

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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**Executive Board  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, July 26, 2018  
1:30 p.m.**

**Town of Wellton  
10260 Dome Street  
Wellton, Arizona 85356  
Yuma County Wellton Justice Court**

1. Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.  
YMPO Chairwoman, Mayor Cecilia McCollough, called the Executive Board (the Board) meeting of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) to order at 1:30 p.m. She called on the ADOT SW District Engineer, Paul Patane, 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:

Chairwoman	Cecilia McCollough, Mayor, Town of Wellton
Secretary/Treasurer	J. Deal Begay, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Member	Gary Knight, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma
Member	Maria Ramos, Vice-Mayor, City of San Luis (by telephone)
Member	Paul Patane, ADOT SW District Engineer
Member	Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County
Member	Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County

YMPO Executive Board Members Absent:

Vice Chair	Jose Yepez, Mayor, City of Somerton
Member	Jacob Miller, Councilmember, City of Yuma
Member	Karen Watts, Councilmember, City of Yuma

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

YMPO Staff Present:

Executive Director	Paul Ward
Accountant II	Crystal Figueroa
Associate Planner	DeLaurien McKenzie

Additional Attendees:

Gene Dalbey	Yuma County
Blake Herzog	Yuma Sun
Larry Killman	Town of Wellton

Declaration of Votes.

Deputy Mayor Gary Knight submitted to Paul Ward, YMPO Executive Director, proxy letters from Councilmembers Jacob Miller and Karen Watts, and he declared their proxy votes, for a total of five votes for the City of Yuma.

3. Call to the Public

Member of the public Gene Dalbey thanked the Board for the efforts to make a better community living and for keeping bicycles safe.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of May 31, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes.

B. YMPO Income and Expenditure Reports for May and June 2018.

MOTION: Treasurer J. Deal Begay Jr. moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Supervisor Pancrazi seconded, and the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

5. Possible Exchange of CMAQ and STBG Funds

YMPO Executive Director Paul Ward reported on the possible exchange of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. He reported that MAG currently receives almost all of the CMAQ funds that come to that State of Arizona, with a very minor exception of some funds being used in the Nogales metropolitan area. CMAQ funds are required to be used anywhere on a publicly-owned transportation facility within the region's nonattainment area for air quality, providing the projects provide an air quality benefit.

Mr. Ward reported that the Yuma region is designated as a marginal nonattainment area for the air quality pollutant Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and moderate for Particulate Matter of less than 10 microns (PM-10). As a result, the Yuma region could use the funds, if they were available. However, the MAG region has first priority over the funds and their air quality staff stated their need to continue using all of the funds available, therefore, the exchange of CMAQ funds and STBG funds will not occur. He reported, regardless of the bad news, MAG staff provided additional information about the possible use of STBG funds for air quality beneficial projects such as the acquisition of PM-10 efficient street sweepers.

Supervisor Pancrazi mentioned she would like to see Yuma County and the City of Yuma find out more about the possible acquisition of PM-10 efficient street sweepers with STBG funds since the region is a nonattainment area.

Mr. Ward confirmed he was going to assist the member agencies explore the idea of using STBG funds and some of the YMPO funds to advance the acquisition of street sweepers. He mentioned that soon they will be entering the process for selecting STBG funded projects for the forthcoming, new, FY 2019-2023 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Not only will it be a good opportunity to program such projects in the future but also be able to use some of the YMPO funds to advance projects to an earlier year.

Mr. Knight asked Mr. Ward if he had received any interest on behalf of County and City administrators about acquiring PM-10 street sweepers and he responded yes. He said

each street sweeper would cost approximately \$250,000 with a limitation that they must be used within the nonattainment area. For example, it would exclude the City of San Luis and the Town of Wellton. STBG funds are shared around the region and in some instances, the City of San Luis might not get a project one year but will the next and so forth.

Mr. Patane recommended involving the fleet managers and not the engineers when developing a contract since street sweepers are highly specialized pieces of equipment that require extensive maintenance, essentially agency Public Works Directors. Mr. Ward agreed and informed members that he will continue exploring the possibility of programming funds for acquiring street sweepers and other possible projects that may be air quality beneficial.

Supervisor Martin Porchas joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

6. Meeting with the YMPO Region's Administrators

Mr. Ward informed the board about the topics discussed at his recent meeting with the YMPO region's administrators. They discussed the current effort to identify projects for a regional transportation funding Initiative, timing, and necessary legislation. The City of Yuma presented their intentions regarding a half-cent sales tax. Deputy Mayor Knight corrected Mr. Ward that the City of Yuma did not initiate a half-cent sales tax, but a group of organized citizens. Other discussion topics included the status of improvements to the San Luis Ports of Entry and other regional improvements such as a possible regional ring road and a possible bridge across the Colorado river into Mexico. Mr. Ward mentioned a more appropriate discussion was the near and long-term future of regional transit and the brief discussion of a regional Traffic Operations Center (TOC) as part of an regionwide Advanced Traffic Management System effort. Essentially, a TOC is a location from which traffic signals can be controlled on a variety of different roads, corridors and across jurisdictions. He mentioned this idea would be included in the Intelligent Transportation Study that will be starting soon.

Deputy Mayor Knight mentioned the City will have a similar capability when the nodes get deployed on streetlights and the traffic signal boxes get updated. However, he reminded members that, regardless of possible future ring roads or crossings into Mexico, US-95 remains the region's highest priority.

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

- A. Staff Reports (See Item 4 for Income and Expenditure reports).
- B. TAC Minutes.
- C. Conference Updates.
  - i. Arizona/Mexico Commission;
  - ii. USDA/TTI Agriculture Supply Chain, San Diego and San Luis.
- D. State Transportation Board:
  - i. Study Session, June 5, Phoenix;
  - ii. Regular Meeting, July 15, Globe.
- E. MPOs/COGs Planner's Meeting, June 8, Phoenix.
- F. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council activities (Jun/Jul - CANCELLED).

- G. Projects - Economic Development and Transportation.
- H. FY 2018-41 YMPO Long-Range Transportation Plan.

8. Possible Future Agenda Items

- A. Attendance at Rural Transportation Summit (Oct 24/25, Lake Havasu City). Mr. Ward offered board members funding for summit attendance with YMPO funds.
- B. FY 2019-23 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program.
- C. Use of YMPO Funds for Member Agency TIP Funded projects.
- D. Additional Funds for Transportation in the YMPO Region.

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

- A. May 31 - YMPO Executive Board Meeting, Paul Ward, Crystal Figueroa, and Robert Aguilar attended.
- B. May 31 - Agriculture Supply Chain meeting (Tucson), Charles Gutierrez and De'Laurien McKenzie attended.
- C. June 4 - YMPO Staff meeting - All YMPO staff attended.
- D. June 5 - State Transportation Board Study Session, Paul Ward attended.
- E. June 5 - Federal Grant Opportunities Meeting, Charles Gutierrez attended.
- F. June 8 - MPO/COG Planner's Meeting, Charles Gutierrez attended.
- G. June 11 - ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez attended.
- H. June 12 - Air Quality (webinar), Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez participated.
- I. June 13 - CMAQ Meeting (MAG), Paul Ward attended.
- J. June 13-14 - Arizona Mexico Commission, Paul Ward attended.
- K. June 13 - YMPO TAC meeting, Charles Gutierrez, De'Laurien McKenzie, and Melissa Ramos attended.
- L. June 18 - Agriculture Supply Chain meeting (San Diego), Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez, and De'Laurien McKenzie attended.
- M. June 20 - ADOT Planning to Programming meeting, Paul Ward attended.
- N. June 21 - Agriculture Supply Chain Stakeholders' meeting (San Luis), Paul Ward and De'Laurien McKenzie attended.
- O. June 26 - Meeting with ESRI staff, Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez, and De'Laurien McKenzie attended.
- P. June 27 - Train the Manager workshop (Benson), Melissa Ramos attended.
- Q. June 27 - YMPO/Saguaro meeting, Paul Ward and Charles Gutierrez attended.
- R. June 27 - Preliminary Test Controls meeting with FY 2018 Audit Team, Paul Ward and Crystal Alonzo attended.
- S. June 28 - Employer Database Update, De'Laurien McKenzie participated.
- T. June 28 - YMPO Executive Board meeting - CANCELLED.
- U. June 28 - Meeting with Regional City, Town, and County Administrators - Paul Ward attended.
- V. July 2 - YMPO Staff meeting - All YMPO staff attended.
- W. July 10 - Meeting with YCIPTA Director - Paul Ward attended.
- X. July 12 - YMPO TAC meeting - Paul Ward, Charles Gutierrez, De'Laurien McKenzie, and Melissa Ramos attended.

- Y. July 20 - State Transportation Board meeting (Show Low), Paul Ward attended.
- Z. July 25 - Mobility Manager Training (MAG) - Charles Gutierrez and Melissa Ramos attended.
- AA. July 26 - 5310 Application E-Grants and Panel Review discussion - Charles Gutierrez attended.
- BB. July 26 - YMPO Executive Board meeting - Paul Ward, Crystal Alonzo, and Melissa Ramos attended.

10. ADOT and Federal Funding in the ADOT Five Year Construction Program

Mr. Ward presented on his analysis of the amount of funds programmed within the Yuma region during the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program for the past fifteen programs (since FY 2005-09). He handed out a packet of his compiled analysis and focused first on the Arizona Population Estimates. He made a comparison of the population estimates for Mohave, Yavapai and Yuma Counties in which Yuma showed a 13.12% of the Greater Arizona population percentage (the State, excluding Maricopa and Pima Counties). This compares closely to Mohave and Yavapai counties. Next, he reported on the millions of gallons of gasoline and use fuel (diesel) sold between 1998-17 (twenty years) in the Greater Arizona region only. He drew a similar comparable use of fuels between Yavapai 13.81%, Mohave 13.29% and Yuma 11.85% counties, close to the population percentages. He concluded that the amount of money being put into the ADOT Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) program in fuel taxes closely matches population numbers.

Mr. Ward also reported on the funds programmed in ADOT Highway Programs from FY 2005-2019 through FY 2019-2023 to show the percentage of money programmed for the past 15 years in total. YMPO has been receiving 3.03% but putting into the system around 11-12%. He outlined the problem of getting a fair share from the system and discussed why this is not happening. He further reported on the number of through-lane miles on the State Highway System per County and highlighted Mohave with 10.94%, Yavapai 10.55%, and Yuma 5.17%. In summary, Mr. Ward suggested that if Yuma only has half the number of lanes compared with Mohave and Yavapai, maybe we should only get half the funds that they do. However, as we are paying in to the system almost identical amounts of funds that the other counties pay, we should be getting more than a quarter of the money back. Mr. Ward concluded that the current programming process the State currently has in place doesn't try to accomplish a fair share distribution for the Yuma region. Mr. Ward reported that these statistics don't tell the whole story, but he wanted to share his analysis with the Board and the YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He also intends to share the same analysis with senior ADOT staff and provide a chance for them to possibly provide correcting and/or mitigating information.

20. Adjournment.

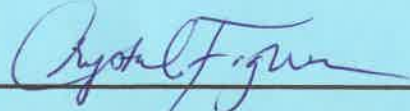
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Preparation and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes prepared by:



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Crystal Figueroa, Accountant II/  
Executive Assistant, YMPO

Minutes approved in regular session on  
August 30, 2018

Minutes reviewed to form by:



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Paul D. Ward, Executive Director  
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Mayor Cecilia McCollough, Chairwoman  
YMPO Executive Board