YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2026
3:30 P.M.

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

YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairwoman	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe
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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 September 17, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Reports for September 2026.

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from September 17, 2026, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes. The September 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 September 17, 2026, and the financial report for September 2026 are attached as Items 4A and 4B, respectively.

5. New Staff Introduction

Staff will provide an update on current staffing. Recruitment for the Senior Transportation Planner position has been completed, and staff will introduce the newly selected Senior Transportation Planner.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible comments. YMPO Executive Director Ms. Figueroa will present this item.

6. Executive Board Member Service Recognition

YMPO will recognize City of San Luis Councilmember Maria Cruz in appreciation of her years of dedicated public service and her service as a member of the YMPO Executive Board representing the City of San Luis.

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 6.

7. Government Finance Office Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement

The FY 2025 Audit was completed and presented to the Executive Board by the audit firm Walker & Armstrong during the December 11, 2025, Board meeting.

YMPO is pleased to announce that its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by GFOA. This award represents the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

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

8. Proposed Census Regulations and YMPO Comment Letter

Proposed Census regulations brought to YMPO's attention through the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council could affect population and demographic data used for transportation planning, funding, and potential Transportation Management Area designation. YMPO has prepared a comment letter to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce addressing these regional considerations.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to approve the comment letter. Ms. Figueroa will present this item, and further information is provided in Information Summary 8.

9. AZ SMART Update

This item provides an update on the Arizona SMART Fund, including YMPO's $100,000 award for the 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant, current statewide funding availability, recent redistributions, and the $6.7 million legislative transfer to the State General Fund reflected in the latest report.

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

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

A. Staff Reports - Future Meetings.
B. TAC Minutes.
C. Conference Updates (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.

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C. AZ SMART Fund
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C. Sep 17 – Travel Training w/ John McKelvey (JR)
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E. Sep 18 – FRUTH Group Call – IT Services (CF, LL)
F. Sep 18 – State Transportation Board – Eloy (CF)
G. Sep 21 – ADOT CPS Interstate Corridors - TAC Meeting #3 (CF)
H. Sep 21 – RTAC Advisory Committee (CF)
I. Sep 23 – The Controller's Workshop (LL)
J. Sep 23 – YMPO HR Meeting (CF)
K. Sep 23 – Greenlight Dinner at 2026 Roads and Streets (CF, JR)
L. Sep 23 – 25 Roads and Streets Conference (CF, JR, LL, LZ)
M. Sep 28 – E-Grants IGX Refresher Training for Mobility Manager/ COGs & MPOs (CF, JR)
N. Sep 28 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF, LL)
O. Sep 28 – YCIPTA Board Meeting (JR)
P. Sep 28 – CTS Meeting (CF)
Q. Sep 29 – Monthly Follow Up Traffic Counts Uploads – YMPO (CF, JR)
R. Sep 30 – YMPO/ ADOT 5310 Quarter Report (JR)
S. Sep 30 – E-Grants IGX Refresher Training (JR)
T. Sep 30 – P2P workshop - Southcentral District (CF, LL)
U. Sep 30 – Audit review w/ PUN Group (LL)
V. Sep 30 – ARIZONA@WORK MLK Youth Program Meeting (JR)
W. Oct 01 – PASS Training (JR)
X. Oct 02 – PASS Training (JR)
Y. Oct 05 – ADOT Assistance with Data Files (JR)
Z. Oct 05 – RTAC Advisory Committee (CF, LL)
AA. Oct 05 – Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition (JR)
BB. Oct 06 – Placer.ai Consultation Meeting (JR)
CC. Oct 06 – P2P workshop - Southwest District (CF, LL)
DD. Oct 06 – Final Travel Training w/ John McKelvey (JR)
EE. Oct 07 – Project Delivery Academy - Module 4 - Project Design and Securing Clearances (JR)
FF. Oct 07 – FY26 NOFA Transit Planning Application Webinar (CF)
GG. Oct 07 – OSB Bridge Discussion w/ ADOT (CF)
HH. Oct 08 – YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, JR, LL, LZ)
II. Oct 08 – State Mobility Managers Meeting (JR)
JJ. Oct 08 – ADOT Traffic Safety for School Area Guidelines Meeting (CF)
KK. Oct 09 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, LL)
LL. Oct 12 – GoDaddy to Pax 8 Migration Review (CF, LL)
MM. Oct 12 – STV Introductions Meeting (CF, LL)
NN. Oct 12 – YMPO HR Meeting (CF, LL)

OO. Oct 13 – Travel Training w/ Barbara Holland (JR)
PP. Oct 13 – Audit Inquiry - YMPO Internal Controls (CF, LL)
QQ. Oct 13 – ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF)
RR. Oct 13 – MPO/COG Directors Meeting (CF)
SS. Oct 14 – Audit: Heinfeld Meech Revenue Questions (LL)
TT. Oct 14 – 16 – Arizona Transportation Policy Summit (CF, JR, LL, LZ)
UU. Oct 16 – State Transportation Board - Coconino County: Transportation Policy Summit (CF)
VV. Oct 19 – Funding Options Discussion w/ Cocopah (CF)
WW. Oct 19 – Yuma CoPt Monthly Meeting (JR)
XX. Oct 19 – ADEQ Dust Mitigation Plan Periodic Review Follow-up (CF)
YY. Oct 19 – CSAP Public Engagement Materials (CF)
ZZ. Oct 20 – Arizona Sun Cloud - Cloud Seeding Regional Workshops (CF, JR)
AAA. Oct 20 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF)
BBB. Oct 21 – FRUTH Group S Drive Review (CF)
CCC. Oct 21 – CTAA PASS Certification Drop Off (JR)
DDD. Oct 22 – ADOT eSTIP Training (CF)
EEE. Oct 22 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, JR)
FFF. Oct 26 – 5310 Program Implementation Workshop (JR)
GGG. Oct 26 – Yuma Transit Plan Discussion (CF)
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JJJ. Oct 27 – Monthly Follow Up Traffic Counts Uploads (CF, JR)
KKK. Oct 27 – YMPO eSTIP Training (CF, LL)
LLL. Oct 28 – CivTech Meeting (CF, JR)
MMM. Oct 28 – MOVES6 Introduction and Overview (CF)
NNN. Oct 29 – ADOT Timeline For Mobility Managers Discussion (JR)
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PPP. Oct 29 – CSAP Public Outreach: Somerton Fall Festival (CF, JR, LL)

13. Adjournment.

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YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning (YMPO) acting Chairman, City of Somerton Vice Mayor, Juan Castillo, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked the Board to join him 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:

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	Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis ~
Member	Mark Martinez, Councilmember, City of Yuma ~

^ Attended in person.
~ Participated by teleconference.

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

YMPO Board Members Absent:

Chairwoman	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe *
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County #
Member	Carol Smith, Councilmember, City of Yuma #
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma #
Member	Sam Elters, Arizona State Transportation Board, AZSTB/ADOT *

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

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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:

Mark Martinez, Councilmember, City of Yuma declared all five (5) votes on behalf of the City of Yuma.

Secretary/Treasurer, Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County, 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 August 27, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.

B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Reports for August 2026.

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez, moved to approve both Items A and B on the consent agenda for August 2026. Maria Cecilia Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis, seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved

5. Staff Hiring Update

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, YMPO, provided an update on recent staffing changes, including the vacancy of the Senior Transportation Planner position and the retirement of the IT Manager/Associate Planner. She reported that existing staff had assumed additional responsibilities while recruitment was underway.

Ms. Figueroa stated that YMPO had completed the recruitment and selection process for the Senior Transportation Planner position. She added the selected candidate had accepted the employment offer and successfully completed the required pre-employment screening and verification process.

Ms. Figueroa reported the candidate's anticipated start date was October 5,

2026, with onboarding and transition planning to begin upon their arrival. She noted that staff would continue managing the additional workload in the interim and expressed that the new Senior Transportation Planner was anticipated to attend the October Board meeting.

Mr. Martinez inquired on the candidate's identity. Ms. Figueroa responded the candidate was relocating from Alabama and brought experience in regional and urban funding, project management, and related areas.

6. PROTECT Grant Program – Regional Letter of Support

Ms. Figueroa provided an overview of the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program, a federal discretionary grant program. She reported that YMPO had received a request from the City of Yuma for a regional letter of support for its grant application. She noted the proposed grant would support improvements to 40th Street from Avenue 5E to Avenue 7E and the 48th Street Resilient Evacuation Direct Project.

Ms. Figueroa presented the draft letter of support for the Board's consideration. She explained that the proposed project was consistent with the adopted FY 2026–2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which identifies coordinated short-term improvements along the 48th Street corridor. She continued that these recommendations include widening improvements east of Avenue 6E, a future crossing of State Route 195, and related multimodal improvements intended to strengthen regional connectivity.

She noted that although the City's grant application included project limits specific to the proposed resilience improvements, the project advanced the broader long-range vision for 40th Street as a more continuous and reliable east-west regional corridor.

Ms. Figueroa reported that the City of Yuma had identified the project as a priority and was actively pursuing available funding opportunities.

She added that the grant application deadline was anticipated to be during the first week of October.

Ms. Figueroa noted the document assigned Chairwoman Ortega, as the signee but due to her absence, the signing would be arranged at a later date.

MOTION: Councilmember Cruz, moved to approve the letter of support for the PROJECT grant program as presented. Supervisor Pancrazi seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Figueroa reported that YMPO was operating under the FY 2026–2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and had begun developing the FY 2028–2029 program. She continued that the annual review with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and ADOT, in coordination with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Executive Board, and member agencies, was anticipated between March and April 2027.

Ms. Figueroa explained that the UPWP establishes the planning activities, budget, and deliverables necessary to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process. She noted required activities include maintaining the Long-Range Transportation Plan, UPWP, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), maintaining the travel demand model, conducting public outreach, providing technical assistance to member agencies, coordinating with transportation planners, and supporting YMPO operations. Ms. Figueroa added the program also identifies transportation planning studies that help evaluate regional needs, analyze data, identify improvements, and prepare projects for future funding and implementation.

Ms. Figueroa reviewed current studies, reporting that the Complete Streets Concept Study and Roads of Regional Significance Study (RORS) had been completed. She added that the Short-Range Transit Plan was expected to be advertised, while the Transportation Management Upgrade Study was approximately 50% programmed and the Interstate 8 Improvement Study was approximately 10% programmed. She noted that three additional studies had been deferred due to insufficient funding.

Ms. Figueroa presented recommended studies identified in the LRTP for consideration in the upcoming two-year program, emphasizing that inclusion did not guarantee funding and that projects would need to be prioritized according to regional needs and available resources. She added the recommendations had been presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) during the September meeting.

She reported that a TAC member noted that Yuma County was already conducting a grant-funded railroad elimination study, making a separate countywide railroad crossing evaluation potentially unnecessary due to overlapping efforts

Ms. Figueroa noted that the City of Yuma’s updated Integrated Multimodal Transportation Plan included bicycle and pedestrian facilities and that WACOG completed a similar study in 2020; therefore, a separate regional study might not

be a priority.

She noted that a Safe Routes to School Plan was also suggested for consideration. Still, she emphasized that the upcoming Long-Range Transportation Plan update was a federal requirement, that the previous update cost approximately $450,000, and that advance funding would be needed to account for anticipated consultant costs.

She also discussed a proposed regional transportation sales tax study, noting that member agencies had discussed the concept, but no updated feedback had been received regarding whether to pursue it. She added the Transportation Management Upgrade Study would also require additional funding to continue programming it in the upcoming work program.

Ms. Figueroa requested the Board's feedback on regional planning priorities. She stated that a prioritized list of proposed studies would be presented in the future for evaluation and scoring, along with an assessment of which studies could be completed within available funding.

Councilmember Cruz inquired about the budget, and he noted that while the overall budget may appear substantial, rising costs and the expenses associated with completing studies and other program activities limit the funding available for additional projects. She also explained that available funding varies from year to year depending on expenditures and carryover from the previous fiscal year.

Ms. Figueroa further noted that more studies have progressed toward completion in recent years, resulting in increased expenditures and fewer funds carried forward. She indicated that a clearer assessment of available funding and estimated study costs could be presented at the next Executive Board meeting.

Chairman Castillo asked if the list represented all the studies that would need to be evaluated by the Board.

Ms. Figueroa confirmed this was the final list and the studies exceeded what YMPO could fund and complete, emphasizing the need to evaluate and prioritize studies that would best serve the region. She noted that the LRTP update was a significant expense and that additional funding sources would need to be identified. She stated the option of potentially reallocating funds from the TIP due to insufficient funding in the UPWP.

Councilmember Cruz asked if the Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) had conducted a Daily Border Crossers Study. Ms. Figueroa replied that the study’s focus needed to be evaluated to determine whether existing origin-and-destination data from a previous partnership with the City of Yuma could address

regional needs.

Councilmember Cruz asked for an update on the Regional Transportation Sales Tax Study. Ms. Figueroa stated that she would seek feedback from member agencies regarding the status of discussions on the tax study and planned to contact Josh from Yuma County, who was coordinating communication with member agencies, to determine whether the discussion would resume following the election.

Councilmember Cruz expressed support for the tax study, noting that the funding would remain in Yuma County rather than being distributed to the state, allowing the region to directly benefit from the revenue.

Ms. Figueroa noted that approximately 85% of the state already had a half-cent transportation sales tax in place, including Coconino County and the Flagstaff area, leaving Yuma County among the 15% without one.

Ms. Figueroa proposed educating the public on the allocation of funds to allow for a successful outcome in voting. She added that a regional transportation sales tax study would help identify transportation funding needs statewide and determine how the region could benefit from implementing such a tax.
Councilmember Martinez stated that he would follow up with the City's Administrator to obtain an update on the status of discussions regarding the tax.

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

Ms. Figueroa reported that YMPO staff would be attending the Roads and Streets conference the following week and the Arizona Transportation Policy Summit scheduled for October 14–16, 2026, to which Board members were invited.

She noted that registration had been secured and that Lucia Zamudio, Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, YMPO, had provided updates on the conference. Ms. Figueroa explained that the welcome reception for the Summit could be utilized for a dinner with legislators, depending on the setting and the number of legislators available for discussion, including Senators Brian Fernandez and Tim Dunn.

Councilmember Martinez inquired about the Summit's commencement and Ms. Zamudio clarified that Board members were not required to arrive by a certain time, but the welcome reception was expected to begin at 4:00 pm on October 14, 2026.

She cautioned that travel to Flagstaff could take up to six hours due to construction and recent flooding and stated that she would provide the conference agenda and itinerary for all attending members. She noted that the main event would take place on Thursday, October 15, and that arriving later than 1:00 pm on Wednesday would not result in a significant loss of information or activities.

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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 October 29, 2026, by:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director,
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Councilmember Wynnie Ortega,
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Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
September 2026

	Sep 26	Jul - Sep 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 (FHWA)	38,695.60	38,695.60	400,000.00	9.67%
4009 · AZSMART Fund	9,673.90	9,673.90	100,000.00	9.67%
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	5,310.50	11,805.66	37,000.33	31.91%
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	53,680.00	60,175.16	1,681,293.19	3.58%
Gross Profit	53,680.00	60,175.16	1,681,293.19	3.58%
Expense				
5110 · Payroll Expenses				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	2,380.65	6,592.30	33,292.03	19.8%
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	6,819.73	15,762.00	63,850.76	24.69%
Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries	6,819.73	15,628.90	77,307.31	20.22%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	24,299.88	70,506.95	372,064.00	18.95%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	4,863.88	17,722.44	72,958.20	24.29%
5116 · ASRS	2,911.13	8,446.74	44,487.00	18.99%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	1,198.00	1,153.00	103.9%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	12.02	36.44	465.00	7.84%
5120 · Life Insurance	78.00	364.00	1,560.00	23.33%
5110 · Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00		
Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses	41,365.29	120,495.77	603,286.54	19.97%
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	0.00	0.00	178,852.00	0.0%
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	34,462.50	48,369.50	607,272.00	7.97%

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
September 2026

	Sep 26	Jul - Sep 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Total 5123 · Consulting Services	34,462.50	48,369.50	786,124.00	6.15%
5124 · Staff Training/Education				
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.0%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	275.00	786.77	2,100.00	37.47%
Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education	275.00	786.77	9,100.00	8.65%
5125 · Audit Services	0.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.0%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	620.88	880.94	5,720.00	15.4%
5127 · Contracting Srvs - Individual	0.00	0.00	10,047.00	0.0%
5128 · Accounting Services	22,500.00	22,500.00	25,250.00	89.11%
5129 · Public Participation	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0%
5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardwar	39.18	5,441.18	12,000.00	45.34%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	5,876.85	5,876.85	6,000.00	97.95%
5138 · Capital Outlay	0.00	23,282.00	23,282.00	100.0%
5140 · Legal	0.00	1,292.50	7,000.00	18.46%
5147 · Mobility Management Program	3,329.39	4,705.08	28,471.00	16.53%
5148 · Cyber Security Insurance	1,243.25	1,243.25	1,244.00	99.94%
5150 · IT Support	1,169.87	2,339.74	21,000.00	11.14%
5151 · Building Ins, property tax	0.00	5,226.00	5,500.00	95.02%
5152 · Equipment Maintenance	91.44	186.93	1,300.00	14.38%
5153 · Office Supplies	129.85	486.70	3,000.00	16.22%
5154 · Postage	0.00	81.75	150.00	54.5%
5155 · Printing	19.51	58.53	650.00	9.01%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	0.00	366.91	1,500.00	24.46%
5158 · Registration Fees	0.00	5,410.00	11,000.00	49.18%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.0%
5160 · Telecommunications	841.69	2,261.72	12,000.00	18.85%
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	429.09	2,329.65	5,000.00	46.59%
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	234.60	305.70	3,500.00	8.73%
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	0.00	174.19	700.00	24.88%
5173 · Electric Bill	1,270.03	3,736.23	9,000.00	41.51%
5174 · Grounds Maintence	330.18	830.18	3,500.00	23.72%
5175 · Janitorial	720.00	2,340.00	9,500.00	24.63%
5179 · Office Building Repairs				
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	75.00	550.00	13.64%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	0.00	920.00	5,000.00	18.4%
Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs	0.00	995.00	5,550.00	17.93%

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
September 2026

	Sep 26	Jul - Sep 26	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5182 · Sewer & Water	181.85	462.38	3,000.00	15.41%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	1,189.02	1,221.70	16,000.00	7.64%
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	532.63	1,125.11	3,200.00	35.16%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment				
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	0.00	25.32	2,691.00	0.94%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment - Other	497.13	2,960.75	5,500.00	53.83%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	497.13	2,986.07	8,191.00	36.46%
Total Expense	117,349.23	276,606.49	1,683,115.54	16.43%
Net Ordinary Income	-63,669.23	-216,431.33	-1,822.35	11,876.5%
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%
9300 · Clearing Account	14,615.04	14,615.04		
Total Other Expense	14,615.04	27,190.21	183,000.00	14.86%
Net Other Income	-14,615.04	-14,615.04	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	**-78,284.27**	**-231,046.37**	**-1,822.35**	**12,678.49%**

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	$24,824.09
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	$43,959.90
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	$1,124,924.36
	$1,193,708.35

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 6
Executive Board Member Recognition

DATE: October 29, 2026

SUBJECT: Executive Board Member Recognition – Councilmember Maria Cecilia Cruz

SUMMARY:
The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) recognizes Councilmember Maria Cecilia Cruz for her dedicated service on the YMPO Executive Board representing the City of San Luis and her contributions to regional transportation planning, coordination, and advocacy.

Councilmember Cruz served as YMPO Executive Board Chair in 2015 and 2025, following her service as Vice-Chair in 2014, 2020, and 2024, including serving as Treasurer in 2019 and 2023. In these roles, she provided leadership during the development and adoption of important regional transportation plans. During her chairmanship, the Executive Board adopted the FY 2026–2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan and FY 2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Program, establishing regional investment priorities and programming transportation improvements.

Her service also extended to statewide transportation advocacy through her representation of YMPO on the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council. In this role, she helped provide a voice for the Yuma region within a statewide forum focused on transportation needs and funding for Greater Arizona.

Throughout Board discussions, Councilmember Cruz encouraged collaboration among member jurisdictions to advance shared priorities. She also highlighted opportunities for cities, schools, and colleges to work together to address transportation safety needs. Her participation brought the City of San Luis's perspective to regional decisions while supporting cooperation across the YMPO planning area.

In addition to her transportation policy responsibilities, Councilmember Cruz contributed to YMPO's organizational oversight through service on the Audit, By-Laws, and Executive Director Evaluation subcommittees.

YMPO extends its sincere appreciation to Councilmember Cruz for her time, leadership, and commitment to the City of San Luis and the greater Yuma region.

ACTION NEEDED:
This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible comment only.

CONTACT PERSON:
Crystal Figueroa, YMPO Executive Director, (928) 783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 7
GFOA Certificate of Achievement for FY 2025 Financial Reporting

DATE: October 29, 2026

SUBJECT: FY 2025 GFOA Certificate of Achievement

SUMMARY:
The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) is proud to share that its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and reflects YMPO's strong commitment to transparency and accountability. YMPO has received this distinguished award each year since 2020, marking seven consecutive years of recognition.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
POLICY: No changes to existing policies are proposed. Continued compliance with audit standards and GFOA recognition supports YMPO's commitment to transparency and strong financial governance.

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

CONTACT PERSON:
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June 30, 2025

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Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director/CEO

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 8
Proposed Census Regulations and YMPO Comment Letter

DATE: October 29, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Census Regulations and YMPO Comment Letter

SUMMARY:
Through the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC), YMPO learned of the Census Bureau's *Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions*, Docket No. 260903-0005. The proposal would change how usual residence is determined, which foreign residents are included in the population count used to determine each state's number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives "congressional apportionment count", and which demographic questions may appear on the decennial Census questionnaire. YMPO's concern is that people excluded from that particular count may still live in Yuma and need roads, transit, and other services, so complete population data remains important for transportation planning.

For the Yuma region, the proposed January 3 – April 1 residence period may better capture qualifying winter residents. However, questions remain regarding agricultural workers, the availability of complete population and demographic data for planning, and potential effects on population-based transportation funding.

These issues also relate to YMPO's possible future Transportation Management Area (TMA) designation. The adopted FY 2026–2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan recommends evaluating potential TMA designation by 2030 and its financial and administrative implications.

The Executive Director has prepared a comment letter to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce requesting clarification on seasonal residence criteria, preservation of reliable planning data, and coordination with federal transportation agencies regarding funding and population thresholds. The letter is provided for Board review and discussion.

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

CONTACT PERSON: Crystal Figueroa, YMPO Executive Director, (928) 783-8911

2020 Census and Proposed 2030 Regulations

YMPO Executive Board Reference | Docket No. 260903-0005

This comparison explains the rules used in 2020 and the proposed changes for future decennial censuses, including 2030. The proposal is not a final rule. Apportionment means determining each state's number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Exclusion from that count does not necessarily mean exclusion from every Census dataset.

Topic	2020 Census approach	Proposed approach	YMPO and Board consideration
Usual residence	Generally counted where the person lived and slept most of the time; this could differ from a legal or voting address.	Use the residence with the most lawful days January 3–April 1, supported by tax records.	Methodology could shift population between communities without an actual permanent move.
Days at a residence	No general one-hour-per-day test in the residence criteria.	At least one hour of lawful physical presence; multiple residences can qualify on the same day.	Guidance is needed for people splitting time between homes.
Seasonal residents	Counted where they lived most of the time; if unclear, where they stayed on April 1.	Determine residence based on days spent at each home from Jan 3–April 1.	Some qualifying winter residents could be counted in Yuma. This is a possible benefit, not a confirmed outcome.
Foreign residents	Foreign citizens living in the United States were counted. Foreign vacation or business visitors were excluded.	Exclude foreign citizens from apportionment unless they also hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency.	Representation counts could differ from the population needing regional services.
Agricultural workers	Temporary foreign workers could be counted when living in the United States under the residence criteria.	Temporary visa holders would be excluded from apportionment.	YMPO needs planning data reflecting workers who reside locally and use roads and transit.
Legal-status question	The final questionnaire did not ask citizenship or immigration status.	A legal-status question is being considered; government records could also establish status.	The final question and implementation process remain unresolved.

Topic	2020 Census approach	Proposed approach	YMPO and Board consideration
Race and ethnicity	Asked separate questions about race and Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.	Prohibit race and ethnicity questions on population-count questionnaires.	YMPO should seek assurance that useful data remain available for Title VI analysis and outreach.
Sex and household information	Asked sex, age/date of birth, and relationship to the householder.	Biological sex, birth date, and household relationships could remain for verification.	These questions would not all be eliminated; future data products need clarification.
Sexual orientation	No direct question; relationship options included same-sex spouses and partners.	Explicitly prohibit sexual-orientation questions on population-count questionnaires.	This introduces a restriction rather than removing a direct 2020 question.
American Community Survey	Collected detailed demographic information separately through a sample survey.	Demographic collection through ACS and other surveys could continue.	Continued ACS access matters, but estimates must be evaluated for the geography and planning task.
Transportation funding	Census population informed population-based distributions, including STBG suballocations.	No replacement transportation funding formula is established by this proposal.	Clarify which population dataset will govern funding. A higher count does not automatically guarantee more funding.
TMA designation	Federal designation generally depended on a Census-defined urbanized area exceeding 200,000 people.	The proposal does not itself change that transportation threshold.	Potential designation depends on the applicable urban area population, not the entire county or YMPO region, and federal guidance.

Board note: YMPO’s comment letter opposes proposed provisions that could undermine accurate representation of the region’s population and transportation needs, limit essential demographic data, or adversely affect transportation funding. The letter also requests clarification on how the proposed changes would affect federal transportation programs and potential TMA designation.

Sources

1. Final 2020 Census Residence Criteria and Residence Situations
2. Proposed Census Regulations, Parts 60 and 70, September 10, 2026
3. Actual 2020 Census Questionnaire
4. FHWA Surface Transportation Block Grant Guidance
5. FTA Metropolitan Planning Organization and TMA Guidance

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October 29, 2026

The Honorable Howard Lutnick Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions, Docket No. 260903-0005

Dear Secretary Lutnick:

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the Census Bureau's proposed residence criteria and regulations governing demographic questions for the decennial census.

YMPO is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the Yuma region in southwestern Arizona. YMPO coordinates transportation planning with its members, the cities of Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis; the Town of Wellton; Yuma County; the Cocopah Indian Tribe; the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT); and the ex officio Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA). In this role, YMPO carries out the federally required metropolitan transportation planning process, including development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program, Unified Planning Work Program, public participation activities, performance-based planning, and coordination with regional partners.

YMPO shares the considerations raised by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) in its national comments on the proposed rule. AMPO's comments address the importance of Census population and demographic data for transportation forecasting and modeling, federal funding and program requirements, MPO and Transportation Management Area (TMA) designations, Title VI analysis, and small-area planning. YMPO submits these comments to provide additional regional context on how the proposed changes could affect transportation planning in the Yuma region.

Census population and demographic data are a foundational part of our planning work. YMPO uses these data to support population and employment forecasts, maintain the regional travel-demand model, conduct transportation conformity analysis, identify transportation needs, conduct Title VI analysis, evaluate corridors, and conduct transit planning in coordination with YCIPTA and our member agencies.

For example, YMPO's adopted FY 2026–2050 LRTP identifies goals for reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads and congestion on Roads of Regional Significance, improving bicycle and pedestrian mobility, expanding transit mobility, particularly for vulnerable populations enhancing border crossings, and supporting tourism and development. Reliable population and demographic data help YMPO identify where transportation investments are needed and evaluate how those investments will serve year-round residents, seasonal residents, and workers.

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YMPO encourages Census to enumerate and publish a complete resident-population dataset for planning purposes if the population used for congressional apportionment differs from the complete population residing in a region. Transportation systems and other public infrastructure serve the people who live, work, study, and travel in a community regardless of how they are treated for apportionment purposes. Planning agencies need population information that reflects those demands and can be used consistently at regional, local, corridor, and small-area geographies.

The proposed changes to the definition of “usual residence” may affect regions differently. Proposed § 60.2 would use a January 3–April 1 enumeration period and consider the number of days an individual spends at a residence, together with tax records and other information. In the YMPO region, this winter period may offer an opportunity to better reflect qualifying seasonal residents present in the Yuma region when winter visitation and agricultural activity generate substantial transportation demand. YMPO recognizes this potential benefit and requests clarification on how the methodology would apply to multiple residences, seasonal housing, and employer-provided accommodations. We also request clarification on how the residence criteria would interact with proposed § 60.4 for temporary foreign agricultural workers, who may reside in the region but would be excluded from the proposed apportionment count. Supplemental data on daily border crossers, who may live outside the United States, remain necessary to understand travel demand separately from resident-population counts.

Consistency across Census years is equally important. YMPO uses Census benchmarks to support regional travel-demand modeling, long-range population forecasts, growth trend analysis, and transportation conformity. Changes in Census definitions or population universes can make it difficult to distinguish actual regional growth or decline from changes caused by methodology. We encourage Census to clearly document methodology changes and, where practicable, provide comparable data that allow planning agencies to maintain continuity over time.

Census population measures may also affect transportation requirements tied to population, including MPO and TMA designations, urban area population totals, funding distributions and suballocations, and program eligibility. YMPO’s adopted LRTP recommends a Transportation Management Area Impacts Study to assess whether YMPO is on track for TMA designation by 2030 and document potential financial and administrative impacts. Under current federal requirements, TMA designation is tied to a Census-defined urbanized area with a population over 200,000, rather than total county or metropolitan planning area population. Changes in residence criteria could affect qualifying urban area counts but would not by themselves establish TMA status.

Changes in the population measures used by transportation programs could affect federal funding available to the Yuma region. Under current programs, population affects Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) suballocations and transit formula funding. A transition across the applicable urban area population thresholds could also change funding allocation procedures, project-selection responsibilities, and transit operating-assistance rules. These changes would not necessarily produce a net funding increase. YMPO requests coordinated guidance from Census, USDOT, FHWA, and FTA on which population datasets would govern

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these programs, the potential effects of the proposed methodology, and transition arrangements. This would allow YMPO and its partners to evaluate funding implications alongside additional TMA planning, certification, staffing, and administrative costs.

YMPO also relies on demographic data for Title VI analysis, corridor studies, transit planning, community engagement, needs assessments, socioeconomic modeling, and grant applications. We appreciate that proposed § 70.4 would continue to allow Census to collect demographic information through the American Community Survey (ACS) and other surveys. However, the ACS is not a complete substitute for the decennial Census. The decennial Census is designed to enumerate the full population and provides a foundational population benchmark, while the ACS is a sample survey that produces estimates from a much smaller annual sample. The two products therefore serve different purposes and are not fully interchangeable, particularly for small-area analysis and long-term data continuity.

YMPO also encourages Census to clarify how proposed § 70.3 and Department Administrative Order 216-26, *Disclosure Avoidance for Statistical Products*, will operate together and what that interaction will mean for the continued availability of demographic data at the tract, block group, and other small geographic levels used in transportation planning.

Finally, nationally consistent Census data provide a common foundation that individual regions cannot easily recreate. If MPOs and other public agencies must increasingly rely on locally developed surveys, administrative records, or independent population and demographic estimates, differences in methodology and geographic coverage could make comparisons across regions and over time more difficult. For a small regional planning agency such as YMPO, replacing unavailable Census data would impose an additional financial and administrative burden. Developing or purchasing comparable datasets would divert limited staff capacity and funding from required transportation planning activities and could delay regional studies and project development.

YMPO supports the Census Bureau's efforts to establish clear and workable procedures for the decennial census. As the Bureau considers the proposed rule, we respectfully encourage Census to preserve data continuity, provide a complete resident-population dataset for planning purposes, maintain reliable population and demographic products at useful geographic levels, clearly document methodology changes, and coordinate with USDOT and other federal agencies on population-based transportation requirements.

Thank you for considering these comments and the transportation planning needs of the Yuma region. YMPO looks forward to continued engagement with federal, state, regional, and local partners to support reliable data and effective long-term transportation planning.

Sincerely,

Crystal Figueroa
Executive Director
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 9
Arizona SMART Fund Update

DATE: October 29, 2026

SUBJECT: AZ SMART Fund Update

SUMMARY:
The $50 million AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in competing for federal discretionary surface transportation grants. Applications to the AZ SMART funds must first be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with an official letter of approval. ADOT administers this fund, and the State Transportation Board (STB) approves all awards. In 2024, the Arizona Legislature amended the program, including an additional $12M, making MPOs eligible applicants, and allowing the State Transportation Board to redistribute funding across funding categories.

YMPO submitted an application for $100,000 in local match reimbursement for the 2024 Safe Streets for All Grant, and the State Transportation Board unanimously approved the application on September 19, 2025. This month, YMPO received the fully executed award packet.

YMPO REGION AZ SMART FUNDS AWARDED

AWARDED YEAR	MUNICIPALITY	AWARD TYPE	FUNDING CATEGORY	PROJECT NAME	AWARD AMOUNT	FEDERAL GRANT	FEDERAL GRANT
2023	City of San Luis	DOES	Municipality Over 10K	Cesar Chavez Blvd Improvements	$2,787,435	RSTGP 2023	$25,000,000
2023	Yuma County	DOES	County Over 100K	Avenue E/D New Roadway Construction	$610,000	RAISE 2025	Not Awarded
2024	City of Yuma	MATCH	Municipality Over 10K	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	$90,000	SS4A 2024	$480,000
2024	City of Yuma	MATCH	Municipality Over 10K	Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Center	$3,537,057	RAISE 2021	$10,614,225
2023	ADOT	DOES	N/A	US Highway 95, Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road	$3,750,000	RAISE 2023	$8,500,000
2025	Yuma County	MATCH	County Over 100K	Elimination of three UPRR Crossings (9E, Fortuna Rd, County 29E	$160,000	FRA 2024	$640,000
2025	YMPO	MATCH	County Over 100K	Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	$100,000	SS4A 2024	$400,000
TOTAL					**$10,934,492**		**$45,634,225**

AVAILABLE FUNDING – UPDATE as of October 18, 2026
During FY 2026, the Legislature swept $6.7 million from the AZ SMART Fund to the State General Fund through a budget sweep completed by June 30, 2026.

The AZ SMART Fund Report reflects the current funding position after redistributions, adjustments, and the latest award. The report shows $4,772,977 currently available for award.

Cumulative AZ SMART Fund Report

Funding Category	ADOT	Muni < 10K	Muni 10K+	County < 100K	County 100K+	Total
Statute	ARS §28-339 F.5	ARS §28-339 F.4	ARS §28-339 F.3	ARS §28-339 F.2	ARS §28-339 F.1	
Revenue						
Legislative Appropriations	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000	$62,500,000
Interest Earnings/Match Received	$1,825,104	$1,743,016	$1,780,624	$1,791,651	$1,743,610	$8,884,005
Total Revenues	**$14,325,104**	**$14,243,016**	**$14,280,624**	**$14,291,651**	**$14,243,610**	**$71,384,005**
Approvals						
Grant Development		$4,600		$50,000		$54,600
Match Awards	$6,205,754	$31,212	$17,305,153	$3,346,000	$4,602,642	$31,490,761
Design & Engineering	$3,750,000	$11,314,078	$9,588,707	$7,868,506	$6,670,000	$39,191,291
1% Program Administration	$100,000					$100,000
Match Released	(1,250,000)	0	(6,402,008)	(46,000)	0	(7,698,008)
Design Recovered	0	(807,500)	(1,546,772)	(1,204,452)	0	(3,558,724)
Net Approvals	**$8,805,754**	**$10,542,390**	**$18,945,080**	**$10,014,054**	**$11,272,642**	**$59,579,920**
Prior Redistributions [1&2]						
Available after Prior Redistributions/Adjustments	**$287,372**	**$1,121,402**	**$1,121,402**	**$1,121,402**	**$1,121,402**	**$4,772,977**
Current Requests						
Items for October STB Approval	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Current Available After Approval	**$287,372**	**$1,121,402**	**$1,121,402**	**$1,121,402**	**$1,121,402**	**$4,772,977**
Pending Requests						
Grant Development		$15,200		$0		$15,200
Match Awards	$0	$0	$8,379,266	$0	$245,000	$8,624,266
Design & Other Eng Svcs (DOES)	$0	$1,663,000	$0	$0	$0	$1,663,000
Total Pending Requests	$0	$1,678,200	$8,379,266	$0	$245,000	$10,302,466
After Approval of Pending Requests	**$287,372**	**-$556,798**	**-$7,257,864**	**$1,121,402**	**$876,402**	**-$5,529,486**

Notes:

[1]Includes all redistributions approved by the Board plus interest earned in January and July but received in the month following Board approval.

[2]Includes FY 2026 Legislative Transfer Out, $6.7M to General Fund on or before June 30, 2026; SB1847 Sec. 121.

Applicants may request AZ SMART Funds for:

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

ACTION NEEDED:

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

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YMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) is developing a comprehensive safety plan (CSAP) aimed at reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes affecting all roadway users. The goal of the CSAP is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to substantially reduce and eventually prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries throughout the study area.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

The first round of public engagement is now live and your feedback is needed. Comment and let us know of locations in need of transportation improvements, and tell us what safety-investments should be prioritized.

Scan the QR Code to visit the project website, interactive map, and survey.

https://engage.publiccoordinate.com/en/project/ympo-comprehensive-safety-action-plan

La Organización Metropolitana de Planificación de Yuma (YMPO) está desarrollando un Plan Integral de Seguridad (CSAP) con el objetivo de reducir y eliminar los choques que provocan lesiones graves y muertes entre todos los usuarios de las vías. El objetivo del CSAP es crear una estrategia integral y bien definida para reducir y, en última instancia, prevenir las muertes y lesiones graves relacionadas con el tránsito en toda el área de estudio.

¡QUEREMOS SABER SU OPINIÓN!

La primera ronda de participación pública ya está disponible y necesitamos su opinión. Comparta sus comentarios y háganos saber qué lugares necesitan mejoras en el transporte y qué inversiones en seguridad deberían priorizarse.

Escanee el código QR para visitar el sitio web del proyecto, el mapa interactivo y la encuesta.

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THE YUMA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
2026

Special Recognition



Councilmember Maria Cecilia Cruz

LEADERSHIP • DEDICATION • COMMUNITY IMPACT

For 12 years, Councilmember Cruz has represented San Luis on the YMPO Executive Board, participating in regional discussions on transportation planning, mobility, and infrastructure priorities. Her service reflects the importance of regional representation and cooperation in advancing the shared interests of communities throughout the Yuma region.

12 YEARS OF SERVICE

A lasting contribution to Regional Planning

Participated in regional transportation planning and policy discussion, helping guide the direction of transportation investments in the Yuma Region

Brought perspectives and needs of San Luis residents to regional conversations, ensuring that local priorities were conisdered in transportation planning and funding decisions.

Helped build and maintain strong partnerships among local governments, ADOT, tribal partners, and regional stakeholders.

Support long-range planning efforts and initiatives that improve mobility, safety, and connectivity for current and future generations in the Yuma region!



WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION,

Councilmember Cruz

For all your dedication and hardwork. We wish you continued success in your next chapter!