

**Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
***“Local Governments and Citizens Working Together”***

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 27, 2005**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma, Chair  
Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County  
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis  
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma  
Supervisor Tony Reyes, Yuma County  
Council Member Paul Johnson, City of Yuma  
Paul Patane for Dallas Hammit, ADOT

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Mayor Jose Yopez, City of Somerton, Vice Chair  
Dallas Hammit for Dick Hileman, ADOT  
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe  
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Arnold Burnham, ADOT/TPD  
Don Mauller, ADOT/TPD  
James Zumpf, ADOT/TPD  
Scott Omer, ADOT / Yuma  
Lt. Kelly Heape, AZ DPS  
Richard Fimbres, Gov. Off of Hwy. Safety  
Sean Hammond, Gov. Off of Hwy. Safety  
Arnie Quehab, Gov. Off of Hwy. Safety  
John Hudson, GYPA  
Lucy Shipp, ADOT Public Involvement  
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County  
Tom Manfredi, MCAS Yuma  
Gayle Rusing, GYEDC  
Nieves Riedel, City of San Luis  
David Sharp, Farm Bureau  
Mike Rust Farm Bureau

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bobby Brooks called the meeting of January 27, 2005 to order at 1:34 p.m. City of Yuma declared votes: Council Member Paul Johnson –2 votes, Council Member Bobby Brooks – 2 votes and Mayor Larry Nelson – 1 vote, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2004 Executive Board meeting as presented.

SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **III. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY**

Mack Luckie introduced Richard Fimbres and Sean Hammond of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), Tucson. Mr. Fimbres, in turn, introduced Motorcycle Officer Arnie Quehab, assigned to the GOHS.

Mr. Fimbres stated they are the lead agency for Arizona highway safety issues and he and Mr. Hammond gave a power point presentation identifying statistics, such as vehicle accidents and costs, throughout the state relative to highway safety.

He informed those present about the child car seat certification process and invited any to the available training to become certified (car seat) technicians.

## **IV. ARIZONA RURAL CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Mack Luckie introduced James Zumpf and Arnold Burnham of ADOT/TPD Phoenix. Mr. Zumpf stated their visit was a follow-up to their YMPO presentation on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

James Zumpf distributed copies of a map that indicates what years Regional Transportation Profile Study Areas would be done throughout the state.

In closing to this agenda item, Chair Bobby Brooks introduced former Yuma County Supervisor Lucy Shipp as the newly (governor) appointed ADOT Public Involvement Representative.

## **V. TRACTORS OFF INTERSTATE 8**

Chair Bobby Brooks introduced Lt. Kelly Heape, DPS, District Commander of Yuma County, La Paz County, Gila Bend and Ajo. The Chair invited Lt. Heape to address the Executive Board and tell them why he requested attending a YMPO Executive Board meeting.

He stated he was very concerned about the presence of farm tractors “equipment of husbandry” traversing Interstate 8 between Wellton and the California border. He stated this vehicular activity (on an Arizona Interstate), to his knowledge, did not occur in any other part of the state. He added that his number one priority was to reduce highway collisions and accidents, and that in order to achieve this he wanted to talk with everyone involved to come up with solutions.

Chair Bobby Brooks asked if it was cheaper and faster to trailer the equipment between farming operations. The response from a Farm Bureau representative was that it was not because of the (cost of) time to disassemble the discs for transport and then reassemble them again.

Mayor Larry Nelson stated he felt it was premature to write a letter of support for planned enforcement to Victor Mendez, ADOT Director, as recommended by the TAC.

Gary Pasquinelli commended Lt. Heape for his willingness to listen and talk with the farming community to reach a solution to the safety problem.

Lt. Heape informed those in attendance that he had already directed the DPS officers to intercede with slow-moving farm equipment traveling on the Interstate if they determine a hazardous situation exists. The DPS officers will direct the equipment to exit the Interstate at the next off-ramp.

MOTION: Chair Bobby Brooks made a motion to table this agenda item (Item V) until further notice.

SECOND: Mayor Larry Nelson

ACTION: The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Chair Bobby Brooks	Aye
Vice Chair Jose Yopez	Absent
Supervisor Casey Prochaska	Aye
Council Member Dolores Concha	Aye
Supervisor Tony Reyes	Aye
Council Member Paul Johnson	Aye
Tribal Council Member Paul Soto	Absent
Mayor Larry Nelson	Aye
Mayor John Nussbaumer	Absent
ADOT Representative Paul Patane	Aye

## **VI. TRANSIT**

Transit usage - graph / Mr. Luckie reviewed the transit usage graph. He noted an increase in ridership of 10% to 20% each month of the new YCAT routes.

He added that Saguaro Transportation Services (STS) had funded the cost of issuing 50 one-way passes for Crossroads Mission residents. They are to be used for job interviews, medical appointments and necessary transportation.

He noted the new YCAT and Dial-a-Ride contracts with STS commenced on Monday, January 31, 2005.

**3:00 p.m. Chair Bobby Brooks recessed the regular Executive Board meeting.**

**3:06 p.m. Chair Bobby Brooks opened the public hearing.**

Update of YCAT issues / Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that Dial-a-Ride (DAR) fares had not been adjusted for over three years and the DAR service had been

MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to increase the Dial a Ride fares as indicated on the rate adjustment memo provided for the meeting. (Increase the rate by \$1.00 per trip.)

SECOND: Council member Delores Concha

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. AMENDMENT FY 2005-2009 TIP TABLE 11**

Mack Luckie stated YMPO was contacted by ADOT and requested to amend Table 11 in FY 2005-2009 TIP by removing the CMAQ item for FY 2007-2008 in the amount of \$500,000 / County 14<sup>th</sup> Street – 7E to 11E. FHWA stated this was not fiscally constrained and that they would not approve the TIP and thus would not approve the STATE STIP either.

FHWA did say, however, that they would accept this project in next year's TIP for FY 2007-2008.

MOTION: Supervisor Tony Reyes made a motion to amend the 2005-2009 TIP as recommended by the TAC.

SECOND: Council Member Dolores Concha

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **VIII. SMALL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

Mack Luckie stated the City of San Luis had requested, by letter, the approval of their accumulated funds in the amount of \$58,016. Table 16 of the FY 2005-2009 TIP shows this amount of funds available to the City of San Luis.

These funds come from YMPO funds distributed \$15,000 per year among the small entities. San Luis has accumulated theirs over the past few years to amount to \$58,016.

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the request of TIP funds in the amount of \$58,016 as recommended by the TAC.

## **IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS / YMPO**

Mack Luckie informed the Board that (historically) during their (annual) January meeting, the Executive Board held election of officers. According to YMPO accepted procedures, the Vice Chair would move up to the Chair; the Secretary/Treasurer would move up to Vice Chair and nominations would be made for the vacant Secretary/Treasurer position.

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion nominating Mayor Jose Yepez, City of Somerton, for Chair.

SECOND: Supervisor Tony Reyes

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Tony Reyes made a motion nominating Supervisor Casey Prochaska for Vice Chair.

SECOND: Council Member Bobby Brooks

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Tony Reyes made a motion nominating Council Member Dolores Concha, City of San Luis, for Secretary/Treasurer.

SECOND: Council Member Bobby Brooks

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. RAVE (ASH) Update / Mr. Luckie turned this report over to Paul Patane for current information and comment. Mr. Patane reported the first contracts are scheduled to be out in December and Segment 2 should be underway by the end of the year. He added that a lizard sweep must be completed by September 30, 2005. If Segment 2 does not proceed as he just described, ADOT would move on to Segment 5, A Canal to the Interstate.

Lucy Shipp asked Mr. Luckie the current status of the HELP loan. He

Mr. Luckie added that at the Executive Board meeting scheduled for February 24, 2005, he would provide the dates for the upcoming State Transportation Board Budget Hearings as well as further information on HURF funding.

## **XI. PROGRESS REPORTS**

- A. RTAC / Mack Luckie attended the meeting held December 10, 2004 in Phoenix.
- B. RAVE / Segment 6 meeting held December 15, 2004 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- C. ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE / meeting held December 16, 2004 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.
- D. COG/MPO DIRECTORS MEETING / held January 6, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.
- E. 4<sup>th</sup> AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY MEETING / held January 6, 2005 at COY. Bill Donnelly attended.
- F. RAAC / meeting scheduled January 6, 2005 in Phoenix was cancelled.
- G. TERC / meeting held January 11, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.
- H. TAC / meeting held January 13, 2005 at YMPO.
- I. RAIL & PORT / discussions held January 18, 2005 at YMPO. Mack Luckie attended.
- J. 2005 ARIZONA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT / held January 19 – 21, 2005 in Laughlin, NV. Mack Luckie and Bill Donnelly attended.
- K. POPTAC / meeting held January 28, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.

### **XIII. ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.  
Outgoing Chair Bobby Brooks adjourned the meeting (for new Chair Jose Yepez) at  
3:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session  
on the 24th day of February 2005.

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F.M. 'Mack' Luckie  
Executive Director

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Jose Yepez, Chair  
YMPO Executive Board