



## YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA - REVISED

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 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

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### YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairwoman	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Vice-Chair	Juan Castillo, Vice Mayor, City of Somerton
Secretary/Treasurer	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Cecilia McCollough, Councilmember, Town of Wellton
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis
Member	Carol Smith, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Mark Martinez, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Sam Elters, Arizona State Transportation Board, AZSTB/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 YMPO Executive Board (the Board) need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes. Any members of the public attending by teleconference are requested to contact YMPO staff with any questions they may have prior to the meeting.

**4. Consent Agenda.**

- A. Approval of the March 26, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Reports for March 2026.

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from March 26, 2026, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes. The March 2026 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 February 26, 2026, and the financial report for February 2026 are attached as Items 4A and 4B, respectively.**

**5. Selection of Companies to Provide Accounting & Auditing Services**

The YMPO FY 2026–27 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget includes funding for professional accounting and auditing services. The purpose of this solicitation is to provide year-end accounting and financial reporting services, including preparation of YMPO’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), related audit-ready schedules, and independent financial auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The last solicitation for such services occurred in 2020; as a result, a request for proposals for both services was advertised on March 4, 2026, and a total of 5 proposals were received.

The YMPO Staff will present a brief report, and Audit Committee Chairwoman, Supervisor Pancrazi, will present the Subcommittee’s recommendation for professional accounting and Auditing services for the FY 2026 year-end June 30, 2026.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the Audit Committee’s recommendation and authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with the preferred firms for the FY 2026 Accounting and Auditing Services. YMPO Executive Director Crystal Figueroa will present this item, and further information is provided in Information Summary 5.**

**6. FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #5**

The FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP was initially approved by the Executive Board on July 31, 2025, and has since been amended four times, most recently on March 26, 2026.

Amendment #5 revises the programmed funding amount for two projects. It increases HSIP funding and the local match amounts for the City of Somerton,

County, 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue D Intersection Improvements project, and decreases the federal and local match amounts for a transit project

**This item is on the agenda for information and discussion, and possible action to approve the FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #5. Mr. Villegas will present this item, and further information is provided in Information Summary 6.**

**7. RTAC State and Federal Legislative Update**

The Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) continues to play a key role in advancing rural transportation priorities at both the state and federal levels, advocating for increased investment in rural infrastructure.

During the ongoing 2026 legislative session, RTAC supported Transportation Priority Projects associated with House Bill (HB) 2304 and the Arizona SMART Fund (HB 2760). While both measures received hearings before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on February 18, 2026, and passed, they did not advance further in the legislative process.

RTAC will continue to coordinate with rural regions and stakeholders to pursue future funding opportunities and legislative strategies to advance priority transportation projects. The Dorn Policy Group has been contracted by RTAC to support legislative advocacy efforts during the transition period following the departure of former RTAC Liaison Kevin Adam, as recruitment for an RTAC Executive Director is underway. Eric Emmert will be present virtually to provide an update on current transportation-related legislation.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only, at this stage. Ms. Figueroa will present this item; further details are provided in the information summary 7.**

**8. Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act**

Two members of the House of Representatives have recently introduced the BASICS Act as a possible replacement for the current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which expires in September 2026. This version of the federal reauthorization bill would significantly shift the disbursement of federal transportation funds from the current 85% State/15% regional or local split to a 75%/25% split. Staff will provide further details of the BASICS bill.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only, at this stage. Ms. Figueroa will present this item, and further details are contained in the attached Information Summary 8.**

9. **Arizona Transportation Policy Summit 2026 – Flagstaff**

The 2026 Arizona Transportation Policy Summit announced that it will be held in Flagstaff, AZ on October 14–16, 2026. Executive Board members are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions on statewide transportation priorities and funding challenges.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only, at this stage. Ms. Zamudio will present this item; further details are contained in information summary 9.**

10. **ADOT Tentative 2027-2031 Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) released its tentative 2027-2031 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program on March 2, 2026, for public review and comment. The public comment period for the Tentative Five-Year Program ends at 5 p.m. on May 22, 2026.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve and submit a comment letter on the ADOT Tentative 5-Year Construction Program. Ms. Figueroa will present this item, and a copy of the letter is included in the packet as item 10.**

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

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- A. Staff Reports - Future Meetings.
- B. TAC Minutes.
- C. Conference Updates (AzTA, AZRTS, and Roads and Streets).
- D. MPO/COG Director/Planner Meetings.
- E. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council activities.
- F. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation.
- G. Status Report on AZ Smart Fund.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and for Board members and other staff reports and comments.**

12. **Possible Future Agenda Items**

The following items will 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. YMPO IT Policy
- C. AZ SMART Fund

- D. Transportation Alternatives Program
- E. Arizona Sun Cloud

13. Progress Reports

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

- a. Mar 26 – Radio interview of Travel Training program w/Russ Clark (JR)
- b. Mar 26 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV)
- c. Mar 27 – TDF 2026 Wrap up (JR)
- d. Mar 30 – YMPO RORS Project Closeout Meeting (CF, FV, JH)
- e. Mar 30 – Acct + Audit RFPs Meeting (CF, LL)
- f. Mar 30 – YRBC Meeting (JR)
- g. Mar 31 – YMPO/ ADOT 5310 Quarter Report (JR) Apr 01 – YMPO Draft Loan Calculation (CF, FV, LL)
- h. Apr 01 – YMPO Draft Loan Calculation (CF, FV, LL)
- i. Apr 01 – Crane Schools TA Program Project Discussion (CF, JH, FV)
- j. Apr 01 – AzTa Session Reviews - Admin Assist (LL, LZ)
- k. Apr 01 – Lugo's Roofing Initial Meeting (FV, LL, LZ)
- l. Apr 02 – Meeting with Raul (SMILE) (JR)
- m. Apr 02 – Reimagine Roofing - Second Call (FV)
- n. Apr 02 – 48 Solar & Roofing (LL, LZ, FV)
- o. Apr 06 – S Drive - File Retention Initiation Plan (CF, LL, LZ)
- p. Apr 06 – Mobility Managers Meeting (JR)
- q. Apr 06 – 08 – AzTA Conference (JR, JH, FV, LZ)
- r. Apr 07 – RTAC Board Meeting- HURF Letter (CF)
- s. Apr 09 – YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LZ)
- t. Apr 09 – MPO/COG Directors Meeting (CF)
- u. Apr 09 – AAPD & AFB Title 2 Digital Accessibility Webinar (JR, JH)
- v. Apr 09 – Yuma Road Safety Action Plan TAC Meeting 4 (FV)
- w. Apr 10 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV)
- x. Apr 11 – ArcGIS - Introduction to Spatial Data (JH)
- y. Apr 13 – Staff Meeting (CF, JH, JR, FV, LL, LZ)
- z. Apr 13 – ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, JH, FV)
- aa. Apr 13 – RTAC Advisory Committee (CF)
- bb. Apr 14 – Title VI On-Site Compliance Questionnaire Review (CF, JR, FV, LL)
- cc. Apr 15 – Contract Management System (LL)
- dd. Apr 15 – I-8 Corridor Profile Study Review (FV)
- ee. Apr 15 – FHWA Planning and Research Grants: Program Administration (LL)
- ff. Apr 16 – ArcGIS - Drone2Map Essentials (JH)
- gg. Apr 16 – WACOG-Networking for Community Resources (JR)
- hh. Apr 16 – Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (JH, FV)
- ii. Apr 16 – LPA DBE System Training (JR)
- jj. Apr 16 – Executive Board New Member Orientation Lunch - Vice Mayor Castillo (CF, LL)
- kk. Apr 17 – PASS Training (JR)
- ll. Apr 20 – RTAC Board Meeting: Phoenix (CF)

- mm. Apr 20 – RTAC Board Meeting (FV)
- nn. Apr 20 – Yuma CoPt Monthly Meeting (JR)
- oo. Apr 20 – CTS Meeting (FV)
- pp. Apr 21 – Evaluation Review w/Executive Director (CF, LL)
- qq. Apr 21 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, FV)
- rr. Apr 22 – Zamudio, Lucia - 2026 Performance Evaluation (LL, LZ)
- ss. Apr 22 – A Practical Look at Legally Compliant I&D for HR Leaders Webinar (LL)
- tt. Apr 23 – Quarterly SWAZ WLG Professional Development Seminar (CF)
- uu. Apr 28 – YMPO - Title VI On Site Review (CF, JH, JR, FV, LL, LZ)
- vv. Apr 28 – Yuma Road Safety Action Plan TAC Meeting 5 (CF, FV)
- ww. Apr 30 – Sun Cloud Evaluation Meeting (JH)
- xx. Apr 30 – ADOT Statewide Listening Tour--Active Transportation (CF, JH, FV)
- yy. Apr 30 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)

14. Adjournment.

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15. 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 May 28, 2026, and June 25, 2026



# YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, March 26, 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

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning (YMPO) Chairwoman, Cocopah Indian Tribe Councilmember, Wynnie Ortega, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and asked Ms. McCollough, to lead, and the Board to join her, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes.

YMPO Regional Mobility Manager, JR Aguilar, called the roll as follows:

YMPO Executive Board Members Present:

Chairwoman	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe ^
Member	Cecilia McCollough, Councilmember, Town of Wellton ^
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ^
Member	Carol Smith, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^
Member	Mark Martinez, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

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

YMPO Board Members Absent:

Vice-Chair	Lorena Delgadillo, Councilmember, City of Somerton *
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County #
Member	Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis *
Member	Sam Elters, State Transportation Board, AZ STB/ADOT #

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

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Other Attendees Present:

Veronica Shorr, Western Council of Governments (WACOG)  
Chris Joannes, Kimley-Horn  
Ryan McKell, Kimley-Horn

YMPO Staff Present:

Crystal Figueroa     Executive Director  
Fernando Villegas   Senior Transportation Planner  
Jesus Aguilar, Jr     Regional Mobility Manager  
Jeffrey Heinrichs    IT Manager/Associate Planner  
Lucia Zamudio        Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

YMPO Executive Director, Crystal Figueroa, informed the Board that a new appointment letter had been received for the City of Somerton. She stated that Juan Castillo, Vice Mayor, would serve as the next representative for the City of Somerton and Councilmember Lorena Delgadillo as an alternate.

Declaration of Votes

Councilmember Carol Smith declared three (3) votes, and Councilmember Karen Watts declared two (2) votes for the City of Yuma.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

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

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

At 3:36 p.m. Veronica Shorr, Executive Director of the Western Council of Governments, announced her arrival, virtually.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of February 26, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for February 2026.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas, moved to approve both Items A and B on the consent agenda. Councilmember Watts, seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Roads of Regional Significance Study (RORS) Final Report

Chris Joannes of Kimley-Horn presented the draft final report for the Roads of Regional Significance (RORS) Study, summarizing the identification of key regional corridors based on travel impact, connectivity, and roadway classification. He noted that the study incorporated existing plans, identified priority projects, and

evaluated high-level environmental, right-of-way, and funding considerations to support implementation.

Mr. Villegas stated that the final draft report had been presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which recommended approval.

MOTION: Chairwoman Ortega moved to approve the Roads of Regional Significance Study (RORS) Final report. Councilmember McCollough seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

It is noted that at 3:39 p.m., City of Yuma Councilmember, Mark Martinez, joined the meeting virtually.

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

YMPO Executive Director Crystal Figueroa presented the item to confirm YMPO Subcommittee appointments previously voted on at the February 26 Board meeting, noting that some nominees had not been present at that time.

She reviewed the Audit Committee structure, noting that the Secretary/Treasurer automatically serves as Chair. Councilmember Watts had self-nominated and was confirmed. With Councilmember Galindo no longer serving on the Board, an additional member was required. Councilmember Smith then self-nominated to serve on the Audit Committee.

Ms. Figueroa reviewed the Bylaws and Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee, noting self-nominations by Chairwoman Ortega and Councilmember Martinez, and a nomination for Supervisor Porchas, who accepted.

She reviewed the Executive Director Performance Evaluation Committee, noting the Chairwoman serves automatically, Councilmember Martinez had self-nominated, and Councilmember McCollough accepted the prior nomination.

Ms. Figueroa then stated that, for the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Board, an official representative and alternate were required. Councilmember Cruz had self-nominated and was confirmed, and Councilmember McCollough agreed to continue serving.

MOTION: Councilmember McCollough moved to approve the Election of YMPO Subcommittee Members and designation of official representative and alternate members for attending RTAC meetings for the calendar year 2026 as presented. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. FY 2026 – 20230 YMPO TIP Amendment #4

YMPO Senior Transportation Planner Fernando Villegas reported that the amendment included the addition of five new Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects and one revision to an existing project in the City of San Luis, noting a reduction in project length and corresponding name change. He stated that the newly funded projects had originally submitted during the 2026-2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan update and has since received funding.

He summarized the five projects, which included roadway, signal, and pedestrian safety improvements within Yuma County and the City of Yuma. He noted that all projects included design and construction phases, with some also requiring right-of-way acquisition. He further stated that construction was anticipated in FY 2029, with total federal funding of approximately \$13.6 million; some projects will require a local match.

Ms. Figueroa highlighted the return on local investment, stating that a small local contribution leveraged significant federal funding for the region.

Mr. Villegas also informed the Board that a new call for HSIP projects is expected, and staff will be prepared to support future applications.

MOTION: Councilmember McCollough moved to approve FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #4. Councilmember Watts seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Short-Range Transit Plan Request for Proposals

YMPO Regional Mobility Manager Jesus Aguilar provided an update on the Short-Range Transit Plan, stating that \$180,000 in funding, originally applied for back in January 2026, had been awarded for the project. He reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) was scheduled for release on March 30, 2026, with proposals due by April 30, 2026.

He further stated that the project timeline anticipated bringing a recommended firm to the Executive Board for approval at the May meeting. Mr. Aguilar noted that YMPO is working in conjunction with YCIPTA on the development of this plan, which will guide transit services and investments over the next several years.

Ms. Figueroa thanked Mr. Aguilar for his presentation and noted that the anticipated timeline would need to be adjusted due to the release of a major project RFP, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, which required full staff focus. She added that the Short-Range Transit Plan RFP would follow as the next priority.

9. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

Mr. Heinrichs provided an update on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program, noting it supports smaller-scale transportation projects and that the FY27 call for projects would close on April 3. He reported that approximately \$11.1 million in funding was available statewide, with projects to be funded across fiscal years 2027 through 2029.

He stated that applications require a letter of support from YMPO and reminded the Board that the Executive Director had been authorized to issue such letters due to tight timelines. He reported that YMPO had received three requests for letters of support, including projects from Yuma County for the construction for the Ferguson Lateral Canal Multi-Use Pathway from West Main Canal to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Crane School District in partnership with the City of Yuma for sponsorship of a HAWK beacon signal at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 21<sup>st</sup> Drive supporting the Gary Knox Elementary, and the City of San Luis for the Eastmain Canal Multi-Use Pathway from County Ave G to Urtuzuastegui, with additional requests anticipated by the City of Yuma.

Ms. Figueroa noted that these were valuable funding opportunities for the region and emphasized that most of the proposed projects were identified in existing planning documents, making their support appropriate.

10. Letters of Support – Congressional Directed Spending

Ms. Figueroa presented three letters of support requests from Yuma County, including the Avenue E-D Corridor project and two multi-use pathway projects along the Ferguson Lateral Canal. She noted that two of the projects were included in YMPO transportation planning documents and have previously received Board support.

She further explained that one of the projects is also being submitted under the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program to maximize funding opportunities.

11. FY 2026-27 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #3

Ms. Figueroa presented amendment #3 to the UPWP, which included the awarded Section 5305(e) CPG funding of \$180,000 for the Short-Range Transit Plan. She noted that the amendment formally incorporates the funding into the program to support the project's implementation.

MOTION: Councilmember McCollough moved to approve the FY 2026-27 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #3. Councilmember Martinez seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Title VI Update, Training and Guidance

Mr. Aguilar presented the FY 2026 Title VI Update and provided training to the Board, noting that YMPO completes annual updates to ensure compliance with non-discrimination requirements. He stated that an updated Title VI Plan was in development and would include a compliance framework to guide planning, public involvement, and program activities.

He highlighted key components of the program, including regular training, public participation efforts, and ongoing updates to reflect organizational changes. Mr. Aguilar noted that the final plan would be presented to the Board for approval prior to the August deadline and that the item was for information and discussion.

He informed the Board that YMPO had been selected for a Title VI audit by ADOT scheduled for the following month.

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- G. Status Report on AZ Smart Fund.

Ms. Figueroa reminded the Board of the upcoming Transportation Policy Summit, scheduled for October 2026, and stated that calendar invitations would be forwarded to them. She encouraged Board members to attend, noting the conference provides an opportunity to engage in transportation policy discussions. She also informed the Board of the upcoming AzTA Conference taking place next month in April.

14. Possible Future Agenda Items

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- A. YMPO Accounting Manual, Employee Manual, and Procurement Updates.
- B. AZ SMART Fund
- C. Transportation Alternatives Program
- D. Arizona Sun Cloud
- E. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Update
- F. BASICS ACT

15. Progress Reports.

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- a. Mar 3 – Staff Meeting (PW, FV, JH, JR, LL, LZ)
- b. Mar 3 – YMPO CSCS – Monthly Check-In (CF, FV, JH)
- c. Mar 3 – CTAA Leadership Academy (JR)
- d. Mar 4 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update – PMT Meeting (CF, FV, JH)
- e. Mar 4 – CTAA Leadership Academy (JR)
- f. Mar 5 – CTAA Leadership Academy (JR)
- g. Mar 6 – CTAA Leadership Academy (JR)
- h. Mar 6 – Yuma TMP Bi-Weekly Check-In (FV, JH)
- i. Mar 7 – CTAA Leadership Academy (JR)
- j. Mar 10 – ADDOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, FV, JH)
- k. Mar 10 – Regional Mobility Committee (JR)
- l. Mar 13– YMPO Technical Advisory Council Meeting (FV, JH, JR, LZ)
- m. Mar 13 – YMPO Monthly Update (JR)
- n. Mar 18 – Yuma MPO LRTP Update – PMT Meetings (CF, FV, JH)
- o. Mar 18 – Yuma PM-10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, FV, JH)
- p. Mar 20 – Yuma TMP Bi-Weekly Check-in (FV, JH)
- q. Mar 26 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (ALL)

16. Adjournment.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Ortega adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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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  
April 30, 2026

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Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director,  
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Councilmember Wynn Timer, Ortega,  
Chairwoman, YMPO Executive Board

## Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization Revenue & Expense Budget Performance March 2026

	Mar 26	Jul '25 - Mar 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · ADOT Grant</b>				
4001 · PL	0.00	333,941.82	480,625.00	69.48%
4002 · SPR	0.00	139,837.96	219,045.00	63.84%
4004 · STBG	0.00	69,178.66	69,756.00	99.17%
4005 · 5305d (CPG)	0.00	97,635.69	159,980.00	61.03%
<b>Total 4000 · ADOT Grant</b>	0.00	640,594.13	929,406.00	68.93%
4007 · PL ISATO	0.00	10,240.00	10,240.00	100.0%
4008 · SS4A Grant (USDOT)	0.00	0.00	240,000.00	0.0%
<b>4010 · FTA Grant</b>				
4020 · 5303/5305	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4010 · FTA Grant</b>	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.0%
4050 · ADEQ Grant	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
<b>4055 · 5310 Funds</b>				
4056 · RTAP	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds - Other	0.00	71,801.79	122,764.00	58.49%
<b>Total 4055 · 5310 Funds</b>	0.00	71,801.79	123,764.00	58.02%
4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	75,410.64	80,565.84	93.6%
4400 · Interest Income	3,509.79	22,703.86	29,318.00	77.44%
<b>4600 · Charges for Services</b>				
4904 · Traffic Count Revenue	0.00	4,796.80	15,200.00	31.56%
<b>Total 4600 · Charges for Services</b>	0.00	4,796.80	15,200.00	31.56%
4700 · Other Revenue				
<b>Total 4700 · Other Revenue</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	3,509.79	825,547.22	1,588,493.84	51.97%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	3,509.79	825,547.22	1,588,493.84	51.97%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>5110 · Payroll Expenses</b>				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	2,681.10	25,460.16	36,897.68	69.0%
<b>5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries</b>				
5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	1,735.79	7,457.92	12,665.83	58.88%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	2,478.14	31,987.42	64,291.17	49.75%
<b>Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries</b>	4,213.93	39,445.34	76,957.00	51.26%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	30,833.08	293,367.31	418,031.00	70.18%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	6,948.98	62,540.82	83,387.82	75.0%
5116 · ASRS	3,699.98	35,204.07	49,594.23	70.98%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	1,181.00	1,202.00	98.25%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	31.17	395.04	588.00	67.18%
5120 · Life Insurance	130.00	1,300.00	1,872.00	69.44%
<b>Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses</b>	48,538.24	458,893.74	668,529.73	68.64%
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	3,680.00	17,191.95	78,652.00	21.86%

## Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

### Revenue & Expense Budget Performance

March 2026

	Mar 26	Jul '25 - Mar 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	3,975.00	176,268.59	599,103.00	29.42%
<b>Total 5123 · Consulting Services</b>	<b>7,655.00</b>	<b>193,460.54</b>	<b>677,755.00</b>	<b>28.54%</b>
5124 · Staff Training/Education				
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	2,052.00	5,297.60	7,000.00	75.68%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	0.00	1,493.88	2,722.00	54.88%
<b>Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education</b>	<b>2,052.00</b>	<b>6,791.48</b>	<b>9,722.00</b>	<b>69.86%</b>
5125 · Audit Services	7,500.00	24,500.00	25,850.00	94.78%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	624.83	3,706.25	5,200.00	71.27%
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	675.97	10,854.93	15,000.00	72.37%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	0.00	9,519.01	10,300.00	92.42%
5138 · Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.0%
5140 · Legal	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5147 · Mobility Management Program	1,688.81	6,019.35	17,044.00	35.32%
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	1,150.00	26.1%
5153 · Office Supplies	421.09	1,817.76	2,100.00	86.56%
5154 · Postage	0.00	77.75	150.00	51.83%
5155 · Printing	16.27	438.10	650.00	67.4%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	616.50	1,317.13	1,000.00	131.71%
5158 · Registration Fees	0.00	9,745.00	10,700.00	91.08%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5160 · Telecommunications	1,015.84	7,291.92	12,000.00	60.77%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	0.00	8,072.00	8,500.00	94.97%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	0.00	1,646.64	2,000.00	82.33%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	0.00	3,917.14	5,000.00	78.34%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5166 · Website Maintenance	0.00	247.87	350.00	70.82%
5167 · Miscellenous Consumables	109.99	2,239.32	3,500.00	63.98%
5168 · Employee Recruitment	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.0%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	61.17	1,738.47	7,000.00	24.84%
5171 · Alarm System	0.00	414.19	700.00	59.17%
5173 · Electric Bill	564.49	6,466.80	9,000.00	71.85%
5174 · Grounds Maintence	250.00	2,250.00	4,500.00	50.0%
5175 · Janitorial	720.00	6,840.00	9,840.00	69.51%
5179 · Office Building Repairs				
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	405.00	520.00	77.89%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	0.00	526.17	5,000.00	10.52%
<b>Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>931.17</b>	<b>5,520.00</b>	<b>16.87%</b>
5182 · Sewer & Water	128.50	1,388.45	3,500.00	39.67%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	347.20	11,151.93	18,000.00	61.96%

## Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization Revenue & Expense Budget Performance March 2026

	Mar 26	Jul '25 - Mar 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	241.77	1,541.71	3,000.00	51.39%
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	189.49	4,494.52	5,500.00	81.72%
<b>Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment</b>	<b>189.49</b>	<b>4,494.52</b>	<b>8,033.17</b>	<b>55.95%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>73,417.16</b>	<b>818,008.27</b>	<b>1,619,893.90</b>	<b>50.5%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-69,907.37</b>	<b>7,538.95</b>	<b>-31,400.06</b>	<b>-24.01%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	11,994.40	144,258.62	117,334.00	122.95%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>11,994.40</b>	<b>144,258.62</b>	<b>117,334.00</b>	<b>122.95%</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	11,994.40	144,258.62	117,334.00	122.95%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>11,994.40</b>	<b>144,258.62</b>	<b>117,334.00</b>	<b>122.95%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-69,907.37</b>	<b>7,538.95</b>	<b>-31,400.06</b>	<b>-24.01%</b>

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$81,517.19
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$66,960.61
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$1,118,450.65
	<u>\$1,266,928.45</u>

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY Item #5**

## **Consultant Selection for Accounting & Auditing Services**

**DATE:** April 30, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Consultant Selection for Accounting & Auditing Services

### **SUMMARY:**

The YMPO By-Laws require an annual audit of the organization's accounts. To meet this requirement, YMPO contracts with two separate firms: one to provide accounting services and the other to conduct an independent financial audit. The accounting firm supports staff with year-end financial reporting and preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) while the audit firm conducts the independent financial audit. Each contract is for one year, with the option to extend for up to four (4) additional one-year terms. The last solicitation for these services was conducted in June 2020, with the same contract extension criteria, and the contract was extended for an additional year in 2025 by the Board. In preparation for new solicitations, the YMPO FY 2026–27 Biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget included funding for professional accounting and auditing services.

YMPO issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY 2026 services on March 4, 2026, and proposals were due on March 30, 2026. Three (3) proposals were received for accounting services and two (2) proposals for auditing services. The defined scope and requirements warranted a formal RFP process.

The Audit Committee evaluated all proposals in accordance with established criteria and determined the most qualified Offeror, with compensation deemed fair and reasonable. First ranked recommendation is being presented to the Board for final approval. If the first ranked Offeror negotiations are unsuccessful, YMPO may proceed with a second rank Offeror as defined in the RFP.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

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

**TECHNICAL:** Although the previous contract cycle has been concluded, the Executive Director has the authority to extend existing contracts for account and auditing services. However, issuing a new RFP allows YMPO to ensure a competitive process, evaluate current market options , and confirm that the selected forms provide the best value and service.

**POLICY:** YMPO By-Laws require an annual independent audit of the organization's financial activities and establish an Audit Committee, to oversee the process. The selection of the accounting and audit services is conducted in accordance with YMPO procurement policies and administrative guidelines, with recommendations provided by the Audit Committee for Board consideration.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to authorize the Executive Director to contract with two companies, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

**PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The Audit Committee met on April 13, 2026, and reviewed the Proposals submitted by three different companies.

The Audit Committee comprises:

Chair – Secretary/Treasurer Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County;

Member – Carol Smith, Councilmember, City of Yuma;

Member – Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911.

# The YMPO Audit

Selection of firms to provide:

**FY 2026 Accounting and Auditing Services**

# YMPO By-Laws Requirement



YMPO BY-LAWS  
REQUIRE AN ANNUAL  
AUDIT OF YMPO  
ACCOUNTS



YMPO UTILIZES TWO  
SEPARATE FIRMS; ONE TO  
PROVIDE YEAR-END  
ACCOUNTING SERVICES  
AND THE OTHER TO  
PERFORM THE  
INDEPENDENT AUDIT  
(INCL. SINGLE AUDIT)



ACCOUNTING FIRM  
ASSISTS YMPO STAFF IN  
YEAR-END  
ACCOUNTING FOR  
FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
PREPARATION



AUDIT FIRM CARRIES  
OUT THE AUDIT IN  
COLLABORATION WITH  
THE ACCOUNTING  
FIRM.

# Procurement continued & Evaluation

Separate RFPs were released on March 4, 2026

Due on March 30, 2026

Total of four (3) firms responded by deadline;

- **Three (3) firms for Accounting**
  - HeinfeldMeech & Co., P.C.
  - Walker & Armstrong, LLP
  - The PUN Group, LLP
- **Two (2) firms for Auditing**
  - HeinfeldMeech & Co., P.C.
  - Walker & Armstrong, LLP

# YMPO Audit Committee Review



Evaluates proposals based on established criteria



Reviews staff input



Ranks firms and develops recommendations



Final Recommendations are then presented to the Executive Board for approval



If negotiations with top-ranked firm are unsuccessful, YMPO may proceed with the second-ranked firm

# Final Steps & Board Action

Contracts for audit and accounting services are structured as:

One (1) base year

Up to four (4) one-year extensions



**Audit Committee recommendation of preferred firms and Board Action Requested:**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with:

**The PUN Group, LLP  
(Accounting Services)**

**HeinfeldMeech & Co.,  
(Auditing Services)**

**Prices include submitting:**

**Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR); issued by  
Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)**

# YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 6

## FY 2026-30 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #5

**DATE:** April 30, 2026

**SUBJECT:** FY 2026-2030 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Amendment #5.

**SUMMARY:**

The FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP was initially approved on July 31, 2025, and has since been amended four times, most recently on March 26, 2026, by the Executive Board.

This amendment will increase the HSIP funding and the local match amounts for the City of Somerton, County, 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and Avenue D Crest Curve Correction project. The final estimated construction cost is set at \$710,000. \$669,530 in HSIP funds and \$40,470 in local match.

According to the ADOT eligibility letter, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> revision to the project cost. The revised eligibility letter has been attached to this information summary. Amendment #2 was presented in December 2025 to reduce HSIP funding for this project.

**FY 2026**

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF/State	Local \$	Total \$
SO 24-01C	2026	Somerton	Co. 15th St Avenue D	Crest Curve Correction-Construction	FFC-5U	HSIP 5.7%	\$458,458	\$0	\$27,712	\$486,170
SO 24-01C	2026	Somerton	Co. 15th St Avenue D	Crest Curve Correction-Construction	FFC-5U	HSIP 5.7%	\$669,530	\$0	\$40,470	\$710,000

The amendment will decrease the federal and local match for a transit project. The YCIPTA Rural Operations project funding will decrease from \$646,342 to \$133,276. The new federal funding is \$125,679, and the local match is \$7,597.

**FY 2026 Transit TIP Table**

ID #	SPONSOR	PROJECT	TYPE WORK	FED AID	APPORTIONMENT	FED	LOCAL	TOTAL
<b>FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 (10/01/2025 - 9/30/2026)</b>								
YMPO-26-08	YCIPTA	YCIPTA Rural Operations	Operations	STBG-Flex	FFY 2025/26	\$374,878	\$271,464	\$646,342
YMPO-26-08	YCIPTA	YCIPTA Rural Operations	Operations	STBG-Flex	FFY 2025/26	<b>\$125,679</b>	<b>\$7,597</b>	<b>\$133,276</b>

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval of this request.

**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 recommend approval of the FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #5 to the Executive Board.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner.

January 8, 2026

Mr. Saul Albor, Jr  
Community Development Director  
City of Somerton  
143 N. State Avenue  
Somerton, AZ 85350

**Re: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

City of Somerton - County 15th St and Avenue D, Crest Curve Correction (**Revision 4**)

County 15th St and Avenue D

ADOT Project No. : T0517

Federal Project No.: HSIP-SOM-0(208)T

ESTIP ID No.: 103642

COG/MPO: YMPO

COG/MPO TIP No.: SO-24, SO-26

Southwest District, Yuma County

Dear Mr. Albor:

In accordance with the Stewardship and Oversight Agreement on Project Assumption and Program Oversight by and between Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division and the Arizona Department of Transportation, dated April 9, 2015, Attachment A, page A-1, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Section (TSS) has determined that the City of Somerton's **revised** request to utilize HSIP funds for a safety countermeasure (project) to construct safety improvements as outlined below is eligible for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding.

The safety improvements involve lowering a vertical crest curve located approximately 500 feet north of the intersection of County 15th Street and Avenue D by approximately 2-3 feet and by installing flashing beacons at current stop signs at the intersection.

At the request of the ADOT Project Manager, the first revision revised the project name and added the project numbers to the eligibility letter. All anticipated design and construction costs remained the same.

At the request of the City of Somerton and the ADOT Project Manager the second revision changed the scope of work from correcting the sight distance of the vertical crest curve to improving the sight distance by flattening the side slope on Avenue D, installing flashing stop signs and transverse rumble strips. The construction cost was reduced as shown below.

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At the request of the City of Somerton and the ADOT Project Manager, revision three increased the anticipated construction cost based on the latest ADOT C & S estimate.

**At the request of the City of Somerton and the ADOT Project Manager, this revision increases the anticipated construction cost again based on the latest ADOT C & S estimate.**

All work will be performed by contract and ground disturbing activities are anticipated. No utility relocations are anticipated.

ADOT has determined that, in accordance with 23 USC 148(a)(4)(A), this project is consistent with the State's 2019 Strategic Highway Safety Plan. It supports the "Intersections" emphasis area by implementing the "infrastructure upgrade or improvement" strategy.

During a 5-year period ending December 31, 2021, the City of Somerton experienced one fatal crash and one suspected serious injury crash at this intersection. With CMFs obtained from the CMF Clearinghouse and Combined Crash Reduction Factor calculated below (CCRF of 65%), the City of Somerton could see a 5-year reduction of 0.65 fatal and 0.65 suspected serious injury crashes. Based on the above CCRF, a **revised B/C ratio of 7.5** was calculated.

CRF 1, CMF ID # 9657: Change Intersection Sight Distance = 0.81

CRF 2, CMF ID # 6602: Replace Standard Stop Sign with Flashing LED Stop Sign, CMF = 0.585

CRF 3, CMF ID # 2705: Install Transverse Rumble Strips on Stop Controlled Approaches in Rural Areas, CMF= 0.745

$CCRF = 1 - (1 - CRF 1) \times (1 - CRF 2) \times (1 - CRF 3)$

$CCRF = 1 - (1 - .29) \times (1 - .415) \times (1 - .255)$

$CCRF = 1 - (.353)$

$CCRF = .647$  or 65%

The funding for this project is established under the ADOT HSIP and is eligible to be funded at 94.3% HSIP federal funds and 5.7% local match as described in Code of Federal Register 23 CFR Part 924 (Ref: Highway Safety Improvement Program [HSIP], Arizona Department of Transportation [ADOT], Transportation Systems Management and Operations, Traffic Safety Section, February 2022; 1.1.4 Funding, Federal Share). The City of Somerton anticipates the total design/construction cost of this countermeasure at **\$1,164,000.00** (Enclosure 1) as shown below.

**Original and Revised Anticipated Costs:**

Anticipated Design/ADOT Admin – FY24		Anticipated Construction – FY26	
HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 428,122.00	HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 1,587,045.00
Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 25,878.00	Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 95,930.00
Total	\$ 454,000.00	Total	\$ 1,682,975.00

**2nd Revised Anticipated Costs:**

Anticipated Design/ADOT Admin – FY24		Anticipated Construction – FY26	
HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 428,122.00	HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 401,545.00
Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 25,878.00	Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 24,272.00
Total	\$ 454,000.00	Total	\$ 425,817.00

**3rd Revised Anticipated Costs:**

Anticipated Design/ADOT Admin – FY24		Anticipated Construction – FY26	
HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 428,122.00	HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 458,458.00
Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 25,878.00	Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 27,712.00
Total	\$ 454,000.00	Total	\$ 486,170.00

**3rd Revised Anticipated Costs:**

Anticipated Design/ADOT Admin – FY24		Anticipated Construction – FY26	
HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 428,122.00	HSIP (94.3%)	\$ 669,530.00
Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 25,878.00	Local Match (5.7%)	\$ 40,470.00
Total	\$ 454,000.00	Total	\$ 710,000.00

Please note that eligibility does not give the City of Somerton authorization to begin work. A JPA will need to be completed between the City of Somerton and ADOT prior to Federal authorization being requested. All ADOT clearances will need to be completed. Any work performed prior to federal authorization is not eligible for reimbursement.

The following will require a revised HSIP eligibility letter prior to ADOT finance requesting Federal

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authorization:

1. The project scope of work or the limits of the project change. A request for a new eligibility letter will need to be submitted outlining the changes and justification.
2. Anticipated cost estimate exceeds the above approved HSIP eligibility.
  - a. A request for a new eligibility letter will need to be submitted outlining all increased costs, justification, source of additional funds and revised total anticipated cost, if the total anticipated cost exceeds 20% of the above amount.
  - b. For anticipated cost increase less than 20% of the above amount, the HSIP Program Manager can be advised of the increased cost, justification and funding source by email. Federal authorization cannot be requested until after the Program Manager has notified FHWA of the approved increase by email.

Design and construction estimates submitted and prepared by the City of Somerton verifying the unit prices and quantities are the responsibility of the City of Somerton and any design or construction costs exceeding the above amounts must come from funding sources other than HSIP.

Per 23 USC 148 (c)(2)(F)(i) the agency is required to establish and maintain a data inventory of before and after crashes for this safety improvement project in order for an analysis and evaluation to be carried out by ADOT.

Please ensure that this project is in the TIP for the correct funding amount, the correct FY and that design and construction are broken out as separate line items (if applicable).

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at 602-712-7374. Thank you.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Amirul Rajib*  
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1/8/2026

Amirul Rajib, PhD., PE, PTOE  
Safety Programs Manager  
ADOT-Traffic Safety Section

LTT

Encl: Cost Estimate Revised  
B/C Ratio Revised  
Location and Work Limits Maps

Cc: FHWA, Arizona Division Office, ATTN: Glen Robison

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ADOT, Project Management Group, ATTN: Steve O'Brien, P.E.

ADOT, Finance, ATTN: Elise Maza

ADOT, Southwest District Administrator, ATTN: Paul Patane, P.E.

ADOT, PDO, Regional Traffic Engineer, ATTN: George Williams, P.E.

YMPO, Executive Director, ATTN: Crystal Figueroa

YMPO, Senior Transportation Planner, ATTN: Fernando Villegas

# YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 7

## RTAC State and Federal Legislative Update

**DATE:** April 30, 2026

**SUBJECT:** RTAC State and Federal Legislative Update

### **SUMMARY:**

In 2025, the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC) coordinated transportation funding requests from rural areas across the State for consideration during the State budget development process, subject to funding availability. The RTAC-backed legislation, HB2034, for possible appropriations for Greater Arizona transportation projects, included 70 projects across Greater Arizona totaling over \$480 million, with approximately \$57M identified for the YMPO region. As part of this effort, HB2760 proposed a \$15M appropriation to the Arizona SMART fund for FY 2026-27. This funding is intended to assist rural communities in securing federal transportation dollars by providing required match funding and supporting project development activities.

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

The Greater Arizona request focused on pursuing one-time funding to address long-standing transportation infrastructure needs and decades of underinvestment in rural regions.

Currently, the 2026 Legislative process is in its late stage, with most bills having either advanced through committees or no longer moving forward. While HB 2304 and HB 2760 were heard and passed in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on February 18, neither bill advanced to the House Appropriations Committee. Additionally, March State revenue collections came in approximately \$19 million below projections, further limiting the availability of funding for new transportation investments.

Looking ahead, the RTAC Board has indicated its intent to pursue another round of one-time transportation funding preparation for the FY 2027-28 State Budget, maintaining a similar request of approximately \$480M statewide, including an estimated \$57M for the YMPO region. Consideration of maintaining or updating the project priority list will be discussed at the TAC and Executive Board levels.

**ACTION NEEDED:** This item is for information, discussion, and possible comment only, at this stage.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Crystal Figueroa Executive Director, 928-783-8911

**YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #8**  
**BASICS – Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success**  
**(H.R. 7437)**

**DATE:** April 30, 2026

**SUBJECT:** BASICS – Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (H.R. 7437)

**SUMMARY:**

The current transportation funding bill (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – IIJA) is set to expire on September 30, 2026. Through the transportation reauthorization process, Congress updates federal policies to address the nation’s evolving infrastructure needs and challenges, and shapes how federal transportation funds are allocated. Various transportation coalitions at the federal and state levels support a recent marker bill introduced by two House Representatives, the BASICS Act, on February 9, 2026.

The BASICS Act (H.R. 7437) is proposed federal legislation focused on strengthening transportation infrastructure through increased investment in bridge repair, roadway safety, and regionally prioritized projects. The bill also emphasizes greater transparency in funding and improved coordination across federal, state, and local partners.

Key provisions include increased funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program to accelerate delivery of locally prioritized projects in MPO TIPs, expanded support for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and additional investment in both MPO and RTPO planning activities.

If enacted, the legislation may increase funding opportunities for YMPO and its member agencies, enhance the ability to advance projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and provide greater access to safety and infrastructure funding at the regional level.

YMPO is a member of the National Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), which closely follows the federal process on behalf of the MPOs it represents. The bill has yet to receive a hearing; it is possible that elements of it may be included in the transportation reauthorization bill, which may be available any day now. A one-pager summary has been included following the information summary for additional information.

**ACTION NEEDED:** This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director.



## **BASICS – Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act (H.R. 7437)**

America’s transportation system depends on a safe and reliable network of roads and bridges in every region of the country. [The BASICS Act](#) focuses federal transportation investment on core infrastructure needs by ensuring funding reaches communities efficiently and is used where it delivers the greatest public benefit.

What this bill does:

- **INVESTS IN REPAIRING BRIDGES:** Builds on the Bridge Formula Program to continue fixing the nation’s most deficient bridges, with a focus on both state- and locally owned infrastructure. Unlike prior approaches, the BASICS Act ensures that funding for locally owned bridges is proportional to the number of locally owned bridges in each state, directing resources to the worst-condition bridges regardless of ownership.
- **DELIVERS REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS FASTER:** Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are responsible for developing Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) that identify local priority projects that meet federal performance goals. The BASICS Act accelerates delivery of these regionally supported projects by increasing funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. As the most flexible federal transportation formula program, STBG allows states and regions to move projects forward efficiently and deliver tangible benefits for local businesses, workers, and communities in every congressional district.
- **FOCUSES ON ROAD SAFETY:** Nearly 100 people lose their lives on America’s roads every day. The BASICS Act strengthens the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to confront this crisis head-on by increasing overall safety funding and preventing states from transferring HSIP dollars away from safety priorities. The bill also ensures that 25 percent of HSIP funding is delivered regionally in both urban and rural areas, giving local governments direct access to capital for proven safety projects and building on the success of the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.
- **ENSURES TRANSPARENCY AND COLLABORATION:** Federal transportation dollars must be accountable to taxpayers. The BASICS Act improves transparency around how funding flows, what resources are available to regions, and how projects advance from planning to delivery. By reinforcing collaboration across federal, state, regional, and local partners, the bill helps ensure projects move efficiently and deliver real results on the ground.
- **BUILDS STRONG PLANS FOR RURAL AND URBAN REGIONS:** The BASICS Act invests in planning capacity by strengthening Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) and increasing Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding. Strong planning leads to better project selection, faster delivery, and smarter investments, ensuring both rural and metropolitan regions can advance projects that reflect local priorities and long-term needs.

# YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY Item #9

## 2026 Transportation Policy Summit

**DATE:** April 30, 2026

**SUBJECT:** The Arizona Transportation Policy Summit

**SUMMARY:**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Arizona Transportation Policy Summit is scheduled for October 14 to 16, 2026, in Flagstaff, AZ. Metroplan Flagstaff will host the conference. Executive Board members are invited and encouraged to participate.

The Arizona Transportation Policy Summit aims to educate state legislators and local elected officials about rural, state, and federal transportation needs. It seeks to forge lasting relationships and cultivate advocates for transportation policies across the state. The 2026 Summit will be action-focused, teaching local officials and staff how to articulate their transportation priorities and linking them with Arizona legislators to discuss concrete solutions to funding gaps. Attendees and sponsors will share a common vision and commitment to an integrated, multi-modal system that serves all Arizonans and supports the economy. The Summit will offer a chance to positively influence transportation policy decisions throughout Arizona.

At this time, registration details are not available. Summit organizers have secured a block of rooms at the Drury Plaza Hotel Flagstaff; however, reservations for attendees are not yet open. A tentative event agenda is attached for your review.

Further details of the conference will be provided as they become available to YMPO. Please reference [www.azrts.org](http://www.azrts.org) for continued updates.

Please contact Lucia Zamudio at, [lzamudio@ympo.org](mailto:lzamudio@ympo.org), 928-783-8911 to confirm your interest in attending. Registration will be completed on your behalf once it becomes available. Lodging and travel expenses for Executive Board members are eligible and approved under the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

**ACTION NEEDED:** This item is for information and discussion only.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Lucia Zamudio, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, 928-783-8911



## Az Transportation Policy Summit 2026 Tentative Agenda

### Wednesday, October 14, 2026

#### **1-5pm:** Making the Case for Transportation Funding

This time slot will include several interactive sessions where we will learn about how to communicate our transportation needs to the public, State and Federal legislators.

#### **5-7pm:** Welcome Reception at the Gopher Hole

Networking, drinks, and appetizers

### Thursday, October 15, 2026

ADOT Listening Tour All Day!

#### **Morning:** Creating Arizona's Transportation Vision

Interactive sessions

#### **Awards Luncheon**

Awarding of the Gary Knight and Local Champion Awards. Addresses from state and local leaders.

#### **Afternoon:** Moving Transportation Funding Forward in Arizona

The afternoon will include session on what revenue mechanisms other states have enacted to fund transportation projects, a look at what mechanisms have been explored in Arizona, and a legislator panel.

#### **5:30-8pm:** State Transportation Board Reception at Lowell Observatory

Stay for an evening under the stars with special presentations by Lowell Observatory staff just for Summit attendees!

### Friday, October 16, 2026

#### **9am:** State Transportation Board Meeting

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

## **ADOT Tentative 2027-2031 Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

**DATE:** April 30, 2026

**SUBJECT:** ADOT Tentative 2027-2031 Transportation Facilities Construction Program

### **SUMMARY:**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) released its tentative 2027-2031 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program on March 2, 2026, for public review and comment. The public comment period for the Tentative Five-Year Program ends at 5 p.m. on May 22, 2026. The program can be accessed by clicking the following link,

[ADOT Tentative FY 2027-2031 Transportation Facilities Construction Program](#)

Overall, the five-year program represents approximately \$9.85 billion statewide investment over FY 2027–2031, with a strong emphasis on system preservation and rural Arizona needs.

For Greater Arizona (including the YMPO region), approximately \$4.1 billion is programmed, with funding priorities heavily weighted toward:

- Pavement and bridge preservation (~\$2.7B)
- Safety and operational improvements (~\$939M) – some HSIP projects identified
- Limited capacity expansion (~\$431M)

While the program reflects continued investment in rural Arizona, the Yuma region **does not** have a share of capacity expansion projects comparable to other corridors statewide. The program prioritizes preservation of existing infrastructure over expansion, which limits advancement of larger-scale corridor widening improvements, including the YMPO Executive Board's top priority, widening segments of US 95. There is limited expansion in rural districts, also highlights the competitive environment for advancing the US 95 project in Yuma County.

As a result, YMPO staff recommend the Board to consider a comment letter included in this info summary to reinforce the US 95 segment widening project as a statewide freight, defense, and safety priority corridor. With the FY 2023 RAISE grant funding final design of the project, strategically position a potential shovel-ready project for funding consideration.

Historically, efforts to supplement limited regional funding have helped advance the US 95 corridor. These include successful legislative appropriations, such as the \$33M currently funding intersection improvements near the Yuma Proving Ground entrance, as well as federal discretionary grants, including DCIP and RAISE Awards.

**ACTION NEEDED:** This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve and submit a comment letter on the ADOT Tentative 5-Year Construction Program.

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April 30, 2026

Arizona State Transportation Board  
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Subject: Request to Program US 95 Corridor Widening – FY 2027–2031 Five-Year Program

Dear Chair Maxwell and Members of the State Transportation Board:

On behalf of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Executive Board, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Tentative FY 2027-2031 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program and thank ADOT and the State Transportation Board for their continued investment in rural Arizona.

YMPO respectfully requests that ADOT and the State Transportation Board prioritize and program US 95 widening segment, specifically between the Wellton-Mohawk Canal and Imperial Dam Road in the final FY 2027–2031 Five-Year Program or subsequent updates.

While the program emphasizes preservation and safety, it does not include any meaningful capacity expansion projects within the Yuma region. The continued absence of US 95 widening remains a critical gap given the corridor's regional and statewide importance.

US 95 is a vital corridor supporting freight, agriculture, Tribal communities, and local travel, and serves as the primary access to the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). Despite increasing demand, the corridor remains largely a two-lane undivided highway constructed in 1957, with approximately 10 miles still in need of widening to improve safety and reliability. Recent investments, including key intersection improvements and roundabouts in the current five-year program, were achieved through regional advocacy that resulted in state legislative appropriations.

The YMPO Executive Board has consistently identified US 95 widening as its top regional priority. The project is supported by adopted planning documents and is advancing through development. Federal discretionary funding, including a FY 2023 RAISE grant, is currently supporting project final design and positioning the corridor to effectively leverage prior federal investment with timely state programming.

Given the corridor's readiness, demonstrated investment, and statewide significance, YMPO urges the State Transportation Board to program US 95 widening within this program cycle. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in addressing rural transportation needs.

Sincerely,

Winnie Ortega  
Chair, YMPO Executive Board  
Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe