

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) June 8, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person/Virtual 230 West Morrison Street Yuma, Arizona 85364

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# YMPO TAC MEMBERS

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Member	Joseph Grant, Public Works Director, Town of Wellton.
Member	Erika Peterson, Associate Planner, City of Yuma.
Member	Mark Hoffman, Senior Planner, ADOT
Member	Frank Sanchez, County Engineer, Yuma County
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Member	Susan Cowey, CIP Administrator, City of Yuma
Member	Kelly Fricke, Interim Public Works Director, Yuma County
Member	Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton
Member	Alan Heck, Planning Director, Cocopah Indian Tribe.

# YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS

Caltrans	Beth Landrum
EPA	John Kelly
FHWA	Romare Truly
FTA	Ariana Valle
YCIPTA	Shelly Kreger

# 1. <u>Call to Order and Declaration of Votes.</u>

The meeting will be called to order and the City of Yuma will declare the number of their votes. The Chairman may welcome Mr. Alan Heck, Cocopah Tribe, and offer him the opportunity to introduce himself.

# 2. <u>Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964.</u>

A brief message will be read out reminding members of our Title VI obligations. YMPO has survey cards on the TAC Website, for the public to complete. Please send these to Paul Ward, YMPO Principal Engineer, at pward@ympo.org.

# This item is on the agenda for information only and Mr. Jesus Aguilar (JR), YMPO Mobility Manager, will read the YMPO Title VI Statement.

#### 3. <u>Call to the Public</u>

This item is to provide an opportunity for comments by the public. Individuals that wish to address the committee need not request permission in advance, but are limited to three (3) minutes.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the draft minutes of the regular TAC meeting from May 11, 2023, will accompany this agenda. Members will have the opportunity to review, report any changes, and/or approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023, TAC meeting.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to approve the minutes of the regular TAC meeting of May 11, 2023.

#### 5. <u>Regional Project Priority List for 2023.</u>

In recent years, the Arizona State Budget has provided surpluses and the State Legislature has consistently provided additional funds, over and above the normal HURF and Federal funds, to transportation projects throughout the state. During this time, YMPO has developed prioritized lists of possible projects to be funded with these surplus state funds and the TAC was instrumental in this effort. The Rural Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) collected similar lists of prioritized projects from around the state and submitted them to the legislature for consideration. Recently, the Governor signed HB 2543, which contained over \$35 million for projects in the Yuma region.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible comment only at this stage. Further details are contained in an information summary that is included with this agenda packet, as Item 5.

# 6. <u>Possible Regional Project Priority List for 2024.</u>

Further to the previous agenda item, the RTAC has reported that the budget surplus for the coming fiscal year is likely to continue. As a result, they have suggested that member agencies should develop another list of possible projects for consideration for state funding for next year. YMPO staff will outline likely steps for this effort.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible comment only at this stage. Further details are contained in an information summary that is included with this agenda packet, as Item 6.

# 7. FY 2024-28 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

YMPO TAC members have submitted projects for consideration of, and possible inclusion in, the FY 2024-28 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Details from the prior FY 2022-26 YMPO TIP, and the subsequent seven amendments, have been included for the appropriate years concerned, and the status of completed and underway projects have been determined. The TIP is a continuously moving document and changes to projects are possible, even at this stage. If members would like to make revisions to projects, please contact the YMPO Principal Engineer. Final approval of the TIP is anticipated during the Executive Board meeting on June 29, 2023.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to recommend the FY 2024-28 YMPO TIP be sent to the YMPO Executive Board for approval. Further details are available as part of an information summary that is included with this agenda packet, as Item 7.

# 8. <u>Status of YMPO Federally Funded Projects.</u>

A monthly status report of projects in the YMPO region programmed with Federally Funds included in the YMPO TIP will be shown to members for review and discussion. The information is partially obtained from the ADOT Local Governments Section who usually works directly with sponsor agencies. Members will be requested to provide comments regarding the report and suggestions regarding how it should be shared with member agencies.

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# 9. <u>The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program.</u>

The TA Program (TAP) has been a portion of the Surface Transportation Program, and the Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) that replaced it, for many years. During MAP-21, and under the FAST Act, the allocation of funds through the TAP was deemed insufficient for the smaller MPOs and Councils of Governments in the State (including YMPO) to run an effective program, so the funds available through the TAP were wrapped into the STBG funds allocated to these agencies. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) the amount of funds targeted to the TAP has substantially increased, and new guidelines for the TAP concept have been released. It is anticipated that a Call for Projects will be released in early June, 2023.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible comment only, at this stage. Further details are contained in an information summary that is included with this agenda packet, as Item 9, and further

#### information will be provided to the TAC, in due course.

#### 10. <u>TAC Officers.</u>

As members are probably aware, TAC Vice-Chairman Eric Holland no longer represents the Cocopah Tribe. The new Cocopah representative is Mr. Alan Heck, who will likely have already introduced himself at the start of the meeting. The decision of who will become the Vice-Chair of the TAC will be discussed.

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

# 11. <u>YMPO and ADOT.</u>

YMPO and ADOT staff will have the opportunity to update any other business that was not covered in the previous agenda items.

- a. YMPO.
- b. ADOT MPD Update.

# Mr. Ward and Mark Hoffman (ADOT) will present this item. This item is on the agenda for information and possible discussion.

#### 12. In-Kind Match Forms

This item 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, attending meetings either in-person OR by teleconference), YMPO is able to capture portions, or all, of your time as 'soft' match for those YMPO programs.

#### This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only.

#### 13. <u>TAC Status Reports.</u>

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: No projects listed.

#### Yuma County:

Avenue D/E Corridor: 16th Street to 23rd Street; Martinez Lake and Red Cloud Mine Roads; North Frontage Road: Avenue 10E to Fortuna Road.

# City of San Luis:

Cesar Chavez (Juan Sanchez) Boulevard Improvements; County 24th Street.

#### City of Yuma:

32nd Street Paving, Ave B to Ave C; Avenue 3-1/2 E Paving, 32nd St to 40th St; North End Pavement Replacement; Avenue C Waterline Replacement, 16th St to 18th St; Avenue B Reconstruction, 24th St to 16th St; 45th Avenue Paving, 16th St to 20th St; Pavement Marking Upgrade, Citywide; Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons; Traffic Signal Flashing Yellow Turn Arrow Installation: 40th Street Construction, 7 1/2E to 6 3/4E; Bridge - Ave 7E & 40th St over A Canal; 28th St Widening, 45th Ave to 33rd Dr; 18th Street and Avenue C Traffic Signal; Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center; 40th Street Construction 7 1/2E to 10E: Avenue 3E and 32nd Street Median Landscape; 28th St Reconstruction, 8th Ave to Madison Ave and Virginia, 28th St to 27th St: Traffic Operations Center; South Gila Canal Bridge Replacement.

#### City of Somerton: No projects listed.

# ADOT:

I-8: Sentinel Rest Area Project;

I-8: MP 0.1 to MP 31; Various Bridges;

I-8 at the Colorado River Bridge; Repair Project;

I-8: MP 71 (West of Aztec Road) to MP 82 (East of Aztec Road) Pavement Pres.;

US-95: Rifle Range Road to Wellton-Mohawk Canal; Roadway/Bridge Widening;

US-95: MP 44.3 to MP 54; Pavement Preservation Project.

US-95: MP 67 to MP 80; Pavement Life Extension Project.

US-95: Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road; Road Widening.

Statewide POE Barrier Protection.

Cocopah Indian Tribe: No projects listed.

# 14. Future Agenda Items.

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

- a. Regional Priority Projects for 2024 (continued);
- b. A possible change to YMPO By-Laws may be forthcoming regarding the official designation of TAC Members, Alternates, and/or Proxies.

# 15. Progress Reports.

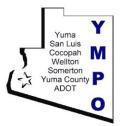
YMPO staff has provided a list of recent activities:

a. May 11 - TAC Meeting (CF, PW, NC, JR, JH).

- b. May 11 YRBC Meeting (JR, PW).
- c. May 15 Meeting with LSC Transportation Re: Next Steps for RCP (CF).
- d. May 15 CTS Meeting (CF).
- e. May 15 ADOT/YMPO Monthly Coordination Meeting (CF, PW).
- f. May 15 RTAC Advisory Committee Meeting (CF).
- g. May 15 RTS Planning Meeting (CF, CG, BD, NC, JR, RA).
- h. May 15 Council for Technical Solutions Meeting (CF).
- i. May 16 UPWP Edits (CF, BD).
- j. May 16 Web Presence Executive Summary and Plan (CF, JH).
- k. May 16 Yuma PM-10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, PW).
- I. May 17 YMPO/Quechan Meeting (CF, PW, JR, JH).
- m. May 18 AAS Properties Visit Re: Retaining Wall (CF, NC).
- n. May 19 AZSTB Meeting in Gilbert (CF, PW).
- o. May 21-25 CTAA and OTA Expo 2023 (JR).
- p. May 22 RTAC Board Meeting (CF).
- q. May 24 RTS Planning Meeting (CF, PW, BD, JH, NC, JR).
- r. May 25 Executive Board Meeting (CF, PW, JH, BD, NC, JR).
- s. May 25 Notarize SAM.GOV Appointment Letter at Wells Fargo (CF).
- t. May 31 RTS Planning Meeting (CF, PW, BD, NC, JR, RA).
- u. May 31 Yuma County ED & IGA / YMPO CANAMEX Corridor (CF).
- v. Jun 1 Arizona State Transportation Board (STB) Study Session (CF).
- w. Jun 1 Cybersecurity Insurance A.T. Pancrazi (BD).
- x. Jun 2 May Mobility Intro and Transportation Summit (CF).
- y. Jun 5 Staff Meeting (CF, PW, BD, NC, JH, JR, RA).
- z. Jun 5 Real Teams Training (CF, PW, BD, NC, JH, JR, RA).
- aa. Jun 6 Planning Meeting for FY24/25 (CF).
- bb. Jun 7 RTS Planning Meeting (CF, PW, BD, NC, JR, RA).

# 16. Adjournment.

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Member	Kelly Fricke, Interim Public Works Director, Yuma County
Member	Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton
Member	Steve Wilson, Assist. Director of Engineering, Cit of Yuma (Alternate).
Member	Jason James, Regional Planning Manager, ADOT (Alternate).

# YMPO TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice-ChairEric Holland, Planning Director, Cocopah Indian TribeMemberMark Hoffman, Senior Planner, ADOTMemberDave Wostenberg, City Engineer, City of Yuma

# ADDITIONAL PRESENT

Isabell Garcia, ADOT Amy Martin, MCAS Yuma Christy Sopher, MCAS Yuma

#### 1. <u>Call to Order and Declaration of Votes.</u>

Chairman Eulogio Vera called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. The City of Yuma declared votes as Jennifer Albers (two votes), Steve Wilson (two votes), and Susan Cowey (one vote).

# 2. <u>Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964.</u>

The YMPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Notice to the Public was read by YMPO Mobility Manager, Jesus Aguilar Jr.

# 3. <u>Call to the Public</u>

There were no announcements from the public or TAC members.

#### 4. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

The April 27, 2023, TAC meeting minutes had been included with the agenda. Frank Sanchez, Yuma County, moved to approve the minutes and Saul Albor, City of Somerton, seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

#### 5. <u>The YMPO Federally Funded Program</u>

Crystal Figueroa, YMPO Executive Director, introduced this item. She reported that the federal funds available for programming in the YMPO region have increased substantially during the past few years. Discussions with member agencies, YMPO, and ADOT staff have concluded that a formal process for programming future projects should be developed. YMPO staff have included funds in the new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for such an effort. The YMPO Federally Funded Program will establish detailed guidelines to cover the selection and development of federally funded projects, such as those to be funded with State Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Off-System Bridge (OSB) Program, and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program funds. Ms. Figueroa introduced Paul Ward, YMPO Principal Engineer, to present some ideas for a possible scope of work for the consultant task.

Mr. Ward began by requesting feedback from member agencies as to what should be in the scope of work when selecting a consultant. Mr. Ward presented the three possible phases in the study:

- 1. Types of Federal Funds and Amounts
  - YMPO Programmable Federal Funds;
  - ADOT Programmable Federal Funds;
  - Grant Funds;
  - Non-Title 23 Federal Funds, and
  - Other lesser-used federal highway funds.
- 2. Application Process Fair Distribution

The application process depends on the funds concerned:

- YMPO funds Mini Design Concept Report (DCR)
- ADOT Varies based on fund type
- Grant Funds
- Non-Title 23 Funds Case by case basis
- Lesser-Used Funds Case by case basis
- 3. Implementation Process

The implementation process may vary depending on funds concerned:

- Inclusion in TIP;
- Initiation Packet with ADOT;

- Possible Revised Project Development Phases included in TIP;
- Intergovernmental or Joint Project Agreement Needs (IGA/JPA);
- Payment of Local Match, and Authorization of Federal funds;
- Bid, Construction and Close Out processes.

Ms. Figueroa confirmed that a Request for Proposals will be advertised within the next six months. YMPO will advertise for a consultant and/or consultant team, provide a schedule of completion of the study, ask for review and comments from the TAC and Executive Board (the Board) during the process, and implement a policy for programming Federal funds in the YMPO TIP.

Mr. Sanchez asked whether member agencies are required to produce a mini-DCR when applying for YMPO funds ? Mr. Ward replied that the current application process requires mini-DCR and, as of today's meeting, YMPO has only received one such application from the City of Somerton.

# 6. FY 2024-28 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Ward presented this item and reported that although YMPO TAC members have submitted projects for consideration of, and possible inclusion in the FY 2024-28 YMPO TIP, there is additional work to be completed before presenting the Draft FY 2024-28 YMPO TIP to the TAC. In consultation with member agencies, an updated list of projects has been developed for the next five years, based on the previous FY 2022-26 YMPO TIP, the seven amendments that have been approved, and submitted to ADOT, and the recent changes made to projects in the YMPO federally funded program. However, additional updates are needed in the financial tables that include member agency projects and funding amounts. Furthermore, Mr. Ward plans on meeting more member agencies to determine the status of existing, and possibly new, projects in the TIP.

Mr. Ward presented a tentative schedule outlining the steps anticipated to be needed to obtain a recommendation by the YMPO TAC followed by an approval of the final TIP by the YMPO Executive Board in the month of June.

Tentative Schedule for the FY 2024-28 YMPO TIP		
Action	Date	
TAC Members are requested to submit projects	Jan – May	
Initial Draft Copy of the TIP available for member agency review	May 9	
Input from member agencies	Thru May 25	
Copy of draft final TIP available for review	By June 1	
Public Meeting on the TIP	Week of June 1-8	

TAC reviews and, possibly recommends TIP to Executive Board	June 8
Executive Board tentatively approves the TIP	June 29

Mr. Ward concluded his presentation by requesting that member agencies send him eligibility letters from ADOT for record-keeping purposes.

# 7. Status of YMPO Federally Funded Projects.

Mr. Ward reported that YMPO staff was provided a graph showing Project Initiation Letters received by ADOT Safety Section as of April 25, 2023. Eight projects in the YMPO region are listed and all Yuma County projects have a TRACS number, meaning that a project initiation packet was submitted to ADOT. City of Yuma has a pending project, City of San Luis and Somerton both have projects ready for submission. Mr. Ward plans on meeting with City of Somerton, Town of Wellton and City of San Luis to find out the status of their projects.

# 8. <u>YMPO and ADOT.</u>

Mr. Ward stated that he had no input on this item.

Jason James, ADOT, provided an update on the State Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP). The consultant, WSP, is finalizing the Gap Analysis, reviewing results of the Needs Analysis and Revenue Analysis to generate the recommended investment choice for funding for the next five years for the Preservation Program for Modernization and Expansion. ADOT is expected to present this item to the Arizona State Transportation Board in a Study Session in the month of June. The draft copy of the SLRTP will be available for public comment during a 45-day period.

Mr. James reported that Corridor Profile studies for the Southern bundle have been completed, specifically the Southwest bundle, which includes US State Route 95, I-8 to I-40, I-10, California State line to State Route 85, State Route 85 I-10 to I-8, and I-8 California State line to I-10.

Lastly, the draft copy of the Border Master Plan final report was distributed for review and comment.

# 9. In-Kind Match Forms.

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#### 9. <u>TAC Status Reports.</u>

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:

Joseph Grant, Town of Wellton, said there was nothing to report.

#### Yuma County:

Mr. Sanchez provided the following updates for each Yuma County project:

Avenue D/E Corridor: 16th Street to 23rd Street - Yuma County received an AZ Smart grant to finalize the design for both phases. A tentative public hearing is scheduled for next week.

Martinez Lake and Red Cloud Mine Roads - No changes reported.

North Frontage Road: Avenue 10E to Fortuna Road - Board of Supervisors awarded the project and the construction contract has been completed. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled next week.

#### City of San Luis:

Mr. Vera provided the following updates for each City of San Luis project:

Cesar Chavez (Juan Sanchez) Boulevard Improvements - Ongoing negotiation phase with ADOT and Jacobs. City of San Luis is working on Right-of-Way acquisition.

County 24th Street - Currently in construction and scheduled to be completed in mid-July.

# City of Yuma:

Ms. Cowey provided the following updates for each City of Yuma project:

32nd Street: Avenue B to Avenue C - Project was awarded to DP and scheduled to begin demoing roadway in June.

Avenue B: 24th Street to 16th Street; Reconstruction - Project was awarded to DP and starting sometime in July.

18th Street at Avenue C; Improvements - Project was awarded to GCE and should begin in the summer when school is out.

28th Street: 33rd Drive to 45th Drive; Roadway widening - Currently in the process of acquiring Right-of-Way.

3 1/2 E 32nd Street to 40th Street - Project was awarded to GCE and is currently in construction.

# City of Somerton:

Mr. Albor said there was nothing to report at this time.

# ADOT:

Isabell Garcia, ADOT, provided the following updates for each ADOT project:

I-8: Sentinel Rest Area Project - Project is 98% complete. The sentinel rest area has been closed and parking areas have been left open for commercial truck drivers. The contractor, Haydon Building Corp., is working on installing electrical panels and then the ADEQ process will begin. Looking to open the rest area by July 2023.

I-8: MP 0.1 to MP 31; Various Bridges - No update presented.

I-8 at the Colorado River Bridge; Repair Project - Project was awarded to Future Construction and Engineering, Inc. The first working day was February 13th, 2023. The project is scheduled to be completed by September 2023.

I-8: Wellton to Avenue 36E; Pavement Life Extension Project - No update presented.

I-8: MP 71 (West of Aztec Road) to MP 82 (East of Aztec Road) - Contractor is working on reconstructing concrete barrier wall, conducting bird surveys, and removing trees. Project is 6% complete.

US 95: Rifle Range Road-Wellton-Mohawk Canal Bridge Roadway Widening/Bridge Widening - The contractor is working on pipe removal and replacement and roadway excavation. Project is 20% complete.

US 95: MP 67 to MP 80; Pavement Life Extension Project - No update presented.

Cocopah Indian Tribe: No projects listed.

# 10. Future Agenda Items.

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

a. Approval of the FY 2024-28 YMPO TIP - Mr. Ward stated that the TIP is scheduled to be presented to the TAC for recommendation followed by an approval of the final TIP by the YMPO Executive Board in the month of June.

# 11. Progress Reports.

YMPO staff has provided a list of recent activities

- a. Apr 27-28 ADOT Panel Review Meeting Assign Scores and Funding (JR).
- b. May 1-9 Vacation Time, Baby (CF).
- c. May 2 5310 Panel Discussion with ADOT (JR).
- d. May 3 Meet with Saul Albor with City of Somerton (PW).
- e. May 8 RMC 5310 Meeting (JR).
- f. May 10 Staff Meeting (CF, PW, BD, NC, JH, JR, RA).

# 12. Adjournment.

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# YMPO TAC INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 5. Regional Project Priority List for 2023.

DATE: June 1, 2023.

**SUBJECT:** Regional Project Priority List for 2023.

#### SUMMARY:

The Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) continued their effort from previous years to try to increase State funding for local transportation projects in the rural portions of Arizona. The YMPO region, through the YMPO TAC and Executive Board (the Board), developed a prioritized list of projects that were presented to the RTAC for inclusion in their combined list of projects which was then submitted to the Arizona Legislature for their consideration for possible funding during their annual budget process.

RTAC had suggested a combined dollar limit of \$300 million statewide for their list and this was submitted accordingly. The population-based division of that amount estimated the possible allocation of funds to the YMPO region at about \$39 million.

YMPO submitted two projects for consideration, the next phase of US-95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road widening (\$33.3 million) and a request for almost \$16.4 million to Mill and Overlay a large segment of US-95 between County 22nd Street (City of San Luis border) and County 11th Street (City of Yuma border at 32nd Street), a distance of 18 miles. The initial phase 1 request was for just under \$6 million for the 5.4 miles between County 22nd Street and County 17th Street.

The results of this effort are now apparent and the State legislature has included over \$33 million in State funding for two projects in the YMPO region. This is split between the US-95 widening project (\$33 million) and the US-95 mill and overlay project (\$5.9 million). Unfortunately, the \$33 million, includes almost \$13 million that had already been granted under previous years' allocations, but which had not yet been spent.

#### **POSSIBLE ACTION NEEDED:**

No action is anticipated for this agenda item.

# CONTACT PERSON:

Paul D. Ward, P.E., Principal Engineer, 928-783-8911.

# YMPO TAC INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 6. Regional Project Priority List for 2024.

**DATE**: June 1, 2023.

**SUBJECT:** Regional Project Priority List for 2024.

#### SUMMARY:

Following on from the previous agenda item, the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) has indicated that the Arizona budget appears to be producing surplus funds, so and they will continue their efforts to try to increase State funding for local transportation projects in the rural portions of Arizona. RTAC had suggested an increased, combined dollar limit of \$400 million statewide for their list, plus \$100 million for the SMART Fund. The population-based division of that amount estimates the possible allocation of funds to the YMPO region at just over \$48 million.

A tentative schedule for producing the YMPO region's priorities for this list, is as follows:

Date	Likely Action Needed
Jul 1, 2023	Member agencies submit project requests to YMPO TAC meeting
Aug 10, 2023	The TAC recommends a draft list of prioritized projects
Aug 31, 2023	The Board approves a list of prioritized projects
Sep 4, 2023	The list is submitted to the RTAC for submittal the AZ legislature

# POSSIBLE ACTION NEEDED:

No action is anticipated for this agenda item.

# CONTACT PERSON:

Paul D. Ward, P.E., Principal Engineer, 928-783-8911.

# YMPO TAC INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 7. <u>FY 2024-28 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program -</u> <u>Final Review and Possible Recommendation for Approval</u>

DATE: June 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** FY 2024-28 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Final Review and Possible Recommendation for Approval.

#### SUMMARY:

YMPO utilizes a two-year cycle for developing the region's TIP and has chosen to use a five-year time frame. This TIP has been developed based on guidance provided by Federal, State, and regional authorities, and with substantial input from YMPO member agencies. Future changes to this TIP may be made using the TIP Amendment process and will occur when new projects are identified, or changes to existing projects are needed. The written portion of the TIP document has not changed much, except for the revised numbers and types of federal funds anticipated.

There is no formal need for a Public Meeting on the TIP, as the public involvement portion of the YMPO TAC and Executive Board meetings fulfills that requirement. If the TAC recommends approval of the TIP, it will be presented to the YMPO Executive Board at their meeting on June 29, 2023, for possible approval and a Resolution of support. Following this, the TIP will be sent to the Governor for her approval (or her designee's) and eventual inclusion into the State TIP, which is then reviewed by the various Federal authorities. Tables containing the TIP projects are being sent to each member agency for final review and comment with this information summary and a final copy of the TIP document will be published on the YMPO website and sent by email to members early next week.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

There has been limited public input on this subject, to date.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Executive Board for approval of the FY 2024-28 YMPO TIP.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Paul D. Ward, P.E., YMPO Principal Engineer.

# YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item 8. Status of YMPO Federally Funded Projects.

**DATE**: June 1, 2023.

**SUBJECT:** Status of YMPO Federally Funded Projects.

#### SUMMARY:

There are far more federally funded projects occurring in the YMPO region, compared with previous years. The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds are the best evidence of this increase, However, with Off-System Bridge (OSB) funds, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds and several other Transportation Grant-related funds more readily available to member agencies, tracking the status of federally funded projects will become more important.

YMPO staff will present a table which displays the status of all current YMPO Federally Funded Projects. It is proposed to use this table, on an ongoing-basis, to track the implementation of the projects concerned.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

There has been no public input on this subject, to date.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

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

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Paul D. Ward, P.E., YMPO Principal Engineer

DATE: June 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

#### SUMMARY:

The TAP is a 10% set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and ADOT expects to receive over \$30 million for the TAP for FY 2024. At this stage, it is not known whether similar amounts will be available from 2022 and/or 2023. However, ADOT has decided to design and implement an updated TAP and will release a call for projects in early June, 2023 (this month). YMPO will provide the same TAP presentation that YMPO staff recently received.

This presentation has the following timeline:

Date	Likely Action Needed.
Dec '22 - Apr '23	State Hires a Consultant Company and appoints a TAC.
Early Jun 2023	Release call for projects, submittal by late July
Late Jul 2023	Project submittals to ADOT.
By Aug 2023	Submit application for screening by TAC.
Mid Aug 2023	Screening process ends.
Mid Sep 2023	TAC scores and selects projects.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

There has been no public input on this subject, to date.

# **ACTION NEEDED:**

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