

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

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 24, 2005**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jose Yopez, City of Somerton, Chair  
Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma  
Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County  
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis  
Council Member Paul Johnson, City of Yuma  
Dallas Hammit for Dick Hileman, ADOT

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma  
Supervisor Tony Reyes, Yuma County  
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe  
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Brenda Wilson, AWC Able Matadors  
John Hudson, GYPA  
Lucy Shipp, ADOT Public Involvement  
Paula Backs, MCAS/Yuma  
Gayle Rusing, GYEDC  
Jon Fell, JDA  
Oscar Leon, City of San Luis  
Janet Chasse, KSWT Ch. 13  
Mack Luckie, YMPO  
Larry Hunt, YMPO  
Edd McDaniel, YMPO  
Linda McFarland, YMPO

## **II. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

- MOTION: Council member Bobby Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2005 Executive Board meeting as presented.
- SECOND: Council member Dolores Concha
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **III. TRANSIT**

Update of YCAT Issues / Mack Luckie, YMPO Executive Director informed the Chair that Brenda Wilson, a representative of the AWC Able Matadors was attending the meeting and had requested to speak to the Executive Board regarding YCAT schedule.

Ms. Wilson stated she was in attendance representing 50 individuals that are members of the AWC Able Matadors; 15 of which are mobility impaired. Ms. Wilson requested a later daily scheduled YCAT run to service AWC attendees. She stated that the YCAT's final run (Blue Route) departing AWC in the evening was one hour prior to the evening classes conclusion; that left night-school students depending on public transportation without a (YCAT) ride home. She added the users were willing to pay more in order to have the additional service. Her request was that the Executive Board consider adding to the YCAT schedule in order to accommodate the night-class students.

Mr. Luckie stated the additional hour of YCAT service on the Blue Route would cost \$9,180 monthly and that it would not coordinate with the remainder of the routes. In other words, simply adding an hour to the Blue Route would get the riders to the transfer point at Yuma Palms Mall and no further because the remainder of the YCAT routes would not be running the additional hour.

Transit Usage / Mr. Luckie reviewed the information on the monthly transit bar graph. Council member Paul Johnson requested a graph that illustrated monthly ridership also. Mr. Luckie stated it would be available at the March Executive Board meeting.

Mr. Luckie gave the Executive Board a hint that the YCAT system was becoming so popular that the costs to continue to provide service would increase.

now receiving several important daily and weekly status reports from Saguaro Transportation Service that were beneficial to daily operations.

Chair Jose Yepez inquired about the match funding for the Brown Route. Mr. Luckie responded that the match not only to purchase the bus but to operate its transit schedule was wholly paid by the Cocopah Indian Tribe.

#### **IV. YCAT BUS BENCH / SHELTER PROGRAM**

Mack Luckie described the bus bench/shelter proposal that had been offered by Marv Kirchler, owner of Attention Bench Advertising in Tucson. Mr. Kirchler had offered to provide free bus benches and shelters for YCAT routes in exchange for revenues derived from bench/shelter advertising fees.

YMPO shall receive a percentage of net revenues collected. The percentage increases with time. Example: 10% 1 – 5 years, 12% 6 – 10 years and 15% 11 – 15 years.

Mr. Luckie informed the Board the final wording on the contract had not been achieved; therefore the contract was not ready for review by YMPO legal counsel or the Board.

He added that a primary problem with the contract wording was relative to the ownership of (transit) area right-of-ways. Further, he stated, there would be no advertising on ADOT right-of-ways. Additionally, YMPO would need assistance from the entity's for determination of bench and shelter locations.

Maintenance shall be done by Mr. Kirchler's organization.

Mayor Yepez asked if the bench / shelter structures were lighted. Mr. Luckie responded that some were.

Lucy Shipp asked if YMPO had final approval of the ads (content). Mr. Luckie responded yes.

Council member Paul Johnson asked if there was 'hold-harmless' verbiage within the contract. Mr. Luckie responded yes, that each entity would be separately listed.

Mr. Luckie stated that contract negotiations with Mr. Kirchler would continue and would be brought back to the Executive Board for final approval.

**V. RESOLUTION NO. 105 / Authorizing the Filing of FTA Applications (Update)**

Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that the Federal Transit Administration had contacted Larry Hunt that the individual in responsible charge that submits the FTA grant must have a Resolution from the Governing Body (Executive Board) that gives him that authorization. The resolution on file with the FTA lists the previous Executive Director by name and FTA has requested a new resolution be done designating F.M. Luckie.

MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to approve Resolution No. 105, authorizing the Filing of FTA Applications (update) as presented.

SECOND: Council member Bobby Brooks

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. AWARD REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) CONTRACT**

Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that two consultants had submitted proposals for consideration for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); Parsons Brinkerhoff of Phoenix and Kimley-Horn of Tucson. The TAC had considered each proposal at their February 17, 2005 special meeting.

The two, in order of rating by the TAC were: Parsons Brinkerhoff and Kimley-Horn.

The TAC recommended to the Executive Board that on the basis of review of the proposals, that Parsons Brinkerhoff be selected by the Executive Board to do the RTP. If negotiations could not be satisfactorily completed with Parsons Brinkerhoff, then negotiations would be terminated and YMPO staff would then begin negotiations with Kimley-Horn.

The RTP revision project would take approximately 16 – 18 months.

## VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. RAVE (ASH) Update / Mr. Luckie turned this report over to Dallas Hammit for current information and comment. Mr. Hammit reported the EA had gone to FHWA for review. He stated there was not a commitment with a timeline; however it was typical to have 6 weeks for review.

He stated that BLM, BOR and MCAS Yuma had concurred to include El Centro in the mitigation plan, but to date, Yuma BLM had not gotten their letter out. He guessed that there would be nothing until May at the earliest.

Lizard mitigation could only be done April through September.

- B. State Transportation Board Budget Meetings / Mr. Luckie announced the upcoming dates for the three scheduled meetings. April 1 in Phoenix (MAG office), April 15 in Tucson (city hall) and April 29 in Flagstaff (city hall).

John Hudson stated the meetings were not actually budget meetings but 5-year plan meetings. He recommended YMPO representation.

- C. HURF Update / Mr. Luckie reported the bill was currently in the State legislature. It was out of Committee but not yet to the floor or Senate.

## VIII. PROGRESS REPORTS

- A. POPTAC / Mack Luckie attended the meeting held January 28, 2005 in Phoenix.
- B. RAVE / Segment 6 meeting held February 9, 2005 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- C. TAC / RTP REVIEW / meeting held February 17, 2005 in Yuma. Mack Luckie, Larry Hunt and Bill Donnelly attended.

D. VOAT PRESENTATION / held February 22, 2005 for DEC staff meeting

## **IX. RETIREMENT RECOGNITION**

YMPO Chair, Mayor Jose Yepez recognized YMPO Transportation Planner Larry Hunt and called him forward. Mr. Yepez presented Mr. Hunt with an engraved plaque honoring him for his dedication to YMPO and the "birth" of YCAT. The Board thanked Mr. Hunt for his years of service and wished him a delightful retirement.

Mr. Hunt, scheduled to retire on Friday, March 11, 2005, has agreed to serve as a consultant to YMPO for the near future.

## **X. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dallas Hammit reported that DPS had met twice with the farming community as facilitated by Yuma (District) ADOT. He stated that progress had been made and that the farming community deserved a lot of credit for reaching out for an agreeable solution to the problem of farm equipment traffic on I-8.

Further, Lt. Heape, Commander of the Yuma Sector DPS had in turn gone the extra effort to visit and observe farming operations in order to see how difficult it was to 'break-down' farming equipment for trailer-transport.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Jose Yepez adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session  
on the 31st day of March 2005.

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F.M. 'Mack' Luckie

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Jose Yepez. Chair