



## EXECUTIVE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2020**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**Yuma MPO**  
**502 South Orange Ave**  
**Yuma, Arizona 85364**  
**OFFICE/CALL-IN**

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### YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair	Martha Garcia, Vice-Mayor, City of Somerton
Vice-Chair	Maria Cruz, Vice-Mayor, City of San Luis
Sec./Treasurer	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
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Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Karen Watts, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma
Member	Chris Morris, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	J. Deal Begay, Jr., Vice Chairman, Cocopah Indian Tribe

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Meeting Link:  
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A regular meeting of the Executive Board (the Board) of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) will be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2020**, starting at **3:00 p.m.** at the **Yuma MPO, 502 South Orange Ave, Yuma, Arizona, 85364, OFFICE/CALL-IN**, to discuss, consider, and/or action with respect to the items listed below:

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.

Crystal Figueroa, the YMPO Accountant II and Executive Assistant, will call the attendance roll, and if any members of the City of Yuma and/or Yuma County are not in attendance, those members that are in attendance will have the opportunity to declare which members will carry their respective number of proxy votes.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

De'Laurien McKenzie, Associate Planner, will read a brief message reminding member of our Title VI obligations. In addition, this item provides an opportunity for comments by the public on subjects **not** on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.

4. Federal Lands Access Program Yuma County Letter of Support

Yuma County is requesting Letters of Support for the FHWA Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for funding for the Ave E: SR 195 to US 95 (Caesar Chavez Blvd to County 16<sup>th</sup> St). The application deadline is April 14, 2020; however, Yuma County would like to have our application completed by March 20, 2020. As part of the application, I am asking for letters of support from YMPO, San Luis, Somerton, Yuma Airport, Bureau of Reclamation and Border Patrol to better strengthen our application for possible funding. Also, to better strengthen our application, we are looking to increase the local match from 5.7% to 10%.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time that FHWA Central Lands is considering revenue generation as a consideration, instead of just recreation areas, for the FLAP. With this in mind, Yuma County's believes it would be beneficial to emphasize how each of our agencies will have increased revenue forecasted as a result of this project being selected and constructed.

Yuma County will be submitting for approximately 15 million dollars of federal funds.

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) presents an exciting opportunity for state, county, tribal, and local governments to submit applications for transportation projects accessing Federal Lands in the state of Arizona. The Programming Decisions Committee (**PDC**) of the Arizona FLAP is currently soliciting Project Applications to develop a multi-year program of transportation projects (estimated program funding availability of up to \$30 million dollars). Preliminary engineering, construction, and construction engineering funding will become available after the program selection process has been completed.

The goal of the Federal Lands Access Program is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands.

What types of projects will be considered? The Federal Lands Access Program supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities accessing federal lands, with an emphasis on Federal high-use recreation sites and Federal economic generators. The AZ PDC will give preference to funding for design, construction, or reconstruction. Preference will not be given to fund maintenance projects (e.g., crack sealing, chip seal, potholes, or drainage repair).

**How are Project Applications Evaluated?** The PDC will review project applications and evaluate them based on the selection criteria developed by the PDC. The selection criteria are reflective of needs in the state of Arizona and Federal regulations and guidelines.

- Federal lands access proximity and significance
- Access to Federal high-use recreation site and/or Federal economic generator
- Improves public access
- Safety improvement
- Preservation
- Natural resource protection
- Project cost and scope risk
- Overmatch/leveraging of funds
- Consistent with AZ PDC program vision

Project selection resides with the PDC. The PDC will make its final decision based on the project proposals ability to meet the aforementioned criteria as well as project support, Federal Land Management Agency priorities, and the applicant's share of project costs. Selected projects will be programmed based on availability of funds, both federal and non-federal, project development delivery schedules, other Federal investment and environmental and right-of-way time constraints.

**This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or action. Charles Gutierrez will present this item.**

5. Adjournment.

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Anticipated Future 2020 Meeting Locations

March 26, 2020      Yuma County, Department of Development Services,  
2351 West 26th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365, Aldrich Auditorium.

April 30, 2020      City of Yuma, City One Plaza, Room 190, Yuma, Arizona 85364.