

EXECUTIVE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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Executive Board Special Meeting Thursday, November 24, 2020 1:30 P.M. The Meeting was held using GoToMeeting By Video and/or Teleconference from the Main Conference Room at the YMPO Offices at 502 South Orange Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364

Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Chair, Martha Garcia, called the YMPO Executive Board (the Board) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. She asked members to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Attendance.

The YMPO Senior Planning/Mobility Manager, Charles Gutierrez, called the roll as follows:

YMPO Executive Board Members Present:

Chair

Martha Garcia, Vice-Mayor, City of Somerton *

Vice-Chair

Matias Rosales, Vice-Mayor, for Councilmember Maria Cruz,

City of San Luis *

Secretary/Treasurer

Martin Porchas, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County *

Member

Gary Knight, Councilmember, City of Yuma ^

Member

Michael Jones, for Paul Patane, ADOT Southwest District

Engineer *

Member

Lynne Pancrazi, Board of Supervisors, Yuma County ^

YMPO Executive Board Members Absent:

Member

Vacant, Cocopah Indian Tribe

Member

Cecilia McCollough, Mayor, Town of Wellton

Member

Karen Watts, Deputy Mayor, City of Yuma

Member

Chris Morris, Councilmember, City of Yuma

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

YMPO Staff Present:

Paul Ward

Executive Director

[^] Members attended in person.

^{*} Members participated by teleconference.

Charles Gutierrez Senior Planning/Mobility Manager

Additional Attendees:

Sue Cowey CIP Administrator, City of Yuma

Mark Hoffman Senior Planner, ADOT

Ed Stillings Senior Transportation Planner, FHWA

Jeff Kramer City Engineer, City of Yuma

Declaration of Votes:

Councilmember Knight announced that he held a proxy for Councilmember Chris Morris and Deputy Mayor Karen Watts, he declared a total of five votes for the City of Yuma.

3. <u>Title VI Declaration and Call to the Public</u>

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

4. <u>FY 2020-24 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #2</u>

Mr. Gutierrez reported that the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Board on June 27, 2019. He mentioned Amendment #2 was recently approved in September 2020. Since, then the Federal Highway Administration raised a concern about the air quality conformity analysis regarding one project, the City of Yuma 16th Street project, form Maple Avenue to 3rd Avenue. Mr. Gutierrez added that the two phases of the project, are scheduled for FYs 2023 and 2024. He continued, it will be temporarily withdrawn from the TIP and reintroduced in the updated FY 2022-2026 TIP in the same years. Mr. Gutierrez reiterated that the funds for the project will not be affected in any way. He suggested that this could most easily be accomplished if members decided to reconsider and reopen agenda item 10 from the September 24, 2020, Board meeting regarding Amendment #2 to the FY 2020-2024 YMPO TIP, with the intention of revising the list of projects and to remove the specified project.

MOTION: Councilmember Knight moved to reconsider agenda item 10 from the September 24, 2020, YMPO Executive Board agenda, and to approve the revised list of projects in Amendment #2 to the FY 2020-2024 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program to remove the project in question. Supervisor Pancrazi seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 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 December 10, 2020

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

Vice-Mayor Martha Garcia, Chair YMPO Executive Board