

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

YMPO TAC MEMBERS

Vice-Chair Maggie Castro, Planning & Zoning Director, Yuma County
Member Samuel Palacios, Public Works Director, City of Somerton
Member Mark Hoffman, Senior Planner, ADOT
Member Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma
Member Roger Patterson, Yuma County Engineer
Member Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director City of San Luis

YMPO TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairwoman Jennifer Albers, Principal Planner, City of Yuma
Member Omar Heredia, Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member Joseph Grant, Public Works Director, Town of Wellton
Member Jeff Kramer, City Engineer, City of Yuma

YMPO STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director Paul Ward
Senior Planning/Mobility Manager Charles Gutierrez
Administrative Assistant Melissa Ramos
Associate Planner De' Laurien McKenzie

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Votes

YMPO TAC Vice-Chair, Maggie Castro, called the meeting to order at 9:04am. The City of Yuma declaration of votes: Susan Cowey, 5 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.

Gene Dalbey greeted everyone present.

3. **Approval of Minutes** **Discussion and Possible Action**
The approval of the TAC minutes for July 12, 2018 will be deferred to the September 2018 TAC meeting.

Susan Cowey motioned

Sam Palacios seconded

Motioned carried unanimously

4. **Federal Functional Classification Rebalancing** **Information and Discussion**
During the June 2018, TAC meeting, ADOT staff presented information on the status of the Federal Functional Classification (FFC) of Highways within the State, including some information on the anticipated “rebalancing” of the process. This month, ADOT staff will present how this process might affect the Yuma region and have a discussion on the recently provided spreadsheet with the possible changes and, potentially review the roads that need discussion. Charles Gutierrez asked James Meyers at ADOT about the NHS system pertaining to the downgrading of some segments of the NHS. James Meyer states that some segments will still need to remain on the NHS system because of the road functioning as a specific purpose of the state classifications. There are no associated funds with the NHS system. How does this affect the Pavement Management system according to the FFC system? ADOT says they will follow up on the Pavement Management questions from the TAC. James Meyers request again is to complete the exercise to submit to the MPO. These changes will be submitted to ADOT.

5. **STBG Call for Projects** **Information and Discussion**
YMPO staff asked for this item to be deferred to the September 2018 TAC Meeting.

6. **FY 2018-2022 TIP Amendment 5** **Discussion and Action**
Yuma County requested an amendment to the FY 19 TIP for project number YC-BR-05C (Ave 37E and County 6th Street). The amendment is to include \$250,000 of Off-System Bridge funds, increasing the project cost to \$795,334 and increasing the local match to \$45,334.

Roger Patterson motioned to approve TIP Amendment 5 as presented.

Eulogio Vera seconded

Motioned carried unanimously

7. **2018 Rural Transportation Summit (RTS)** **Information and Discussion**
Paul Ward informed the TAC that YMPO is covering registration fees and travel expenses for the YMPO Executive Board, TAC Chairwoman and Vice-Chair of the TAC to attend the RTS. The 2018 RTS is being held in Lake Havasu City from October 24-26, 2018. Please visit www.azrts.org for additional information regarding the 2018 RTS.

8. **ADOT and Federal Funding in the ADOT Highway Program Discussion**

The YMPO Executive Director will provide a presentation on his analysis of the amount of funds programmed within the Yuma region during the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program for the past fifteen programs (since the FY 2005-09 Program). Based on the analysis, the TAC will discuss options for trying to maximize the ADOT contribution to the region's transportation system.

Mr. Ward presented on his analysis of the amount of funds programmed within the Yuma region during the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program for the past fifteen programs (since FY 2005-09). He handed out a packet of his compiled analysis and focused first on the Arizona Population Estimates. He made a comparison of the population estimates for Mohave, Yavapai and Yuma Counties in which Yuma showed a 13.12% of the Greater Arizona population percentage (the State, excluding Maricopa and Pima Counties). This compares closely to Mohave and Yavapai counties. Next, he reported on the millions of gallons of gasoline and use fuel (diesel) sold between 1998-17 (twenty years) in the Greater Arizona region only. He drew a similar comparable use of fuels between Yavapai 13.81%, Mohave 13.29%, and Yuma 11.85% counties, close to the population percentages. He concluded that the amount of money being put into the ADOT Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) program in fuel taxes closely matches population numbers.

Mr. Ward also reported on the funds programmed in ADOT Highway Programs from FY 2005-2019 through FY 2019-2023 to show the percentage of money programmed for the past 15 years in total. YMPO has been receiving 3.03% but putting into the system around 11-12%. He outlined the problem of getting a fair share from the system and discussed why this is not happening. He further reported on the number of through-lane miles on the State Highway System per County and highlighted Mohave with 10.94%, Yavapai 10.55%, and Yuma 5.17%. In summary, Mr. Ward suggested that if Yuma only has half the number of lanes compared with Mohave and Yavapai, we should only get half the funds that they do. However, as we are paying in to the system almost identical amounts of funds that the other counties pay, we should be getting more than a quarter of the money back. Mr. Ward concluded that the current programming process the State currently has in place does not try to accomplish a fair share distribution for the Yuma region. Mr. Ward reported that these statistics do not tell the whole story, but he wanted to share his analysis with the Board and the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He also intends to share the same analysis with senior ADOT staff and provide a chance for them to provide correcting and/or mitigating information.

9. **TAC Status Reports..... Information and Discussion**

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

Town of Wellton:

Coyote Wash Bridge - No updates available.

Yuma County:

County 12th Street and Avenue D Bridge Replacement – This project will use Federal funds to reconstruct a timber bridge in the Yuma Valley area. A box culvert, parallel to

the bridge will first be constructed and then the irrigation canal will be relocated. ADOT awarded the project to Pulice Construction. Work is to start mid May 2018 and completed by September 2018. Project is 60% completed.

North Frontage Road, Avenues 11E to 13E – Upon completion of the Flood Control District's Drainage Project, a 2" AC overlay project was initiated. YMPO's STP federal funds (\$956,000) were used to fund this phase. ADOT awarded the project to Cemex. The project is 99% complete, the contractor is working on punch list items.

County 14th Street overlay, Avenue A to Avenue D – Overlay project, improvements include a 2" asphaltic overlay with chip seal. The project was awarded to Cactus Asphalt in the amount of \$999,562.21

South Frontage Road – Project will provide a 2" overlay and chip seal, with intersection improvements. Project was awarded on August 6, 2018 to Cemex in the amount of \$907,797.70.

Texas Hill Bridges (2) Rehabilitation- This project is to reconstruct the bridge abutments. ADOT awarded the project to Pulice Construction in the amount of \$ 780,000. Upon removing the asphalt on the bridge girders at Avenue 55E, the prestressed concrete box beams have excessive concrete spalling and rust. A change order (\$350,000) to replace all 12 beams has been approved. Avenue 49E bridge is complete except for the asphalt approaches. A subsequent project to rehabilitate 2 additional bridges is scheduled to be bid on November/December 2018.

City of San Luis:

Juan Sanchez Boulevard – The City of San Luis and ADOT are working on the environmental clearance for the Juan Sanchez Boulevard widening. The City of San Luis has a rumble strip project going out to bid, soon. This project will be using HSIP funds to install 4 miles of rumble strips.

City of Yuma:

3rd Avenue Paving, 14th Street to 8th Place - Project is substantially complete. Only punch list items remain.

Gila, Maiden 2nd and 3rd Streets - Gila to 1st Street is completed and reopened. Sewer work in 2nd Street and Maiden Lane complete, with paving complete by August 17th. Final phase, water line on 3rd Street, starting after paving is complete.

Avenue A, 32nd to 36th Street - Communications infrastructure installation. West side paving week of August 13th. Anticipated completion in Mid-October.

1st Avenue, 16th Street to Orange - Scope is roadway reconstruction, water and sewer improvements and communications infrastructure installation. Final plan updates been completed. Anticipated release for bids in mid-August with work lasting from late October through late May.

4th Avenue, 32nd to 40th Street - Scope is roadway reconstruction and widening to add a continuous center left turn lane. The project is out for bids. Anticipate construction starting late October and lasting into April.

16th Street, Avenue B to Avenue C- Scope is pavement replacement and communications infrastructure installation. Design at 60%. Anticipate construction in Spring 2019.

Hotel Del Sol Multi-Modal Transportation Center- BUILD Grant begin submitted this month. RFQ for architect selection is ready to issue once YCIPTA confirms obligation of grant funds.

Avenue 6E Bike Lanes, N Frtg Road to 24th Street – Project design has begun. Project constructs a 10' wide pathway on the east side of Avenue 6E with a pedestrian hybrid beacon for a crossing at 44th Place.

Arizona Avenue, 32nd Street to 40th Street – Project design has begun. Project reconstructs existing pavement, may add turn lanes. Anticipate construction in fall 2020.

City of Somerton:

Cesar Chavez Main Street to Jefferson - HURF Exchange project, the consultant is on board and started the design.

ADOT:

Araby Road Roundabout - The contractor, J. Banicki Construction, has completed phase I, north roundabout. The contractor is working on the second phase. Placing electrical conduit, pull boxes, curb & gutter, pipes, catch basins and manholes.

Texas Hill Bridges - Bridge rehabilitation. The contractor, Pulice Construction, is installing deck joints and working on the bridge approaches.

8th Street and 21st Avenue Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon - The contractor, AJP Electric, is waiting on APS to finish their work and then will finish up the electrical connections.

Juan Sanchez Boulevard, 10th Street – Avenue E - Project consist of rumble strip and new pavement markings. Project is advertised and will bid open on 7/13/2018.

US-95 at Avenue 8E Intersection - Project is starting scoping stages. The project consists of constructing a traffic signal at the intersection of US 95 and Avenue 8E. This project will advertise by June 29, 2018.

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

No updates available.

YMPO:

The RFP's for the YMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Study and Design Standards and YMPO Traffic Count Network Study are due at the YMPO Office on August 16, 2018 no later than 3:00pm. YMPO staff will delivery, to all TAC members, all materials needed for ranking the RFP's. On August 23, 2018 there is a special TAC meeting scheduled to review the RFP rankings.

Roger Patterson announced that he will be retiring in November 2018 and Frank Sanchez will be taking Roger Patterson's place on the TAC.

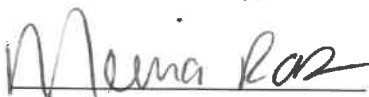
10. **Future Agenda Items**.....**Discussion**
 Members will have the opportunity to suggest future items for the TAC agenda.
- A. Regional Strategic Safety Study.
 - B. Federal Function Classification
 - C. Transit TIP
 - D. Performance Measures

11. **Progress Reports****Discussion**
 YMPO staff will provide a summary of recent activities.
- A. July 9 – ADOT/YMPO Coord. Meeting, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez attended.
 - B. July 10 – Yuma Region MOU/Charter and Short-Range Transit Plan meeting, Paul Ward participated.
 - C. July 12 – YMPO TAC Meeting, Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez, De'Laurien McKenzie, and Melissa Ramos attended.
 - D. July 20 – STB Meeting, Paul Ward attended.
 - E. July 25 – Mobility Manager Meeting, Melissa Ramos attended.
 - F. July 26 – 5310 Application, E- Grants and Panel Review Discussion Meeting, Melissa Ramos attended.
 - G. July 26 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting, Paul Ward, De'Laurien McKenzie, and Crystal Figueroa attended.
 - H. July 27 – P.A.S.S. Training, Melissa Ramos participated.
 - I. July 27 – Cocopah Swearing-In Ceremony, Paul Ward attended.
 - J. July 31 - Meeting with Greg Wilkinson, Paul Ward attended.
 - K. Aug 1 - Meeting with San Luis Vice-Mayor Maria Ramos, Paul Ward attended.
 - L. Aug 2 - 5310 Applications Review Session, Charles Gutierrez attended, and Melissa Ramos participated.
 - M. Aug 3 - COG/MPO Planner's meeting - Charles Gutierrez attended.

12. **Adjournment**

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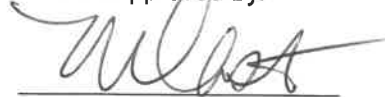
Minutes Submitted by:



 Charles Gutierrez

YMPO Senior Planning Manager

Minutes approved by:



 Maggie Castro

YMPO TAC Vice-Chairwoman