



YMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

August 21, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person/Virtual

230 West Morrison Street

Yuma, Arizona 85364

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1. Call to Order and Declaration of Votes

The meeting will be called to order and the City of Yuma and Yuma County members will have the opportunity to declare the number of their votes.

2. RTAC Regional Priority Projects for 2026

The Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) continues to work to provide State funding for local transportation projects in rural Arizona. This item is on the agenda to review priority projects and recommend the 2026 Regional Priority Projects to the YMPO Executive Board.

TAC members will continue the discussion of the 2026 Regional Priority Projects.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend the 2026 Regional Priority Projects to the Executive Board. Mr. Villegas will present this item.

3. Adjournment.

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YMPO TAC INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #2

RTAC 2026 Regional Priority Projects

DATE: August 21, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 Regional Priority Projects

SUMMARY:

This item is on the agenda to recommend the 2026 Regional Priority Projects to the YMPO Executive Board.

During the August 14, 2025, regular TAC meeting, members agreed to recommend the ADOT's US-95 Gila River Bridge replacement and expansion project, in place of the previous identified US 95 Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen segment. The latter segment is already funded for construction, while the mid-segment was determined to be too costly. Members also recommended retaining the existing Yuma County pavement rehabilitation and City of Somerton Improvement projects as priorities. Other projects and funding were discussed for consideration, and it was agreed that a special meeting would be necessary to make a recommendation to the Board.

Depending on available funding, TAC members will have the opportunity to present and discuss additional projects for inclusion in the RTAC Priority Project list. The City of Yuma submitted two projects with fact sheets for consideration. The final recommendation should align with the 2026 YMPO allocation of \$57,748,800.

| Project Name | Allocation |
|--|---------------------|
| US-95 Gila River Bridge Replacement and Expansion | \$38,400,000 |
| US-95 Pavement Rehabilitation (Phase 2) between County 17th St to Avenue D | \$8,340,000 |
| Somerton Main Street Improvements | \$1,652,784 |
| Total | \$48,392,784 |
| Available Allocation | \$9,356,016 |
| City of Yuma Fact Sheets | |
| 40th Street.SR 195 At-Grade Intersection | \$6,000,000 |
| Traffic Signal Upgrades | \$3,000,000 |
| Available Allocation | \$356,016 |

Today, the TAC members can update the project list and recommend the 2026 Regional Priority Projects to the YMPO Executive Board. The Board must approve the 2026 Regional Priority Projects by the end of September, before the Rural Transportation Summit in October.

POSSIBLE ACTION NEEDED: This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend the 2026 Regional Priority Projects to the Executive Board for approval.

CONTACT PERSON: Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner

US 95, Gila River Bridge



Project Overview

This project is located on US 95 in southwestern Arizona, close to the Arizona-California state line and the U.S. Mexico border. It is east of the City of Yuma, in Yuma County, within the jurisdiction of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). Regionally, US 95 connects east-west Interstate 8 in Yuma to east-west Interstate 10 in Quartzsite, making it a logical connection for heavy truck traffic, including cargo going into or out of Mexico. Unfortunately, it is a two-lane highway in need of modernization and expansion improvements to efficiently serve this important function. Locally, US 95 is the main route providing access to Yuma's largest employer of civilians, the U.S. Army YPG.

US 95 east of Yuma, Arizona is a rural two-lane undivided highway with few passing and left-turn lanes. It has long been identified as a safety concern, and there have been fatal and serious injury crashes on just this segment of highway. US 95 is the main route providing access to YPG (Yuma's top employer of civilians), so crashes that close this highway for hours at a time are highly detrimental to the region.

In 2007, ADOT completed a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for US 95, from Avenue 9E to Aberdeen Road (MP 31.8-47.8) to widen the roadway from 2 lanes to 5 lanes with 8' shoulders. Over the past few years, the DCR limits have been separated into smaller segments completing roadway widening from Avenue 9E (MP 31.8) to Wellton-Mohawk Canal Bridge (MP 38.5). The remaining 10 mile section of US 95 from the Wellton Mohawk Canal to Aberdeen Road received funding through the 2023 RAISE Grant award for final design. This 10 mile section is currently being designed as two projects. First, is the Wellton Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road portion (5.3 miles), current estimated cost is \$107.6 million. Second, is the Imperial Dam Rd. to Aberdeen Rd., section is at 4.7 miles, current estimated cost is \$75.8 million.

This State funding request is for \$38.4 million to fund construction of the Gila River Bridge. The project would extend the 5 lane section from Wellton-Mohawk Canal Bridges through the Gila River Bridge and tie the roadway back into a two lane section just south of Adair Park Road. This would include removing the existing bridge and constructing a new bridge over the Gila River.



Project Lead

Arizona Department of Transportation



Project Schedule

Construction in FY 2027



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$107.6 Million
State Funding Request: \$38.4 Million

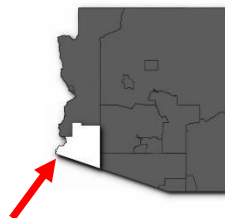


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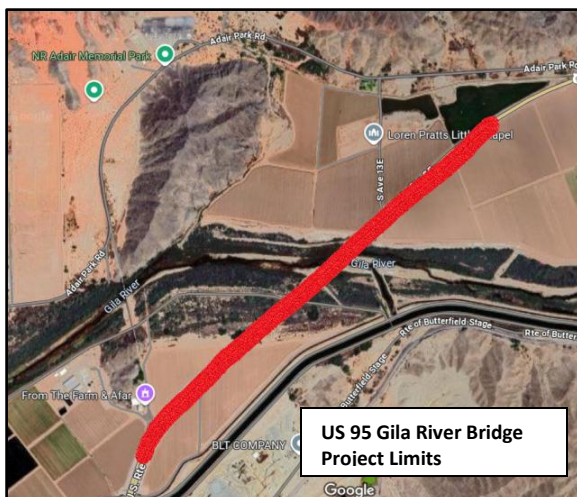


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US-95 Corridor: 3 Segments

County 22nd Street (San Luis) to County 11th Street (Yuma)

Phase II (Co. 17th to Avenue D)



Project Overview

This project is located in Yuma County in southwestern Arizona, close to the Arizona-California state line and the U.S.- Mexico border. It is South and West of the City of Yuma, in Yuma County, within the jurisdiction of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). This roadway, US-95, is a major arterial roadway on the NHS, is the highest Yuma County Project being submitted for consideration. The roadway serves as the Western Canamex corridor and connects the Ports of Entry I and II, through San Luis, Somerton, Cocopah, City of Yuma and Yuma County.

This project limit is 18 miles. Project will mill and overlay three inches along the whole corridor, in three phases of approx. equal lengths and costs. The project serves five local agencies in the Yuma region. Phase I was funded in FY24 and construction completed in FY25 for \$5.9M. This request is to fund Phase II which is estimated to cost \$8.64M. Design for Phase II is approximately 95% complete. No new r/w is needed.

This roadway upon completion will serve the five communities will consist of a new pavement layer that will serve Regional and International traffic for future conditions. This roadway is characteristically challenged due to high concentrations of agriculture and winter visitors and is an established corridor of Regional Significance for the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Region for International Commerce and Agriculture.

Phase 2 of 3 of the entire project will be constructed with the \$8.34M State funding request and a local contribution of Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF). This project was nominated by the Yuma County staff as the highest priority project. Local Partnering agencies are Cities of Yuma, Somerton and San Luis, Cocopah Indian Tribe, and Yuma County.



Project Lead

Yuma County



Project Schedule

Design in 2025

Construction in 2026



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$20,270,000

State Funding Request: \$8,340,000

Local Contribution: \$300,000

Phase II: \$8,640,000



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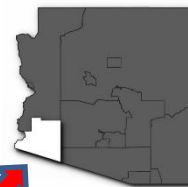


Location

Yuma County

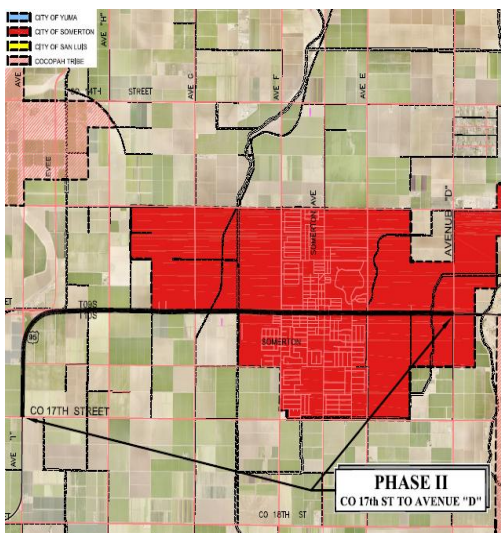
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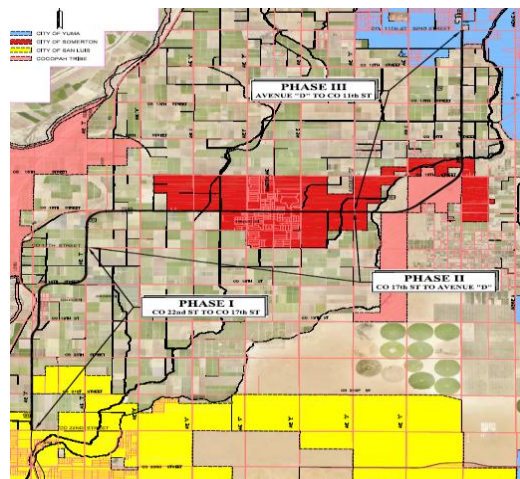


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Phase II



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Main Street (SR 95) Improvements Downtown Redevelopment Phase 1



Project Overview

This project is in the City of Somerton in Southwestern Arizona, near the Arizona-California state line and the U.S.-Mexico border. It is southwest of the City of Yuma in Yuma County and falls within the jurisdiction of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). The focus is on Main Street (SR 95), a crucial East-West corridor, and the surrounding Somerton Avenue/Sanguinetti Park area, a key North-South route.

This project is a top priority for the City of Somerton, addressing essential upgrades and replacements. The traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street (SR 95) and Somerton Avenue will be replaced and upgraded to improve traffic flow and safety. Existing sidewalks and ramps will be replaced and widened to meet ADA standards, ensuring accessibility for all pedestrians. Additionally, the project will address traffic congestion and enhance the Level of Service at the intersection by improving circulation and replacing old, damaged asphalt.

This project is a significant benefit to the local and regional community by creating ADA accessible pedestrian sidewalks and ramps, reduce traffic congestion, and improve the Level of Service at the intersection.

This project will be designed and constructed in phases with \$1,652,784 requested from State funding local contribution of \$52,000. This project was nominated by city staff as the high priority project. Design will be completed in 2025 and construction expected in 2026/27.



Project Lead

City of Somerton



Project Schedule

Design: 2025

Construction: 2026



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$1,704,784

State Funding Request: \$1,652,784

Local Contribution: \$52,000



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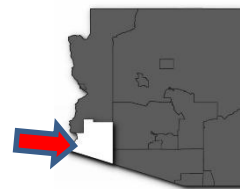
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City of Somerton

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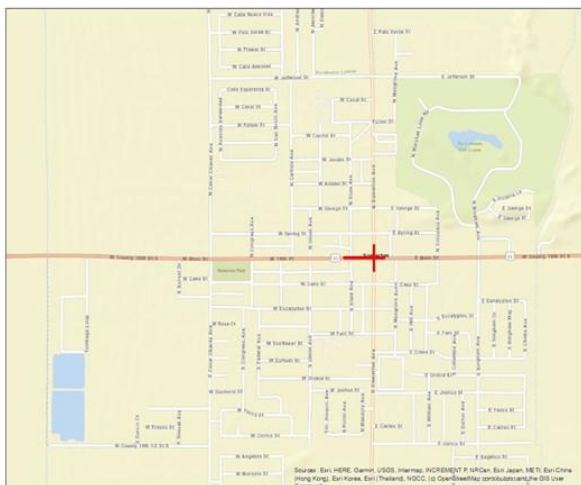
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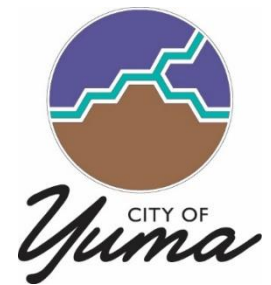


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40th Street / SR 195 At-Grade Intersection



Project Overview

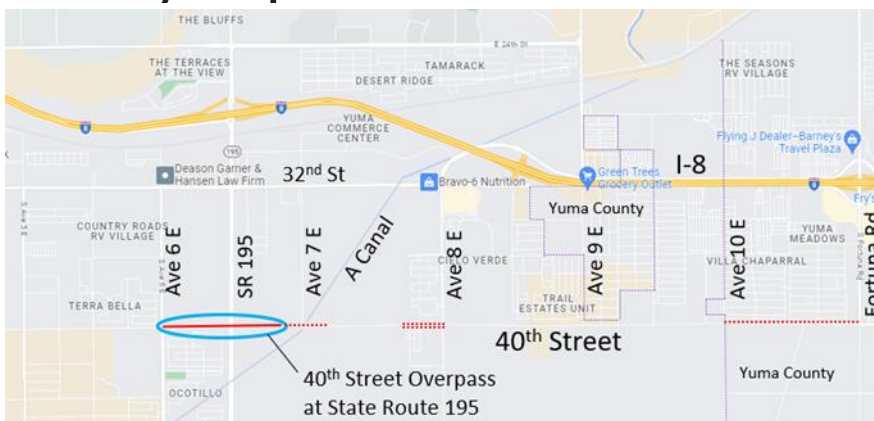
The City of Yuma is experiencing rapid growth south of Interstate 8 from State Route 195 to the Fortuna Rd. Local east-west travel in the area is limited to the I-8 Frontage Rd system and 32nd Street due to the lack of major arterials roadways. The lack of east-west arterials results in congestion on the I-8 Frontage Rd system and 32nd Street. Seven fatal crashes have occurred from Ave 6 E to Fortuna Rd from 2017 to 2021. Improvements to 40th Street are needed to improve safety and facilitate existing traffic volumes and future travel demands in the area. The City of Yuma has identified the 40th Street / State Route 195 At-Grade Intersection project as a project of regional significance.

The City of Yuma is currently developing a Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) to improve 40th Street from Avenue 6 E to Fortuna Rd in FY-24-25-26 which includes an At-Grade Intersection at State Route 195.

Improvements to 40th Street would be accomplished in phases as funding becomes available. Initially, the City of Yuma will construct the intersection improvements at 40th Street / Ave 7 E in fiscal year 2026. A five-lane facility could then be constructed from Ave 6E to Avenue 7E when funding becomes available, anticipated for fiscal year 2027. Ultimately, 40th Street would be extended easterly to Fortuna Road as a joint effort with Yuma County when federal funding becomes available (possibly in FY 27 from of a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) grant).

Funding for final design, right-of-way and construction of 40th Street from Avenue 6 E to Avenue Ave 7E is needed. This project is an excellent candidate for the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) because the project will include at grade crossing of State Route 195 that will facilitate east-west travel for current and future growth of the City of Yuma.

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Project Lead

City of Yuma, Arizona



Project Schedule

Design in FY 2026-2027

Right-of-Way in FY 2026-2027

Construction in FY 2027-2028



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$8.9 M

Federal Funding Request: \$0

State Funding Request: \$6 M

Local Contribution: \$2.9 M



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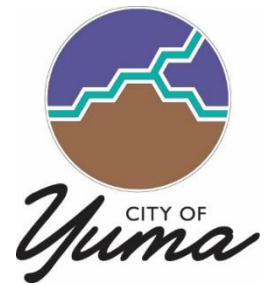
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Traffic Signal Upgrades



Project Overview

In general, the project consists of upgrading the remainder of the City of Yuma Traffic Signals to communicate with the newly built Traffic Management Center (TMC) within the City of Yuma's Public Work's/Engineering Department located at 155 W. 14th Street. For implementing traffic operational improvements to the remaining intersections.

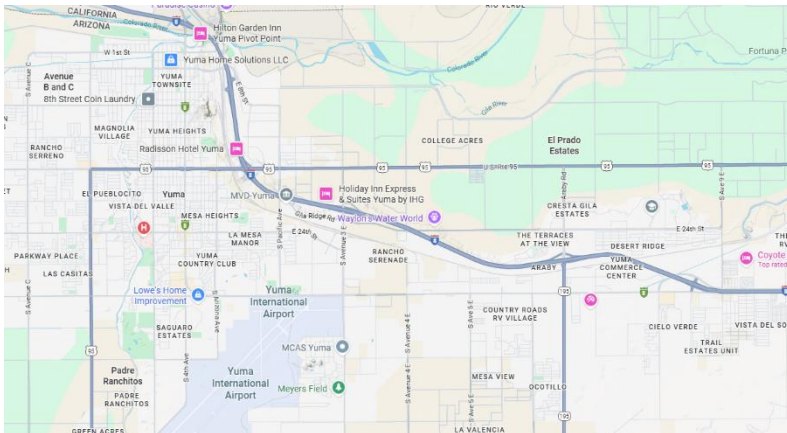
The project will upgrade 33 traffic signals throughout the City of Yuma to provide video/data communications with the TMC. The project will also include the optimization of signal timing.

The signal upgrades will improve safety and traffic operations by facilitating real-time monitoring of traffic that will enable early incident detection, notification and emergency response capabilities.

The Traffic Signal Upgrades project is the final part of an overall project provide an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) for the City of Yuma. Information from the TMC will be integrated with a traffic management website in the future for public and media notification. It is also proposed that the City of Yuma would provide Traffic Management Services to the surrounding communities.

This project is an excellent candidate for the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) because it will facilitate safe travel for the region.

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Project Lead

City of Yuma



Project Schedule

Construction in FY 2026



Project Cost

Total Project Cost: \$3,300,000

State Funding: \$3,000,000

Local Contribution: \$300,000



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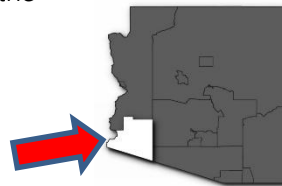
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