



EXECUTIVE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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**Executive Board
Special Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2020
3:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Chair Martha Garcia, Vice-Chair Maria Cruz, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) Special meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. She called on Town of Wellton Mayor Cecilia McCollough to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance.

The YMPO Executive Assistant/Accountant II, Crystal Figueroa, called the roll as follows:

YMPO Executive Board Members Present:

Vice-Chair	Maria Cruz, Vice-Mayor, City of San Luis
Member	Cecilia McCollough, Mayor, Town of Wellton
Member	Paul Patane, ADOT SW District Engineer *
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Supervisor, Yuma County *

* Participated by teleconference

YMPO Executive Board Members Absent:

Chair	Martha Garcia, Vice-Mayor, City of Somerton
Secretary/Treasurer	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	J. Deal Begay, Jr., Vice Chairman, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Gary Knight, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Karen Watts, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma
Member	Chris Morris, Councilmember, City of Yuma

As members from four, out of seven, constituent member agencies were present, the quorum requirement was met.

YMPO Staff Present:

Paul Ward	Executive Director.
Charles Gutierrez	Senior Planning/Mobility Manager.
Crystal Figueroa	Executive Assistant/Accountant II.

Additional Attendees: There were no additional attendees.

Declaration of Votes. No declarations were made.

3. Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public.

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

4. Federal Lands Access Program - Yuma County Letter of Support.

Mr. Gutierrez informed the Board that Yuma County is requesting a Letter of Support from YMPO for the FHWA Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for funding for the Avenue E: State Route 195 (Cesar Chavez Boulevard) to County 16th Street. He reported that Yuma County will be submitting an application for approximately \$15 million dollars in federal funds. He explained that this was the first time that FHWA Central Lands is considering revenue generation as a consideration for FLAP funds, instead of just recreation area usage.

Mr. Gutierrez mentioned that, to better strengthen the application, the amount of local match being provided by the City of San Luis would be increased from 5.7% to 10%. In addition, support letters from other member agencies and organizations around the region are also being requested to submit with the application by March 20, 2020.

MOTION: Mayor McCullough moved to approve the letter of support for the FHWA Federal Lands Access Program. ADOT Southwest District Engineer Paul Patane seconded, and the letter of support was unanimously approved.

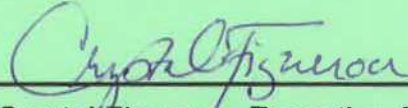
5. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:



Crystal Figueroa, Executive Assistant
and Accountant II, YMPO

Minutes reviewed to form by:

Minutes approved in regular session on
May 28, 2020



Paul D. Ward, P.E., Executive Director,
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization



Vice-Mayor Martha Garcia,
Chair, YMPO Executive Board