17.55%</b>
5124 · Staff Training/Education				
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	1,128.05	3,245.60	7,000.00	46.37%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	0.00	429.00	2,722.00	15.76%
<b>Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education</b>	<b>1,128.05</b>	<b>3,674.60</b>	<b>9,722.00</b>	<b>37.8%</b>
5125 · Audit Services	17,000.00	17,000.00	25,850.00	65.76%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	409.98	2,139.37	5,200.00	41.14%
5128 · Accounting Services	0.00	24,438.15	25,000.00	97.75%
5129 · Public Participation	0.00	456.84	500.00	91.37%
5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardwar	870.85	9,156.37	15,000.00	61.04%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	0.00	5,056.87	10,300.00	49.1%
5140 · Legal	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5147 · Mobility Management Program	0.00	3,168.05	17,044.00	18.59%
5150 · IT Support	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5151 · Building Ins, property tax	0.00	5,040.00	5,500.00	91.64%
5152 · Equipment Maintenance	0.00	300.11	1,300.00	23.09%
5153 · Office Supplies	326.95	1,050.87	2,100.00	50.04%
5154 · Postage	0.00	77.75	150.00	51.83%
5155 · Printing	0.00	291.08	650.00	44.78%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	0.00	700.63	1,000.00	70.06%
5158 · Registration Fees	0.00	8,995.00	10,700.00	84.07%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5160 · Telecommunications	766.45	5,095.42	12,000.00	42.46%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	0.00	8,072.00	8,500.00	94.97%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	1,280.97	1,539.25	2,000.00	76.96%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	0.00	3,167.14	5,000.00	63.34%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5166 · Website Maintenance	0.00	247.87	200.00	123.94%
5167 · Miscellaneous Consumables	246.95	1,865.46	3,500.00	53.3%
5168 · Employee Recruitment	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.0%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	10.15	1,511.90	7,000.00	21.6%
5171 · Alarm System	0.00	294.19	700.00	42.03%
5173 · Electric Bill	570.22	4,801.37	9,000.00	53.35%
5174 · Grounds Maintence	250.00	1,500.00	4,500.00	33.33%
5175 · Janitorial	720.00	4,500.00	9,840.00	45.73%
<b>5179 · Office Building Repairs</b>				
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	330.00	520.00	63.46%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	250.00	358.39	5,000.00	7.17%
<b>Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>688.39</b>	<b>5,520.00</b>	<b>12.47%</b>
5182 · Sewer & Water	153.39	989.93	3,500.00	28.28%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	92.77	9,969.05	18,000.00	55.38%

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5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	98.65	1,132.11	3,000.00	37.74%
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	40.00	1,218.35	5,500.00	22.15%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	40.00	1,218.35	8,033.17	15.17%
Total Expense	73,183.46	557,950.48	1,583,650.39	35.23%
Net Ordinary Income	7,037.07	264,059.17	4,843.45	5,451.88%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	14,108.38	103,072.23	117,334.00	87.85%
Total Other Income	14,108.38	103,072.23	117,334.00	87.85%
Other Expense				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	14,108.38	103,072.23	117,334.00	87.85%
Total Other Expense	14,108.38	103,072.23	117,334.00	87.85%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	<b>7,037.07</b>	<b>264,059.17</b>	<b>4,843.45</b>	<b>5,451.88%</b>

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$50,684.88
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$23,471.96
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$1,115,309.97
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	\$1,189,466.81

# YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 6

## RTAC Legislative Update on Possible Priority Projects

**DATE:** January 20, 2026

**SUBJECT:** RTAC Legislative Update on Possible Priority Projects

### **SUMMARY:**

The State of Arizona legislative budget process is underway. The Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC) usually coordinates the requests from rural areas of the State for transportation projects to be funded under the State budget, depending on funding availability. Previously, the RTAC has requested Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Councils of Government (COGs) from Greater Arizona (all areas of the State except for the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas) to submit priority projects to them for eventual consideration for funding during the budget development process.

Depending on funding availability, and whether transportation projects are regarded as a high enough priority, funding has been made available, in prior years, usually for a small proportion of the projects submitted. The Greater Arizona request is focused on the unmet transportation infrastructure needs and addresses the decades-old level of under-investment.

Currently, the 2026 Legislative process at the State Capitol is in full swing, although the state budget outlook is not as rosy as in previous years. However, the RTAC-backed legislation for possible appropriations for Greater Arizona transportation projects, HB2034, is a bill that contains over 70 projects, totaling over \$454 million and the list of projects, together with brief YMPO staff analysis, is attached to this summary.

YMPO anticipates meeting with various members of the Yuma Legislative delegation from Legislative Districts 23 and 25 to discuss support for the Yuma region transportation projects that could significantly benefit the region. Also, an RTAC annual luncheon with legislators is anticipated close to the State Capitol to further discuss legislation for Greater Arizona transportation projects, on the same day as this YMPO Board meeting. YMPO Chairwoman, Councilmember Maria Cruz, and YMPO Senior Transportation Planner Villegas, will attend this meeting with legislators, to support the bill and our region's priorities.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is for information, discussion, and possible comment only, at this stage.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Paul Ward, Principal Engineer, 928-783-8911

The following table shows the amount of funds for the projects currently listed in House Bill 2304, as at 1/20/26, by head of 2025 person numbers, by each Greater Arizona County. Yuma County projects are ranked 4th highest. The next few pages show the most recent version of the House Bill 2304.

County	HB 2304 Funding	2025 Population	\$ per person	Rank
Apache	\$11,730,200	65,998	\$177.74	11
Cochise	\$43,198,300	129,042	\$334.76	2
Coconino	\$32,658,600	149,453	\$218.52	8
Gila	\$12,915,800	53,908	\$239.59	6
Graham	\$9,141,100	40,277	\$226.96	7
Greenlee	\$1,850,700	9,687	\$191.05	10
La Paz	\$11,364,000	17,273	\$657.91	1
Mohave	\$46,579,800	231,078	\$201.58	9
Navajo	\$19,272,500	111,365	\$173.06	12
Pinal	\$127,419,900	502,071	\$253.79	5
Santa Cruz	\$7,636,000	51,324	\$148.78	13
Yavapai	\$73,324,500	253,595	\$289.14	3
Yuma	\$57,748,800	222,125	\$259.98	4
HB 2034 Total	\$454,840,200			

The House Bill 2304 currently has seven pages, including the title page.

REFERENCE TITLE: **appropriations; transportation projects**

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-seventh Legislature  
Second Regular Session  
2026

# **HB 2304**

Introduced by  
Representatives Biasiucci: Bliss, Diaz, Martinez, Nguyen, Tsosie, Wilmeth

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2       Section 1. Appropriation; department of transportation;  
3                   highway projects; fiscal year 2026-2027

4       The following amounts are appropriated from the state general fund  
5       in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of transportation for the  
6       following projects:

1	1. Distribution to the city of Bullhead City 2                   for Baseline Road reconstruction project	\$ 1,543,700
2	2. Distribution to the city of Bullhead City 3                   for State Route 95 right-hand turn lane	\$ 9,000,000
3	3. Distribution to the town of Kearny for 4                   Senator Chastain Road improvements	\$ 1,000,000
4	4. Distribution to the town of Star Valley 5                   for town street improvements and town 6                   park parking lot paving	\$ 2,615,800
5	5. Distribution to the city of Globe for 6                   Pinal Creek bridge replacement	\$ 4,000,000
6	6. Distribution to the city of Globe for 7                   Yuma Street bridge replacement	\$ 3,500,000
7	7. Distribution to the town of Miami for 8                   town street and bridge improvements	\$ 2,800,000
8	8. Distribution to Pinal county for Calle 9                   Futura and Neal Street paving and 10                  improvements	\$ 1,084,400
9	9. Distribution to Pinal county for McNab 10                  Parkway paving and improvements	\$ 2,590,000
10	10. Distribution to the town of Superior for 11                  Panther Drive improvements	\$ 1,674,600
11	11. Distribution to the town of Superior for 12                  Sunset Drive improvements	\$ 1,636,000
12	12. Distribution to the town of Winkelman for 13                  Golf Course Road and Quarelli Street 14                  paving and improvements	\$ 2,583,500
13	13. Distribution to the San Carlos Apache 14                  Tribe for BIA Route 170 sidewalk 15                  improvements	\$ 54,800
14	14. Distribution to the city of Prescott 15                  for construction of and improvements to 16                  on-ramps at the interchange of State Route 17                  89A and State Route 89	\$ 4,500,000
15	15. Distribution to the city of Prescott for 16                  State Route 89 improvements between 17                  Phippen Trail roundabout and Willow 18                  Lake Road roundabout	\$ 4,908,800

1	16. Distribution to the town of Chino Valley for the development of the design concept report for State Route 89 widening project between Road 5 North and Road 3 North	\$ 400,000
2	17. Distribution to the town of Chino Valley for State Route 89 widening project between Road 5 North and Road 3 North	\$ 38,100,000
3	18. Distribution to the city of Lake Havasu City for city intersection improvement study	\$ 250,000
4	19. Distribution to the city of Lake Havasu City for Kiowa Boulevard improvements between Anacapa Drive and Canyon Cove Drive	\$ 5,600,000
5	20. Distribution to the city of Lake Havasu City for State Route 95 Multi-Use Trail improvements	\$ 1,880,000
6	21. Distribution to the city of Lake Havasu City for pavement preservation projects	\$ 9,338,800
7	22. Distribution to the city of Apache Junction for Meridian Road widening and improvements between State Route 24 and Ray Road	\$ 11,150,000
8	23. Distribution to the town of Florence for design concept review of proposed improvements to Hunt Highway between Felix Road and State Route 79	\$ 2,000,000
9	24. Distribution to the town of Florence for Hunt Highway and Attaway Road intersection improvements	\$ 5,837,300
10	25. Distribution to the Gila River Indian Community for Koli Road improvements	\$ 3,063,500
11	26. Distribution to the city of Maricopa for Sonoran Desert Parkway design between Porter Road and Interstate 10	\$ 17,007,300
12	27. Distribution to Pinal county for State Route 24 extension construction between Ironwood Road and proposed North-South freeway corridor	\$ 41,384,400
13	28. Distribution to the town of Queen Creek for Ironwood Road widening and improvements between Era Mae Boulevard and 1,250 feet south of Ocotillo Road	\$ 2,729,700
14	29. Distribution to the city of Flagstaff for West Route 66 improvements	\$ 18,649,600
15	30. Distribution to the city of Flagstaff for U.S. Route 180 Corridor improvements	\$ 8,000,000
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1	31. Distribution to the northern Arizona	
2	council of governments for rural school	
3	bus routes study	\$ 2,880,000
4	32. Distribution to the city of Sedona for	
5	State Route 89A, Forest Road and Ranger	
6	Road construction and improvement	
7	projects	\$ 8,025,600
8	33. Distribution to the town of Eagar for	
9	electric vehicle charging station	
10	development and construction on	
11	North Main Street	\$ 524,300
12	34. Distribution to the town of Clarkdale for	
13	Luke Lane paving and Broadway Street	
14	pedestrian safety improvement projects	\$ 8,256,600
15	35. Distribution to the city of Williams for	
16	Rodeo Road improvements and pedestrian	
17	trail connector projects	\$ 4,259,100
18	36. Distribution to Yavapai county for	
19	Beaver Creek Road paving project	
20	development between Montezuma Well	
21	and Ranger Road	\$ 1,433,500
22	37. Distribution to Apache county for the	
23	rural school bus route enhancement	
24	and soil stabilization project	\$ 665,500
25	38. Distribution to Apache county for	
26	Concho-Snowflake Highway pavement	
27	rehabilitation between U.S. 180A	
28	and mile post 7.5	\$ 7,390,400
29	39. Distribution to the town of Camp Verde	
30	for Montezuma Castle Highway widening	
31	and multimodal improvements	\$ 7,700,000
32	40. Distribution to the city of Page for	
33	North Lake Powell Boulevard roadway	
34	and utility improvements between	
35	Vista Avenue and South Navajo Drive	\$ 8,660,000
36	41. Distribution to the Navajo Nation for	
37	for N9205 low water crossing project	
38	at Pueblo Colorado wash	\$ 1,817,000
39	42. Distribution to the town of Eagar for	
40	South Main Street improvements between	
41	State Route 260 and West School Bus	
42	Road	\$ 3,150,000

1	43. Distribution to the Hopi Tribe for	
2	Kachina Point Road reconstruction and	
3	improvements between State Route 99	
4	and State Route 264	\$ 17,719,000
5	44. Distribution to the city of Show Low for	
6	East Woolford Road extension and	
7	construction between State Route 260	
8	and South Penrod Road	\$ 6,500,000
9	45. Distribution to the city of Winslow for	
10	Lindbergh Parkway construction and	
11	improvements between Interstate 40	
12	and State Route 87	\$ 2,096,000
13	46. Distribution to Cochise county for Moson	
14	Road improvements between State Route 90	
15	and Hereford Road	\$ 11,400,000
16	47. Distribution to the city of Sierra Vista	
17	for Buffalo Soldier Trail reconstruction	
18	and improvements	\$ 8,270,000
19	48. Distribution to the town of Huachuca City	
20	for School Drive improvements	\$ 700,400
21	49. Distribution to the town of Huachuca City	
22	for Gila Street improvements	\$ 1,800,000
23	50. Distribution to Graham county for	
24	8th Street improvements between	
25	Arena Way and 1st Avenue	\$ 2,390,500
26	51. Distribution to the San Carlos Apache	
27	Tribe for Peridot Siding Road pavement	
28	rehabilitation between BIA Route 170	
29	and U.S. Route 70	\$ 2,963,800
30	52. Distribution to the city of Douglas for	
31	State Route 80 and Washington Avenue	
32	intersection turn lane improvements	\$ 1,250,000
33	53. Distribution to the city of Douglas for	
34	downtown revitalization streetscape	
35	project	\$ 7,077,500
36	54. Distribution to Cochise county for	
37	Davis Road improvements between Central	
38	Highway and U.S. Route 191	\$ 7,083,400
39	55. Distribution to Cochise county for	
40	culvert construction and improvements	
41	at mile posts 5 and 13	\$ 5,617,000
42	56. Distribution to the town of Duncan for	
43	improvements between U.S. Route 70 and	
44	Stadium Street	\$ 1,850,700

1	57. Distribution to Graham county for	
2	Reay Lane improvements between U.S.	
3	Route 70 and Safford Bryce Road	\$ 3,730,000
4	58. Distribution to Santa Cruz county for	
5	roundabout construction and improvements	
6	at the West Frontage Road and Camino	
7	Ramanote intersection	\$ 1,103,300
8	59. Distribution to the city of Nogales for	
9	Western Avenue and Target Range Road	
10	pavement rehabilitation	\$ 6,532,700
11	60. Distribution to the city of Casa Grande	
12	for freight corridor improvements at the	
13	Trekell Road and Jimmie Kerr Boulevard	
14	intersection	\$ 8,824,800
15	61. Distribution to the city of Coolidge	
16	for Proctor and Gamble Roadway	
17	improvements	\$ 16,570,000
18	62. Distribution to the city of Eloy for	
19	Houser Road improvements between	
20	the Inland Port of Arizona and	
21	Interstate 10	\$ 8,285,000
22	63. Distribution to La Paz county for	
23	Vicksburg Road improvements between	
24	Interstate 10 and State Route 72	\$ 11,364,000
25	64. Distribution to Mohave county for Bank	
26	Street improvements between Grace Neal	
27	Parkway and Calle Castano Road	\$ 1,575,000
28	65. Distribution to the town of Colorado City	
29	for Mohave Avenue and Redwood Street	
30	reconstruction and improvements	\$ 1,008,000
31	66. Distribution to Mohave county for Rancho	
32	Sante Fe Parkway lane additions and	
33	improvements between the southerly city	
34	of Kingman city limits and Hualapai	
35	Mountain Road	\$ 9,000,000
36	67. Distribution to the city of Kingman for	
37	Flying Fortress Parkway design and	
38	construction between Berry Road and	
39	Kingman Industrial Park	\$ 7,384,300
40	68. Distribution for Gila River bridge	
41	replacement and expansion on U.S.	
42	Route 95	\$ 38,756,000
43	69. Distribution to Yuma county for	
44	U.S. Route 95 improvements between	
45	County 17th Street and Avenue D	\$ 8,340,000

1	70. Distribution to the city of Somerton for	
2	Main Street improvements at and in the	
3	vicinity of the Somerton Avenue	
4	intersection	\$ 1,652,800
5	71. Distribution to the city of Yuma for	
6	40th Street and State Route 195	
7	intersection improvements	\$ 6,000,000
8	72. Distribution to the city of Yuma for	
9	traffic signal upgrades	\$ 3,000,000

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #7**

## **The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program**

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**SUBJECT:** The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

### **SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program is a federally funded program that supports community-based projects that focus on improving safety, connectivity, and quality of life while reducing reliance on motor vehicles. The TA program is funded through a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. TA projects focus on improving safety, connectivity, and quality of life while reducing reliance on motor vehicles.

Two Transportation Alternatives projects have recently been advanced for the Yuma region. The first is **Yuma County's East Main Canal Multi-Use Pathway** project, which will extend the region's canal-based shared-use path network south of the City of Yuma. This project was awarded **\$183,885 in FY26 TA funding** to complete project scoping activities, following the reallocation of funds from a project declined elsewhere in the state. The pathway is intended to improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists while supporting long-range regional bikeway plans. YMPO commends the Yuma Regional Bicycle Coalition for its dedication to improving our community's infrastructure and advocating for this important project.

The second project is the **City of Yuma's Shared Use Pathway connecting 32nd Street to East Mesa Community Park at 36th Street along**. This project will construct a multi-use pathway along Avenue 6E and includes a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) beacon to improve pedestrian safety at 36th Street. The project has been awarded **\$424,350 in FY27 TA funding** to support design activities and **\$1.2M in FY29 TA funding** for construction. This project will provide a key non-motorized connection to the new East Mesa Community Park from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Looking ahead, the next call for Transportation Alternatives projects—representing the third cycle of the program—is expected in **February 2026**. Program updates currently underway are intended to streamline the application and review processes, making it easier and more efficient for communities to pursue future TA funding opportunities.

For **FY27** there is **\$16.98M** in funding available, with **\$5.85M** awarded to the remaining second TA cycle projects, leaving **\$11.13M** dollars in funding available during this third TA program cycle. Visit the [www.azdot.gov/TA](http://www.azdot.gov/TA) website for information about program updates, revised guidebook, and expected changes to the application process.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

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

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Jeff Heinrichs, IT Manager/Associate Planner.

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 09**

## **Election of YMPO Officers for 2026**

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Election of YMPO Officers for 2026

### **SUMMARY:**

The YMPO By-Laws for the YMPO Executive Board require that members of the YMPO shall elect the following officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer. In the absence of the Chair, or upon his/her inability to act or serve, the Vice Chair shall have the powers of the Chair. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer will serve without compensation and, shall serve for a period of one year.

By-Laws also require that elected officers of the YMPO shall serve on a rotation basis; when the Chair or Vice Chair's position is vacated, the Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair, and the Secretary-Treasurer assumes the position of Vice Chair. The Executive Board must then elect another Executive Board member to the vacant office of Secretary-Treasurer, and these Officers are elected during the February meeting.

In addition, at any one time, the three elected officers on the Executive Board must be from three different jurisdictions; and at least one office shall be held by the City of Somerton, City of San Luis, the Town of Wellton, or the Cocopah Indian Tribe. With the rotation of Councilmember Ortega YMPO Chair, and Councilmember Luis Galindo to Vice-Chair, this requirement will have been met.

Under current circumstances, Vice Chair (and Cocopah Indian Tribe Councilmember) Wynnie Ortega assumes the position of Chair, Secretary-Treasurer (and City of Somerton Councilmember) Luis Galindo assumes the position of Vice Chair and the Board needs to elect a new officer to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Although there is no requirement to rotate the Secretary/Treasurer position amongst member agencies, if historical precedence is considered, as shown in the attached Table One, a representative from Yuma County would be expected to be nominated as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Members may contact Chair Maria Cruz and/or the Executive Director to make nominations (including self-nominations), or they may do so during the meeting when called on by the Chair.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** No public comments have been received on this subject to date.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: YMPO staff usually try to meet with all new members of the YMPO Executive Board to help them get oriented to the YMPO mission and what it is that YMPO does. Furthermore, YMPO staff offer similar meetings to Officers to assist in the understanding of their increased duties.

POLICY: YMPO By-Laws specify most of the “how” Officers are chosen and “when.”

**ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action, although the election does not need to take place until the February meeting. The anticipated action would be to elect Councilmember Winnie Ortega to the position of YMPO Chair; to elect Councilmember Luis Galindo to the position of YMPO Vice Chair; and then to accept nominations and elect a new YMPO Secretary/Treasurer.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Paul Ward, Principal Engineer, 928-783-8911

**Table One - Agencies Represented as YMPO Officers - 2008 to Date**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
<b>2008</b>	San Luis	City of Yuma	Yuma County
<b>2009</b>	City of Yuma	Yuma County	City of Somerton
<b>2010</b>	Yuma County	City of Somerton	City of Yuma
<b>2011</b>	City of Somerton	City of Yuma	Yuma County
<b>2012</b>	City of Yuma	Yuma County	Cocopah Indian Tribe
<b>2013</b>	Yuma County	Cocopah Indian Tribe	City of Yuma
<b>2014</b>	Cocopah Indian Tribe	San Luis	City of Yuma
<b>2015</b>	San Luis	City of Yuma	Yuma County
<b>2016</b>	Yuma County	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton
<b>2017</b>	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton	City of Somerton
<b>2018</b>	Town of Wellton	City of Somerton	Cocopah Indian Tribe
<b>2019</b>	Cocopah Indian Tribe	City of Somerton	City of San Luis
<b>2020</b>	City of Somerton	City of San Luis	Yuma County
<b>2021</b>	City of San Luis	Yuma County	City of Yuma
<b>2022</b>	Yuma County	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton
<b>2023</b>	City of Yuma	Town of Wellton	City of San Luis
<b>2024</b>	Town of Wellton	City of San Luis	Cocopah Indian Tribe
<b>2025</b>	City of San Luis	Cocopah Indian Tribe	City of Somerton
<b>2026</b>	Cocopah Indian Tribe	City of Somerton	Yuma County

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 10**

## **YMPO Subcommittee Members and Other Representatives for 2026**

**DATE:** January 22, 2026

**SUBJECT:** YMPO Subcommittee Members and Other Representatives for CY 2025.

### **SUMMARY:**

YMPO has three subcommittees, one to oversee the annual Audit process, a second to oversee any changes to YMPO By-Laws, and a third to evaluate the Executive Director.

The Audit Subcommittee is required under YMPO By-Laws, consists of three members of the Executive Board, and is chaired by the elected YMPO Secretary/Treasurer. There are no restrictions on which agencies the members need to come from, and there are no stated term limits for members. The key role for the Audit Committee is to review the Annual Audit (also required under YMPO By-Laws) and report to the Executive Board. As stated, the Secretary/Treasurer is the Chair of the Committee, so only two additional members need to be identified.

The By-Laws Subcommittee is not actually called-out in YMPO By-Laws, but such a Committee has been utilized in the past to review proposed changes to the By-Laws and Personnel Policies and Procedures. This has occurred, on an as-needed basis, and a report is provided back to the Executive Board, with recommendations. Due to the limited need for such a Committee, the composition of the By-Laws Committee is decided on a case-by-case, as needed, basis. Regardless, the Board may decide to wait before deciding on candidates.

The Executive Director Evaluation Subcommittee is also not called out in YMPO By-Laws but is referred to as part of the YMPO Policies and Procedures Manual. In particular, Chapter II - Employment Structure and Compensation; Subchapter A - YMPO Staff; Section ii - Performance Reviews, calls for a subcommittee of three Board Members, from different agencies, one of whom will be the current Chair. This subcommittee meets with the Executive Director, discusses the Director's performance, and presents a report to the full Executive Board on possible action, including a recommendation for a raise, if appropriate.

In addition to the above subcommittees, there are two Statewide Boards and/or Councils, the Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB) and the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC). YMPO customarily appoints members (and alternates) to attend these, meetings, to represent the region. This agenda item is an advance notice that these appointments will most likely occur during the Executive Board meeting on February 26, 2026, in conjunction with the previous agenda item, and no action is anticipated at this meeting. Although subcommittee members are usually nominated and then elected,

AZSTB and RTAC representatives may also be appointed by the YMPO Chair, although elections may be held, if more than one member is nominated.

The Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB): The AZSTB is comprised of appointed officials from six districts around the state. These officials serve six-year terms, are appointed by the Governor, and are confirmed by the State Senate. The AZSTB holds approximately 12-15 meetings annually throughout the State, including two or three study sessions. District 6 comprises La Paz, Mohave, Yavapai, and Yuma Counties, and the current AZSTB District 6 member is Mohave County Manager Sam Elters.

As indicated, the **official** position for District 6 represents four Counties, so YMPO MAY choose to identify a representative, and an alternate, who have expressed an interest in attending some of the AZSTB meetings to specifically lobby the AZSTB on behalf of the Yuma region's needs, ***in addition to*** Mr. Elters.

The Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC): In the mid-90s, when the Casa Grande Resolves were being developed and implemented (benefitting mainly the substantially urban Maricopa and Pima Counties) a group of predominantly rural Arizona Counties decided to form a separate group to focus on the transportation interests of the rural areas, which covers the majority of the area of the State. That agency is the RTAC.

A Legislative Liaison person was appointed, whose main role is to track mainly transportation legislation, at both the Federal and State levels. This position is administered through the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) and is funded by all the rural Councils of Government and the smaller Metropolitan Planning Organizations, excluding the Maricopa and Pima Association of Governments (MAG and PAG). Funding is split on a population basis, and YMPO currently pays just over \$21,000, each year, to fund this effort. The current Liaison person is Kevin Adam. YMPO is a full-voting member of the RTAC and usually appoints an official representative, plus an alternate. These members sit as voting members of the RTAC Board.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** No public comments have been made on this subject, to date.

#### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** Representatives of the RTAC and the STB are usually selected from volunteers, but may be appointed by the Chair.

The appointed member of the AZSTB for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) District Six (which covers four Counties, including Yuma County) from 2018 to 2024 was Gary Knight, from the City of Yuma. The current official member for ADOT District Six is Sam Elters, from Mohave County. As such, it is appropriate to identify

members of the YMPO Board, to attend AZSTB meetings, in support of AZSTB Member Sam Elters, specifically to represent/lobby for the Yuma region's best interests.

**POLICY:** Under the current By-Laws, the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer becomes the Chair of the Audit Subcommittee.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Possible action to appoint and/or elect members to the three Subcommittees, and YMPO representatives to the AZSTB and the RTAC.

**PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

RTAC Oversight: During CY 2025, the primary member was Chairwoman Maria Cruz, and Councilmember Cecilia McCollough was the alternate.

AZSTB Oversight: During CY 2025, the primary member was Deputy Mayor Carol Smith, and Councilmember Karen Watts was the alternate.

The Audit Subcommittee: For CY 2025, Secretary/Treasurer Luis Galindo was Chair, and Councilmember Wynnie Ortega and Deputy Mayor Smith served as members.

By-Laws Subcommittee: For CY 2025, Chairwoman Cruz, Councilmember Wynnie Ortega and Supervisor Simmons served as members.

Director Evaluation Subcommittee: For CY 2025, Chairwoman Cruz, Councilmember Galindo and Deputy Mayor Smith were members.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Paul Ward, Principal Engineer, 928-783-8911.

# YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #11

## FY 2026-30 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #3

**DATE:** January 8, 2026

**SUBJECT:** FY 2026-2030 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Amendment #3.

### **SUMMARY:**

The FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP was initially approved on July 31, 2025, and has since been amended two times, most recently on December 11, 2025, by the Executive Board.

This amendment will add two TA projects to the TIP. Scoping for the shared use pathway at the East Main Canal from County 12<sup>th</sup> St to County 14<sup>th</sup> St, in Yuma County, and the design and construction of the shared use pathway from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to the East Mesa Community Park in the City of Yuma.

The scoping for the shared use pathway at the East Main Canal, from County 12th Street to County 14th Street, consists of \$183,885 in federal funds and \$11,115 in local funds in fiscal year 2026.

### **FY 2026**

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF/State	Local \$	Total \$
				2026						
YC 26-075	2026	Yuma Co.	East Main Canal: Yuma County 12th St. to Yuma County 14th St.	Scoping for Shared Pathway at East Main Canal (2 miles)	N/A	TA 5.7%	\$183,885	\$0	\$11,115	\$195,000

The design of the shared-use pathway from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to the East Mesa Community Park consists of \$424,350 in federal funds and \$25,650 in local funds in fiscal year 2027.

### **FY 2027**

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF/State	Local \$	Total \$
				2027						
YU27-02D	2027	Yuma	Connectivity Pathway to East Mesa Community Park	Shared Use Pathway from 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park	N/A	TA 5.7%	\$424,350	\$0	\$25,650	\$450,000

The construction consists of \$1,200,722 in federal funds and \$72,578 in local funds in fiscal year 2029.

### **FY 2029**

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF/State	Local \$	Total \$
				2029						
YU27-02C	2029	Yuma	Connectivity Pathway to East Mesa Community Park	Shared Use Pathway from 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park	N/A	TA 5.7%	\$1,200,722	\$0	\$72,578	\$1,273,300

The YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval of this request during the January 8, 2026, TAC meeting.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

There has been no public input on this subject.

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #3 by the Executive Board.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner, (928)783-8911.

## Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization In-Kind Match Sheet

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) is largely funded by grants from the federal government. For many of these grants, we are required to provide *non-federal matches* (state, local, and industry in-kind matches). This means that the value of your time and any expenses you may incur while attending a meeting or working on any items pertaining to the YMPO can be used to match our grants. This is only the value of your time, no actual cash is required. Your match is important to the YMPO program and in-kind matches from the industry and other participants help demonstrate the type of voluntary activity that has value to business and other constituencies in and outside of Yuma County.

**BEFORE LEAVING THIS MEETING PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND LEAVE IT WITH THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.  
PLEASE TAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES TO RECORD THE TIME YOU MAY SPEND OUTSIDE THE MEETINGS TO WORK ON YMPO  
ACTIVITIES.**

DATE	HOURS	MILEAGE	TRAVEL TIME	LODGING	OTHER	PURPOSE/ ACTIVITY
TOTALS						YMPD Office Use: Total Wage: <b>Total Mileage:</b>

*Mileage is based on \$0.67/mile (SAAM Rate)*

*Hourly wage is based off actual employment hourly wage, YMPO Executive Assistant will contact appropriate HR Department for wage information. If actual employment wage is not available, the wage is based off the OES Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Area Occupational Employment Wage Estimates for Yuma, AZ – Last Modified 01/20/2026 .*

#### YMPD OFFICE USE – HR RATE:

## YMPO OFFICE USE:

## **TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION:**

**PRINT NAME**

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**TITLE**

**SIGNATURE**

## ORGANIZATION

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**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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**DATE SIGNED**

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #13**

## **Entity Dues to Member Agencies**

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Entity Dues to Member Agencies

**SUMMARY:** During the May 2018, Executive Board (the Board) meeting, YMPO staff presented, and the Board approved, a working policy and a procedure for calculating matching funds in the YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is usually developed during the January through May timeframe, is reviewed and/or approved by the TAC, the Executive Board and then by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations (FHWA and FTA). In addition, in February 2023, the Board approved a change in calculating Local Dues to include the previously programmed local planning expenditures in arrears when calculating local dues to maintain the general fund over time. In February 2025, a preliminary assessment for entity dues was mailed to member agencies using projected numbers for planning purposes.

Since that preliminary assessment, the final Entity Dues have been assessed, considering the changes and approval of the FY 2026-27 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #1. Also, recently updated, official population estimates from the State Office of Economic Opportunity, on December 10, 2025, were adjusted. Final Assessments have been mailed to member agencies this month.

Total actual entity dues have decreased from the preliminary assessment provided last year by \$5,154 from \$80,565 to \$75,411. The dues are calculated per the Executive Board-approved process of factoring in the In-Kind matching funds needed for the fiscal year's newly awarded funds, and previously programmed local planning expenditures, to maintain the general fund over time and prevent drastic fluctuations in local dues.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public comments were made for this process.

### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** The process used to calculate matching funds and entity dues follows the previously established process.

**POLICY:** During the May 2018, Executive Board meeting, YMPO staff outlined several steps that lead to the estimation of Local Matching Funds and calculation of Entity Dues, and the process was approved by the Board. This, effectively, sets the process as YMPO Policy. In addition, in February 2023 the Board approved a change in calculating Local Dues to include the previously programmed local planning expenditures, in arrears, when calculating local dues to maintain the general fund over time.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the FY 2026 Entity Dues.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Lulu Lopez, Accountant II, 928-783-8911

FY 2026 SUMMARY		
Cash Needed	6 Year Average	Cash (Non In-Kind) Match per Agency
<b>\$75,411</b>		
City of Yuma	\$34,495.45	\$35,396.91
Yuma County	\$20,210.15	\$19,606.60
San Luis	\$12,563.88	\$14,058.21
Somerton	\$5,406.40	\$5,022.17
Wellton	\$969.62	\$900.68
Cocopah	\$367.22	\$426.07
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$74,013</b>	<b>\$75,411</b>

YMPO Entity Dues Historical Data								
YMPO Budget and Match								
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	6 Year Average
Total Budget	\$1,311,603	\$1,392,575	\$1,481,264	\$1,333,318	\$1,418,987	\$1,508,864	\$1,222,410	\$1,407,769
Total Match	\$227,056	\$185,713	\$181,151	\$154,933	\$166,716	\$167,789	\$158,390	\$180,560
Historic Cash Contributions (Non In-Kind) Match per Agency								
City of Yuma	\$36,841	\$21,537	\$29,681	\$38,479	\$41,226	\$36,789	\$35,397	\$34,092
Yuma County	\$22,586	\$12,993	\$16,781	\$21,632	\$23,075	\$21,395	\$19,607	\$19,744
San Luis	\$13,283	\$7,917	\$10,941	\$13,937	\$15,569	\$14,104	\$14,058	\$12,625
Somerton	\$6,188	\$3,597	\$4,390	\$5,660	\$6,009	\$5,280	\$5,022	\$5,187
Wellton	\$1,138	\$669	\$753	\$985	\$1,062	\$941	\$901	\$925
Cocopah	\$368	\$210	\$319	\$407	\$501	\$446	\$426	\$375
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$80,405</b>	<b>\$46,924</b>	<b>\$62,864</b>	<b>\$81,099</b>	<b>\$87,442</b>	<b>\$78,954</b>	<b>\$75,411</b>	<b>\$72,948</b>
Percent of Total Budget								
Total Match % of budget	17%	13%	12%	12%	12%	11%	13%	13%
Cash Match % of budget	6%	3%	4%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%