

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

## Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9:00 AM**

**Yuma County – Aldrich Auditorium**  
**2351 West 26th Street**  
**Yuma, Arizona 85364**

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### YMPO TAC MEMBERS

Chairwoman	Jennifer Albers, Principal Planner, City of Yuma
Vice-Chair	Maggie Castro, Planning & Zoning Director, Yuma County
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Member	Roger Patterson, Yuma County Engineer
Member	Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director City of San Luis
Member	Jeff Kramer, City Engineer, City of Yuma

### YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS

YCIPTA	Shelly Kreger
CALTRANS	Jacob Armstrong
FHWA	Romare Truly
FTA	Alex Smith
EPA	Jerry Wamsley

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Votes  
The meeting will be called to order and the City of Yuma will declare the number, and the distribution of, their votes.
2. Call to the Public  
This item is to provide an opportunity for comments by the public. Individuals wishing to address the committee need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.
3. Approval of Minutes (Discussion and Possible Action)  
Approval of the April 12, 2018, TAC meeting.
4. Update on the YMPO Studies (Information and Discussion)  
A status report on the YMPO studies in the newly approved FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program will be provided.

5. Regional Transportation Conference (Information and Discussion)  
YMPO recently began the process to identify needs and wants for the next twenty years. The FY 2018-2041 YMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) contains many of the needs and wants but is constrained to “reasonably likely” funding projections. The current effort does not have those funding constraints. How the regional transportation conference progresses and what role the YMPO TAC will fulfill will be discussed. Please refer to the Information Summary that is attached to the agenda as Item 5.

6. TAC Status Reports (Information and Discussion)  
Member agencies will have the opportunity to report the status of their projects (Local or Federal). A list of ongoing projects is shown in the information below.

Town of Wellton:  
Coyote Wash Bridge.

Yuma County:  
County 12th Street and Avenue D Bridge replacement.  
North Frontage Road, Avenues 11E to 13E.  
County 14th Street overlay, Avenue A to Avenue D.

City of San Luis:  
Juan Sanchez Boulevard.

City of Yuma:

City of Somerton:  
TE Project - Cesar Chavez Pathway.

ADOT:  
Araby Road Roundabout (South).

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

8. Future Agenda Items (Discussion)  
Members will have the opportunity to suggest future items for the TAC agenda.
- Possible opportunity for using CMAQ funds in exchange for STBG funds.
  - Functional Classification.
  - Project list for the needs and wants effort of the Regional Transportation Conference.

9. Progress Reports (Discussion)  
YMPO staff will provide a summary of recent activities. Please see the attached information.
- A. Apr 4-May 8 - Charles Gutierrez recovering from surgery.
  - B. Apr 8-10 - AzTA Transit Conference (Tucson), Melissa Ramos attended.
  - C. Apr 9 - ADOT/YMPO Coordination meeting, Paul Ward attended.
  - D. Apr 9-11 - ESRI training course, De'Laurien McKenzie attended

- E. Apr 10 - COG/MPO Planner's meeting, Paul Ward attended by telecon.
- F. Apr 12 - TAC meeting, Paul Ward and Melissa Ramos attended.
- G. Apr 16 - OSHA Training, Paul Ward and Crystal Figueroa attended.
- H. Apr 19 - In-Kind Matching Funds review and discussion with Yuma County Finance Director, Gilberto Villegas, Paul Ward and Crystal Figueroa attended.
- I. Apr 20 - STB meeting (Flagstaff), Paul Ward attended.
- J. Apr 23 - RTAC Board meeting, Paul Ward participated by teleconference.
- K. Apr 23 - YMPO Bike Study discussion with CivTech, Paul Ward and De'Laurien McKenzie attended.
- L. Apr 26 - YMPO Audit Committee meeting, Paul Ward and Crystal Figueroa attended.
- M. Apr 26 - YMPO Executive Board, Paul Ward, Crystal Figueroa, De'Laurien McKenzie and Melissa Ramos attended.
- N. Apr 30 - Discussion of future Studies with Stanley Consultants, Paul Ward and De'Laurien McKenzie attended.
- O. May 1 - Two Dust Control Working Groups held by ADEQ, Paul Ward attended.
- P. May 2 - Statewide ITS Architecture Workshop #1, Paul Ward and De'Laurien McKenzie participated by teleconference.
- Q. May 7 - FTA 5310 Funds Application Panel Review of Projects, Charles Gutierrez provided input for the YMPO region.

#### 10. Adjournment

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# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #5 Regional Transportation Conference**

**DATE:** May 3, 2018

**SUBJECT:** YMPO Regional Transportation Conference

## **SUMMARY:**

YMPO is beginning the process to identify how many funds will be needed to fully implement the transportation needs and wants in the region over the next 20+ years. This effort is being called the Yuma Regional Transportation Conference (RTC).

Background: The FY 2018-2041 YMPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) contains many of the needs and wants within the region, but the RTP is constrained to the “reasonably likely” criteria based on the availability of funds over the next 20 years. The current RTC effort does NOT have those funding constraints. However, if the RTC comes to fruition, future RTPs will be able to use any resulting funding mechanisms in future plans.

The general understanding is predicated on the fact that the level of funding for transportation - in general - has been constantly reducing, within the State and within the Nation, for more than 25 years.

The main culprit is that the overwhelming current funding mechanism for transportation - gasoline taxes - is based on a per gallon amount (not as a percentage of the actual cost like almost any other type of tax. This has resulted in the (inflation adjusted) reduction of the funds that we need for maintaining, modernizing, widening and constructing new roads. This decline in numbers has reached the point where in their recent Long Range Plan, ADOT has stated that NO funds are available for doing any work other than maintaining the system over the next 20 years, at least not within “Greater Arizona”.

Currently, within the State, areas containing over 85% of the population of the State have implemented SALES taxes, specifically targeted for transportation purposes. These areas include the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas, Pinal County (specifically CAG, the Central Arizona Governments) and Coconino County (including Flagstaff). In theory, this has allowed those areas to continue to maintain, modernize AND widen/build new roads AND provide other transportation services that are needed to the direct benefit, and with the permission of, the people in those regions.

Meanwhile, the areas of “Greater Arizona” that are NOT covered by these voluntary sales taxes (including Yuma County and the Yuma metropolitan region) fall farther and farther behind the needs and wants as they pertain to the transportation facilities and services.

The policy-level decision to do something about this situation has been made by the YMPO Executive Board level and the effort is loosely titled the Regional Transportation Conference (RTC). How the RTC progresses, and what role the YMPO TAC will perform, will be discussed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No direct public comments have been received regarding this process, although general support for the concept has been received.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** These efforts are similar to efforts that have been successful in 85% of the remainder of the State. Any request for additional funds will need to be supported by the taxpayers within the County and the region.

**POLICY:** There are no current direct policy implications, but this type of regional effort is precisely what the MPO is designed to achieve. Recent efforts at the State legislature allowing regions to implement such taxes - providing the affected taxpayers approve - is currently being considered.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

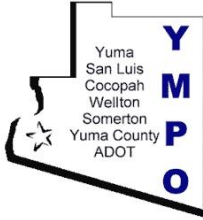
This item is on the agenda for information, discussion and possible comment only at this stage.

**PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The first RTC session was attended by twelve individuals, representing six, of the seven, member agencies within YMPO. Lists of potential projects were provided to YMPO staff. These are being reviewed, collated and will be provided to TAC members for comment and possible further input.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Paul Ward, Executive Director, 928-783-8911.



# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Member	Jeff Kramer, City Engineer, City of Yuma

### YMPO TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Member	Omar Heredia, Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma

### YMPO STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director	Paul Ward
Administrative Assistant	Melissa Ramos

- Call to Order and Declaration of Votes  
YMPO TAC Chairwoman, Jennifer Albers, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. City of Yuma declaration of votes: Chairwoman Albers, declared 2 votes and Jeff Kramer, 3 votes.
- Call to the Public  
This item is to provide an opportunity for comments by the public. Individuals wishing to address the committee need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.

No members of the public comments addressed the TAC.

3. Approval of the February 8 and 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes

A copy of the draft minutes of the previous meetings were sent out with the agenda packet. Members had the opportunity to review, report any changes, and approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018, and February 21, 2018, TAC meeting Minutes. Roger Patterson moved to approve both sets of minutes, as presented. Mark Hoffman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. YMPO 2018-2041 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment #1

YMPO Executive Director, Paul Ward, updated the TAC about project YU-12-09: Avenue E Extension: County 23rd Street to County 19th Street. This project was left out of the FY 2018-2041 YMPO Long Range Transportation Plan (RTP), in error. Mr. Ward reported that the project was being added to the RTP and alerted members that the project limits were inconsistently shown in the draft version. Mr. Ward confirmed that this typo was now corrected and ALL of the places in the RTP now show the correct limits of County 23rd Street to County 18th Street. He summarized that the consultant, Kimley-Horn, has completed the amendment to the RTP and the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Roger Patterson moved to approve Amendment #1 to the YMPO 2018-2041 RTP, as amended, to clarify the limits of the project to County 18th Street and Vice Chair Maggie Castro seconded. Mr. Patterson withdrew his motion and the Vice Chair Castro withdrew her second, due to the motion NOT including a recommended approval to the YMPO Board to approve the RTP Amendment #1, RTP Appendix Amendment #1, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Mr. Patterson moved to recommend approval of the RTP Amendment #1, the 2018-2041 Appendix Amendment #1, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis to the YMPO Executive Board. Vice Chair Castro seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Update on the YMPO Studies

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Study Scope of Work was presented during the last meeting and Mr. Ward mentioned he had made a few spelling corrections. He reported that the RFPs should be ready for advertising within two weeks. The Chairwoman shared that the City of Yuma is updating their Bicycle Facilities Master Plan and the City of Yuma recently finished the public outreach. Jeff Kramer shared that the City of Yuma is updating their Transportation Master Plan.

Mr. Ward handed out an updated version of the Traffic Count Study Scope of Work. Mr. Ward asked the TAC to submit comments via email, during the next two weeks.

6. Safety Plan Update

Mr. Ward confirmed that Greenlight Traffic Engineering has been selected to update the YMPO Safety Plan and the contract language needs review by the YMPO attorney prior to issuing it. Mr. Ward negotiated a slightly lower price than what was

submitted by the selected consultant. YMPO will be sending out the notice to proceed shortly as soon as the contract finalizes review.

7. Arizona State Transportation Board Reception

As the March TAC meeting did not occur, Mr. Ward gave a (belated) update on the Arizona State Transportation Board (STB) visit to Yuma. The visit to Yuma included a tour of the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) and a dinner reception that was held on February 15, 2018. Three Arizona State Transportation Board Members attended the tour of YPG and YMPO staff joined, also. The YPG tour including a presentation of traffic issues and a tour in different military armored personnel carriers.

YMPO then hosted a dinner reception, after the YPG tour at which ALL members of the STB attended. During the dinner, Mayor Nicholls and YMPO staff gave brief presentations and shared aerial photography of the road leading to YPG. The aerial photography and presentations were presented to demonstrate the congestion on US-95 and the regional needed for funding to widen Highway 95.

8. TAC Status Reports

Member agencies had the opportunity to report the status of their projects (Local or Federal).

Town of Wellton:

**Coyote Wash Bridge-** Waiting for the new fiscal year funding.

Yuma County:

**County 12th Street and Ave D Bridge replacement-** See ADOT for update.

**North Frontage Road 11E -13E-** See ADOT for update.

**County 14th Street overlay Ave A – Ave D-** The IGA has been received and will be presented the Yuma County Board in May.

**Foothills Boulevard and 40th Street-** The notice to proceed went out for a new traffic light.

**5th Street and Ave B-** The notice to proceed went out for a new traffic light.

City of San Luis:

**Juan Sanchez Blvd-** The environmental is in process. A pre-design meeting is going to be held, for installation of rumble strips on Juan Sanchez Blvd between Avenue E and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

City of Yuma:

**1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Orange Avenue (includes 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Maple Avenue)-** This project is going out to bid in May.

**Avenue A, 32nd Street to 36th Street-** Construction for this project will start July 5, 2018.

**4th Avenue, 32nd Street to 40th Street-** Construction for this project should start in October, 2018.



City of Somerton:

**TE Project: Cesar Chavez Pathway**- Expecting additional communication from ADOT or APS regarding lighting.

**East George** - This project is completed and can be removed off the TAC Reports list.

ADOT:

**B8, Fourth Ave Gateway** - This project is under construction.

**I-8 @ Araby Interchange Spot Improvements** - Phase two, construction of the south roundabout, will begin soon. Century Link, one week, and APS, the following week, will be relocating utilities.

**Statewide DMS Ph. 11** - This project is in test mode.

**Somerton, Cesar Chavez Ave Shared-use Pathway** - Project was awarded to N.G.U. Contracting, Inc. The contractor will be starting installation of electrical, landscaping and irrigation lines.

**US 95 at Ave 8E Intersection** - Project is starting scoping stages. Consists of constructing a traffic signal at the intersection of US 95 & Ave 8E. The 100% plans have been distributed.

**8th Street & 21st Avenue Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon** - The project was awarded to AJP Electric, Inc.

**North Frontage Road, Fortuna-Foothills Blvd. Pavement Overlay Project** - This project was awarded to Cemex. The contractor started work, crack filling and working on widening sections within the projects limits.

**Texas Hill Bridges** - The partnering meeting was held. The contractor is scheduled to start work in mid-April, 2018.

**County 12th Street at Avenue D** - the project was awarded to Pulice Construction. The partnering meeting was held, and the contractor is scheduled to start work in mid-May, 2018.

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

No updates are available.

8. Project Updates

**PARA Projects** - ADOT is developing the new budget.

**AZ ITS Architecture** - This project had a delay due to new system crashing. The problem has been fixed and an invite to the last stakeholders webinar will be sent out.

9. Future Agenda Items

Members had the opportunity to suggest future items for the TAC agenda.

- Functional classification
- Traffic Count Study RFP/RFQ selection
- Bike and Ped Study RFP/RFQ selection
- TIP Amendments

10. Progress Reports

YMPO staff will provide a summary of recent activities. Please see the attached information:

- A. RTAC Meeting, February 5, Deputy Mayor Knight and Paul Ward attended
- B. YMPO TAC Meeting, February 8, Charles Gutierrez and DeLaurien McKenzie attended
- C. ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting, February 12, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez attended
- D. YMPO AW IAC Meeting, February 14, Charles Gutierrez participated
- E. State Transportation Board Visit and Dinner, February 15, YMPO staff participated
- F. State Transportation Board Meeting, February 16, Paul Ward attended
- G. Special TAC Meeting, February 25, Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez and Melissa Ramos attended
- H. YMPO Executive Board Meeting, February 22, Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez and Crystal Figueroa attended
- I. Inactive Projects Presentation/Training, February 27, Paul Ward Charles Gutierrez participated
- J. Brief Incoming Executive Board Chairwoman, March 1, Paul Ward and Crystal Figueroa attended
- K. Joint Working Committee, March 5-7, Paul Ward attended
- L. Possible MOU Discussion with ADOT, FHWA, FTA, MPOs and Public Transit Providers, March 9, Paul Ward participated
- M. RTAC Board Meeting, March 12, Paul Ward participated
- N. Ozone Stakeholders Meeting, March 16, Charles Gutierrez attended
- O. State Transportation Meeting, March 16, Deputy Mayor Knight and Paul Ward attended
- P. FHWA/FTA/ADOT UPWP Review Meeting, March 19, YMPO Staff Participated
- Q. ADOT/Mexico representatives regarding Circulation Plans for POE 1, March 19, Vice Mayor Ramos and Paul Ward attended
- R. 5310 Panel Review Planning Webinar, March 21, Charles Gutierrez participated
- S. Tour London Bridge Resort Conference Rooms, March 23, Charles Gutierrez participated
- T. Public Meeting on Water Conservation, March 23, Paul Ward attended
- U. YMPO Bike Plan discussion, March 27, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated

11. Adjournment

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