



YMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

January 8, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person/Virtual

230 West Morrison Street

Yuma, Arizona 85364

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YMPO TAC EX-OFFICIOS

EPA	John Kelly
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YCIPTA	Shelly Kreger

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call Attendance

The meeting will be called to order. Lucia Zamudio, YMPO Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, will call the attendance roll.

2. **Declaration of Votes.**

City of Yuma and Yuma County members will have the opportunity to declare the number of their votes.

3. **Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964**

A brief message will be read, reminding members of our Title VI obligations. YMPO has survey cards on the YMPO Website for the public to complete. Please send these to JR Aguilar, YMPO Mobility Manager, at jraguilar@ympo.org.

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

3. **Call to the Public**

This item provides an opportunity for the public to comment on items that are NOT on the agenda. Individuals who wish to address the committee need not request permission in advance, but each presentation is limited to three (3) minutes.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

This agenda includes a copy of the draft minutes from the December 11, 2025, Regular TAC Meeting.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or possible action to review, change, and/or approve the minutes.

5. **TAC Officer Rotation - Election of Vice-Chair**

According to the YMPO Bylaws, elected officers of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) serve on a rotation basis. When the Chair's position is vacated, or the term concludes, the existing Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair, and the TAC must elect another TAC member to serve as Vice Chair.

The TAC's Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, shall be from jurisdictions other than those of the same officers' jurisdictions on the YMPO Executive Board.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and action to acknowledge the automatic succession of the Vice Chair to Chair and to elect a TAC member to serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming term. YMPO Senior Transportation Planner, Fernando Villegas, will present this item; further details are included in the information summary 5.

6. **FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #3**

The FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP was initially approved on July 31, 2025, and has since been amended two times, most recently on December 11, 2025, by the Executive Board.

This amendment will add two TA projects to the TIP. Scoping for the shared use pathway at the East Main Canal from County 12th St to County 14th St, in Yuma County, and the design and construction of the shared use pathway from 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park in the City of Yuma.

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend approval of the FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #3 to the Executive Board. Mr. Villegas will present this item; further details are contained in the information summary 6.

7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Next Round

The TA Program is a federally funded competitive grant program that supports community-based transportation alternative projects. Funded through a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

The next call for transportation alternative projects representing the third cycle of the program is expected in February 2026. Program updates are currently underway and are intended to streamline the application and review processes, making it easier and more efficient for communities to pursue future TA funding opportunities.

This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only. YMPO Associate Planner, Jeff Heinrichs, will present this item; further details are contained in the information summary 7.

8. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan RFP Update

YMPO was awarded the SS4A grant in fiscal year 2024. The SS4A program funds regional studies to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. YMPO is presenting this item to the TAC members for recommendations in preparing the RFP and the Scope of Work.

This item is on the agenda for information only. Mr. Villegas will present this item, and further details are contained in information summary 8.

9. BUILD Grant Program FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. This program offers grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects that have a significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities,

to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs

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10. YMPO and ADOT

YMPO and ADOT staff will have the opportunity to update any other business not fully covered in previous agenda items. The LPA Project Update Report will be provided during the meeting.

- a. YMPO
- b. ADOT MPD Update

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11. 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, attend 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.

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12. TAC Status Reports

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.

Yuma County:

Avenue D/E Corridor: 16th Street to 23rd Street
Pathway-Avenue B to Avenue C/West Main Canal
County 14th at Avenue G, Traffic Signal and Left Turn Lane
County 14th St. at Avenue C, Traffic Signal
US95 at Avenue C, Traffic Signal
County 14th at Avenue 4E, Traffic Signal
County 11th and Avenue G Intersection Realignment Project
Somerton Canal at County 10 ¼ Street Bridge

City of San Luis:

Cesar Chavez Boulevard US95 to SR195
US95-County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd Raised Medians

City of Yuma:

40th Street: Avenue 6E to Fortuna Road
Avenue 4E: B Canal Bridge (OSB)
3rd Street Bridge @ East Main Canal (OSB)
Crane Elementary School #13 21st Dr. & 30th St. Hawk Signal
Shared Use Pathway East Wetland Park to Pacific Ave.
Bus Pull-Outs: Avenue A and 16th Street
1st Street Shared Use Pathway from 4th Avenue to Avenue B.
32nd St; Avenue 3E to Avenue 7 ½ E Shared Pathway
Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center

Town of Wellton:

William St: Oakland Avenue to Los Angeles Avenue

Cocopah Indian Tribe:

No Projects

City of Somerton:

County 15th and Avenue D, Crest Curve Correction
Main Street Redevelopment
Cesar Chavez and Main Street Improvements

ADOT:

US-95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road
US-95: Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road

13. Future Agenda Items

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

- a. Roads of Regional Significance Update
- b. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) RFP

14. Progress Reports

YMPO staff has provided a list of recent activities:

- a. Dec 11 – YMPO TAC Meeting (JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- b. Dec 11 – YMPO Holiday Luncheon (JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- c. Dec 11 – YMPO Executive Board Meeting (JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- d. Dec 12 – COG/MPO Planners Meeting (CF, JH, FV)
- e. Dec 15 – Procurement Policy Work (LL)
- f. Dec 15 – Organizational Structure Discussion (CF, LL)
- g. Dec 15 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF, FV)
- h. Dec 16 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, FV)
- i. Dec 17 – Yuma Road Safety Action Plan TAC Meeting 2 (FV)
- j. Dec 17 – 2025 Annual Governmental GAAP Update Encore (LL)
- k. Dec 17 – Independent Contractor Discussion (CF)

- l. Dec 18 – WACOG-Networking for Community Resources (JR)
- m. Dec 18 – Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (JH, FV)
- n. Dec 18 – Tour de Fields (JR)
- o. Dec 18 – 2019 Ford Explorer - Tires Replacement (JR)
- p. Dec 19 – Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting - Queen Creek (CF)
- q. Dec 22 – Website and BikeReg Update Meeting (JR, JH)
- r. Dec 22 – 5311 2026 Webinar (JR)
- s. Dec 22 – YMPO Holiday Breakfast (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- t. Dec 22 – Wells Fargo Bank Appointment (CF, FV)
- u. Dec 23 – DSR Roofing – Quote (CF, FV, LZ)
- v. Dec 24 – TAC Member Orientation (CF, FV)
- w. Dec 29 – Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition-Board Meeting (JR)
- x. Dec 31 – YMPO/ ADOT 5310 Quarter Report OCT – DEC (JR)
- y. Jan 05 – Staff Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- z. Jan 05 – YMPO RORS Monthly Check-In (CF, JH, FV)
- aa. Jan 06 – TA TAC Voting Members Leadership Election (CF, JH)
- bb. Jan 07 – YMPO Ledgers & Financial Statements Training (CF, FV, LL)
- cc. Jan 08 – YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LZ)

15. Adjournment.

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^ Attended in person.

~ Participated via teleconference.

YMPO TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

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YMPO STAFF PRESENT

Senior Transportation Planner	Fernando Villegas ^
IT Manager/ Associate Planner	Jeff Heinrichs ^
Regional Mobility Manager	JR Aguilar ^
Accountant	Lourdes Lopez ^
Bookkeeper/ Administrative Assistant	Lucia Zamudio ^

ADDITIONAL PRESENT

Kimley-Horn
ADOT
City of Somerton

Ryan McKell ~
Jon Fell ^
RoseAna Douglas, Public Works Director ^

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Votes

Chairman Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. The City of Yuma declared votes: Erika Peterson (5). Yuma County declared votes: Frank Sanchez (1) and Kelly Fricke (1).

2. Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964

YMPO Title VI Coordinator/Mobility Manager, JR Aguilar read the YMPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Notice to the Public. YMPO has survey cards on the TAC website, for the public to complete. Please send these to JR Aguilar, YMPO Mobility Manager, at jraguilar@ympo.org.

3. Call to the Public

There were no announcements from the public.

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the November 13, 2025, Meeting minutes.

MOTION: Arturo Durazo, Tribal Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe, moved to approve the November 13, 2025, minutes. Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, City of San Luis, seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

5. Roads of Regional Significance (RORS) Update

Kimley-Horn Consultant, Ryan McKell, provided a progress update on the Roads of Regional Significance (RORS) Study.

Recommended projects from the LRTP and local transportation plans were refined, gaps were identified, and projects were grouped into five-year horizons from 2026 to 2050 to support prioritization and funding alignment. A technical memorandum will be distributed to the TAC for review, and members were asked to identify any additional or committed funding sources not reflected in the LRTP.

This item was on the agenda for information and comments only.

6. Off-System Bridge (OSB) Call for Projects

ADOT released the call for projects for the Off-System Bridge (OSB) Program for State FY 2027. The purpose of the program is to fund design and/or construction for replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection of roadway bridges over waterways, other topographical barriers, other roadways, railroads, canals,

and ferry landings on bridges that are not on the Federal-aid highway system (Local roads and rural minor collectors).

Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner, YMPO, noted this item was included to determine how many applications member agencies plan to submit this year.

Mr. Villegas reminded TAC members that the application deadline is December 30, 2025. It was noted that Yuma County plans to submit one application using a consultant, and the City of Yuma may be considering projects as well, although no confirmation was provided at this time.

Mr. Albor noted that Somerton hired Paul Ward to identify potential opportunities and may submit one application.

This item was on the agenda for information and comments only.

7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Update

The TA Program is a set-aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The FY26 Transportation Alternatives Program was funded with nearly \$17M.

The 2nd TA funding cycle awarded 15 TA projects from across Greater Arizona for FY26. The remaining project applications from the FY26 funding cycle will have funding programmed in FY27. A 3rd TA funding cycle call for projects is anticipated to be sometime in February 2026.

Jeff Heinrichs, IT Manager/ Associate Planner, YMPO, informed TAC members that due to Globe, AZ, withdrawing their project after experiencing catastrophic flooding, the six projects next in line were funded.

Yuma County's East Main Canal Multi-Use Pathway project was pulled forward to receive scoping funds for FY26 in the amount of \$183,885.

It was decided during the November 20, 2025, TA TAC Meeting to secure funding for the remaining 12 TA projects in FY27, beginning July 1, 2026. The City of Yuma's Shared Use Pathway project, connecting 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park at 36th Street, will receive design funding for \$424,350 in FY27.

Mr. Villegas requested that Frank Sanchez, County Engineer of Yuma County, notify him whenever Yuma County receives the award letter from ADOT, confirming the funds, so that it can be included in the TIP.

Mr. Villegas acknowledged RoseAna Douglas as the new City of Somerton Public Works Director. She is expected to be appointed as the City of Somerton's representative on the TAC.

This item was on the agenda for information and comments only.

8. Travel Policy Amendment #1

The YMPO Travel Policy was approved by the Board on June 26, 2025, establishing reimbursement and travel procedures consistent with the State of Arizona Accounting Manual.

Lourdes Lopez, Accountant, YMPO and Lucia Zamudio, Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, YMPO informed TAC Members of the revisions incorporated as Amendment #1, to ensure full compliance with federal and state reimbursement rules under 2 CFR 200 and ADOT audit requirements:

- Travel Status Threshold: Travel under 50 miles is considered local mileage and reimbursed only as a business expense tied to a specific UPWP project.
- Employee License Requirements: Adds a section requiring that any employee operating a vehicle on official YMPO business must maintain a valid Arizona driver's license, current and unrestricted. ADOT requested this for formal policy adoption and will support audit verification of staff eligibility to operate vehicles.
- Thirty-Day Advance Notice for Rental Vehicles: Establishes a 30-day notice requirement for travel plans involving rental vehicles to ensure proper insurance verification, rate comparisons, and prior management approval before reservations are made.

This item was on the agenda for information and comments only.

9. 2026 YMPO TAC Meeting Schedule

Mr. Villegas presented the TAC with the 2026 YMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting schedule for review and comment. The standard criteria have been followed; the TAC meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, starting at 9:00 a.m. All in-person TAC meetings will be held at the YMPO Office, located at 230 West Morrison Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364, unless otherwise stated. The Meetings from the YMPO will also be held with the GoTo Meeting Virtual Platform.

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10. YMPO and ADOT

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

- a. **YMPO** – No updates
- b. **ADOT MPD** (Update provided by Jennifer Hobert, ADOT)
 - I. **Statewide Resilience** – PAC Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2025, for review of resilient performance measures

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Pathway-Avenue B to Avenue C/West Main Canal – Awaiting bid, sent check to begin construction

County 14th at Avenue G, Traffic Signal and Left Turn Lane – Awaiting bid, APS will be relocating power poles

County 14th St. at Avenue C, Traffic Signal – Awaiting bid, will be relocating power poles

US95 at Avenue C, Traffic Signal – 30% plans, discussing right-of-way plans with Cocopah

County 14th at Avenue 4E, Traffic Signal – 50% construction completion

County 11th and Avenue G Intersection Realignment Project – ADOT rejected bid, will readvertise in January 2026

Somerton Avenue at County 10 ¼ Street Bridge – Consultant completed survey and will begin design

City of San Luis: Update provided by Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, City of San Luis

Cesar Chavez Boulevard US95 to SR195 – Bid is currently under review by ADOT, construction is expected in the late first quarter of 2026 if it is awarded
US95-County 20 1/2 St to County 22nd Raised Medians – Plans are being finalized, no dates have been established

City of Yuma: Update provided by Erika Peterson, Senior Planner, City of Yuma
– **No Updates**

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Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Center

Town of Wellton: Update provided by Adolfo Ponce, Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Wellton– **No Updates**

William St: Oakland Avenue to Los Angeles Avenue

Cocopah Indian Tribe: Update provided by Arturo Durazo, Tribal Planner, Cocopah Indian Tribe – **No Updates**

No Projects

City of Somerton: Update provided by Saul Albor, Community Development Director, City of Somerton

County 15th and Avenue D, Crest Curve Correction – No update

Main Street Improvement – Attempting to update pricing on the project

Cesar Chavez and Main Street Improvements – No update

Mr. Villegas informed the Chairman that he would be presenting Amendment #2 to the Executive Board, which lists the County 15th project with a corrected estimated cost.

ADOT: Update provided by Jon Fell, ADOT

US-95: Wellton-Mohawk Canal to Imperial Dam Road – No update

US-95: Imperial Dam Road to Aberdeen Road – Moving forward with advanced utility location work, expected completion by the end of 2025

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- b. Nov 13 – 2025 Regional Allocation Advisory Committee Meeting (CF, FV)
- c. Nov 17 – ADOT MPD Corridor Profile Studies Update: Northern and Southern Interstates - TAC Meeting #1 (CF, FV)
- d. Nov 17 – TTP Flyer Delivery to Senior Centers (JR)
- e. Nov 17 – RTAC Board Meeting (CF, FV)
- f. Nov 17 – CTS Meeting (FV)
- g. Nov 18 – Mobility Management addition to YMPO Website (JR, JH)
- h. Nov 18 – Yuma PM10 SIP Update Meeting (CF, FV)
- i. Nov 19 – Ride the YCAT Bus - Route Familiarization (JR)
- j. Nov 19 – Travel Training Program - Route Learning (JR)
- k. Nov 20 – Binational Aerospace Summit 2025 (CF)
- l. Nov 20 – WACOG-Networking for Community Resources (JR)
- m. Nov 20 – Arizona Incoming Planner Information Exchange (JH, FV)
- n. Nov 20 – YMPO Roads of Regional Significance – MCAS (FV)
- o. Nov 20 – Transportation Alternatives TAC Meeting #4 (JH)
- p. Nov 21 – Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting -Wickenburg (CF)
- q. Nov 24 – Audit Meeting Prep (CF, LL)
- r. Nov 24 – Yuma SS4A Opp: YMPO, HighStreet, MobilityMatrix (CF, JH, JR, FV)
- s. Nov 24 – Meeting to Discuss YMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan (CF, JR, JH, FV)
- t. Nov 24 – YMPO Audit Inquiries (CF)
- u. Nov 24 – Travel Training w/Art – Interview Process (JR)
- v. Nov 25 – FY25 DCIP Debrief US95 Safety Improvement (CF, JH)
- w. Nov 25 – YMPO Audit Inquiries (LL)
- x. Nov 26 – YMPO MS2 & Gap Map Working Session (CF, JH)
- y. Dec 02 – MPO/COG Directors Meeting – Traveled to Phoenix (CF)
- z. Dec 02 – YMPO RORS Monthly Check-In (FV)
- aa. Dec 08 – Staff Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
- bb. Dec 08 – ADOT/YMPO Coordination Meeting (CF, FV)
- cc. Dec 08 – Yuma Region Bicycle Coalition (JR)
- dd. Dec 10 – Project Delivery Academy - ROAD Portal and Maintenance (CF, JH, FV)
- ee. Dec 11 – YMPO TAC Meeting (CF, JR, JH, FV, LL, LZ)
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YMPO SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM #5

Election of Vice Chair

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Election of Vice Chair

SUMMARY:

According to the YMPO BYLAWS:
Technical Advisory Committee:

- Elected officers of the TAC shall serve on a rotation basis. According to the YMPO Bylaws, the existing Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair. The TAC must then elect another TAC member to serve as Vice Chair.
- The TAC's Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, shall be from jurisdictions other than those of the same officers on the YMPO Executive Board.

Current

2025 Technical Advisory Committee

Chair – City of Somerton – Saul Albor

Vice Chair – City of Yuma – Dave Wostenberg

2025 Executive Board

Chair – City of San Luis –Maria Cecilia Cruz, Council member

Vice Chair – Cocopah Indian Tribe -Wynnie Ortega, Council member

Possible Rotation

Year	Chair	Vice Chair	Notes	Key
2015	Yuma County	San Luis		Yuma County
2016	San Luis	City of Somerton		City of Yuma
2017	City of Somerton	City of Yuma		San Luis
2018	City of Yuma	Yuma County		City of Somerton
2019	Yuma County	San Luis		Town of Wellton
2020	San Luis	Town of Wellton		Cocopah Indian Tribe
2020	Town of Wellton	City of Somerton		
2021	City of Somerton	City of Yuma		
2022	Chris Young	Eulogio Vera	Chris was Chair until End of May	
2022	Eulogio Vera	Eric Holland	Eric was VC until April	
2023	Eulogio Vera	Frank Sanchez		
2024	Frank Sanchez	Charles Gutierrez		
2025	Charles Gutierrez	Dave Wostenberg	Charles was Chair until September	
2025	Dave Wostenberg			

The YMPO Executive Board will select a new Vice Chair during the February 2026 meeting, and the City of Somerton is next in line to take the position. For this reason, according to the rotation, the TAC can select a member from the Town of Wellton, City of San Luis, or Yuma County to serve as Vice Chair.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and/or action to elect a new Vice Chair.

CONTACT PERSON:

Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #6

FY 2026-30 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #3

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: FY 2026-2030 YMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Amendment #3.

SUMMARY:

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The scoping for the shared use pathway at the East Main Canal, from County 12th Street to County 14th Street, consists of \$183,885 in federal funds and \$11,115 in local funds in fiscal year 2026.

FY 2026

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF/State	Local \$	Total \$
2026										
YC 26-07S	2026	Yuma Co.	East Main Canal: Yuma County 12th St. to Yuma County 14th St.	Scoping for Shared Pathway at East Main Canal (2 miles)	N/A	TA 5.7%	\$183,885	\$0	\$11,115	\$195,000

The design of the shared-use pathway from 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park consists of \$424,350 in federal funds and \$25,650 in local funds in fiscal year 2027.

FY 2027

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF/State	Local \$	Total \$
2027										
YU27-02D	2027	Yuma	Connectivity Pathway to East Mesa Community Park	Shared Use Pathway from 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park	N/A	TA 5.7%	\$424,350	\$0	\$25,650	\$450,000

The construction consists of \$1,200,722 in federal funds and \$72,578 in local funds in fiscal year 2029.

FY 2029

TIP No.	FY	Agency	Project Name/Location	Project Description	Func/Class	Fund Source	Federal \$	HURF/State	Local \$	Total \$
2029										
YU 27-02C	2029	Yuma	Connectivity Pathway to East Mesa Community Park	Shared Use Pathway from 32nd Street to the East Mesa Community Park	N/A	TA 5.7%	\$1,200,722	\$0	\$72,578	\$1,273,300

PUBLIC INPUT:

There has been no public input on this subject.

ACTION NEEDED:

This item is on the agenda for information, discussion, and possible action to recommend approval of the FY 2026-2030 YMPO TIP Amendment #3 to the Executive Board.

CONTACT PERSON: Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #7

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

SUMMARY:

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program is a federally funded program that supports community-based projects that focus on improving safety, connectivity, and quality of life while reducing reliance on motor vehicles. The TA program is funded through a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. TA projects focus on improving safety, connectivity, and quality of life while reducing reliance on motor vehicles.

Two Transportation Alternatives projects have recently been advanced for the Yuma region. The first is **Yuma County's East Main Canal Multi-Use Pathway** project, which will extend the region's canal-based shared-use path network south of the City of Yuma. This project was awarded **\$183,885 in FY26 TA funding** to complete project scoping activities, following the reallocation of funds from a project declined elsewhere in the state. The pathway is intended to improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists while supporting long-range regional bikeway plans. YMPO commends the Yuma Regional Bicycle Coalition for its dedication to improving our community's infrastructure and advocating for this important project.

The second project is the **City of Yuma's Shared Use Pathway connecting 32nd Street to East Mesa Community Park at 36th Street**. This project will construct a multi-use pathway along Avenue 6E and includes a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) beacon to improve pedestrian safety at 36th Street. The project has been awarded **\$424,350 in FY27 TA funding** to support design activities and **\$1.2M in FY29 TA funding** for construction. This project will provide a key non-motorized connection to the new East Mesa Community Park from 32nd Street.

Looking ahead, the next call for Transportation Alternatives projects—representing the third cycle of the program—is expected in **February 2026**. Program updates currently underway are intended to streamline the application and review processes, making it easier and more efficient for communities to pursue future TA funding opportunities.

For **FY27** there is **\$16.98M** in funding available, with **\$5.85M** awarded to the remaining second TA cycle projects, leaving **\$11.13M** dollars in funding available during this third TA program cycle. Visit the www.azdot.gov/TA website for information about program updates, revised guidebook, and expected changes to the application process.

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:

Jeff Heinrichs, IT Manager/Associate Planner.

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #8

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) RFP Update

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Safety Action Plan RFP release

SUMMARY:

YMPO was awarded a \$400,000 SS4A grant in fiscal year 2024. The SS4A program funds Comprehensive Safety Action Plans (CSAP) to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. A 20% match was required, and YMPO submitted an application requesting reimbursement of \$100,000 for the non-federal match through the AZ SMART program. The State Transportation Board unanimously approved the match award request on September 19, 2025.

YMPO has initiated the process by preparing the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Scope of Work to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The CSAP will review the existing transportation safety conditions in the YMPO region, excluding the City of Yuma, and will include crash data, including pedestrian and bicyclist-related crashes by member agencies.

The document will identify potential safety improvements, including a list of possible safety projects. These projects will be supported by a demonstration activity that provides traffic signal warrants studies and pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) warrant studies for 20 locations in the YMPO region.

The member agencies will be able to apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds using the document and the SS4A Implementation Grant. Implementation Grants provide Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in the CSAP to address roadway safety problems. Applicants must have an eligible Action Plan to apply for an Implementation Grant.

The SS4A grant agreement was submitted for review to the FHWA on November 12, 2025. The grant agreement is still under review; therefore, the RFP release date and timeline need to be adjusted. YMPO will release the RFP as soon as the grant agreement is approved and signed by the FHWA.

Timeline (*Subject to change*)

January 8, 2026:	Release date of RFP.
February 3, 2026:	RFP submittals due before 3 P.M., MST.
February 12, 2026:	TAC Committee recommends the selected consultant
February 26, 2026:	The YMPO Executive Board approves the selected consultant.
March 9, 2026:	Estimated Notice to Proceed.
June 10, 2027:	Estimated CSAP final report due

PUBLIC INPUT:

There has been no public input on this subject.

ACTION NEEDED:

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

CONTACT PERSON: Fernando Villegas, YMPO Senior Transportation Planner

YMPO INFORMATION SUMMARY for Agenda Item #9

BUILD Grant Program FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: BUILD Grant Program FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. This program offers grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects that have a significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.

Basic Information

BUILD grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, for planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, including tourism, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

Funding: At least \$1.5 billion in FY 2026 IIJA funds

Minimum Award Size:

- \$1 million for rural capital projects
- \$5 million for urban capital projects
- Planning projects do not have a minimum award size.

Maximum Award Size: \$25 million

Eligible Types of Projects:

- Highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23.
- Public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53, title 49.
- Passenger and freight rail transportation projects.
- Port infrastructure investments, including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry.
- The surface transportation components of an airport project are eligible for assistance under part B of subtitle VII.
- Project investing in surface transportation facilities located on Tribal land, the title or maintenance responsibility of which is vested in the Federal Government.

- Projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species that will advance the goal of the program.
- Intermodal projects whose components are otherwise an eligible project type.
- Any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program.

Cost of Sharing

Project Location	Cost Share Requirement
Urban	Up to 80% Federal Funding
Rural	Up to 100% Federal Funding
Area of Persistent Poverty	
Historically Disadvantaged Community	

Submission Requirements and Deadlines:

Applications must be submitted online via Valid Eval no later than 5:00 pm Eastern on February 24, 2026.

Complete instructions on how to apply can be found at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and the BUILD program website.

Customer support for Valid Eval can be reached at support@valideval.com. Selections are expected to be announced no later than June 28, 2026.

Agency Contact Information

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Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

PUBLIC INPUT: There has been limited public input on this subject.

ACTION NEEDED: This item is on the agenda for information and discussion only.

CONTACT PERSON: Fernando Villegas, Senior Transportation Planner