



YMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

February 12, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person/Virtual

230 West Morrison Street
Yuma, Arizona 85364

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Chairman	Dave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma
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Member	Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, City of San Luis
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Member	Arturo Durazo, Tribal Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Adolfo Ponce, Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Wellton
Member	Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton

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Caltrans	Beth Landrum
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call Attendance

The meeting will be called to order. Lucia Zamudio, YMPO Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, will call the attendance roll.

2. Declaration of Votes.

City of Yuma and Yuma County members will have the opportunity to declare the number of their votes.

3. Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964

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

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

3. Call to the Public

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

4. Approval of Minutes

This agenda includes a copy of the draft minutes from January 8, 2026, Regular TAC Meeting.

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

5. ADOT Presentation on Traffic Data Monitoring

A presentation by ADOT Transportation Technology Group's Traffic Monitoring on Traffic Data Monitoring and Current Traffic Count Status Map.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. ADOT MPD staff will present this item.

6. Roads of Regional Significance (RORS) Update

Consultant Kimley-Horn will provide a progress update on the Roads of Regional Significance (RORS) Study.

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

7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Next Round

The TA Program is a federally funded competitive grant program that supports community-based transportation alternative projects. Funded through a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

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

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8. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan RFP Update

YMPO was awarded the SS4A grant in fiscal year 2024. The SS4A program funds regional studies to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Request for Proposal is ready for release. TAC members will have the opportunity to review the RFP.

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

9. FY2026 FTA - 5310 Regional Mobility Management Grant Opportunity

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has released the FY2026 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding, specifically targeting Regional Mobility Management activities conducted by Councils of Governments (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) across Arizona.

This item is on the agenda for information only. Mr. JR Aguilar will present this item, and further details are contained in information summary 9.

10. YMPO and ADOT

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

- a. YMPO
- b. ADOT MPD Update

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11. In-Kind Match Forms

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City of San Luis:

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City of Yuma:

40th Street: Avenue 6E to Fortuna Road
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32nd St; Avenue 3E to Avenue 7 1/2 E Shared Pathway
Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center

Town of Wellton:

William St: Oakland Avenue to Los Angeles Avenue

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

No Projects

City of Somerton:

County 15th and Avenue D, Crest Curve Correction
Main Street Redevelopment
Cesar Chavez and Main Street Improvements

ADOT:

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- b. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) RFP

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- w. Dec 29 – Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition-Board Meeting (JR)
- x. Dec 31 – YMPO/ ADOT 5310 Quarter Report OCT – DEC (JR)
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15. Adjournment.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. Lucia Zamudio, YMPO Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, called the roll as follows:

YMPO TAC Members Present:

Chairman	Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton ^
Vice-Chairman	Dave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma ^
Member	Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, City of San Luis ^
Member	Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma ^
Member	Erika Peterson, Senior Planner, City of Yuma ~
Member	Jennifer Hobert, Regional Planner, ADOT ~
Member	Adolfo Ponce, Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Wellton ~

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

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

YMPO TAC Members Absent

Member	Frank Sanchez, County Engineer, Yuma County #
Member	Kelly Fricke, Public Works Director, Yuma County #
Member	Arturo Durazo, Tribal Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe *

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

Jason Giard, Senior Civil Engineer, Yuma County

YMPO Staff Present

Crystal Figueroa	Executive Director
Fernando Villegas	Senior Transportation Planner
Jesus Aguilar, Jr	Mobility Manager
Lourdes Lopez	Accountant II/Executive Assistant
Lucia Zamudio	Bookkeeper/ Administrative Assistant

2. Declaration of Votes.

The City of Yuma declared votes: Dave Wostenberg (2), Susan Cowey (1), and Erika Peterson (2). Yuma County declared votes: Jason Giard (2).

3. Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964

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

4. Call to the Public

There were no announcements from the public.

5. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the December 11, 2025, Meeting minutes.

MOTION: Dave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma, moved to approve the December 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma, seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

6. TAC Officer Rotation - Election of Vice-Chair

Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner, YMPO, noted that according to the YMPO Bylaws, elected officers of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) serve on a rotation basis. When the Chair's position is vacated, or the term concludes, the existing Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair, and the TAC must elect another TAC member to serve as Vice Chair. The TAC's Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, shall be from jurisdictions other than those of the same officers' jurisdictions on the YMPO Executive Board.

Dave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma, will assume the role of Chairman. Members from Town of Wellton, Yuma County, or the City of San Luis were eligible for Vice-Chairman/ Vice-Chairwoman. Adolfo Ponce, Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Wellton, declined the Vice Chair role due to current obligations.

Kelly Fricke, Public Works Director, Yuma County, confirmed via email her willingness to serve as Vice-Chairwoman for the upcoming year.

MOTION: Mr. Ponce moved to appoint Mrs. Fricke as the Vice-Chairwoman for the 2026 calendar year. Mrs. Cowey seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

7. FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #3

Mr. Villegas informed TAC Members the FY26-30 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 12th St to County 14th St, in Yuma

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County, and the design and construction of the shared use pathway from 32nd 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 FY26.

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

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

Jennifer Hobert, Regional Planner, ADOT, noted a process change for the FY 2026 scoping-only project due to fiscal year timing and schedule constraints. Now, staff will directly initiate the FY26 scoping and study projects without submitting an initiation packet. Agencies will receive an establishment letter for these projects rather than the typical LPA initiation documentation.

MOTION: Erika Peterson, Senior Planner, City of Yuma, motioned to recommend approval of the FY26-30 YMPO TIP Amendment #3 to the Executive Board. Jason Giard, Senior Civil Engineer, Yuma County, seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

8. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Next Round

The Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, YMPO, noted the TA Program is a federally funded competitive grant program that supports community-based transportation alternative projects. Funded through a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

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.

The second project is the City of Yuma's Shared Use Pathway connecting 32nd Street to East Mesa Community Park at 36th Street. The project includes a multi-use pathway along Avenue 6E and a HAWK beacon at 36th Street and received \$424,350 in FY27 TA funding for design and \$1.2M in FY29 TA funding for construction.

The third Transportation Alternatives (TA) program cycle is expected to open in February 2026. Program updates are underway to streamline the application and review process. For FY27, \$16.98M is available, with \$5.85M awarded to

January 8, 2026, YMPO Technical Advisory Committee Minutes remaining second-cycle projects, leaving \$11.13M available for the third cycle. More information is available on the ADOT TA website.

Mrs. Figueroa asked Chairman Wostenberg about the status of previously submitted Transportation Alternatives projects and whether agencies plan to advance them to the next phase. The Chairman noted some projects, including those from the school district, may still be in the scoping phase, while others were anticipated to move into design and construction.

Mr. Villegas observed the TA Program appears to have shifted to prioritize project completion. One TA project has now been awarded both design and construction funding, whereas earlier cycles focused primarily on scoping and design.

Mr. Villegas encouraged agencies with projects in the scoping or design phase to consider moving them into the next phase.

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

9. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) RFP Update

YMPO was awarded the SS4A grant in FY24. The SS4A program funds regional studies to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. YMPO is presenting this item to the TAC members for recommendations in preparing the RFP and the Scope of Work.

Mr. Villegas provided TAC Members with a timeline indicating YMPO planned to release the RFP January 8, 2026. YMPO had submitted the required form for signing the agreement on November 12, 2025, but it is still under review and has not yet been signed. As a result, the RFP release date may have to be moved to February 2026, and the project timeline will need to be adjusted. YMPO cannot move forward until the agreement is finalized.

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

10. BUILD Grant Program FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. This program offers grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects that have a significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs

Mr. Villegas noted for FY26, approximately \$1.5 billion is available, with minimum award sizes of \$1 million for rural capital projects and \$5 million for urban capital

January 8, 2026, YMPO Technical Advisory Committee Minutes projects. Planning projects have no minimum award size. The maximum award is \$25 million. Urban projects require a 20% match, while rural projects, disadvantaged communities, and areas of persistent poverty have no match requirement.

He noted that Yuma County has historically applied for BUILD funding for the Avenue D/E project and may submit again. Applications are due February 24, 2026, and application instructions are available on the program website.

Mr. Giard noted Yuma County is working on an updated application at this time.

This item was on the agenda for information only.

11. YMPO and ADOT

YMPO and ADOT staff will have the opportunity to update any other business not fully covered in previous agenda items. The LPA Project Update Report will be provided during the meeting.

A. **YMPO** (Update provided by Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner, YMPO)

1. **YMPO Executive Director on Maternity Leave** – During Crystal's leave of approximately two months, Paul Ward will be assisting YMPO
2. **Project Update Report** – Please review projects to ensure information is correct
3. **Off System Bridge (OSB) Program** – A total of three applications were submitted (one for Yuma County and two for the City of Yuma)
 - a. Both agencies have submitted for design in FY27 and construction FY28
4. **HSIP** – Four out of six HSIP applications are ready to receive funding, another project will be included as well
5. **Newsletter** – Will be provided monthly with information on community and any transportation projects

B. **ADOT MPD** (Update provided by Jennifer Hobert, Regional Planner, ADOT)

1. TA Initiation Process – Jennifer will now be doing the FY26 initiations upfront for the scoping projects

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Mr. Villegas notified TAC Members he would be sending out memos for the Roads of Regional Significance Study (RORS). In-Kind forms will need to be filled for the time spent reviewing these memos.

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Avenue D/E Corridor: 16th Street to 23rd Street – Stage 5 plans, expecting completion by the end of January 2026

Pathway-Avenue B to Avenue C/West Main Canal – ADOT will advertise for construction sometime in January 2026

County 14th at Avenue G, Traffic Signal and Left Turn Lane – Advertised December 11, 2025, expected to bid February 20, 2026

County 14th St. at Avenue C, Traffic Signal – Advertised December 11, 2025, expected to bid February 20, 2026

US95 at Avenue C, Traffic Signal – Was relocated to the West away from Somerton Airport Driveway, 60% plans due on February 13, 2026, construction is expected during FY27

County 14th at Avenue 4E, Traffic Signal – Under construction, traffic signal order will delay for eight months, flashing stop signs will be used in the meantime

County 11th and Avenue G Intersection Realignment Project – Awaiting readvertisement at the end of January 2026

Somerton Canal at County 10 1/4 Street Bridge – Survey is complete, 60% submittal due at the end of January 2026

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

Cesar Chavez Boulevard US95 to SR195 – Advertised and State Board approved, awaiting final contract, construction expected late February or early March 2026

US95-County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd Raised Medians – Final design stages, project limits being changed to budget returns

Mr. Villegas noted an amendment was necessary to highlight the reduction to the budget.

City of Yuma: Update provided by Dave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma, and Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma

40th Street: Avenue 6E to Fortuna Road – DCR is being finalized, awaiting NEPA documentation, RFQ opens January 23, 2026

Avenue 4E: B Canal Bridge (OSB) – Application was submitted for design and construction

3rd Street Bridge @ East Main Canal (OSB) – Application was submitted for design

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and construction

Crane Elementary School #13 21st Dr. & 30th St. Hawk Signal – 60% comment resolution

Shared Use Pathway East Wetland Park to Pacific Ave. – Awaiting ADOT's environmental clearance, 90% plans, expect to meet with BLR for final approval

Bus Pull-Outs: Avenue A and 16th Street – Expecting 100% plans at the end of January 2026 and move into construction phase

1st Street Shared Use Pathway from 4th Avenue to Avenue B – 90% plans

32nd St; Avenue 3E to Avenue 7 1/2 E Shared Pathway – 60% design

Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center – Obtaining final construction documents, expecting GOP submission within two weeks

Avenue 9E Widening – 60% plans, funded by local monies

Town of Wellton: Update provided by Adolfo Ponce, Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Wellton

William St: Oakland Avenue to Los Angeles Avenue – No update

Cocopah Indian Tribe: Member Not Present

No Projects

City of Somerton: Update provided by Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton

County 15th and Avenue D, Crest Curve Correction – No update

Main Street Redevelopment – No update

Cesar Chavez and Main Street Improvements – Contacting eight property owners for right-of-way acquisitions for approximately 350 feet

ADOT: Update provided by

US-95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road – 60% plans until plans are modified to reduce the limits

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YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #7

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

DATE: February 12, 2026

SUBJECT: The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

SUMMARY:

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

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. The pathway is intended to improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists while supporting long-range regional bikeway plans. YMPO commends the Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition for its dedication to improving our community's infrastructure and advocating for this important project.

The second project in our region is the **City of Yuma's Shared Use Pathway connecting 32nd Street to East Mesa Community Park at 36th Street along Avenue 6E**. This project will construct a multi-use pathway that 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 32nd Street.

Looking ahead, the next call for Transportation Alternatives projects for FY27—representing the third cycle of the program—is expected to occur on **February 27, 2026**. Program updates have been drafted and are pending final approval. These updates 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 was initially **\$16.98M** in funding available, from this amount **\$5.85M** was awarded for continuing advancement of the second TA cycle projects, leaving **\$11.13M** dollars in funding available during this next TA call for projects beginning in February. Visit the 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 - Agenda Item #8

FY2026 5310 Regional Mobility Management Notice of Funding

Availability

DATE: February 12, 2026

SUBJECT: FTA Section 5310 Funds for Regional Mobility Management

SUMMARY:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds, exclusively for Regional Mobility Management activities in FY2026 and FY2027. This competitive, two-year application cycle (with awards issued in one-year increments) is open only to Councils of Governments (COGs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), or designated entities that provide regional mobility management for an entire planning region.

YMPO is qualified to serve as the MPO responsible for regional mobility management in the Yuma area and will submit a funding application in this cycle. Funds support coordination, planning, information and referral, prioritization, and other mobility management strategies for seniors and persons with disabilities. The federal share is 80% for capital activities, requiring a 20% local match (cash or pre-approved in-kind).

Funding Breakdown:

FY2025 - Total 5310 Funding Levels	
Funding Type	Total available
Tucson	\$1,435,794
Small Urban	\$2,117,940
Rural	\$1,423,928
Rural STBG	\$1,350,000

***Level funding anticipated for FY 2026 & FY 2027 apportionments**

Application window: January 16, 2026 – March 10, 2026 at 3:00 PM MST

Submission: Electronic only via the ADOT E-Grants system

Applications will be scored statewide on project management, coordination, and specific regional mobility management criteria (e.g., stakeholder support, prioritization process, information/referral, capital investment decisions, and implemented strategies).

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON: JR Aguilar, Regional Mobility Manager/ Title VI Coordinator

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #9

Fortuna Road Crossing Resolution/Letter of Support

DATE: February 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Fortuna Road Crossing Resolution/Letter of Support

SUMMARY:

During the December 11, 2025, YMPO Executive Board meeting, Supervisor Simmons expressed his concerns regarding the recurring and prolonged closures of the Fortuna Road Railroad Crossing. Since that time, the Yuma County Board of Supervisors has approved a Resolution naming Union Pacific, expressing the supervisors' concerns about the ongoing disruption and safety risks, and urging the railroad company to invest in permanent repairs to the signal wiring and infrastructure at the crossing. He further indicated that he was willing to engage with congressional offices to seek assistance and advocated for coordinated action to prompt corrective measures. Supervisor Simmons also requested that YMPO support the Yuma County Resolution.

During the Executive Board meeting on January 29, 2026, YMPO Principal Engineer, Paul Ward, suggested that YMPO could write an immediate letter of support to the railroad company. In addition, he suggested that YMPO could also produce a Resolution supporting the County's Resolution for approval by the Executive Board during YMPO's February meeting. The Board unanimously supported this approach.

A Letter of Support has been written and sent to Union Pacific, and a draft Resolution of Support is attached to this Information Summary for review and comment by the Technical Advisory Committee, and possible recommendation to the Executive Board.

The YMPO Resolution supports the County approach, requesting a permanent, durable solution to the electrical and signaling infrastructure at the Fortuna Road crossing to prevent future weather-related failures. The Resolution also requests assistance and engagement from Arizona's congressional delegation, the Federal Railroad Administration, and other appropriate federal agencies to facilitate oversight, accountability, and, if necessary, funding solutions to ensure the repair and maintenance of the Fortuna Road Crossing.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ACTION NEEDED

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend support for the YMPO Resolution regarding the Fortuna Road Railroad Crossing. Mr. Ward will present this item, and a copy of the Letter of Support and the proposed Resolution is attached to this summary.

CONTACT PERSON:

Paul Ward, Principal Engineer.

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February 5, 2026

Chief Executive Officer
Union Pacific Railroad
1400 Douglas Street
Omaha, Nebraska, 68179

Subject: Yuma County, Arizona, Resolution Regarding Fortuna Road Railroad Crossing

Dear Mr. Vena:

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) is the formally designated MPO for the Yuma metropolitan area, including the whole of Yuma County. The agencies that we support include Yuma County and the City of Yuma.

I am writing to express YMPO's support for a recent Resolution by Yuma County, Arizona, regarding the Union Pacific Railroad Crossing on Fortuna Road, Yuma, Arizona (please see the attachment to this letter). The MPO supports their suggestions regarding proposed repairs to the crossing, and we also intend to approve a Resolution confirming that support in the near future.

We are ready to assist our member agency and your company in this effort to reduce the extended delays on Fortuna Road caused by what we understand are electrical issues during rain events. If there is anything YMPO can do to support your company in solving the problems at the crossing in question, please contact us as shown in the header.

Sincerely,

Fernando Villegas
Senior Transportation Planner

For Crystal Figueroa
Executive Director
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YUMA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION NO. 161

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE YUMA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, SUPPORTING YUMA COUNTY'S SUGGESTED REPAIRS TO THE RAILROAD CROSSING AT FORTUNA ROAD, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

WHEREAS: The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) is a multiagency transportation planning agency formed in 1983, governed by an Executive Board, for the purpose of preparing a regionwide transportation plan that provides for mobility and safe travel for citizens, economic growth, and environmental enhancements; and

WHEREAS: The Union Pacific Railroad Owns and operates a railroad line in the Yuma County area that crosses Fortuna Road between Interstate 8 and US Route 95, and the crossing of Fortuna Road is controlled by on-demand crossing arms controlled and maintained by the Union Pacific Railroad;

WHEREAS: Fortuna Road is a critical transportation corridor in Yuma County, providing essential access for residents, emergency responders, agricultural operations, commercial traffic, and personnel and operations associated with the Yuma Proving Ground; and

WHEREAS: Repeated and extended closures of the Fortuna Road railroad crossing have occurred over the past several years, including but not limited to closures on August 19, 2023; January 24, 2024; and multiple multi-day closures in 2025, including periods of two to five consecutive days; and

WHEREAS: Yuma County Public Works and officials associated with the Yuma Proving Ground have advised that the closures are frequently caused by electrical wiring failures that short out during rain events, resulting in the crossing being shut down for extended periods until repairs are made; and

WHEREAS: These prolonged closures substantially disrupt daily travel, create detours that significantly increase travel time, impede the movement of goods and agricultural products, negatively affect workforce access, and raise serious public safety concerns related to emergency response times; and

WHEREAS: The County has been informed that while temporary measures may be undertaken, the underlying wiring and infrastructure issues persist and require a permanent, capital-level fix to prevent continued failures; and

WHEREAS: Railroad crossings are subject to federal regulation and oversight, and meaningful corrective action may require coordination among the railroad operator, the Federal Railroad Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and congressional offices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization:

1. Formally expresses its concern regarding the recurring and prolonged closures of the Fortuna Road railroad crossing and the ongoing disruption and safety risks these closures impose on Yuma County residents, businesses, and agencies;
2. Urges the responsible railroad operator to promptly implement a permanent and durable repair to the electrical and signaling infrastructure at the Fortuna Road crossing to prevent future weather-related failures;
3. Offers assistance and requests engagement from Arizona's congressional delegation, the Federal Railroad Administration, and other appropriate federal agencies and State agencies to help facilitate oversight, accountability, and, if necessary, funding solutions to ensure the crossing is repaired and maintained to reliable operating standards;
4. Directs YMPO staff to transmit this Resolution to Arizona's congressional offices, relevant federal agencies, and other stakeholders, as appropriate, and to continue coordinating with the Yuma Proving Ground and other affected partners; and
5. Affirms YMPO's commitment to pursuing all reasonable advocacy avenues to protect public safety, mobility, and economic activity in Yuma County.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 29th day of February 2026.

Wynnie Ortega, Chairwoman, Executive Board
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe

ATTEST:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization