

EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Local Governments and Citizens Working Together

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 2023
1:30 P.M.**

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

YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair	Gary Knight, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Vice-Chair	Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Wellton
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Member	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Gerardo Anaya, Mayor, City of Somerton
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Michael Shelton, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Art Morales, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Bruce Fenske, Southwest District Administrator, ADOT
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County

A regular electronic meeting of the Executive Board (the Board) of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) will be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2023**, starting at **1:30 p.m., either In-Person and/or using GoToMeeting Video/Teleconferencing** from the YMPO Offices at 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona, 85364, to discuss, consider, and/or take possible action with respect to the items listed below. Members MAY attend in person, with the appropriate social distancing, if they wish, but may also choose to participate by video- or tele-conference, if they so desire.

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
Blenda Dale, YMPO Accountant II/Executive Assistant, will call the attendance roll, and if any members of the City of Yuma are not in attendance, those members that are in attendance will have the opportunity to declare the number of votes that each member will exercise, including any proxy votes.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public

Jesus Aguilar Jr., YMPO Mobility Manager, 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. Any members of the Public attending by teleconference are requested to contact YMPO staff with any questions they may have prior to the meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the February 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for February 2023

A copy of the draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting from February 23, 2023, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, Regular Board meeting. The January financial report is also expected to accompany this agenda and will be available for comment at this current meeting.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda. Copies of the draft minutes for February 23, 2023, and the financial report for February 2023 are attached as Items A and B respectively.

5. YMPO Staff Hiring Update

During the February meeting, the Board was informed that YMPO staff were in the process of hiring a part-part time Infrastructure Technology Manager. Various interviews were held during the previous year and current. We have finished the interview process and a candidate has been selected. The new staff member will be introduced to members.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion, only at this stage. Ms. Figueroa will present this item and further information is provided in an Information Summary that is included as Item 05.

6. Regional Coordination Plan Update

The RCP commenced on November 1, 2022, and the Board received a status update in January. The consultant completed Technical Memorandum 2 - Transportation Needs and Gaps in Service and presented it to the Technical Advisory Committee. YMPO Staff will provide an update on the progress that has occurred in the last two months and a memorandum.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only at this stage. Mr. Aguilar will present this item and further information is available in an information summary as Item 6.

7. Support Request for ADOT AZ SMART Fund Application for US 95

The Arizona Legislature established the AZ SMART Fund in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in competing for federal discretionary surface transportation grants. Last month the Board approved to authorize letters of support for the City of San Luis and Yuma County projects to submit AZ SMART Fund applications for reimbursement design and other engineering services. The State Transportation Board approved the City of San Luis request at March 17th meeting. YMPO has officially requested support from ADOT to apply for AZ SMART funds for US 95.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only at this stage. Ms. Figueroa will present this item and further information is available in an information summary as Item 7.

8. FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7

The FY 2022-2026 YMPO TIP was approved by the Executive Board in July 2021 and has been amended six times. At the requests of Yuma County and the Cities of Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, updates to accept and modify the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects for FY 23, 24, 25, and 26. An additional request from the City of Yuma and YMPO for two projects.

This is on the agenda for information, discussion, and action to approve the YMPO FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #7. Mr. Gutierrez will present this item and further information is available in an information summary as Item 8.

9. FY 2024 and 2025 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The current Two-Year FY 2022-2023 UPWP and annual budget was approved by the YMPO Board meeting on April 29, 2021. This was the second two-year work program approved by YMPO. It is time to start developing the next UPWP and we are continuing the process of approving a program for the next two years. In conformance with fiscal constraint, the annual budget will only be approved for one year at a time. YMPO staff will provide an update on what might be expected to occur during the next two-year work program.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and comment only at this stage. Ms. Figueroa will present this item and further information is available in an information summary as Item 9.

10. FY 2024 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Appropriations

The offices of Senator Kelly and Senator Sinema released a Congressional Directed Spending request opportunity inviting Arizonans and organizations to apply for projects which could be funded through the CDS process. Specific projects in a Senator's home state can be funded through the annual budget bills passed by congress. The Board identified the US 95 widening project as a regional

priority, and as such, in collaboration with ADOT, YMPO has taken a proactive approach to seek funding opportunities. As a result, US 95 Highway was identified as an eligible highway transportation project and submitted an application request for CDS earmarking of 2M for design of Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, comment only at this stage. Mr. Gutierrez will present this item, and further information is available in an information summary as Item 10.

11. 2023 Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZRTS) Planning-Update

The AZRTS Annual Conference is organized by a group of rural-based Councils of Governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (COG/MPOs). The summit is a signature event for rural Arizona agencies, in which elected and appointed local government officials, transportation professionals, legislators, and other guests engage in solutions to improve and enhance transportation in Greater Arizona. Customarily, the COGs/MPOs rotate hosting responsibility for the RTS, and it is YMPO's and WACOG's turn to host the conference here in Yuma falls during October 18-19, 2023. YMPO staff will update members on the planning for the 2023 AZRTS.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, comment only at this stage. YMPO Staff will present this item, and further information is available in an information summary as Item 11.

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

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

- A. Staff Reports - Future Meetings
- B. TAC Minutes
- C. Conference Updates (AZTA, AZRTS, and Roads and Streets)
- D. MPO/COG Director/Planner Meetings
- E. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council activities
- F. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and for Board members and other staff reports and comments.

13. Possible Future Agenda Items

The following items will be heard at a future meeting. Members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion at a future Board meeting:

- A. Call for Projects
- B. AZ RTS Update

- C. FY 2024-25 two-year UPWP Approval
- D. RCP Approval

14. Progress Reports

Members and staff will update the Board on the progress of ongoing projects and other recent events.

- a. Feb 24 - YMPO RAISE 2023 Submission (CF, CG)
- b. Feb 24 - PASS Trainer Observation with SEAGO in Florence (JR)
- c. Feb 27 - RTAC Board Meeting (CF, CG)
- d. Feb 28 - 5310 Program Visit with Horizon Health and Wellness (JR)
- e. Feb 28 - AZ DOT RDIP Workshop and Roundtable Discussions (CG)
- f. Mar 1 - AZ DOT RDIP Workshop and Roundtable Discussions (CG)
- g. Mar 1 - YC's Meeting with Marisol Flores-Aguirre, Gov. Hobbs's Southern AZ Office Director: Economic Development (CF)
- h. Mar 2 - Wilson & Co/ US 95: Imperial Dam Rd- Aberdeen Rd and US 95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal Project (CG)
- i. Mar 2 - YMPO Visit with HOPE Arizona (JR)
- j. Mar 2 - FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Webinar (NC)
- k. Mar 2 - RTS Planning Meeting (CF, CG, BD, NC, JR, RA)
- l. Mar 2 - Meeting with YMPO & Michael Baker Intl (CG)
- m. Mar 3 - FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Webinar (CF)
- n. Mar 6 - Staff Meeting (CF, CG, BD, NC, JR)
- o. Mar 6 - BOS Annual Presentation (CF)
- p. Mar 6 - Emotional Intelligence Part 1 Training with Yuma County (CF, CG, BD, NC, JR, RA)
- q. Mar 7 - FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending - Transportation Projects (CF, CG, NC)
- r. Mar 7 - Yuma YR 2 Budget Meeting - 5310 (CF, BD, JR)
- s. Mar 7 - RTS Planning Meeting (CF, CG)
- t. Mar 8 - 5305 Discussion with YCIPTA (CF, CG, JR)
- u. Mar 9 - TAC Meeting (CG, NC, JR)
- v. Mar 9 - YRBC Meeting (JR)
- w. Mar 13 - ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, CG)
- x. Mar 13 - RMC 5310 Meeting (JR, CF, NC)
- y. Mar 13 - RMC 5310 - LSC Tech Memo #2 Presentation (JR)
- z. Mar 14 - Chamber's Transportation Committee Meeting (CF)
- aa. Mar 15 - Yuma County Regional Economic Development Quarterly Meeting (CF)
- bb. Mar 15 - 5310 visit with Crossroads (JR)
- cc. Mar 15 - 5310 visit with Rise Services (JR)
- dd. Mar 16 - Coaching Through Conflict Training by YC (CF, BD)
- ee. Mar 16 - YMPO 5310 Meeting with Rise Services (JR)

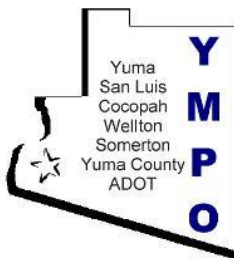
- ff. Mar 16 - Virtual Networking for Community Resources Meeting (JR)
- gg. Mar 16 - 5310 Meeting with Rise Services (JR)
- hh. Mar 17 - Arizona State Transportation Board in Prescott Valley (CF)
- ii. Mar 20 - Email and Workplace Etiquette Training with Yuma County (CF, BD, NC, CG, JR, RA)
- jj. Mar 20 - RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF)
- kk. Mar 21 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Call (CF, CG)
- ll. Mar 22 - RTS Planning Meeting (CF, CG, BD, NC, JR, RA)
- mm. Mar 23 - Greater Yuma Port Authority Board of Directors Meeting (CF)
- nn. Mar 27 - RTAC Board Meeting (CF, CG)
- oo. Mar 28 - Yuma Regional Bicycle Coalition Meeting (CF)
- pp. Mar 28 - NACOG Technology Summit Part 1 (JR)
- qq. Mar 29 - Carbon Reduction Strategy State Practices 1 (CF, CG)

15. Adjournment

Notice: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, YMPO does not discriminate on the basis of disability, in the admission of, or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services. If you have any questions regarding YMPO programs, activities, or services, please contact Crystal Figueroa or Charles Gutierrez at 928-783-8911.

16. Anticipated Future 2023 Meeting Locations.

All future meetings will continue to be held at the YMPO office at 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. Members MAY participate in person, OR they may participate electronically by computer, and/or telephone (or both), using the GoToMeeting portal. The next two meetings will occur on Thursday April 27, 2023, and May 25, 2023.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Regular Meeting

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1:30 P.M.

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GoToMeeting by Video and/or Teleconference from
the Main Conference Room at the YMPO Offices at
230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Chair, Supervisor Martin Porchas, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked the Board to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance and Declaration of Votes

The YMPO Executive Assistant/Accountant II, Blenda Dale, called the roll as follows:

YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ^
Vice-Chair	Gary Knight, Councilmember, City of Yuma^
Secretary/Treasurer	Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Wellton^
Member	Maria Cruz, Councilmember, City of San Luis^
Member	Bruce Fenske, Southwest District Administrator, ADOT ^
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County~
Member	Art Morales, Councilmember, City of Yuma^

^ Attended in person.

~ Participated by teleconference.

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

YMPO Executive Board Members Absent

Member	Gerardo Anaya, Mayor, City of Somerton *
Member	Wynnie Ortega, Councilmember, Cocopah Indian Tribe *
Member	Michael Shelton, Councilmember, City of Yuma #

Not present but was represented by proxy by another member.

* Not present, and not represented by proxy by another member.

YMPO Staff Present:

Crystal Figueroa	Executive Director
Charles Gutierrez	Senior Planning Manager
Blenda Dale	Executive Assistant/Accountant II
Norma Chavez	Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Additional Attendees:

Kevin Adams	RTAC Liaison ~
Mark Hoffman	ADOT Senior Planner ~
Jenny Torres	City of San Luis Economic Development Manager~

Declaration of Votes:

Councilmember Gary Knight declared that he would exercise the proxy vote for all five votes for the City of Yuma.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public

YMPO Senior Planning Manager Charles Gutierrez read the Title VI obligations. No members of the public addressed the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the January 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for January 2023

MOTION: Councilmember Knight moved to approve item A: January 26, 2023, Board Meeting minutes with the correction to change the Councilmember's name from Cecilia Cruz to Maria Cruz as attending and representing the City of San Luis, and item B: YMPO Income/Expenditure Report for January 2023 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Cecilia McCollough seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 1:35 p.m., Councilmember Art Morales arrived at the meeting. Councilmember Knight stated that he would now have three proxy votes for the City of Yuma and Councilmember Morales would have two.

5. Election of Executive Board Officers - Calendar Year 2023

YMPO Executive Director Crystal Figueroa said that the YMPO By-Laws provide that elected officers of YMPO shall serve on a rotation basis. The Vice-Chairman, Councilmember Knight, will assume the position of Chairman, the Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, will take the role of Vice-Chairman, and the Board will elect a new officer to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position. Additionally, it is understood that Supervisor Porchas will remain as the Yuma County representative.

Figueroa explained that the By-Laws state that, at any one time, three (3) elected officers on the Executive Board must be from three (3) different jurisdictions, and the City of Somerton, the City of San Luis, the Town of Wellton, or the Cocopah Indian Tribe should hold at least one office. If historical member agency rotation precedence is considered, the representative from the Cocopah Indian Tribe, Councilmember Winnie Ortega, would be expected to be nominated as Secretary/Treasurer.

This year, the rotation is reasonably understood; however, the Board may consider a change in historical precedence if deemed necessary.

Councilmember Morales asked if the officer rotation is an approved one or required.

Figueroa advised that the YMPO By-Laws require officer rotation, and in the past, the rotation of member agencies to assume the position of the Secretary/Treasurer was based on historical rotation.

Gutierrez further explained that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) follows a similar protocol and strives to ensure that the officers of the TAC are from different entities than the Executive Board officers.

Councilmember Knight stated that Ms. Figueroa had spoken with Councilmember Winnie Ortega and was uneasy about taking on the role due to her first year in the Cocopah Council. In addition, the following entity in line for the role, Mayor Gerardo Anaya, City of Somerton, had advised her that he would not be attending the Executive Board meetings in the future and would most likely assign someone else to represent the City of Somerton; however, a replacement has not yet been identified. Based on this information, Mr. Knight suggested that the Board consider a member from another entity for the position.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas nominated Councilmember Maria Cruz for the soon-to-be-vacated YMPO Secretary/Treasurer position. Councilmember Maria Cruz accepted the nomination, Councilmember Knight seconded, and the nomination was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Knight and Mayor Pro Tem McCollough accepted their respective positions and took over as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the YMPO Executive Board, respectively. Chairman Porchas then handed over the gavel to the new Chairman, Councilmember Knight.

6. Election of YMPO Subcommittee Members and Identification of Officials for Attending AZSTB and RTAC meetings - Calendar Year 2023

Ms. Dale stated a correction on this agenda item to read the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) rather than the Rural Transportation Advisory Council. Councilmember Knight acknowledged the change.

Ms. Figueroa went on to explain that there are four possible subcommittees. The Audit Committee meets once yearly to oversee the annual Audit process. The Secretary/Treasurer automatically becomes the chair of this committee; therefore, two additional members need to be elected.

Councilmember Knight said he would like to change and combine the YMPO By-Laws and YMPO Personnel Policies and Procedures subcommittees into one. He mentioned that the YMPO By-Laws and YMPO Personnel Policies and Procedures committees are only elected if necessary, changes and the subject matter are closely related. Therefore, he felt that only one committee would be needed to cover both topics. He said Ms. Figueroa had advised him there would be changes to the YMPO Personnel Policies and Procedures since this has not been revisited since 2015.

Ms. Figueroa explained that this is necessary to ensure that YMPO is in alignment with State and Federal Laws. She said she was working with the Yuma County HR Director in this endeavor to present to this subcommittee in the future.

MOTION: Councilmember Morales motioned to combine the YMPO By-Laws and YMPO Personnel Policies and Procedures subcommittees into one. Councilmember Cruz seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Knight then asked for volunteers for the Audit Committee and reminded the Board that the new Secretary/Treasurer is automatically on the committee. Supervisor Pancrazi and Mayor Pro Tem McCollough volunteered for the Audit Committee.

MOTION: Supervisor Pancrazi moved to approve the Audit Subcommittee as Mayor Pro Tem McCollough and herself. Councilmember Cruz seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Knight then asked for volunteers for the By-Laws and Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee.

Supervisor Pancrazi, Councilmember Morales, and Mayor Pro Tem McCollough volunteered for the committee.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas moved to approve Supervisor Pancrazi, Councilmembers Morales, and Cruz to serve on the By-Laws and Personnel

Policies and Procedures Committee. Councilmember Cruz seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Knight then asked for volunteers to serve on the YMPO Executive Director's Evaluation committee. As chair, Councilmember Knight is automatically chair of this committee.

Supervisor Pancrazi and Councilmember Cruz both volunteered for the committee.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas moved to approve Supervisor Pancrazi and Councilmember Cruz to serve with Councilmember Knight on the YMPO Executive Director's Evaluation Committee. Mayor Pro Tem McCollough seconded and was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Knight then asked for volunteers to represent the region at the Arizona State Transportation Board (AZSTB). He explained that he is the chair of the State Transportation Board and will be attending all the meetings. These meetings may be attended virtually and/or in person. He asked for volunteers to be the primary and alternate representative for the monthly meetings.

Councilmember Morales then asked for further information about the State Transportation Board. Figueroa explained that the AZSTB comprises the six districts of the Greater Arizona counties. Councilman Knight currently represents La Paz, Yavapai, Mohave, and Yuma Counties. She advised the Executive Board has the opportunity to have an additional representative at the Board meetings to advocate and represent the Yuma region. In addition to the primary member, an alternate is chosen to attend if the primary member cannot. These meetings are held virtually and in person, rotating around the State each month. For example, the March AZSTB will be held in Prescott Valley.

Councilmember Morales then asked what the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) involved.

Councilmember Knight explained that RTAC advocates for the thirteen Greater Arizona counties with the Arizona State Legislature. The RTAC Liaison Kevin Adams actively lobbies for the rural counties and their transportation needs. Right now, Mr. Adams is lobbying for approximately \$300 million in transportation projects to get approved for funds appropriation in the current legislative session, which the Arizona Department of Transportation does not have the funding to complete on their own.

Councilmember Knight stated that currently the RTAC primary and alternate members are Mayor Pro Tem McCollough and himself. He said Mayor Pro Tem

McCollough wishes to remain as the alternate member, therefore the only volunteers needed are for the AZSTB. He then asked for volunteers.

Councilmember Cruz volunteered to be the primary member and Councilmember Morales volunteered to be the alternate member for the AZSTB.

In the interest of time, Councilmember Knight then asked to move on to item 13: Summary of Current Events/Board Member Reports/ Executive Director's Report and Comments by other participants, to allow RTAC Liaison Kevin Adams to present information to the Board. *Please see item #13.*

7. AZ SMART Fund Application Approval for Member Agencies

Councilmember Knight said he has already spoken with Ms. Figueroa in length about this subject. He said he had not been able to talk to ADOT staff, MPD Director, Paul Patane, Executive Officer, Floyd Roehrich, or State Engineer, Greg Byers about this issue but will do so and advise Ms. Figueroa of their instructions regarding obtaining AZ SMART funds for the widening of US 95. Since an MPO or COG cannot apply for the fund directly, YMPO will need ADOT to apply for these funds.

Mr. Knight explained that ADOT has 10 million in AZ SMART funds, and the effort is to ask ADOT to apply for such funds for US 95 highway design and engineering services for Wellton Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road to accomplish future widening improvements. Southwest District Administrator Bruce Fenske confirmed that ADOT was in the process of procuring materials for the second construction phase underway for the US 95 project between Riffle Range Road to Wellton Mohawk Canal.

Ms. Figueroa explained that the Arizona Legislature established the AZ SMART fund in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and ADOT in competing for federally discretionary grants. She reported that the State Transportation Board awarded three applicants during the February 17, 2023, meeting. She mentioned the City of San Luis intends to submit an AZ SMART Fund application for reimbursement of Design and Other Engineering Services (DOES) on the Cesar Chavez Boulevard widening project for \$2.8 million. Yuma County is also interested in applying for reimbursement of DOES for the extension of Avenue E from State Route 195 north to connect to US Highway 95 for \$580,000.

Ms. Figueroa requested the Executive Board consider authorizing the Chair and Executive Director to sign Letters of Support to approve these two projects for the AZ SMART Fund application. Currently, the fund is authorized up to \$50 million in awards with the possibility of awarding an additional \$25 million in 2024.

Councilmember Knight explained that once a member agency applies for the AZ SMART Fund, it is previewed by ADOT and eventually presented to the AZSTB. Once there, the Board makes the final decision. At this time, the AZSTB has seen and approved three applications; however, these applications totaled only \$1 million, so there is still plenty of opportunity available. He also said the award is only valid if the applicants successfully obtain discretionary fund awards for their projects. If they are unsuccessful, they are ineligible for the AZ SMART Funds, and those monies are available again to other applicants.

Ms. Figueroa qualified that statement by saying the applicants applying for reimbursement of DOES can keep the funds as long as they keep pursuing the discretionary grants until successful.

MOTION: Councilmember Morales moved to approve and authorize the Chair and Executive Director to sign Letters of Support for the City of San Luis, and Yuma County for the AZ SMART Fund applications. Supervisor Porchas seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

8. FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #4

YMPO Accountant Blenda Dale presented to the Board on the UPWP Amendment #4 and mentioned that the Board initially approved the Two-Year FY 2022-23 UPWP on April 29, 2021, and the latest Amendment #3 on July 28, 2022. Since then, the State and Federal fiscal years have closed out, and the actual brought-forward funding is known. The new federal funds available have also been confirmed. Planning funds available through the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was initially included as part of the FY 2023 budget; however, the funding will be authorized at the end of FY 2023 for the first year of the following two year-year work program FY 2024.

Dale explained that YMPO Staff prepared a revised budget for FY 2023, which was outlined in the Staff Report and provided tables for reference. She said other changes were outlined under the T-100 Administration budget for expenses over \$5,000. Those expenses included equipment services and property repairs. However, she said the only budget being directly affected was the FY 2023 budget.

After reviewing each item in the Staff Report, Ms. Dale asked for possible approval of Amendment #4.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas motioned to approve Amendment #4 to the FY 2022-23 UPWP. Councilmember Cruz seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. FY 2023 Entity Dues to Member Agencies and Change for Calculating Dues.

Ms. Figueroa advised that in May 2018, the Executive Board approved the steps to calculate the Local Matching Funds and Entity Dues in the YMPO UPWP. In April 2022, YMPO sent a preliminary assessment for entity dues to the member agencies using projected numbers for the planning process. Since then, YMPO staff reviewed and updated the UPWP to reflect the actual carried forward and new funding for FY 23, which the Board reviewed in the previous agenda item: FY 2022-23 UPWP Amendment #4. This update allowed YMPO to reassess the actual entities due at this point.

Ms. Figueroa explained the total actual entity dues have slightly increased from the preliminary assessment provided last year by \$1,146.31, from \$80,623.69 to \$81,770. When calculating entity dues, there is a need to consider expenditures that are not federally reimbursed, such as grant applications. Examples are the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. Previously programmed local planning expenditures are recommended to be considered when calculating the non-in-kind matching funds (Entity Dues) to maintain the general fund over time. In the past, the Board has said that reducing Entity Dues significantly would become challenging to re-establish. As a result, the Board will be asked to consider the change to include previously programmed local planning expenditures in arrears when calculating local dues.

When calculating FY 23 entity dues, YMPO staff included changes made in FY 2022-23 UPWP Amendment #4 and the recently published State and County-wide draft population estimates for 2022. Therefore, YMPO is providing the actual FY 2023 Entity Dues to be paid by member agencies as part of the YMPO UPWP. Ms. Figueroa suggested the Board consider the change for calculating cash matching funds (local dues) as part of the previously approved procedure during the May 2018 Board meeting. She provided tables to show the history of entity dues over the past seven years and the average amount of entity dues paid by each member agency.

Councilmember Knight remarked how the City of Yuma's entity dues had increased from \$29k last year to \$38k this year. Ms. Dale explained that some federal funding required little or no matching funds in the most recent years (2021-2022). However, these funding resources have been expended and are no longer available.

Councilmember Morales asked how the entity dues are actually calculated. Ms. Figueroa explained that YMPO staff total the federal funding carried forward amounts from the previous year into the current year, plus the current year's federal funding awarded. Then, staff calculates how much local match is needed

to use those federal funds for the new federal funding only. YMPO staff then subtract the in-kind match (service in lieu of cash) generated in arrears the prior year to arrive at the remaining amount needed for the budget. Finally, this amount is distributed amongst the member agencies according to their population.

MOTION: Supervisor Porchas motioned to approve the FY2023 Entity Dues to member agencies and the change for calculating dues. Councilmember Cruz seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

10. YMPO Director's Evaluation

Ms. Figueroa stated it had been one year since her promotion to Executive Director, and evaluation usually occurs during the one-year mark. She continued to say that it has been a year of many transitions at YMPO, with the Executive Director, Accountant, and Bookkeeper positions all having new staff members and cross-training amongst positions. Due to these circumstances, she suggested that the Executive Director's annual evaluation be postponed a few months in consideration of these events.

Ms. Figueroa asked the Board to consider conducting the evaluation in June 2023 to coincide with the fiscal year. This would also allow time for the newest and existing staff members to complete their evaluations by the Executive Director and for any raises to become effective at the start of the next fiscal year or July 1, 2023.

Councilmember Knight said he agreed with this timeframe and asked for a motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Morales motioned to have the Executive Director's evaluation occur in June, 2023. Supervisor Pancrazi seconded, and the motion was approved.

11. YMPO Staff Hiring Update

Ms. Figueroa stated that during a Board meeting on December 9, 2021, the Board was informed about the need to develop and implement a new position within YMPO for an Information Technology (IT) Manager. After the YMPO network was breached in October of 2021, it was recommended by Yuma County IT to have someone on staff with the expertise of a trained IT professional. The YMPO IT Manager would be responsible for network security, configuring management and network monitoring systems, maintenance of computers, updating software, and managing the YMPO website, among other duties.

Since then, YMPO has advertised and had several interviews for the position. Ms. Figueroa believes YMPO is close to filling this position. She explained that this item was on the agenda as information and discussion only at this time. Councilmember Cruz asked how the position was advertised.

Ms. Figueroa said the Yuma County website was the platform used to advertise the position. The applications were submitted through that website and forwarded to YMPO for consideration. Yuma County IT staff were included in the interview process to assess candidates' expertise.

12. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Application FFY 25 and 26 Results

Mr. Gutierrez said the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) fund, which is a Federally funded program that offers the opportunity to program funds for a variety of safety projects on roads throughout the YMPO region, was currently in the application process. ADOT has a competitive process for applying for HSIP funds in two-year increments, and the current cycle was for FFYs 2025 and 2026.

Mr. Gutierrez explained that in late December of 2022, the eight (8) projects that were submitted earlier in FY 22 through the HSIP application process, received funding for the region. This funding totaled \$18.7 million and the totality of projects has a Benefit/Cost (B/C) Ratio of between 6.2 to 19.5. The higher the number means the more it can receive for the crash site to remediate.

Mr. Gutierrez provided a list of HSIP funded projects from ADOT:

City of Yuma - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB or HAWK)

- Avenue C & Crane Street
- 32nd Street & Palm Drive
- Avenue C & Central Drain north of 22nd Lane

All projects will go through Design and Construction.

Yuma County - Various Projects

- County 14th Street & Avenue C - Traffic Signal
- County 14th Street & Avenue G - Traffic Signal, Turn Lanes
- County 14th St and 4E - Traffic Signal
- US-95 & Avenue C - Traffic Signal
- Avenue B: County 18th Street to County 21 ½ Street - Shoulder widening
- Avenue G: County 11th Street to County 16th Street - Shoulder work
- County 11th St and Ave G - Curve Realignment

All projects will go through Design and Construction.

Somerton -

- County 15th Street & Avenue D - Curve Correction

All projects will go through Design and Construction.

San Luis

- US-95: County 20 ½ Street to County 22 ½ Street - Raised Median

All projects will go through Design and Construction.

These projects have a cost/benefit ratio range from 6.2 to 19.5. The YMPO Region's total projects cost \$18,157,199, with a local match of \$756,646.

Mr. Gutierrez explained all these projects would be presented to the Board next month, to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

- A. Staff Reports - Future Meetings
- B. TAC Minutes
- C. Conference Updates (AZTA, AZRTS, and Roads and Streets)
- D. MPO/COG Director/Planner Meetings
- E. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council activities
- F. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation

Mr. Adams discussed the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council's activities. He said it had been a busy first few weeks at the Legislative Session. They just finished their first significant deadline, where the Bills must clear all their initial committee assignments. House Bill 2543, which Representative Dunn sponsors, was successful in both the House Transportation and Appropriations Committees. A couple of procedural maneuvers need to happen over the next week for the Bill to be ready for a vote by the full House.

The two US-95 projects were included in this legislation and included amendments to the Bill, and the total was around \$330 million. He believed the further this Bill advances, the better the chances are for all the projects to be included in the budget. Another critical step will happen when the Legislature gets to the point where they are ready to draft the budget. That is when the YMPO Region will need its Legislators to support the Bill and the region's projects in the Bill. Then, it comes down to what legislators want to vote yes on the Bill.

The Yuma delegation has been supportive; however, Mr. Adams encourages continued support from the YMPO Region to reinforce the need for our Legislators to support the Bill. The Bill is close to being placed in front of the whole House.

Councilmember Knight advised a person can go on the Legislature's website to create an account to provide feedback on current bills under the legislation. The legislators can then view the input before voting on bills.

He mentioned there were some bills under consideration which would prevent local cities and towns from charging tax on rents, leases, and food tax, to the detriment of \$8 million. San Luis relies almost exclusively on these types of taxes.

Mr. Adams confirmed that an individual does need to personally go to the kiosk at the Legislature to create an account; however, he offered to set up an account on your behalf, after which you can reset the password to provide feedback on pending legislation. Councilmember Knight stated he uses this account regularly.

14. Possible Future Agenda Items

- A. Call for Projects
- B. AZ RTS Update
- C. FY 2024-25 two-year UPWP
- D. RCP Update

Ms. Figueroa stated that invitations were sent to the US Ambassador to Mexico, Ken Salazar, and the Director of NADBank, Calixto Mateos-Hanel, to speak at the Rural Transportation Summit (RTS) coming up in October 2023 during the Border Infrastructure/Trade component. She also stated that a draft FY2024-25 UPWP would be presented at the next Executive Board meeting. Mr. Gutierrez advised the next TIP Amendment will be presented in a future Board meeting for consideration.

15. Progress Reports

Members and staff updated the Board on the progress of ongoing projects and other recent events.

- A. Jan 30 - RTAC Board Meeting/Legislator Lunch-in-person (CF, CG, BD)
- B. Jan 31 - UPWP Group Workshop with FHWA, FTA & ADOT (CF, CG, BD)
- C. Feb 1 - YMPO Regional Coordination Plan Public Workshop #1 in San Luis and Yuma County Libraries (JR, CF, NC)
- D. Feb 1 - ADOT/YMPO/Wilson RAISE Weekly Meeting (CF)
- E. Feb 2 - Arizona State Transportation Board Study Session (CF)
- F. Feb 6 - Staff Meeting (CF, CG, BD, NC, JR)
- G. Feb 6 - Standards of Conduct Training with Yuma County (CF, BD, NC, RA, CG, JR)
- H. Feb 7 - YMPO/YCIPTA – Fund discussion (CF, CG, JR)
- I. Feb 7 - 5310 Program Visit with Crossroads Mission (JR)
- J. Feb 8 - ADOT/YMPO/Wilson RAISE Weekly Meeting (CF, CG)
- K. Feb 8 - COF/MPO Directors Meeting (CF)
- L. Feb 9 - TAC Meeting (CF, CG, NC, JR)
- M. Feb 9 - YRBC Meeting (JR)
- N. Feb 10 - COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CG)
- O. Feb 13 - Virtual RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF)
- P. Feb 13 - ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, CG)
- Q. Feb 14 - IT Manager Interviews with YMPO (CF, CG)
- R. Feb 15 - ADOT/YMPO/Wilson RAISE Weekly Meeting (CF, CG)

- S. Feb 17 - Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting in Oro Valley (CF)
- T. Feb 20 - Presidents' Day Holiday (Monday)
- U. Feb 21 - ADOT TA Program OC Meeting #3 (CF, CG)
- V. Feb 21 - Yuma PM10 SIP Update Call (CF, CG)
- W. Feb 22 - ADOT/YMPO/Wilson RAISE Weekly Meeting (CF, CG)

Ms. Figueroa stated as presented.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

16. Adjournment

Notice: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, YMPO does not discriminate on the basis of disability, in the admission of, or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services. If you have any questions regarding YMPO programs, activities, or services, please contact Crystal Figueroa or Charles Gutierrez at 928-783-8911.

Anticipated Future 2023 Meeting Locations.

All future meetings will continue to be held at the YMPO office at 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. Members MAY participate in person, OR they may participate electronically by computer, and/or telephone (or both), using the GoToMeeting portal. The next two meetings will occur on Thursday, March 30, 2023,

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Revenue & Expense Budget Performance
February 2023

	Feb 23	Jul '22 - Feb 23	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · ADOT Grant				
4001 · PL	0.00	320,961.40	658,457.81	48.74%
4002 · SPR	0.00	94,557.44	363,029.40	26.05%
4005 · 5305d (CPG)	0.00	52,759.59	162,725.00	32.42%
Total 4000 · ADOT Grant	0.00	468,278.43	1,184,212.21	39.54%
4010 · FTA Grant				
4020 · 5303/5305	0.00	0.00	5,495.00	0.0%
Total 4010 · FTA Grant	0.00	0.00	5,495.00	0.0%
4050 · ADEQ Grant	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds				
4053 · CARES Act MM	0.00	0.00	40,536.00	0.0%
4055 · 5310 Funds - Other	0.00	32,432.09	85,964.00	37.73%
Total 4055 · 5310 Funds	0.00	32,432.09	126,500.00	25.64%
4200 · YMPO UPWP Dues	0.00	0.00	80,390.74	0.0%
4400 · Interest Income	1,333.03	7,459.47	3,000.00	248.65%
4600 · Charges for Services				
4904 · Traffic Count Revenue	6,457.80	18,671.03	11,886.83	157.07%
Total 4600 · Charges for Services	6,457.80	18,671.03	11,886.83	157.07%
4700 · Other Revenue				
4907 · Misc Revenue	0.00	160.00		
Total 4700 · Other Revenue	0.00	160.00		
Total Income	7,790.83	527,001.02	1,421,484.78	37.07%
Gross Profit	7,790.83	527,001.02	1,421,484.78	37.07%
Expense				
5110 · Payroll Expenses				
5111 · Fringe Benefits	2,383.85	20,846.57	37,495.00	55.6%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries				
5133 · Part Time Staff-Salaries- Local	2,777.33	8,968.52	9,905.69	90.54%
5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries - Other	4,540.63	32,720.02	76,033.10	43.03%
Total 5112 · Part Time Staff-Salaries	7,317.96	41,688.54	85,938.79	48.51%
5113 · Full Time Staff-Salaries	23,876.70	232,334.09	414,101.00	56.11%
5115 · Health Insurance-ER Portion	4,650.00	40,145.52	66,960.00	59.95%
5116 · ASRS	3,031.74	29,038.30	52,137.00	55.7%
5117 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	1,106.00	1,196.00	92.48%
5118 · FUTA Payroll Expense	103.04	385.51	588.00	65.56%
5120 · Life Insurance	242.57	684.86	1,872.00	36.58%
5110 · Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	-1,098.98		
Total 5110 · Payroll Expenses	41,605.86	365,130.41	660,287.79	55.3%
5123 · Consulting Services				
5134 · Contractual-Local	0.00	54,848.09	123,454.00	44.43%
5123 · Consulting Services - Other	12,920.00	136,961.94	488,979.00	28.01%
Total 5123 · Consulting Services	12,920.00	191,810.03	612,433.00	31.32%
5124 · Staff Training/Education				
5137 · Staff Training/Edu Reimb-Local	0.00	80.00	6,000.00	1.33%
5124 · Staff Training/Education - Other	50.00	528.00	3,500.00	15.09%
Total 5124 · Staff Training/Education	50.00	608.00	9,500.00	6.4%
5125 · Audit Services	0.00	18,500.00	23,500.00	78.72%
5126 · Payroll Processing Fees	441.81	2,765.60	4,800.00	57.62%
5128 · Accounting Services	26,292.07	26,292.07	26,292.07	100.0%
5129 · Public Participation	0.00	324.79	750.00	43.31%
5130 · Reimbursement of Expenses	222.87	647.87	7,000.00	9.26%
5131 · Data Process, Software, Hardware	495.00	5,928.70	20,000.00	29.64%
5132 · Furniture and Equipment	388.09	954.96	11,870.00	8.05%
5140 · Legal	0.00	368.75	6,047.93	6.1%
5150 · IT Support	0.00	440.28	2,000.00	22.01%
5151 · Building Ins, property tax	0.00	4,391.26	8,200.00	53.55%
5152 · Equipment Maintenance	0.00	673.24	1,500.00	44.88%
5153 · Office Supplies	100.59	1,499.39	3,100.00	48.37%
5154 · Postage	1.45	92.50	200.00	46.25%

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
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	Feb 23	Jul '22 - Feb 23	YTD Budget	% of Budget
5155 · Printing	0.00	412.37	800.00	51.55%
5157 · Publications, Subscriptions	0.00	222.00	2,250.00	9.87%
5158 · Registration Fees	-175.00	5,000.00	9,000.00	55.56%
5159 · Special Meetings	0.00	898.60	3,000.00	29.95%
5160 · Telecommunications	5.34	6,474.53	13,000.00	49.8%
5162 · Vehicle Insurance	0.00	2,522.75	4,500.00	56.06%
5163 · Vehicle Maint., Repairs, Parts	0.00	531.60	2,500.00	21.26%
5164 · YMPO Memberships & Dues	750.00	2,317.79	3,000.00	77.26%
5165 · Finance Charges and Interest	3.50	28.00	250.00	11.2%
5166 · Website Maintenance	0.00	429.00	20,000.00	2.15%
5167 · Miscellaneous Consumables	80.08	2,091.45	3,000.00	69.72%
5169 · Miscellaneous-Expense	11.59	3,311.69	8,000.00	41.4%
5171 · Alarm System	0.00	508.95	6,630.00	7.68%
5173 · Electric Bill	526.74	5,451.80	7,500.00	72.69%
5174 · Grounds Maintenance	400.00	2,352.00	4,600.00	51.13%
5175 · Janitorial	1,440.00	6,300.00	9,360.00	67.31%
5179 · Office Building Repairs				
5181 · Pest Control	0.00	900.00	1,050.00	85.71%
5179 · Office Building Repairs - Other	0.00	1,088.15	9,819.00	11.08%
Total 5179 · Office Building Repairs	0.00	1,988.15	10,869.00	18.29%
5182 · Sewer & Water	138.66	3,044.42	3,500.00	86.98%
5190 · Travel - Local & Outside County	265.10	8,348.86	15,000.00	55.66%
5191 · T530- Traffic Count Fuel	377.09	2,367.26	2,700.00	87.68%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment				
5631 · T530-Local COY Materials	0.00	0.00	1,981.00	0.0%
5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment - Other	323.23	2,307.99	4,500.00	51.29%
Total 5630 · T530 Traffic Count Equipment	323.23	2,307.99	6,481.00	35.61%
Total Expense	86,664.07	677,337.06	1,533,420.79	44.17%
Net Ordinary Income	-78,873.24	-150,336.04	-111,936.01	134.31%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4900 · In-Kind Match Revenue	11,896.95	98,667.15	154,933.00	63.68%
Total Other Income	11,896.95	98,667.15	154,933.00	63.68%
Other Expense				
9200 · In-Kind Match Expenses	11,896.95	98,667.15	154,933.00	63.68%
Total Other Expense	11,896.95	98,667.15	154,933.00	63.68%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	-78,873.24	-150,336.04	-111,936.01	134.31%

10000 - Wells Fargo - YMPO General Account	\$ 76,969.85
10009 - Wells Fargo - YMPO Payroll Account	\$ 48,207.91
10100 - Yuma County Treasurer - YMPO Account	\$ 757,400.61
	\$ 882,578.37

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 05

YMPO Staff Hiring Update

DATE: March 14, 2023

SUBJECT: YMPO Staff Hiring Update

SUMMARY:

During the February meeting, the Board was informed that YMPO staff was in the process of hiring a part-time Infrastructure Technology (IT) Manager. Various interviews were held during the previous year and current year. We have finished the interview process, and a candidate has been selected. The new IT Manager will be introduced to the Board.

After the YMPO network breach in October of 2021, the need was identified in a closed meeting with Yuma County IT and recommended for the organization's ongoing well-being. There are various areas that the IT Manager would be responsible for, such as network security, the configuration of management and network monitoring, maintenance of computers, software updates, staff training, and the YMPO website, plus additional tasks, as necessary. This is a part-time position requiring approximately 20 hours per week.

PUBLIC INPUT: No members of the public have provided any input on this item.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The YMPO receives IT support through an intergovernmental agreement with the Yuma County IT department, and YMPO pays for services on a per-work order basis.

POLICY: To ensure reliability, the MPO would continue to have an IT intergovernmental agreement with Yuma County to assist in the event of an emergency; however, the idea is for YMPO to have internal IT support to troubleshoot the day to day and future needs, improve security and carry out the expectation of continuity in IT processes and procedures.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion. Ms. Figueroa will present this item.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON: Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 6

Regional Coordination Plan Update

DATE: March 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) Update

SUMMARY:

Technical Memorandum #2 (TM2), Transportation Needs & Gaps in Service, was presented by LSC Transportation Consultants (LSC), to both the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Regional Mobility Committee (RMC). TM2 established Needs and Gaps in Service in the Yuma region in relation to the 5310 program coordinated services. The Final Plan will include approved recommendations from the TAC and RMC based on data from TM2.

TM2 is creating goals for our region to “Increase Public Awareness of Available Transportation Resources,” “Enhance or Expand Transportation Services,” and finally, “Increase Cooperation and Coordination Among Transportation Providers.” The RMC and the TAC reviewed goals and made comments on the priority of goals.

Updates to the Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) will continue until finalized. Projects from the local providers have been submitted to the Regional Mobility Manager to install these into the RCP. The 5310 Grant opportunity through ADOT Transit was closed on March 21, 2023.

The new proposed timeline is as follows:

TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	DATE
Final Draft to YMPO	March 27
RMC recommends approval to TAC	April 6
TAC recommends approval to Ex. Board	April 13
Ex. Board Approval	April 27

PUBLIC INPUT:

Public Engagement:

- February 1, 2023
 - City of San Luis - 1:00 - 2:30 PM
 - City of Yuma - 4:00 - 5:30 PM
 - 24 Comments received

ACTION NEEDED:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

Charles Gutierrez, Senior Planning Manager, 928-783-8911
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YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #07

Support Request for ADOT AZ SMART Fund Application for US 95

DATE: March 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Support Request for ADOT AZ SMART Fund Application for US 95

SUMMARY:

During the January 26th, 2022, Executive Board meeting, the Board was informed that the Arizona Legislature established the AZ State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (AZ SMART) Fund of \$50 million in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties, and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in competing for federally discretionary grants. Applications to the AZ SMART Fund must first be approved by the applicant's Council of Government (COG) or Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). ADOT administers this fund, and the State Transportation Board approves all awards. Currently, three applicants were approved for such funds in Arizona during the February State Transportation Board meeting.

Last month, the YMPO Executive Board approved to authorize letters of support for the City of San Luis and Yuma County projects to submit AZ SMART Fund applications for reimbursement of Design and Other Engineering Services (DOES).

YMPO Staff evaluated various scenarios of support to leverage the AZ SMART fund opportunity for US 95 widening improvements; however, the MPO is ineligible to apply for such funds directly. As a result, considering it is a US Highway, the Executive Director officially requested the support from ADOT to apply for the AZ SMART Fund for the reimbursement of DOES from the ADOT funds. ADOT State Engineer/Deputy Director Mr. Greg Byers extended an endorsement of support for ADOT to apply for the AZ SMART Fund. YMPO staff will provide an update as the effort progresses.

Projects for Reimbursement of DOES:

- City of San Luis - Cesar Chavez widening effort, 2.8 million.
- Yuma County - Extension of Avenue E from State Route 195 north to connect to US Highway 95, 580,000.
- ADOT - US 95 Final design and environmental clearance, 2 million

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public comments were made about this process.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 8

FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP) Amendment #7

DATE: March 22, 2023

SUBJECT: FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7

SUMMARY:

The YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2022 – 2026 was submitted to ADOT Governor’s Designee and successfully accepted on August 30, 2021. Since then, two (6) amendments were necessary.

At the request of the Cities of Yuma, San Luis, & Somerton, Yuma County, and YMPO/ADOT the FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #7 requires the action of the Executive Board to program, move, and modify projects. These projects have been recommended by the YMPO TAC.

The City of Yuma has requested a project year change and recommended by the TAC for approval, FY 2023: YU-23-10C: 40th St: 6 3/4 to 7 1/2 for construction. At the request of the city, this project requires the Construction Phase to be programmed into FY 2025 instead of FY 23 due to the Construction of the YU-23-11D/C: “A” Canal at 7E and 40th St. This bridge needs to be designed (FY 2023) and constructed (FY 2024) prior to the road being built for this project.

US 95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road is currently programmed for design in the State TIP in FY 24. A US DOT RAISE Grant was submitted to the DOT on February 24, 2023 in potential funding for these two projects. This project is a State project and with the blessing of the State the YMPO collaborated with ADOT, and since these two projects are already programmed into the state TIP but also requires all regionally significant projects be programmed into the region TIP. Since this project is fully funded through the Arizona Legislative Appropriations, we are requesting the two projects TIP ID 103588-Imperial Dam Rd - Aberdeen Rd and 103691 - Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Rd be programmed into the YMPO TIP.

The next projects being recommend for approval are all Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funded projects for the FY 2024, 2025, and 2026 for the City of Yuma, San Luis, and Somerton and Yuma County.

Project list by year is attached to Summary.

ACTION NEEDED:

A Motion to approve the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7 to be included in the AZ State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in its entirety. All projects do not require Air Quality to be conducted.

CONTACT PERSON:

Charles Gutierrez, Senior Planning Manager, 928-783-8911

YMPO FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #7

FY 2023								
TIP ID	AGENCY	Location	Description	Fed Aid	Fed \$	HURFX	Local	Total
YC-23-06	San Luis	10th Avenue and Los Alamos Street	Curve Realignment	HSIP	\$306,947	\$0	\$18,553	\$325,500
YC-23-04D	Yuma County	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane	HSIP (94.3%)	\$207,932	\$0	\$12,568	\$220,500
YC-23-04D	Yuma County	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane	Local	\$0	\$0	\$78,500	\$78,500
YC 23-03D	Yuma County	Co. 11th at Ave G	Curve Realignment	HSIP (94.3%)	\$443,682	\$0	\$26,819	\$470,500
YC-23-03R	Yuma County	Co. 11th at Ave G	Right of Way - Curve Flattening	HSIP (94.3%)	\$99,015	\$0	\$5,985	\$105,000
YU-23-10C Replace TO FY 25	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Construct Roadway	STBG/HURFX	-\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$28,788	\$928,788
103588	ADOT	Imperial Dam Rd- Aberdeen Rd	Design - Widen to 4 lanes	AZ Leg Appropriations	\$4,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,250,000
103691	ADOT	Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Rd	Road Widening	AZ Leg Appropriations	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000
					\$14,307,576	\$900,000	\$171,213	\$14,378,788
FY 2024								
SL-23-06	San Luis	10th Avenue and Los Alamos Street	Curve Realignment	HSIP (100%)	\$2,625	\$0	\$0	\$2,625
SL-23-06	San Luis	10th Avenue and Los Alamos Street	Curve Realignment	HSIP (94.3%)	\$1,310,638	\$0	\$79,222	\$1,389,860

SL-24-01D	San Luis	US95, County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd St, Raised Medium	Design	HSIP (94.3%)	\$449,528	\$0	\$27,172	\$476,700
SOM-24-01D	Somerton	County 15th St and Ave D, Crest Curve Correction	Design	HSIP (94.3%)	\$428,122	\$0	\$25,878	\$454,000
YU-24-01D	Yuma	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, Three Locations	Design	HSIP (100%)	\$493,725	\$0	\$0	\$493,725
YC 23-03C	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th and Ave G	Curve Realignment	HSIP	\$1,256,678	\$0	\$75,960	\$1,332,638
YC-24-01D	Yuma Co.	Avenue B, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Design	HSIP (94.3%)	\$438,825	\$0	\$26,525	\$465,350
YC-24-02D	Yuma Co.	Ave G, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Design	HSIP (94.3%)	\$438,825	\$0	\$26,525	\$465,350
YC24-03D	Yuma Co.	County 14th St and Avenue C, Traffic Signal	Design	HISP (100%)	\$283,750	\$0	\$0	\$283,750
YC-24-04D	Yuma Co.	County 14th and Avenue G, Traffic Signal & Left-Turn Lanes	Design	HISP (100%)	\$306,450	\$0	\$0	\$306,450
YC-24-05D	Yuma Co.	US95 and Ave C, Traffic Signal	Design	HISP (100%)	\$283,750	\$0	\$0	\$283,750
					\$5,692,916		\$261,282	\$5,954,198
FY 2025								
YU-24-01C	Yuma	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, Three Locations	Design	HSIP (100%)	\$1,166,513	\$0	\$0	\$1,166,513
YU-23-10C	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Construct Roadway	STBG/HURFX	-\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$28,788	\$928,788
YC-24-05C	Yuma Co.	US95 and Ave C, Traffic Signal	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$716,756	\$0	\$0	\$716,756
YC 23-03C	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th and Ave G	Curve Realignment	HSIP	\$1,256,678	\$0	\$75,960	\$1,332,638
					\$3,139,947	\$900,000	\$104,748	\$4,144,695
FY 2026								
SL-24-01D	San Luis	US95, County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd St, Raised Medium	Construction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$1,683,019	\$0	\$101,731	\$1,784,750

SOM-24-01D	Somerton	County 15th St and Ave D, Crest Curve Correction	Construction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$1,587,045	\$0	\$95,930	\$1,682,975
YC-24-01C	Yuma Co.	Avenue B, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$580,471	\$0	\$0	\$580,471
YC-24-01C	Yuma Co.	Avenue B, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$3,229,311	\$0	\$195,197	\$3,424,508
YC-24-02C	Yuma Co.	Ave G, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$147,500	\$0	\$0	\$147,500
YC-24-02C	Yuma Co.	Ave G, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$3,791,902	\$0	\$229,203	\$4,021,105
YC-24-03D	Yuma Co.	County 14th St and Avenue C, Traffic Signal	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$733,889	\$0	\$0	\$733,899
YC-24-04C	Yuma Co.	County 14th and Avenue G, Traffic Signal & Left-Turn Lanes	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$663,927	\$0	\$0	\$663,927
YC-24-04C	Yuma Co.	County 14th and Avenue G, Traffic Signal & Left-Turn Lanes	Construction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$471,245	\$0	\$28,485	\$499,730
					\$12,888,309	\$0	\$650,546	\$13,538,855

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Fed Aid	Federal \$	HURF	Local \$	Total \$
DOT 23-02	2023	ADOT	I-8: MP 71 to 82	Pavement Rehabilitation	NHPP	\$19,811,400	\$0	\$1,188,600	\$21,000,000
DOT-23-03	2023	ADOT	US 95: MP 44.3 to 54	Pavement Rehabilitation	NHPP	\$7,779,750	\$0	\$470,250	\$8,250,000
103588	2023	ADOT	Imperial Dam Rd-Aberdeen Rd	Widen to 4 lanes	AZ Leg Appropriations	\$4,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,250,000
10369*1	2023	ADOT	Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Rd	Road Widening	AZ Leg Appropriations	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000
SL 23-06	2023	San Luis	10th Avenue and Los Alamos Street	Curve Realignment	HSIP (94.3%)	\$306,947	\$0	\$18,553	\$325,500
YU 23-07D	2023	Yuma	Various Citywide Locations	Construct Ped Hybrid Beacon	HSIP	\$273,000	\$0	\$0	\$273,000
YU 23-08	2023	Yuma	3 Citywide Turn Signal Locations	Install Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals	HSIP	\$162,750	\$0	\$0	\$162,750
YU 23-09	2023	Yuma	5 City of Yuma Locations	Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterial Streets	HSIP	\$136,500	\$0	\$0	\$136,500
MPO 23-1	2023	Yuma	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program	STBG	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
YU-23-10D	2023	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Design Roadway	Local	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
YU-23-10C	2023	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Construct Roadway	STBG	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$28,788	\$928,788
YU-23-11D	2023	Yuma	"A" Canal: 7E and 40th Street	Design Roadway	LOCAL	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
YC 23-02D	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 19th and Ave G	Design CL Rumble Strips	HSIP	\$189,000	\$0	\$0	\$189,000
YC 23-05D	2023	Yuma Co.	13 Countywide Roadway Segments	Design Striping Upgrade	HSIP	\$136,500	\$0	\$0	\$136,500
YC 12-09	2023	Yuma Co.	Ave E Extension: Co. 23rd to Co. 16th	Local Funds for ROW Acquisition	Local	\$0	\$0	\$275,000	\$275,000
YC 23-04D	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane	HSIP (94.3%)	\$207,932	\$0	\$12,568	\$220,500
YC 23-04R	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Right of Way - Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane	Local	\$0	\$0	\$78,500	\$78,500
YC 23-03D	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th at Ave G	Curve Realignment	HSIP (94.3%)	\$443,682	\$0	\$26,819	\$470,500
YC 23-03R	2023	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th at Ave G	Right of Way - Curve Flattening	HSIP (94.3%)	\$99,015	\$0	\$5,985	\$105,000

	2023	Totals				\$42,801,476	\$900,000	\$2,505,063	\$45,206,538
TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Fed Aid	Federal \$	HURF	Local \$	Total \$
SL-23-06	2024	San Luis	10th Avenue and Los Alamos Street	Curve Realignment	HSIP (100%)	\$2,625	\$0	\$0	\$2,625
SL-23-06	2024	San Luis	10th Avenue and Los Alamos Street	Curve Realignment	HSIP (94.3%)	\$1,310,638	\$0	\$79,222	\$1,389,860
SL-24-01D	2024	San Luis	US95, County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd St, Raised Medium	Design	HSIP (94.3)	\$449,528	\$0	\$27,172	\$476,700
SOM-24-01D	2024	Somerton	County 15th St and Ave D, Crest Curve Correction	Design	HSIP (94.3%)	\$428,122	\$0	\$25,878	\$454,000
MPO 24-01	2024	YMPO	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program	STBG	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$0	\$5,000
YU 23-08	2024	Yuma	3 Locations Citywide	Install Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals	HSIP	\$330,750	\$0	\$0	\$330,750
YU 23-09	2024	Yuma	5 Citywide Streets	Upgrade Striping to 6" on 5 streets	HSIP	\$568,890	\$0	\$0	\$568,890
YU-23-11C	2024	Yuma	"A" Canal: 7E and 40th Street	Construction Roadway	STBG	\$1,000,000	\$0		\$1,000,000
YU-24-01D	2024	Yuma	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, Three Locations	Design	HSIP (100%)	\$493,725	\$0	\$0	\$493,725
YU-23-11C	2024	Yuma	"A" Canal: 7E and 40th Street	Construction Roadway	STBG/HURFX	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$28,788	\$1,028,788
YC 23-03C	2024	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th and Ave G	Curve Realignment	HSIP	\$1,256,678	\$0	\$75,960	\$1,332,638
YC 23-04	2024	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane	HSIP - 5.7%	\$965,396	\$0	\$58,354	\$1,023,750
YC 23-04	2024	Yuma Co.	Co. 14th at Ave 4E	Traffic Signal - N/S Turn lane	HSIP-100%	\$393,750	\$0	\$0	\$393,750
YC 24-11D	2024	Yuma Co.	Design Ave 3E Bridge Replacement	Ave 3E "A" Canal	Local	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000
YC-24-01D	2024	Yuma Co.	Avenue B, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Design	HSIP (94.3%)	\$438,825	\$0	\$26,525	\$465,350
YC-24-02D	2024	Yuma Co.	Ave G, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Design	HSIP (94.3%)	\$438,825	\$0	\$26,525	\$465,350
YC24-03D	2024	Yuma Co.	County 14th St and Avenue C, Traffic Signal	Design	HISP (100%)	\$283,750	\$0	\$0	\$283,750
YC-24-04D	2024	Yuma Co.	County 14th and Avenue G, Traffic Signal & Left-Turn Lanes	Design	HISP (100%)	\$306,450	\$0	\$0	\$306,450

YC-24-05D	2024	Yuma Co.	US95 and Ave C, Traffic Signal	Design	HSIP (100%)	\$283,750	\$0	\$0	\$283,750
	2024	Totals				\$9,956,702	\$900,000	\$498,424	\$10,455,126
TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Fed Aid	Federal \$	HURF	Local \$	Total \$
WE 25-02D	2025	Wellton	Williams St: Oakland Ave to Los Angeles Ave	Design Roadway Reconstruction	LOCAL	\$0	\$0	\$84,916	\$84,916
MPO 25-01	2025	YMPO	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program	STBG	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
YC 24-11C	2025	Yuma Co.	Replace Ave 3E Bridge over A Canal	Ave 3E "A" Canal	STBG	\$1,250,137	\$0	\$0	\$0
YC 24-11C	2025	Yuma Co.	Replace Ave 3E Bridge over A Canal	Ave 3E "A" Canal	HURFX	-\$1,250,137	\$922,623	\$181,254	\$1,103,877
YC 23-02C	2025	Yuma Co.	Co. 19th and Ave G	Construct CL Rumble Strips	HSIP	\$267,500	\$0	\$0	\$267,500
YC 23-05C	2025	Yuma Co.	13 Countywide Roadway Segments	Construct Striping Upgrade	HSIP	\$1,700,449	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,449
YU 23-07	2025	Yuma	Various Citywide Locations	Construct 5 Ped Hybrid Beacons	HSIP	\$1,742,344	\$0	\$0	\$1,742,344
YU 23-09	2025	Yuma	5 City of Yuma Locations	Upgrade Pavement Markings on 5 Arterial Streets	HSIP	\$568,890	\$0	\$0	\$568,890
YU-24-01C	2025	Yuma	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, Three Locations	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$1,166,513	\$0	\$0	\$1,166,513
YU-23-10C	2023	Yuma	40th Street: 7 1/2 E to 6 3/4 E	Construct Roadway	STBG/HURFX	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$28,788	\$928,788
YC-24-05C	2025	Yuma County	US95 and Ave C, Traffic Signal	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$716,756	\$0	\$0	\$716,756
YC 23-03C	2025	Yuma Co.	Co. 11th and Ave G	Curve Realignment	HSIP	\$1,256,678	\$0	\$75,960	\$1,332,638
	2025	Totals				\$8,424,130	\$1,822,623	\$370,918	\$9,617,671
TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Fed Aid	Federal \$	HURF	Local \$	Total \$
SL-24-01D	2026	San Luis	US95, County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd St, Raised Medium	Construction	HISP (94.3)	\$1,683,019	\$0	\$101,731	\$1,784,750
SOM-24-01D	2026	Somerton	County 15th St and Ave D, Crest Curve Correction	Consatruction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$1,587,045	\$0	\$95,930	\$1,682,975
WE 25-02C	2026	Wellton	Williams St: Oakland Ave to Los Angeles Ave	Reconstruct Roadway	STBG	\$561,169	\$0	\$0	\$561,169
WE 25-02C	2026	Wellton	Williams St: Oakland Ave to Los Angeles Ave	Reconstruct Roadway	HURFX	-\$561,169	\$505,052	\$42,948	-\$13,169

MPO 26-01	2026	YMPO	LTAP	Technical Assistance Program	STBG	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
YC-24-01C	2026	Yuma County	Avenue B, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$580,471	\$0	\$0	\$580,471
YC-24-01C	2026	Yuma County	Avenue B, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$3,229,311	\$0	\$195,197	\$3,424,508
YC-24-02C	2026	Yuma County	Ave G, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (100%)	\$147,500	\$0	\$0	\$147,500
YC-24-02C	2026	Yuma County	Ave G, Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips	Construction	HSIP (94.3%)	\$3,791,902	\$0	\$229,203	\$4,021,105
YC-24-03D	2026	Yuma County	County 14th St and Avenue C, Traffic Signal	Construction	HISP (100%)	\$733,889	\$0	\$0	\$733,899
YC-24-04C	2026	Yuma County	County 14th and Avenue G, Traffic Signal & Left-Turn Lanes	Construction	HISP (100%)	\$663,927	\$0	\$0	\$663,927
YC-24-04C	2026	Yuma County	County 14th and Avenue G, Traffic Signal & Left-Turn Lanes	Construction	HISP (94.3%)	\$471,245	\$0	\$28,485	\$499,730
	2026	Totals				\$12,893,309	\$505,052	\$693,494	\$14,091,865

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 9

FY 2024-2024 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

DATE: March 14, 2023.

SUBJECT: FY 2024 and 2025 YMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

SUMMARY:

The current Two-Year FY 2022-2023 UPWP and annual budget was approved by the YMPO Executive Board meeting on April 29, 2021. This was the second two-year work program approved by YMPO and reflects a slightly new way of doing business with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). YMPO staff started developing the next UPWP and staff are expected to present the product to federal partners, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and ADOT on Thursday, April 13. In conformance with fiscal constraint, the annual budget will only be approved for one year at a time.

The current on-going studies that will partially, or completely, fall in the next UPWP include the Safety Update Plan, Complete Streets Study, FY 2026-2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan, and possible studies such as Roads of Regional Significance and/or Pavement Management System - Phase 2. YMPO staff will provide a presentation on what might be expected to occur during the next two-year work program. Board members and agency staff are encouraged to provide comments on the applicability of the studies listed and/or suggest additions that would be regarded as 'regional' studies.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No members of the public have provided any input on this item.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The UPWP is one of the publications that YMPO is required to produce. An advanced version is prepared and initially critiqued by ADOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff and is developed cooperatively with ADOT and the regional transit operator. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds to be used, including estimates of local and in-kind matching funds.

POLICY: Codes of Federal Regulation 23 CFR 420 and 450 contain several references to what UPWPs should include and how they should be developed.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The current FY 2022-23 UPWP was approved by the YMPO Board at the Special Executive Board meeting on April 21, 2021.

CONTACT PERSON:

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YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #10

FY 2024 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Appropriations

DATE: March 23, 2023

SUBJECT: FY 2024 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Appropriations

SUMMARY:

In early March, the offices of Senator Kelly and Senator Sinema released a Congressional Directed Spending request opportunity inviting Arizonans and organizations to apply for projects which could be funded through the CDS process. Specific projects in a Senator's home state can be financed through the annual budget bills passed by congress. The Board identified the US 95 widening project as a regional priority, and as such, in collaboration with ADOT, YMPO has taken a proactive approach to seeking funding opportunities. As a result, US 95 Highway was identified as an eligible highway transportation project and submitted an application request for CDS earmarking of 2M for the design of the Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road have been submitted to both Senate offices.

Submission Forms and Deadlines:

- For Senator Kelly: March 15, 2023 - Submitted March 15, 2023
- For Senator Sinema: March 21, 2023 - Submitted March 16, 2023

Overall, the CDS process is highly competitive. The Senate is expected to begin consideration of FY 24 appropriations bills later this year. Though FY 24 federal government funding must be approved by October 1, final negotiations can stretch beyond that date.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public comments were made about this process.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

Crystal Figueroa, Executive Director, 928-783-8911

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY Item #11

2023 Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZRTS) Planning - Update

DATE: March 23, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 Arizona Rural Transportation Summit (AZRTS) Planning - Update

SUMMARY:

The AZRTS annual conference is organized by a group of rural-based Councils of Governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (COG/MPOs). This important event provides opportunities to connect directly with rural Arizona transportation decision-makers, including Federal, State, and local government officials, transportation professionals, and legislators. In addition, the event offers the opportunity to meet those working to improve and enhance transportation needs in Arizona. In addition, the event includes a series of status reports from all levels of transportation agencies. Customarily, the COGs/MPOs rotate hosting responsibility for the RTS, and it is YMPO's and WACOG's turn to host the conference in the Yuma region.

Since the last update during October's Board meeting, a contract with the Hilton Garden Inn Yuma Pivot Point was executed, and additional lodging options have been secured. On February 7, 2023, YMPO Staff sent a Save-The-Date for the AZRTS on October 18-19, 2023. In addition, formal invitations were distributed to prospective keynote speakers, federal and state partners, including the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Thus far, National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Director of Transportation Erich Zimmerman, and FTA Regional Administrator Ray Tellis, have confirmed to present at the conference. Unfortunately, YMPO was notified that U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Ken Salazar, will not be available to attend the event. As for potential speaker Calixto Mateos-Hanel of the North American Development Bank (NADBank), the invitation is still under consideration and awaiting a response.

Furthermore, YMPO is currently in communication with the Arizona ADOT, as they have expressed their desire to be the Title Sponsor for the event, and various other sponsorship prospects were contacted. As the conference date approaches, vital information is consistently updated on the summit website. YMPO staff, in collaboration with RTAC liaison Kevin Adam, are working diligently to provide a fantastic line-up of speakers. Staff will continue to update the Board on the summit's progress.

PUBLIC INPUT:

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

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

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SAVE THE DATE

October 18-19, 2023

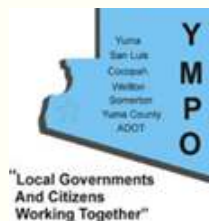


The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) and Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) will host the 24th Annual Rural Transportation Summit.

COMING SOON:

- ☒ Registration
- ☒ Lodging Information
- ☒ Agenda

Hilton Garden Inn Yuma Pivot Point Hotel & Conference Center



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