

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, October 8, 2020, 9:00 AM  
TELECONFERENCE GOTO MEETING**

**YMPO Office  
502 South Orange Avenue  
Yuma, Arizona 85364**

**YMPO TAC Meeting**

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**YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS**

- YCIPTA Shelly Kreger
- CALTRANS Jacob Armstrong
- FHWA Romare Truly
- FTA Ted Matley
- EPA Jerry Wamsley

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3. **Call to the Public**  
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4. **Approval of Minutes ..... Discussion and Action**  
The draft minutes of the July 28, 2020 Special Meeting and September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting are provided for your information, discussion, and approval.
5. **YMPO Office ..... Information and Discussion**  
YMPO staff have been looking for new office space or property for an office. Over the last few months, a property has been identified and will be presented to the TAC. It has been previously been presented at the YMPO Executive Board.
6. **Long-Range Transportation Plan Update ..... Information, Discussion, and/or Action**  
Kittelson will update the TAC with data items requested and possible additional requests for information from members that will include road network data and demographic.
7. **Pavement Management System Study Update ..... Information, Discussion, and Action**  
YMPO Staff and Kimley-Horn will update the latest progress with the PMSS data that has been gathered and the next steps.
8. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2022-2026 ..... Information, Discussion, and/or Action**  
YMPO staff will present the new call for projects for the 2022-2026 TIP. Items to be discussed will include the amount of expected federal funds, HURF exchange funds, HSIP funds, and other project requirements for including in the Transportation Improvement Program.
9. **YMPO Rail, Heavy Freight Corridor Alignment Study ..... Information, discussion, and/or action**  
YMPO staff will present to the TAC the proposed Scope of Work for Rail/Heavy Freight Study.
10. **U.S. Census Update ..... Information and Discussion only**  
YMPO staff will present U.S. Census Update that has happened over the last 6 months of counting efforts throughout the region.
11. **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) ..... Information, Discussion, and Action**  
YMPO staff will present items for the TAC to consider for the next 2-years of planning. The YMPO does a required UPWP. In 2018/19, ADOT had been in talks with COG/MPOs of Arizona to moving to a two-year Work Program. The program began July 1, 2019 with the FY 2020/2021 Unified Planning Work Program. It will conclude June 30, 2021. YMPO

is currently in the process of writing the new program for the 2-years of planning. We are accepting ideas and possible projects to be included in the program.

- Studies
- Plans
- Origin-Destination Study
- YMPO 5310 Program Coordination Plan

**11. YMPO and ADOT.....Information and Discussion**

YMPO and ADOT staff will have the opportunity to update any other business that is or was not covered in the previous agenda items. This is a NO-ACTION agenda item.

- A. ACEC Roads and Streets – YMPO Staff
- B. Regional Priorities
- C. 2020 Arizona Infrastructure Report Card
- D. Schedule for TAC Meetings

**12. In-Kind Match Forms .....Information only**

This is on the agenda as a reminder that all YMPO business that any member or staff that does work for YMPO in any form (i.e., read, comment, setup meetings), YMPO is able to capture portions or all of your time as match for the YMPO match of all Programs.

**13. 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:

Yuma County:

- Avenue 28E and County 9th Street Off System Bridge Project
- Avenue D 16th Street – 23rd Street
- Avenue E Corridor
- Martinez Lake at Red Cloud Mine Road

City of San Luis:

Juan Sanchez Boulevard.

City of Yuma:

- Main Street between 2nd Street and Giss Parkway
- Palo Verde & Catalina loop from 32nd Street to 4th Avenue and down to Arizona Avenue
- Waterline project on 3rd Avenue from Orange Avenue – 4th Street

City of Somerton:

Cesar Chavez Project Main Street to Jefferson

ADOT:

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

**14. Future Agenda Items .....Discussion**

Members will have the opportunity to suggest future items for the TAC agenda.

- A. TIP Call for Projects
- B. LRTP Update
- C. Pavement Management Updates
- D. U.S. Census Update

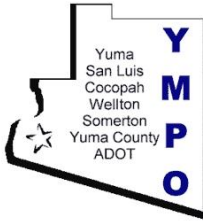
**15. Progress Reports.....Discussion**

YMPO staff has provided a list of recent activities.

- A. Sep 1 - Real Estate Acquisition discussion with COY attorney Paul Ward participated.
- B. Sep 3 - Meet with YC Human Resources Director Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez, and Crystal Figueroa participated.
- C. Sep 3 - COGs/MPOs Director's telemeeting Paul Ward participated.
- D. Sep 3 - Discuss possible future 5305 funding with CYMPO Director Paul Ward participated.
- E. Sep 8 - Staff meeting (All staff).
- F. Sep 8 - City of San Luis Juan Sanchez discussion Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.
- G. Sep 8 - Present to Regional Economic Development panel Paul Ward participated.
- H. Sep 9 - YCIPTA/YMPO SRTP telemeeting Paul Ward and Melissa Ramos participated.
- I. Sep 10 - YMPO TAC telemeeting YMPO staff participated.
- J. Sep 11 - COGs/MPOs Planner's telemeeting Charles Gutierrez participated.
- K. Sep 14 - RTAC Management Committee telemeeting Paul Ward participated.
- L. Sep 14 - ADOT/YMPO Coordination telemeeting Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.
- M. Sep 15 - YMPO LRTP telemeeting with Kittelson Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez and De'Laurien McKenzie participated.
- N. Sep 16 - ASCE Infrastructure Report Card telemeeting.
- O. Sep 18 - AZSTB telemeeting.
- P. Sep 21 - FHWA EDC 5 STEP Initiative (Skype meeting).
- Q. Sep 23-25 - Roads and Streets teleconference YMPO staff participated.
- R. Sep 23 - YCIPTA/YMPO SRTP telemeeting Paul Ward participated and Melissa Ramos.
- S. Sep 24 - YMPO Executive Board telemeeting YMPO staff participated.

**16. Adjournment**

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## **YMPO TAC MEMBERSABSENT**

Member	Paul Soto, Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma
Member	Joshua Scott, Public Works Director, Yuma County

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A brief message was read out reminding members of our Title VI obligations. Reminder to sign in at the meeting entrance and fill out the survey cards from the YMPO (optional).

3. **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 comments to report.

4. **Long-Range Transportation Plan Update .... Information, Discussion, and/or Action**

Paul Ward informed the TAC that YMPO received three proposals for the Long-Range Transportation Plan Update (LRTP). The YMPO TAC completed the ranking process and ranked Kimley-Horn and Kittelson & Associates as the top two consultants. The TAC recommended to invite the top two consulting firms to a special interview process. Paul Ward continued with informing the TAC of the interview process. Each firm will present, one at a time, while the other disconnects from the call. Each firm will have eight to ten minutes to present. The TAC will ask the presenting firm six questions, after the questions have been answered the presenting firm will disconnect, and the next firm will connect to repeat the process. Once both firms completed their presentations the firms will disconnect and the YMPO TAC will discuss the presentations and finalize the rankings. The rankings will be shared with the YMPO Executive Board for recommendation of approval at the end of August.

Kittelson was the first team presenting. Vamshi Yellisetty, Kittelson Project Manager, started the presentation off by introducing the presenters for the interview process, Phyllis Davis, Kittelson, Multimodal Planning Lead, and Mike Blankenship, Greenlight, Safety and Multimodal Lead. The team that would be conducting the YMPO LRTP Update, if chosen, the team would be Kittelson, AECOM and Greenlight. Streetlight would assist in Traffic & Origin-Destination Data and Graphic Ideas a DBE firm specializing in graphics. Vamshi Yellisetty informed the TAC that the team has done over fifty LRTP for all sizes of communities and the team is familiar with the Yuma region. Vamshi Yellisetty brought up challenges that would need to be addressed as part of the LRTP. Challenges would be YMPO becoming a Transportation Management Area (TMA), YMPO looking into a Transportation Tax Initiative, and Planning during Covid-19. Phyllis Davis spoke on the Community/Stakeholder Outreach during Covid-19, and how the team would convert the in-person meeting to contactless popup style meeting. The presentation included information on how the FAST Act has changed, ADOT's Functional Classification system update, and how recently ADOT has put a freeze on expansion projects. Phyllis Davis spoke about a project scoring and evaluation tool, that the team developed, that could be used as a model to streamline identification in the prioritization process of projects. The tool can measure the performance benefit of each project and incorporates a benefit cost component. Mike Blankenship spoke on changes since the 2019 Strategic Safety Plan, adding that there are HSIP opportunities that will include Somerton and Wellton. Vamshi

Yellisetty spoke on a standalone travel demand model that would assist YMPO to address the future unknowns. Vamshi Yellisetty concluded the presentation by stating the goal is to set up the YMPO region for success, by setting up the YMPO region with eight HSIP applications and other material analysis graphics developed will be BUILD Grant ready.

YMPO Chairman Joe Grant asked the first question. What changes do you see occurring to the region's transportation system over the next 20+ years, and what are the three most important areas or concepts that the LRTP should focus on? Vamshi Yellisetty answered from a trend's standpoint. We still see vehicle travel being the predominant travel mode in the region, but that does not mean that this is the only mode that we want to focus on in the region. Providing users more choices like bike, pedestrian, and transit is important, and we will focus on that as part of the approach. Vamshi Yellisetty continued answering what changes they see in the region. Vamshi Yellisetty answered it is going to depend on a lot of factors. Covid-19 is a factor and what is the new normal, Vamshi Yellisetty answered. Another variable could be, what is the relationship with the southern border? Another huge factor is how is the economy going to change? From a regional standpoint, we want to focus on what is coming up next in terms of emerging technologies, but also make sure that we are addressing the needs of the public. Vamshi Yellisetty answered safety comes first, and then making sure that the system functions on the proper circulation throughout the region without issues is what I would say are the primary things we should focus on in the LRTP. Phyllis Davis and Mike Blankenship also shared their points of view.

Vice-Chair Sam Palacios asked the second question. How can the YMPO region create and build partnerships with residents, students, the business community, and the military to address all modes of transportation in the region? Phyllis Davis answered it is about creating a plan that is the voice and the voice of the residents, the business and local community agencies. Monica Hernandez answered this gets into the details with respect to those relationships that are in the region, working with local community leaders, figuring out who those individuals that are out there, and how can we collaborate and share our platforms that are utilized to engage with their stakeholder communities.

Mark Hoffman asked the third question. What is your vision for balancing alternative transportation modes in the region? What does an active transportation plan mean view, and what factors should such a plan consider? Vamshi Yellisetty answered active transportation is a network that provides the ability for people of all ages and abilities to be able to use the transportation system, irrespective of whether they're elderly or disabled or whatever that is. Vamshi Yellisetty continued with balancing alternate modes is developing a balanced transportation system that, prioritizes all different modes, is what we strive to do on every LRTP that we do.

Chris Young asked the fourth question. What are the problems facing the region regarding air quality and what steps does your proposals suggest are needed to address these problems? Vamshi Yellisetty answered as part of the LRTP, one of our focus is going to be coming up with a balanced network so that way you are working towards reducing the impacts of air quality with the right balance of transportation system.

Jeff Kramer asked the fifth question. How should the YMPO region balance the needs of residents with the anticipated increased demand on the transportation network as a whole? What experience do you have helping in the establishment regional transportation funding mechanism? What steps would that involve? Jennifer Love shared all the materials that we were preparing for this process of the LRTP and will prepare in a way that it can be applied to a BUILD Grant or any other types of opportunities that come up so that we are ready. We have all the materials ready for different types of funding opportunities.

Eulogio Vera asked the sixth question. How does the team see the introduction of new technologies as influencing medium to long term planning goals for the YMPO region and how do you see current performance measures, such as safety, maintenance, and congestion changing over the next 20+ years? Dillon Kennedy shared that new technology affects in the field, as well as affects of funding levels. New technologies will change patterns of travel, inevitably, which will affect modeling outputs, which will affect air quality, PM, 10 levels, emissions, things of that regard. So having the foresight of knowing the changes that we can expect due to a different work patterns that people are doing, efficiencies in vehicles, but then also directly in transit vehicles themselves, which will change, inherently changed the operations of vehicles on the roadway. Compounding both of those together, and we can adapt to the future to make sure that we are addressing both the current needs in this period of slow adoption of technology. So, it is both applicable on the short and long term, and to set up a system that is adaptable onto those futures. We always see that safety and maintenance and congestion will remain a concern throughout the horizon of this plan.

Brent Crowther the Project Manager for Kimley-Horn and Associates began the presentation with the introductions. Chris Joannes, Deputy Project Manager, Allison Fluitt, Air Quality Specialist and Tim Padgett, Lead Travel Demand Modeling representing Kimley-Horn. Dan Marum and Amy Moran representing Wilson and company and Jan Gordley with Gordley Group. Brent Crowther continued with the history Kimley-Horn has in the YMPO region. Since 2010 the team has completed twelve transportation studies in the region, for both the YMPO and member jurisdictions. Chris Joannes reviewed a schedule for the LRTP. Chris Joannes stated that the team has about eight months between notice to proceed and the deadline to adopt this LRTP to conform with the Federal standards, which is much shorter than what the team has done in the past, Chris Joannes mentioned the team is experienced and ready to deliver despite the shorter deadline. Tim Padgett presented on the Travel Demand Model Development Process. Tim Padgett stated that modeling is the start of the critical path and the team will be kicking that off from day one. The team has we developed and updated the model as part of the previous two plans, but as part of that Traffic Count Network Study, and through that, the model's study design. Tim Padgett said the team has done a thorough review of the model and has determined what improvements are beneficial as part of the model. Amy Moran presented on working on reviewing and refining the Socioeconomic Data that translate to the assumptions in households and employment that could be anticipated over the plan horizon. Allison Fluitt presented on how the team would be gathering data needed for the Air Quality Conformity. Jan Gordley spoke on different approaches for the Public Participation proportion of the plan. Dan Marum presented on funding and bringing the teams regional experience, statewide experience, and national experience of funding to this assignment. Brent Crowther wrapped up the presentation with why the team should



be selected. Brent Crowther said the team would build upon their previous YMPO region experience, they would meet the project's schedule, and the team's experience with new funding sources will benefit YMPO.

YMPO Chairman Joe Grant asked the first question. What changes do you see occurring to the region's transportation system over the next 20+ years and what are the three most important areas or concepts that the LRTP should focus on? Brent Crowther answered just like every jurisdiction within America, funding is an issue. We have a system that needs to be maintained. We have paved roads that are crumbling. We also have a growing population. While the population growth in the human region is moderate, it is gradually increasing, and within the next census, we anticipate qualification as a transportation management area, which has implications on funding, particularly in the, in the transit side, on. Brent Crowther said it is important how we re-allocate that funding, considering the new designation to focus on that continue to urbanization of the region.

Vice-Chair Sam Palacios asked the second question. How can the YMPO region create and build partnerships with residents, students, the business community, and the military to address all modes of transportation in the region? Jan Gordley said So, public engagement might feel more challenging now, but it can really be more successful, and inclusive, knowledgeable, and innovative approach if we all look at it with a broad outlook.. Jan Gordley answered no one method is going to resonate with the plan. Some of it may be a little bit more communicating and visuals, which helps really get the sense for what the challenges are. One of the things that the team has found that works well, was bringing communities together and forming partnerships to develop advocates and ambassadors within the different segments of the region.

Mark Hoffman asked the third question. What is your vision for balancing alternative transportation modes in the region? What does an active transportation plan mean view, and what factors should such a plan consider? Brent Crowther answered I recognize you have already done your active transportation plan. So, if that plan is solid and effective. We are fully prepared to incorporate that and focus on the LRTP will be on implementation. Brent Crowther said I think it's important to begin to implement the policies that every project needs to consider using Active Modes, street widening. You need to have bike lanes on your collectors and arterials. That is the only way we are going to continue to build out. It is going to be very difficult to piecemeal an active transportation plan together with a standalone projects but over time as pavement preservation projects come through, you have an opportunity for restriping, as roadway widening projects come through and you have an opportunity to implement bike lanes, new developments. Brent Crowther continued with opportunities and safety. Brent Crowther emphasized that a multimodal transportation system is more than bike & ped etc. It also includes freight and transit. Brent Crowther stated that Yuma has a key component with its proximity to the port that represents an essential element of the economy. Brent Crowther finished with stating a multimodal transportation system needs to reflect the improvements of freight can move efficiently into the region and through throughout the region because the region really serves America.

Chris Young asked the fourth question. What are the problems facing the region regarding air quality and what steps does your proposals suggest are needed to address these problems? Allison Fluitt answered when thinking about air quality, things in the YMPO

region have gotten a little bit more complicated and rather than less complicated in recent years with the addition of the second criteria, Ozone. Allison Fluitt answered that the YMPO region has been dealing with particulate matter (PM10) for a longtime, that when, we think about how we improve things from particulate matter standpoint, it's pretty clear we actually need to go pave roads and that is the most effective way to control our particulate issue. From an Ozone standpoint, we have a whole different set of considerations that are being brought to bear, because that's really where you start see congestion issues coming play and traveled delay having more of an impact and what could be happening from a regional standpoint. Allison Fluitt mentioned the super regional issues that may be beyond the YMPO regions control as it come into play with Ozone. When thinking about air quality, it comes down to some fundamentals continuing to have a really strong relationship with our inter-agency consultation partners, reaching out often and early in the Air Quality process, and staying ahead of the game stated Allison Fluitt.

Jeff Kramer asked the fifth question. How should the YMPO region balance the needs of residents with the anticipated increased demand on the transportation network as a whole? What experience do you have helping in the establishment regional transportation funding mechanism? What steps would that involve? Dan Marum gave several examples of establishment regional transportation funding mechanism. Jan Gordley and Allison Fluitt shared their insights also.

Eulogio Vera asked the sixth question. How does the team see the introduction of new technologies as influencing medium to long term planning goals for the YMPO region and how do you see current performance measures, such as safety, maintenance, and congestion changing over the next 20+ years? Brent Crowther answered within the next few years, we are going to have a significant turnover towards autonomous vehicles, the connected vehicles, and the 5G Network. Brent Crowther mentioned within the LRTP it is time to begin to lay the groundwork for that. Brent Crowther finished with I would encourage us to set our goals aggressively and cognizant that we may not be able to achieve them within the next five years but within the life of the RTP, certainly, there will be technologies available to help us to make a significant decrease, significant impact on safety through the use of technology.

After the presentations both firms disconnected, and the TAC members discussed their votes.

Jeff Kramer moved that the TAC recommend to the Executive Board to award the LRTP to Kittelson.

Chris Young seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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YMPO TAC Chair Joe Grant adjourned the TAC Meeting.

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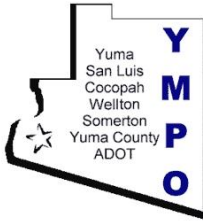
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**YMPO TAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Member      Jeff Kramer, City Engineer, City of Yuma

**YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT**

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**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**  
 The YMPO TAC Chair Joseph Grant, called the meeting to order at 9:02am. The City of Yuma declaration of votes: Susan Cowey 3 votes and Jennifer Albers 2 votes.

2. **Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964 .....Discussion and Information**  
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4. **Approval of Minutes ..... Discussion and Action**  
 The draft minutes for the TAC meetings from June 11, July 9, July 16, July 28, and August 13, 2020 Regular and Special Meetings were provided for information, discussion, and approval.

The July 28, 2020 minutes will be presented at the October 2020 TAC meeting.

Frank Sanchez made corrections to the June 11, 2020 and July 9, 2020 minutes. The corrections were under TAC Status Reports, Yuma County project should be Avenue 28E not Avenue 25E.

Jennifer Albers motioned to approve the June 11, 2020 and July 9, 2020 minutes with corrections noted and the August 13, 2020 minutes.

Mark Hoffman seconded.

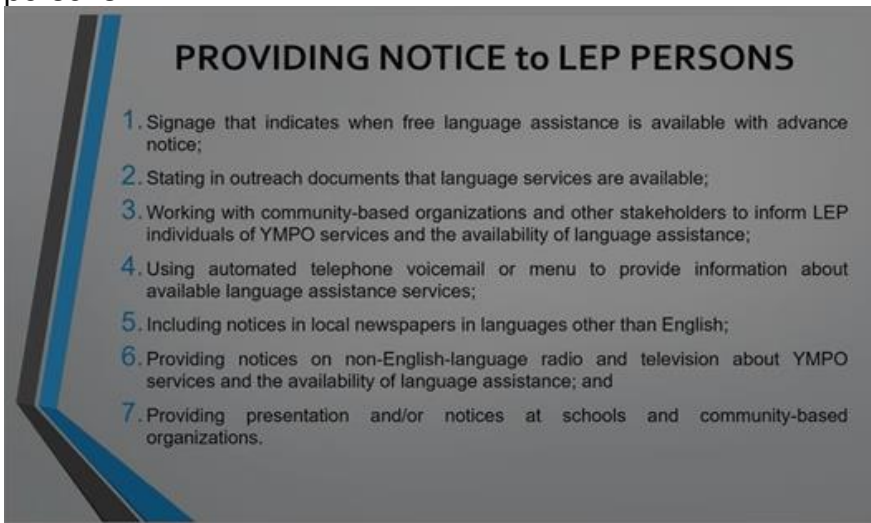
Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Title VI Report and Training .....Information and Discussion**

The YMPO Title VI Coordinator, Charles Gutierrez, presented the Title VI Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan (PPP). An LEP individual is any individual who speaks a language other than English as their primary language and who speaks or understands English not well or not at all. Below are the four factors that determine the need of the personnel.

- **Factor 1:** The number and proportion of LEP persons in the eligible service area;
- **Factor 2:** The frequency with which LEP persons encounter YMPO programs;
- **Factor 3:** The importance of the service provided by YMPO programs;
- **Factor 4:** The resources available and overall cost to the YMPO.

These slide of Charles Gutierrez’s presentation reflects how YMPO reaches out to LEP persons.

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- PROVIDING NOTICE to LEP PERSONS**
1. Signage that indicates when free language assistance is available with advance notice;
  2. Stating in outreach documents that language services are available;
  3. Working with community-based organizations and other stakeholders to inform LEP individuals of YMPO services and the availability of language assistance;
  4. Using automated telephone voicemail or menu to provide information about available language assistance services;
  5. Including notices in local newspapers in languages other than English;
  6. Providing notices on non-English-language radio and television about YMPO services and the availability of language assistance; and
  7. Providing presentation and/or notices at schools and community-based organizations.

Charles Gutierrez informed the TAC that the YMPO Executive Board had the same training and the Executive Board approved the plan.

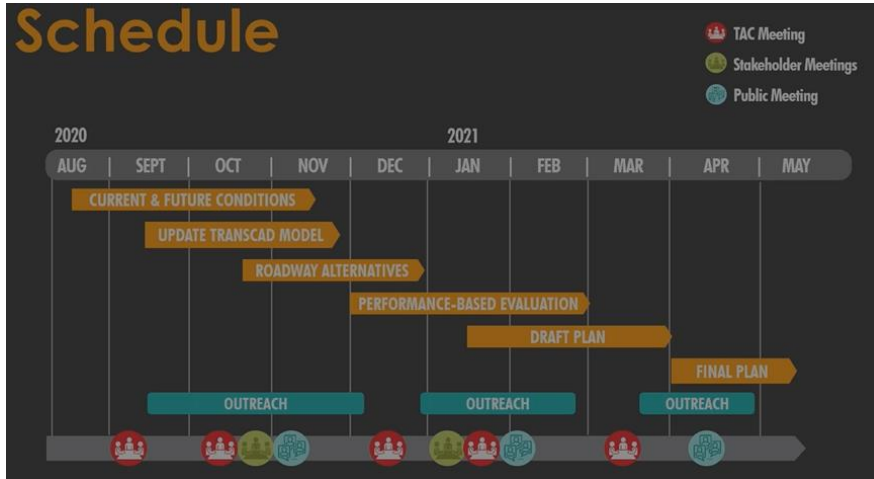
6. **Update STBG Loan to ADOT ..... Information, Discussion, and/or Action**

Charles Gutierrez informed the TAC that last month ADOT had issued the last Federal Ledger that shows a release of funds from COY-17-01C Giss Pkwy 6th St to Castle Dome project in the amount of \$63,103.84, which have “Final Vouchered”. At the current time, the request for member agencies to utilize these funds in the current fiscal year is past the deadline for FHWA to give authorization. However, ADOT has offered the opportunity to “LOAN” the entire amount of STBG funds from FY 20 to FY 21. The amount that will be updated with the loan process will be \$186,549.93.

7. **Long-Range Transportation Plan Kick-Off** .....

..... **Information, Discussion, and/or Action**

Vamshi Yellisetty and Phyllis Davis, Kittelson & Associates, gave a presentation that included the project overview and work plan. During the presentation, the Kittelson team discussed how the team plans to accomplish the different tasks and who will be assisting to meet those goals. Below is the schedule for the LRTP. Vamshi introduced the team experts from Greenlight Traffic Engineering and AECOM with Gordley Group doing the Public Participation outreach component.



8. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment City of Yuma**

..... **Information, Discussion, and/or Action**

Charles Gutierrez presented this item. The TIP Amendments are as follows:

The City of Yuma is requesting the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds on the COY-21-01: 8th St Corridor project programmed in Year 23/24 be deleted from the TIP and Re-Programmed to COY-23-10 16th Street Corridor project for Right of Way in FY 23 and Construction in the FY 24.

Yuma County is requesting the year change of funding for the YC -20-01 Bridge Canal funds be moved from the FY 20 to the FY 21 as per the request of Yuma County and the Bridge Group at ADOT.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is requesting the YC-BR-03: Salinity Canal project to the Ave 28E @ County 9th Street (Salinity Canal Bridge) in year 20 and in FY 21 program \$170,000 of local funds to the project.

The transit TIP was updated with all the 5310 Program providers operating, capital, and mobility requests with YCIPTA adding, deleting, and changing project dollar amounts.

Frank Sanchez motioned to recommend approval of TIP Amendment #2 to the YMPO Executive Board.

Jennifer Albers seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **2020 U.S. Census Update.....Information and Discussion**  
 De'Laurien McKenzie shared that on August 11, 2020 the Census Bureau enumerators started visiting non-responding households. September 30, 2020 is the last date for data-gathering for the US Census. De'Laurien McKenzie presented the updated Census tracts and mentioned that the full updated Census is accessible.

**Data Conclusion**

- YMPO region, so far, has attained a percentage response rate of only **47 percent**, compared to the **62.1 percent** for the State and **65.5 percent** for the US.

<u>Overall 2010 Response Percentage</u>	<u>Average To Date 2020</u>
City of Yuma 57.6%	51.3%
City of Somerton 57.5%	42.1%
City of San Luis 53.9%	42.2%
Town of Wellton 43.0%	34.7%
Cocopah Tribe 68.6%	46.3%
Yuma County 44.8%	42.0%

***We Want to Encourage Household Responses!***  
***\*NOT RELY ON THE ENUMERATORS***

10. **Pavement Management System Study Update (PMSS).Information and Discussion**  
 De'Laurien McKenzie thanked the subcommittee that has been a part of the PMSS for their continued efforts and reminded the subcommittee to fill out In-Kind Match sheets. Due to technical difficulties Tim Millers presentation was discontinued. The presentation is available for review.

11. **YMPO and ADOT.....Information and Discussion**  
 YMPO and ADOT had the opportunity to update on any other business that is or was not covered in the previous agenda items. This is a NO-ACTION agenda item.

- A. **YMPO/YCIPTA Short-Range Transit Study (SRTP)** – Melissa Ramos reported that IBI Consulting is working on task 6 Identify and Analyze Possible Future Networks. The SRTP is expected to be completed in December 2020.
- B. **Regional Priorities-** These priorities are for the LRTP.
- C. **Heavy Freight Study-** YMPO staff are working on the RFP.
- D. **TIP-** The call for projects will be approaching soon.
- E. Donna Lewandowski is the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for ADOT. Donna Lewandowski mentioned she will be scheduling a trip to the Yuma region, when it is safe to travel again, to meet with the TAC and bicycle and pedestrian community.
- F. **ADOT Statewide Stormwater and Erosion Control Study-** ADOT is finishing the scoping of the top 20 projects that were identified in the southwest district had along Highway 95. These projects will move into ADOT's P2P after the scoping.
- G. **ADOT 5-year Facility Construction Program-** The updated budget projections are going to be released later this week. The next State Board meeting is September 18 and that is when the updated recommended 5-year program will be presented. A public hearing will take place October 16. October 27, 2020 the 2021-2025 Facility Program will potentially get approved.



12. **In-Kind Match Forms .....Information only**  
 Melissa Ramos thanked the TAC for returning their In-Kind Match forms to YMPO staff on a timely manner. YMPO staff reminded the TAC of the blank In-Kind Match forms that are on the YMPO website if extras are needed for conducting YMPO business.
13. **TAC Status Reports .....Information and Discussion**  
 Member agencies had 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:

No updates currently.

Yuma County:

**Avenue 28E and County 9th Street Off System Bridge Project-** ADOT is in the process of selecting a consultant. The kickoff meeting should be in November or December.

**Avenue D 16<sup>th</sup> Street – 23<sup>rd</sup> Street-** Was not selected for Slab funding. Yuma County will be meeting with FHWA to discuss improvements for the next application process.

**Avenue E Corridor-** On track with having the EA Clearance by February 2021.

**Martinez Lake at Red Cloud Mine Road-** Construction is at 25% complete. Option Y will be funded by FWHA.

City of San Luis:

**Juan Sanchez Boulevard-** The City of San Luis is going to request to update the TIP with local efforts the City of San Luis has been doing to move forward with project. The ROW has been moving forward.

City of Yuma:

**Main Street between 2nd Street and Giss Parkway-** No update.

**Palo Verde & Catalina loop from 32nd Street to 4th Avenue and down to Arizona Avenue-** No update.

**Waterline project on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Orange Avenue – 4<sup>th</sup> Street-** No update.

City of Somerton:

**Local project, CDBG Project, Zocalo Gardens, Street Reconstruction and Water Main Replacement Project-** This project is completed and can be removed from the list.

**Cesar Chavez Project Main Street to Jefferson-** The project was awarded to DPE and the City of Somerton is looking into options to reduce the price of the project by changing the traffic light module.

ADOT:

The ADOT Newsletter was sent out to TAC Members electronically.

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

Looking for RFP's to renovate the community center so it can assist the public on the reservation during Covid-19.

**14. Future Agenda Items .....Discussion**

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

- A. Functional Classification.
- B. TIP Amendments
- C. Heavy Freight – (Rail) RFP

**15. Progress Reports .....Discussion**

YMPO staff provided a list of recent activities.

- A. August 4 – YMPO Rail Discussion with Wilson & Co., YMPO staff participated.
- B. August 2 – Discussion on P2P Projects & Milestones, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.
- C. August 5 – Weekly COAD Meeting, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.
- D. August 7 – COG/MPO Planner's Meetings, Charles Gutierrez and De'Laurien McKenzie participated.
- E. August 7 – COG, MPO and ADOT MPD Working Group, Paul Ward participated.
- F. August 10 – City of San Luis Cesar Chavez Blvd Discussion, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.
- G. August 10 – RTAC Management Committee Telemeeting, Paul Ward participated.
- H. August 10 – ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.
- I. August 11 - YCIPTA/YMPO Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) discussion, Paul Ward and Melissa Ramos participated.
- J. August 12 - YCIPTA/YMPO Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) Check-In, Shelly Kreger, Paul Ward, and Melissa Ramos participated.
- K. August 13 - YMPO TAC Meeting, Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez, and Melissa Ramos participated.
- L. August 13 - Meeting with Barry Olsen, Paul Ward participated.
- M. August 13 - AZ G&F Kristen Terpinig, Charles Gutierrez participated.
- N. August 17 - Audit Committee-Accounting & Audit Proposal Review Session, Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez, and Crystal Figueroa participated.
- O. August 18 - STSP Safety-Related Data Emphasis Area Meeting, Charles Gutierrez participated.
- P. August 20 - Possible Peer Review USDOT Sponsored Study on PBPP, Paul Ward participated.
- Q. August 20 - SRTP Public Meeting teleconference, Melissa Ramos participated.
- R. August 21- State Transportation Board Meeting, Paul Ward participated
- S. August 24 – Rural COG/MPO Directors Meeting, Paul Ward participated.
- T. August 25 - YMPO Regional Mobility Committee Meeting, Charles Gutierrez and Melissa Ramos participated.
- U. August 25 - YCIPTA/YMPO Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) discussion, Paul Ward and Melissa Ramos participated.
- V. August 26 - YCIPTA/YMPO Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) discussion, Shelly Kreger, Paul Ward, and Melissa Ramos participated.

- W. August 26 - YCIPTA/YMPO Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) discussion, Paul Ward and Melissa Ramos participated.
- X. August 31, Long-Range Transportation Plan Kick-Off Meeting, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.

**16. Adjournment**

YMPO TAC Chair Joseph Grant adjourned the TAC Meeting at 11:30am.

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Minutes Prepared By:

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Minutes approved  
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Melissa Ramos, YMPO  
Administrative Assistant

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Charles Gutierrez, YMPO  
Senior Planning Manager

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Joseph Grant, YMPO  
TAC Chair

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 5**

## **YMPO Office**

**DATE:** June 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:** YMPO Office.

### **SUMMARY:**

YMPO has leased the current office at 502 Orange Avenue, Yuma, for approximately 20 years. The current five-year lease expires at the end of the calendar year and the possibility of renewing the lease is in doubt based on information from the management company that has been handling the lease for the property owners in New York. YMPO staff has been looking for property for quite some time. The limited parking situation at the current location makes it difficult in holding Executive Board or Technical Advisory Committee meetings on a consistent basis and office space is getting limited with staffing required that staff seek out a new office or property to build. The options are furthermore listed below.

As part of ongoing budget discussions, YMPO senior staff (Mr. Ward, Mr. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Figueroa) have been reviewing the options available for securing premises for YMPO premises (preferably long-term) and have settled on the following possibilities:

- (1) Requesting to extend the lease on the current property for a longer-term basis (five to ten years) at the same lease payment
- (2) Requesting to extend the lease on an annual short-term basis (one year at a time) at a higher lease payment than we are currently paying
- (3) Offering to purchase the current property if the owner is willing to sell
- (4) Looking to lease a totally different location which has the parking facilities wanted
- (5) Looking to buy a totally different location which has the parking facilities wanted
- (6) Looking to build/share some property with a YMPO member agency
- (7) Looking to buy some land and build a new building to suit current and future needs

YMPO staff has found a suitable property that will take the YMPO into the future with a building that will suit the current needs and future needs that will drive the YMPO Planning force. The property is at 230 West Morrison Street. It is the past office of Benesch & Davy P.C., the YMPO Legal Counsel.

Currently, Paul D. Ward P.E., has with the approval of the Executive Board has made an offer, offer was negotiated, and a final offer has been made. A \$25,000 deposit has been made to the Title Company and closing is expected to be November 2, 2020 contingent upon a successful property inspection and title reports. Future YMPO Executive Board Meetings will be made for the furtherment of obtaining the 230 W Morrison Street property.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No members of the public have addressed either YMPO staff members, the Technical Advisory Committee, or the Executive Board on these subjects.

### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** YMPO receives reimbursements from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for the majority of costs through an annual contract with the Arizona Department of transportation.

**POLICY:** There are no policy implications at this stage, but even though the decision by the YMPO Executive Board is, ultimately, the most important step, FHWA/FTA/ADOT consent will be play a part in the process. Any decision regarding funding will be accomplished through the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget process.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

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

**PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

This subject has been raised in prior Executive Board meetings, and a Resolution has been adopted and approval by the Board to allow the Executive Director to pay the \$25,000 Deposit for the Acquisition of the property.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Paul Ward, Executive Director, 928-783-8911

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM 7**

## **Pavement Management System Study Update**

**DATE:** October 5, 2020

**SUBJECT:** YMPO Pavement Management System Study Update

### **SUMMARY:**

Kimley-Horn is developing and beginning to implement Phase 2 of their data collection plan. The members of Kimley Horn are working with the YMPO Agencies to finalize Maintenance & Rehabilitation (M & R) recommendations and costs; also awaiting the City of Yuma and County to provide a map of approximately 10 Center Line miles of roadway for phase 2 data collection. Member agencies have been requested to respond to a PMS Survey. Members will also be asked to decide on what level of access each agency will have to the Roadbotics Data Collection Platform.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No members of the public have commented on this request, to date.

### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** Tim Miller, Kimley Horn, will request members of the Technical Advisory Committee to decide on how access as full/partial to the data received by the Roadbotics Data System (i.e., does Yuma County want all access or does san Luis Really need Wellton's data).

**POLICY:** There is no official policy or recommendation.

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Motion to gain what level of access to data for each agency and adjacent agencies data

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion and possible action

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

De'Laurien McKenzie Associate Planner/GIS Representative, 928-783-8911

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #8**

## **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2022-2026**

**DATE:** October 5, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2022-2026

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **STATUTORY CITATION**

FAST Act § 1109; 23 U.S.C. 133

The YMPO is evolving to be doing a Transportation Improvement Program with a 2-year cycle year and will be going out to the TAC and finally approval to the Executive Board. Each year the YMPO receives approximately \$1,080,229 of Apportionment and with Obligation Authority (OA) Rate at 94.9% in the amount of \$1,025,137 or a HURF Exchange rate of 90/10% Split which equates to \$922,623.

YMPO currently has programmed out to FY 2024 in the YMPO 2018-2022 TIP. YMPO would like to begin the process of programming out for 2025 and 2026. We currently have to program **\$1,025,137** (OA Rate) for FY 2025 and FY 2025. October 8, 2020, YMPO will make a call projects that are currently in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and being programmed in the LRTP and have the Air Quality (AQ) Conformity Analysis completed and/or being programmed in the LRTP and going through the AQ process. The Project can also not be included in the LRTP and AQ portion, but it will need to be included in the LRTP and AQ process to accept any Federal funds.

Projects to be considered: Highways, Infrastructure-based ITS capital projects, planning, design, construction of roadways, these are a small portion of the related fields that could be STBG funded. Please see the below links to see more options

#### **SPECIAL FEDERAL-AID FUNDING**

##### **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/>

##### **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program FACT SHEET**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/stbgfs.cfm>

##### **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Implementation Guidance**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/160307.cfm>

##### **Eligibility of Construction and Highway Safety Equipment Acquisition Costs as a Direct Charge**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/170908.cfm>

#### **Tentative Schedule:**

- October 2020: Call for Projects
- November 2020: Submission of New TIP Projects to YMPO – Mini DCR, other pertinent data
- December 2020: TAC Meeting to recommend Project(s) for TIP Project Presentations if needed
- January 2021: TIP Approval and 30-day Start of Public Comment
- January 2021: AQ Process

- March 2021: Submission of TIP to Executive Board for Approval
- May 2021: Submit to ADOT with AQ

We have programmed years on the current TIP

- FY 2021
- FY 2022
- FY 2023
- FY 2024
- FY 2025 –
- FY 2026 - \$1,025,137 (OA) or \$922,623 Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There have been no public comments on this process, to date. Although a Public Comment Phase will take place in January 2021

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: N/A at this time until further technical issues are explored, and the process agreed upon by all members.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and action

**PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

- TIP Approval: June 27 2019  
Members Attended:  
Sam Palacios – Somerton                      Frank Sanchez – Yuma County  
Jennifer Albers – Yuma                              Eulogio Vera – San Luis  
Maggie Castro – Yuma County                      Andrew McGarvie - Yuma  
Mark Hoffman – ADOT                              Omar Heredia – Cocopah Absent  
Czarina Gallegos – Yuma                              Joe Grant – Wellton Absent
- 1st Amendment: March 26, 2020 – Board Approved, TAC Approved March 12, 2020  
Joe Grant – Wellton                                      Omar Heredia - Cocopah  
Sam Palacios – Somerton                              Mark Hoffman – ADOT  
Susan Cowey – Yuma                                      Jeff Kramer – Yuma  
Joshua Scott – Yuma County                              James Einwaechter - San Luis  
Chris Young – Yuma County Absent                      Jennifer Albers – Yuma Absent
- 2nd Amendment: September 24, 2020 Board Approved, TAC Approved September 10, 2020  
Joe Grant – Wellton                                      Sam Palacios – Somerton  
Fernando Mezquita – Cocopah                              Mark Hoffman – ADOT  
Susan Cowey – Yuma                                      Frank Sanchez – Yuma County  
Jennifer Albers – Yuma                                      Joshua Scott – Yuma County  
Eulogio Vera – San Luis                                      Jeff Kramer – Yuma Absent

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Charles A. Gutierrez, Senior Planning/Mobility Manager, 928-783-8911



# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM 9**

## **YMPO Rail, Heavy Freight Corridor Alignment Study**

**DATE:** September 30, 2020

**SUBJECT:** YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Corridor Alignment Study

**SUMMARY:**

In 2013, YMPO carried out the Yuma County Rail Corridor Study. In 2019, YMPO included a possible Rail Study Outline in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to update the original rail study and take it a step further, to define a preferred alignment corridor for planning purposes. Since that time, based on interviews with three different consultant groups and input from member agencies, the intent of the Scope of Work has increased the potential cost of the project from \$120,000 to \$270,000 and the study has been delayed to accommodate this potential cost increase. At their August 13, 2020, meeting, TAC members were asked whether they wanted to set up a subcommittee to assist with refining the Scope of Work. To date, no member agencies have come forward to set up this subcommittee.

Currently, the proposed schedule for carrying out the Study is shown in the table below:

Table One: Anticipated Time Frame for YMPO Rail/Heavy Freight Study	
Proposed Activity	Probable Date
Finish review by Member Agencies of the Scope of Work	Nov 10, 2020
Advertise the RFP	Jan 20, 2021
Submittals Due By	Feb 24, 2021
TAC Recommendation of Preferred Consultant	Mar 11, 2021
Executive Board Approval of Contract/Notice To Proceed	Mar 25, 2021
Final Report Due	Mar 2, 2022

This schedule allows for the Study to be started during the final few months of the current UPWP, but will be completed during the next UPWP, which is under development. The Draft Scope of Work is being released to members of the TAC for a final review. Members are requested to provide any changes to the Scope of Work by the November 10, 2020 TAC meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There have been no public comments on this process to date.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** TAC members are being given a final opportunity to review, and possibly make changes to the Scope of Work for the project, prior to YMPO starting the procurement process. Although changes to the Scope may occur after this point, the opportunities for doing so are severely limited.

**POLICY:** There are no known policy implications for YMPO regarding this study.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

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

**PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The Study is partially included in the current FY 2019-21 UPWP, which was originally approved by the YMPO Executive Board on May 16, 2019, but has been deferred as the Scope of Work has 'evolved' and as the cost has increased.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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

# **YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM #9**

## **2020 U.S. Census Update**

**DATE:** October 8, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 2020 U.S. Census Update

### **SUMMARY:**

The Secretary of Commerce had announced a new target date of **October 5, 2020** to conclude 2020 Census self-response and field data collection operations. De'Laurien McKenzie, YMPO, has been tracking results of the self-reporting rates released by Census Bureau sources and provided the latest updates available for the YMPO region. YMPO predicts that each member agency will complete less than 50% of Household Self-Response percentages compared to the overall 2010 data collection.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No input has been provided by members of the public on this subject.

### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** If households (people) do not provide appropriate answers to the U.S. Census questions, the region stands to lose hundreds of millions of dollars over the next ten years in Federal and State Shared Revenues. Currently, self-response rates for the YMPO region lag in comparison to the 2010 response rates and those of the average rates for the U.S., as well as for the State of Arizona. It is possible that the enumerators will count all of the households in the Census Bureau's records. If they are not able to do so, the regional funding will suffer for the next ten years. We know that having a higher than average response during the self-response stage is the best way to satisfy the Census needs.

**POLICY:** YMPO has no direct, official, role in overseeing the U.S. Census.

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

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

### **PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Members have received a monthly update on the U.S. Census every month this year, but no actions have been taken.

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

De'Laurien McKenzie, Associate Planner, 928-783-8911.