



YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026
3:30 P.M.

The Meeting will be held In-Person and/or using
GoToMeeting by Video and/or Teleconference from
the Main Conference Room at the YMPO Offices at
230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364

YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairwoman	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 Title VI Coordinator, will read a brief Title VI nondiscrimination statement. Additional information regarding Title VI accommodations and YMPO's voluntary public participation self-identification survey is provided at the end of this agenda.

In addition, this item also provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the YMPO Executive Board on matters within YMPO's jurisdiction that are not otherwise listed on the agenda. Individuals wishing to speak need not request permission in advance and will be limited to three (3) minutes.

4. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of August 27, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Reports for August 2026.

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from August 27, 2026, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes. The August 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 August 27, 2026, and the financial report for August 2026 are attached as Items 4A and 4B, respectively.

5. Staff Hiring Update

Staff will provide an update on current staffing. Recruitment for the Senior Transportation Planner position has been completed. An offer was extended to a candidate, and the candidate has accepted the position.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible comment. Ms. Figueroa will present this item, and further information is provided in Information Summary 5.

6. PROTECT Grant Program – Regional Letter of Support

YMPO received a regional letter of support request from the City of Yuma for Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program. The grant will support improvements to 40th Street from Avenue 5½ E to Avenue 7E Street and support the 40th Street Resilient Evacuation Route Project.

This is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the letter of support for the PROTECT Grant Program. Ms. Figueroa will present this item; the letter of support is included in the packet for your review.

7. Possible New Studies in the FY 28-29 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

YMPO develops the UPWP and Annual Budget every two years, and staff is preparing for the Draft of the FY 2028-29 UPWP in coordination with the TAC and Executive Board. The annual work program review with Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and ADOT is anticipated between March and April 2027 time frame.

TAC members reviewed the prior two-year work program studies and were provided an opportunity to discuss potential regional plans or studies for consideration in FY 2028-29 UPWP. The Board will have the opportunity to review and comment on or recommend studies of interest for the region.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. Ms. Figueroa will present this item. Further information is available in the information summary in Item 7.

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

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- F. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation.
- G. Status Report on AZ Smart Fund.

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- A. YMPO Accounting Manual, Employee Manual, and Procurement Updates.
- B. AZ Transportation Policy Summit
- C. AZ SMART Fund
- D. RTAC IGA

10. Progress Reports

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

- A. Aug 27 – Special meeting of the YCIPTA Board, Title VI approval (JR)
- B. Aug 27 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, JR, LL, LZ)
- C. Aug 31 – Learn to Write Effective Policies & Procedures Module (LL)
- D. Aug 31 – Traffic Counter Expectations and Best Practices Meeting (JR)
- E. Aug 31 – Employment Annual Performance Evaluation (CF, LL)
- F. Sep 01 – Training - Payroll Adjustment for COLA (LL, LZ)
- G. Sep 01 – YMPO CSAP: Monthly Check-in (CF, JR)
- H. Sep 02 – Project Delivery Academy - Module 3 - Project Tools and Meeting Additional Federal Requirements (CF, JR, JH)

- I. Sep 02 – IRS 1099 Update - Virtual Seminar (LZ)
- J. Sep 03 – E-Verify Training (LL)
- K. Sep 03 – National Bridge Inventory Review (CF)
- L. Sep 07 – YMPO HR Meeting (CF)
- M. Sep 07 – De Minimis Review (CF, LL)
- N. Sep 08 – Staff Meeting (CF, JR, LL, LZ)
- O. Sep 08 – E-Verify Tutorials + Training (LL)
- P. Sep 10 – YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, JR, LL, LZ)
- Q. Sep 14 – Regional Mobility Committee (JR)
- R. Sep 14 – ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF)
- S. Sep 15 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF)
- T. Sep 17 – Grants Guidance (CF, JR, LL)
- U. Sep 17 – WACOG-Networking for Community Resources (JR)
- V. Sep 17 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, JR, LL, LZ)

11. Adjournment.

Title VI and ADA Notice

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In an effort to improve participation in the transportation planning process and better understand meeting attendance, YMPO encourages attendees to complete a voluntary demographic survey.

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1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning (YMPO) Chairwoman, Cocopah Indian Tribe Councilmember, Wynnne Ortega, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked the Board to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes

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

YMPO Executive Board Members Present:

Chairwoman	Wynnne Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe ^
Vice-Chair	Juan Castillo, Vice Mayor, City of Somerton ^
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	Sam Elters, State Transportation Board, AZ STB/ADOT ^

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

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

YMPO Board Members Absent:

Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County #
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma #
Member	Mark Martinez, Councilmember, City of Yuma #

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

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

Other Attendees Present:

Paul Patane, ADOT

YMPO Staff Present:

Crystal Figueroa	Executive Director
Lourdes Lopez	Accountant II/Executive Assistant
Jesus Aguilar, JR	Regional Mobility Manager
Lucia Zamudio	Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant

Declaration of Votes:

Councilmember Smith declared all five (5) votes on behalf of the City of Yuma.

Supervisor Pancrazi declared two (2) votes on behalf of Yuma County.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

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

Mr. Aguilar stated that voluntary self-identification survey cards were available for members of the public attending the meeting in person and would also be made available online. He explained that the surveys assist with Title VI reporting requirements and expressed appreciation for the public's participation and time.

4. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the July 30, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Reports for July 2026.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas moved to approve both Items A and B on the consent agenda for July 2026. Vice-Chair Castillo seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved

5. FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #8

Ms. Figueroa presented TIP Amendment No. 8, noting that the FY 2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Program had originally been approved on July 31, 2025, and had been amended seven times. She reported that Amendment No. 8 would add six Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects that had been awarded funding by ADOT for FY 2027–FY 2029. Eligibility letters had been issued to the City of Yuma, Yuma County, and the City of San Luis confirming the awards.

The six awarded projects were summarized by fiscal year:

FY 2027: City of Yuma East Main Canal Linear Park shared-use pathway (12th Street to 14th Avenue) and East Main Canal pedestrian and bicycle bridge.

FY 2028: City of Yuma HAWK signal at 30th Street and 21st Drive and Yuma County Ferguson Lateral multi-use pathway (West Main Canal to 5th Street).

FY 2029: City of San Luis East Main Canal shared-use pathway (County Avenue G to Urtusuastegui Street) and City of Yuma HAWK installation at Avenue A and 36th Street.

Ms. Figueroa also presented administrative corrections to the FY 2027 transit TIP table related to YCIPTA's 5307 grant application. Five projects required corrections to the local match amounts and corresponding total project costs; however, the federal funding amounts remained unchanged. Following approval, YMPO would issue YCIPTA a letter of concurrence to accompany its 5307-grant application.

Supervisor Porchas asked whether the TA projects had been awarded. Ms. Figueroa confirmed that the projects had been awarded following the member agencies' applications and explained that the next steps would include ADOT preparing project agreements, execution of joint project agreements with the member agencies, and payment of the required local match. She noted that the six awards provided projects for FY 2027 through FY 2029 and expressed support for securing additional TA funding for the region in future cycles.

MOTION: Councilmember Cruz moved to approve the FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #8. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved

6. RTAC Regional Transportation Priority Projects for 2027

Ms. Figueroa reported that the RTAC Board had approved continuing the population-based regional allocation methodology used during the 2026 cycle. Under this methodology, the YMPO region had a potential allocation of \$57,748,800.

She stated that five projects previously submitted during the legislative cycle had been unsuccessful in receiving state funding. The TAC reviewed whether new projects should be considered and recommended retaining the same five projects with updated project information, cost estimates, funding requests, and fact sheets.

Ms. Figueroa noted one adjustment to the proposed funding requests: \$56,016 was shifted from ADOT's U.S. 95 Gila River Bridge Replacement and Expansion project to the City of Somerton's Main Street Improvement Project, increasing Somerton's FY 2027 request by that amount.

She also addressed a concern previously raised regarding the 40th Street/U.S. 95 project, specifically whether an at-grade intersection or grade-separated configuration should be pursued. She clarified that the project remained a City of Yuma initiative requiring continued coordination with ADOT due to its impact on state right-of-way. Approval as a regional legislative priority would not constitute approval of the project's final design or intersection configuration.

The five proposed regional priority projects were identified as the U.S. 95 project Gila River Bridge, Yuma County re-pavement phase II project, City of Somerton Main Street Improvement Project, 40th Street/SR 195 at grade intersection project, and City of Yuma traffic signal upgrades.

Ms. Figueroa stated that, following approval, the projects would be submitted to RTAC to support regional legislative advocacy efforts at the 2026 Arizona Transportation Policy Summit in October. She encouraged elected officials to engage with state representatives and advocate for the region's priority projects.

MOTION: Councilmember Cruz moved to approve RTAC Regional Transportation Priority Projects for 2027. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) IGA

Ms. Figueroa provided an overview of the RTAC, explaining that the organization represented Arizona's rural MPOs and councils of governments and provided a coordinated statewide voice on rural transportation policy, funding, and legislative priorities.

She reported that RTAC was undergoing organizational restructuring, including the appointment of an interim director and efforts to establish RTAC as an independent organization separate from the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG). Draft bylaws and an intergovernmental agreement were being reviewed by participating MPOs and COGs and their legal counsel.

Ms. Figueroa advised the Board that the restructuring could affect the eligibility of federal funds used to pay YMPO's annual RTAC assessment, particularly due to activities involving legislative advocacy, lobbying, and organizational administration. As a result, YMPO may limit the continued use of federal funds and consequently may need to use a greater portion or potentially the entire assessment, with local funds provided by member agencies. She noted that the FY 2026 assessment was \$23,039, while the FY 2027 assessment increased to \$27,160, an approximately 17% increase.

Councilmember Cruz emphasized the importance of RTAC's role in representing rural communities and advocating for transportation funding at the state and federal levels. She noted that her current term would be her final year representing YMPO on the RTAC Board and encouraged continued participation by a YMPO representative.

Ms. Figueroa reiterated that RTAC's role extended beyond individual legislative projects by providing a collective voice for rural communities. She highlighted the region's past successes in securing transportation funding as an example of the organization's value and return on investment but greater than that, a unified voice.

8. Arizona Local Technical Assistance Program (AZ LTAP) Joint Project Agreement

Ms. Figueroa provided an overview of the Arizona Local Technical Assistance Program (AZ LTAP), administered by ADOT, which provided transportation-related training, technical assistance, and technical and management resources to local public agencies. She noted that the program supported employee expertise and the safe and efficient management of the transportation system.

Ms. Figueroa reported that the previous joint project agreement between ADOT and YMPO had expired and that a new agreement was being established for FY 2027 through FY 2031. Under the agreement, YMPO would contribute \$5,000 annually, for a total of \$25,000, using federal STBG funds. Funding had been programmed for FY 2027 and FY 2028, with FY 2029–FY 2031 to be added to the TIP.

She noted that YMPO's member agencies would be eligible to participate in the program, with up to 50 transportation employees per agency able to utilize the training and resources, including technical roadway and flagger training.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute the new FY 2029 to FY 2030 AZ LTAP Joint Project Agreement. Vice Mayor Castillo seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Arizona Transportation Policy Summit

Ms. Zamudio reported that the 26th Arizona Transportation Policy Summit was scheduled for October 14–16 and would provide an opportunity for YMPO Board members, staff, and legislators to discuss regional transportation priorities, funding, and policy initiatives. She stated that YMPO planned to host a dinner for legislators, Board members, and staff, either in conjunction with the summit's welcome reception or as a separate event.

Ms. Zamudio confirmed that Senator Tim Dunn was scheduled to attend on October 14. She also reported that Councilmembers Maria Cruz, Mark Martinez, Cecilia McCollough, Chairwoman Wendy Ortega, and Supervisor Martin Porchas had confirmed their attendance.

Ms. Figueroa reviewed lodging and registration arrangements with the Board and offered to address any questions regarding travel dates. Vice-Mayor Castillo asked whether an alternate representative could attend if the designated attendee was unavailable. Ms. Figueroa confirmed that City of Somerton City Manager, Louie Galaviz, could attend as a representative and noted that he had attended the summit the previous year.

10. September Executive Board Meeting

Ms. Figueroa reported that the September Executive Board meeting conflicted with the Roads and Streets Conference scheduled for September 23–25. She recommended rescheduling the meeting to September 17 at 3:30 p.m., noting that the Board had made similar schedule adjustments in previous years.

MOTION: Councilmember Cruz moved to reschedule the September 2026 Executive Board meeting from September 24 to September 17, 2026. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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Ms. Figueroa provided an update on staff changes following the departure of the Senior Transportation Planner and IT Manager/Associate Planner. She reported that YMPO had contracted with an IT services company, which had completed the initial setup and was finalizing implementation.

She also reported that existing staff had assumed additional responsibilities related to the vacant Senior Transportation Planner position. Additionally, the Regional Mobility Manager had been reclassified as Transportation Program Manager and would continue his Regional Mobility Manager and Title VI Coordinator duties while also assuming responsibility for the traffic count program previously managed by the IT Manager. She noted that he had prior experience with the traffic count program and was becoming familiar with the related data-management responsibilities.

Ms. Figueroa asked Mr. Patane for an update on the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) grant application submitted by ADOT for funding related to U.S. 95. Mr. Patane reported that there was no update at that time, as the application was still under review. He confirmed that the request was for approximately \$3.5 million.

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- A. Jul 13 – YCIPTA - David Garcia Consultation (CF, LL)
- B. Aug 03 – Staff Meeting (CF, JR, JH, LL, LZ)
- C. Aug 05 – Project Delivery Academy - Module 2 - Project Authorization and

Project Accounting (CF, JR, JH)

- D. Aug 10 – ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, JH)
- E. Aug 13 – YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, JR, JH, LZ)
- F. Aug 13 – MPO/COG Directors Meeting (CF)
- G. Aug 13 – State Mobility Managers Meeting (JR)
- H. Aug 14 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, JR, JH)
- I. Aug 17 – RTAC Advisory Committee (CF, LL)
- J. Aug 17 – Yuma CoPt Monthly Meeting (JH)
- K. Aug 18 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF)
- L. Aug 20 – WACOG-Networking for Community Resources (JR)
- M. Aug 20 – Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (JH)
- N. Aug 21 – State Transportation Board - Prescott Valley (CF)
- O. Aug 24 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF, LL)
- P. Aug 24 – YCIPTA Board Meeting (JR)
- Q. Aug 27 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (CF, JR, JH, LL)

14. Adjournment.

Having no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Ortega adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

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Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:

Lulu Lopez, Accountant II/Executive Assistant

Minutes reviewed by:

Minutes approved in regular session on
September 17, 2026, by:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director,
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Councilmember Wynnne Ortega,
Chairwoman, YMPO Executive Board

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Revenue & Expense Budget Performance

August 2026

	Aug 26	Jul - Aug 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · ADOT Grant				
4001 · PL	0.00	0.00	421,842.00	0.0%
4002 · SPR	0.00	0.00	190,393.00	0.0%
4005 · 5305d (CPG)	0.00	0.00	157,476.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · ADOT Grant	0.00	0.00	769,711.00	0.0%
4007 · PL ISATO	0.00	0.00	10,047.00	0.0%
4008 · SS4A Grant (USDOT)	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	0.0%
4010 · FTA Grant				
4020 · 5303/5305	0.00	0.00	127,305.00	0.0%
Total 4010 · FTA Grant	0.00	0.00	127,305.00	0.0%
4050 · ADEQ Grant	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds				
4055 · 5310 Funds - Other	0.00	0.00	127,293.00	0.0%
Total 4055 · 5310 Funds	0.00	0.00	127,293.00	0.0%
4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	0.00	83,789.00	0.0%
4400 · Interest Income	946.41	6,495.16	37,000.33	17.55%
4600 · Charges for Services				
4904 · Traffic Count Revenue	0.00	0.00	16,147.86	0.0%
Total 4600 · Charges for Services	0.00	0.00	16,147.86	0.0%
Total Income	946.41	6,495.16	1,581,293.19	0.41%
Gross Profit	946.41	6,495.16	1,581,293.19	0.41%
Expense				
5110 · Payroll Expenses				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	2,479.58	4,211.65	33,292.03	12.65%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries				
5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	0.00	-133.10	13,456.55	-0.99%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	6,066.70	8,942.27	63,850.76	14.01%
Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries	6,066.70	8,809.17	77,307.31	11.4%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	26,346.14	46,207.07	372,064.00	12.42%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	4,863.88	12,858.56	72,958.20	17.63%
5116 · ASRS	3,156.27	5,535.61	44,487.00	12.44%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	1,198.00	1,153.00	103.9%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	15.41	24.42	465.00	5.25%
5120 · Life Insurance	52.00	286.00	1,560.00	18.33%
Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses	42,979.98	79,130.48	603,286.54	13.12%
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	0.00	0.00	178,852.00	0.0%
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	347.87	347.87	607,272.00	0.06%
Total 5123 · Consulting Services	347.87	347.87	786,124.00	0.04%
5124 · Staff Training/Education				

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Revenue & Expense Budget Performance

August 2026

	Aug 26	Jul - Aug 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	0.00	511.77	2,100.00	24.37%
Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education	0.00	511.77	9,100.00	5.62%
5125 · Audit Services	0.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.0%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	206.96	260.06	5,720.00	4.55%
5127 · Contracting Svcs - Individual	0.00	0.00	10,047.00	0.0%
5128 · Accounting Services	0.00	0.00	25,250.00	0.0%
5129 · Public Participation	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardwar	0.00	5,402.00	12,000.00	45.02%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
5138 · Capital Outlay	0.00	23,282.00	23,282.00	100.0%
5140 · Legal	1,292.50	1,292.50	7,000.00	18.46%
5147 · Mobility Management Program	487.11	1,375.69	28,471.00	4.83%
5150 · IT Support	1,169.87	1,169.87	21,000.00	5.57%
5151 · Building Ins, property tax	0.00	5,226.00	5,500.00	95.02%
5152 · Equipment Maintenance	0.00	95.49	1,300.00	7.35%
5153 · Office Supplies	226.26	356.85	3,000.00	11.9%
5154 · Postage	81.75	81.75	150.00	54.5%
5155 · Printing	19.51	39.02	650.00	6.0%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	0.00	366.91	1,500.00	24.46%
5158 · Registration Fees	790.00	5,410.00	11,000.00	49.18%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.0%
5160 · Telecommunications	574.48	1,420.03	12,000.00	11.83%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	0.00	8,806.00	8,850.00	99.5%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	0.00	1,900.56	5,000.00	38.01%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0%
5166 · Website Maintenance	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.0%
5167 · Miscellenous Consumables	47.15	71.10	3,500.00	2.03%
5168 · Employee Recruitment	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.0%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	0.00	2.16	7,200.00	0.03%
5171 · Alarm System	54.19	174.19	700.00	24.88%
5173 · Electric Bill	1,237.11	2,466.20	9,000.00	27.4%
5174 · Grounds Maintence	250.00	500.00	3,500.00	14.29%
5175 · Janitorial	720.00	1,620.00	9,500.00	17.05%
5179 · Office Building Repairs				
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	75.00	550.00	13.64%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	920.00	920.00	5,000.00	18.4%
Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs	920.00	995.00	5,550.00	17.93%
5182 · Sewer & Water	148.36	280.53	3,000.00	9.35%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	0.00	32.68	16,000.00	0.2%
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	486.62	592.48	3,200.00	18.52%

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Revenue & Expense Budget Performance

August 2026

	Aug 26	Jul - Aug 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment				
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	25.32	25.32	2,691.00	0.94%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment - Other	936.57	2,463.62	5,500.00	44.79%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	961.89	2,488.94	8,191.00	30.39%
Total Expense	53,001.61	145,698.13	1,681,871.54	8.66%
Net Ordinary Income	-52,055.20	-139,202.97	-100,578.35	138.4%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	0.00	12,575.17	183,000.00	6.87%
Total Other Income	0.00	12,575.17	183,000.00	6.87%
Other Expense				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	0.00	12,575.17	183,000.00	6.87%
Total Other Expense	0.00	12,575.17	183,000.00	6.87%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	-52,055.20	-139,202.97	-100,578.35	138.4%

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$83,666.20
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$51,635.96
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$1,163,141.98
	<u>\$1,298,444.14</u>

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 5

Staff Hiring Update

DATE: September 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Staff Hiring Update

SUMMARY:

Since the recent staffing changes, including the vacancy of the Senior Transportation Planner and the retirement of the IT Manager/Associate Planner, YMPO staff have adjusted workload while a replacement is found. YMPO has conducted interviews for the Senior Transportation Planner position, and an offer has been made to a preferred candidate, and the selection process is currently ongoing. The position will remain open via the Yuma County Employment site until it is filled.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There has been no public input on this subject.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

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September 17, 2026

PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program Selection Committee
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Letter of Support - City of Yuma 40th Street Resilient Evacuation Route Project

Dear PROTECT Grant Selection Committee:

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) strongly supports the City of Yuma's application under the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program for improvements to 40th Street from Avenue 5 1/2E to Avenue 7E. The YMPO Executive Board approved this letter of support on September 17, 2026.

The proposed project is consistent with the adopted YMPO FY 2026-2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which identifies a coordinated series of short-term improvements along the 40th Street corridor. These recommendations include construction and widening east of Avenue 6E, a future crossing of State Route 195, and related multimodal improvements intended to strengthen corridor connectivity. Although the City's PROTECT application uses project limits tailored to the proposed resilience investment, it advances the LRTP's broader vision for 40th Street as a more continuous and reliable east-west regional corridor.

Project Need

Yuma relies on Interstate 8 and 32nd Street as the two primary east-west routes crossing State Route 195 in this area. When Interstate 8 has closed because of a collision or other emergency, traffic has historically been diverted to 32nd Street, leaving regional east-west movement and emergency access largely dependent on one remaining corridor. A natural hazard, collision, infrastructure failure, or other disruption affecting either route could constrain evacuation, delay emergency response, and interrupt access to essential destinations.

Evacuation-Route Benefits

The 40th Street project would establish a third east-west crossing of State Route 195, providing transportation redundancy when Interstate 8 or 32nd Street is congested, closed, or impaired. The connection would support the safe movement of residents, first responders, emergency equipment, supplies, and recovery resources during evacuations and other emergencies. It would also help preserve access to nearby hospitals and fire stations and support faster transportation-system recovery following a disruptive event.

Resilience and Connectivity Benefits

The project directly advances PROTECT objectives by improving the reliability, adaptability, and resilience of Yuma's surface transportation system. The added connection would

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strengthen regional connectivity and maintain continuity of access during natural hazards and other emergencies. The broader corridor analysis also identifies safety, travel-time, and operating-cost benefits associated with a more direct and reliable transportation connection. These routine mobility and economic benefits complement the project's principal purpose of transportation resilience and evacuation-route redundancy.

YMPO respectfully requests favorable consideration of the City of Yuma's application and strongly supports the 40th Street Resilient Evacuation Route Project. This connection would advance public safety, emergency preparedness, reliable access, and Yuma's long-term transportation resilience.

Sincerely,

Wynnie Ortega, Council member,
Cocopah Indian Tribe, and YMPO Chair

Crystal Figueroa,
YMPO Executive Director

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 7

Possible New Studies in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

DATE: September 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Possible New Studies in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

SUMMARY:

YMPO is currently operating under the second year of the FY 2026–2027 UPWP and is beginning development of the FY 2028–2029 UPWP in coordination with the TAC and Executive Board representing member agencies. The annual work program review with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and ADOT is anticipated between March and April 2027.

The UPWP is YMPO's two-year work plan and budget for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. It translates the long-range goals and priorities established in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). It identifies the framework to be completed, and anticipated products, including:

- a) Development and maintenance of federally required planning documents certification documents (LRTP, UPWP, and TIP); maintenance of the YMPO travel demand model; public outreach; and administrative functions.
- b) Transportation Planning Studies managed by YMPO staff and conducted by consultant companies.**
- c) Technical Assistance to member agencies, including public involvement and coordination with transportation partners.
- d) Support to YMPO, including administrative and logistical preparation for YMPO meetings and preparation of the necessary materials and information.

Transportation Planning Studies

An important part of UPWP development is determining which regional transportation studies should be undertaken during the upcoming two-year period. Transportation studies allow YMPO and its member agencies to evaluate existing and future needs, collect and analyze regional data, identify potential strategies and improvements, and better position priority improvements for future funding and implementation.

Currently, some work program studies are completed, and others are partially funded. These studies will need programming for Year 1 of the FY 2028–2029, and the deferred may be considered as well.

The FY 2022-2045 LRTP Implementation Section also identified the following transportation planning studies that could be part of the FY 2028-29 UPWP

CURRENT FY 2026-2027	• FY 2026-2050 LRTP Completed • Complete Streets Concept Study Completed • Roads of Regional Significance Study Completed • Short-Range Transportation Plan To be Advertised • TMA Upgrade Study 50% Programmed • Interstate 8 Improvement Study ~10% Programmed
DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION	• Regional Transportation Sales Tax Study • Daily Border Crossers Study • Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Study
OTHER LRTP RECOMMENDED POSSIBILITIES	• Countywide Railroad Crossing Evaluation • Downtown San Luis Area Circulation • Yuma International Airport Traffic Circulation • Regional ITS Framework Plan • Yuma County Origin-Destination Study • Emerging Technologies Readiness Plan • Regional Active Transportation Plan

The proposed list of potential regional studies was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at the September 10 meeting for review and input. TAC provided the following comments and updates:

- Countywide Railroad Crossing Evaluation: TAC noted that Yuma County is currently working on a Railroad Elimination Study. Therefore, a separate Countywide Railroad Crossing Evaluation is not recommended at this time.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Study: TAC noted that the City of Yuma's recently updated Integrated Multimodal Transportation Plan already incorporates bicycle and pedestrian facility needs. In addition, in March 2020, YMPO finalized a Bicycle and Pedestrian Study, which incorporated specific bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Therefore, a separate study may not be a priority at this time.
- During the meeting, the need for a new project was identified Safe Routes to School Plan, and an update to the transportation services regional coordination plan, and the next Long-Range Transportation Plan.

These ongoing and recently completed efforts should be considered when determining the highest-priority regional studies for FY 2028–2029.

The next FY 2030-2053 LRTP, one of the Federal-mandated requirements, recommended start date is January 2028 in FY2028.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There has been no public input on this subject.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

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