

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 31, 2005

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Greg Ferguson, Yuma County
Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma
Council Member Paul Johnson, City of Yuma
Dallas Hammit for Dick Hileman, ADOT

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mayor Jose Yepez, City of Somerton, Chair
Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis
Supervisor Tony Reyes, Yuma County
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton

OTHERS

PRESENT: Miguel Villapando, City of Somerton
Dan Larimer, DPS
David Sharp, Yuma County Farm Bureau
Elizabeth Foster, Yuma County Farm Bureau
Paula Backs, MCAS / Yuma
Ken Rosevear, Yuma Chamber of Commerce
Chris Camacho, GYEDC
Mack Luckie, YMPO
Paul Melcher, YMPO
Bill Donnelly, YMPO
Edd McDaniel, YMPO
Linda McFarland, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

As there was not a quorum Mack Luckie called for items not requiring action.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Taken out of order)

A. DPS / Farming Vehicle Traffic

Dallas Hammit, ADOT District Engineer introduced David Sharp and Elizabeth Foster of the Yuma County Farm Bureau. He invited them to report on the progress made regarding recent interaction between the Farm Bureau and the local Department of Public Safety for the movement of farm equipment on Interstate 8.

Mr. Sharp distributed and reviewed the information contained on a memo (copy attached to permanent record) encouraging Yuma County Farm Bureau Agricultural Members to implement certain procedures when moving equipment on public roadways.

Sgt. Dan Larimer, representing the Arizona (Yuma) DPS added that Mr. Sharp's information had covered the status of recent resolution activities.

Mr. Sharp added that to date, the farm bureau had inter-acted with only the DPS because the focus of discussion was I-8. He stated it was equally important to work with Yuma PD and Yuma County Sheriff's Office in order to get those organizations involved in the 'movement of farming equipment' resolution process.

B. YMPO Transportation Planner

Mack Luckie introduced Paul Melcher to the Executive Board. Mr. Melcher is the new YMPO Regional Transportation Planner and replaces retiring Planner, Larry Hunt.

C. YMPO Budget Review Schedule

Mack Luckie announced the first draft of the YMPO FY 06 UPWP/B would be presented to the Executive Board on Thursday, April 28, 2005. He stated a letter to each entity's complete Council, Supervisor or Tribe Member would be going out within the following weeks. The letter would detail the cash call for each of the member entities for fiscal year 05/06.

He announced the meeting time for the April 28, 2005 Executive Board meeting had been swapped with the Greater Yuma Port Authority. The YMPO meeting would commence at 9:30 a.m. on the 28th and the GYPA meeting would commence at 1:30 p.m. Each typical meeting location would remain the same.

D. RAVE (ASH) Update

Mr. Luckie turned this report over to Dallas Hammit for current information and comment. Mr. Hammit reported that the project continued to progress and that the final E.A. was at FHWA for legal review.

He stated the RAVE would be complete in FY 07/08 at the latest and the turn-backs would be approximately 2007.

E. RTAC Representative & Funding

Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that an RTAC (Rural Transportation Advisory Committee) representative was needed for YMPO. He requested each member consider the position and he would include the appointment action on the April 28, 2005 agenda.

F. State Transportation Board Budget Meetings

Mr. Luckie announced the State Transportation Board budget hearings were scheduled for April 1st in Phoenix, April 15th in Tucson and April 29th in Flagstaff. Mayor Larry Nelson stated he would attend the April 1st meeting, Council Member Bobby Brooks stated he would attend the April 15th meeting and Supervisor Casey Prochaska had previously offered to attend the April 29th meeting.

Dallas Hammit encouraged the attendees to keep in the STB budget a section of SR 95 from 9-E to Aberdeen Road.

Regarding Avenue 3 ½ E, Mayor Nelson stated he would actively pursue improvement funding from the State and military. He added the project would be extremely expensive and any and all funding sources would help. He asked Dallas Hammit if funding could be shifted to take the project from 24th Street to 32nd Street on 3 ½ E. Mr. Hammit responded yes.

2:20 p.m. Supervisor Greg Ferguson arrived. A quorum was in place.

I. CALL TO ORDER

2:25 p.m. Supervisor Greg Ferguson called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City of Yuma Declared votes: Council Member Paul Johnson – 2 votes, Council Member Bobby Brooks – 2 votes, Mayor Larry Nelson – 1 vote.

II. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2005 Executive Board meeting as presented.

SECOND: Council member Bobby Brooks

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

III. TRANSIT

Transit Usage / Mr. Luckie reviewed the information on the monthly transit bar graph. He stated the YCAT ridership was growing 12 – 15% monthly.

Update of YCAT Issues / Mack Luckie, He stated a shuttle had been added to the YCAT service between the Yuma Palms Mall and the Yuma County Fairgrounds to shuttle passengers and lessen the parking burden at the fairgrounds. He added that all money collected for fares on this special shuttle would be donated to operation “Home Front” and its service to military dependants.

Ken Rosevear, Director of the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce invited a YMPO/YCAT representative to appear on the “Good Morning Yuma” program.

IV. YCAT BUS BENCH/SHELTER PROGRAM

Mr. Luckie reviewed the opportunity to have benches and shelters provided free of charge through an offer previously made 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. Attention Bench Advertising would pay the cost of maintenance on each bench/shelter and YMPO would pay the cost of trash receptacles.

The problems to be resolved include no advertising on ADOT right-of-way and no advertising on a City right-of-way. YMPO would be applying (with a \$466.46 application fee) to the City of Yuma to gain permission to advertise on benches and shelters.

Mr. Luckie added that YMPO was responsible for getting permission for advertising. If each (bench/shelter location) entity does not approve of advertising on their right-of-way then the entire contract with Attention Bench Advertising would be null and void.

Council Member Paul Johnson stated the City of Yuma has a sign ordinance. An application must go through a review process. His concern was that the ordinance would appear to be inconsistent.

V. SECTION 5310 APPLICATIONS

Mack Luckie reviewed the 5310 Applications for FY 05. He stated Saguaro requested one, lift-equipped cutaway and three, 7-passenger mini-vans (no wheelchair lift.) WORC requested one 12-15 passenger Maxi-van (no wheelchair lift.)

The TAC made the following recommendation for priority of award:

1. WORC / one 12-15 passenger Maxi-van (no wheelchair lift).
2. Saguaro / one lift-equipped cutaway and three 7-passenger minivans (no wheelchair lift.)

MOTION: Council Member Bobby Brooks made a motion to approve the priority of 5310 application as recommended by the TAC.

SECOND: Mayor Larry Nelson

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATE / APRIL 2005

Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that he had requested, to the Board of the Greater Yuma Port Authority, a switch of meeting times on Thursday, April 28, 2005. His request to them stated the change would allow YMPO to have a quorum for their meeting scheduled on that day. An afternoon meeting would preclude any City of Yuma YMPO Board members to be in attendance, thus creating a lack of quorum for YMPO.

He informed the YMPO Executive Board that the GYPA Executive Board had agreed to the time switch. He requested approval of the switch by the YMPO Executive Board.

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to switch meeting times with GYPA on April 28, 2005.

SECOND: Council member Bobby Brooks

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (out of order)

VIII. PROGRESS REPORTS

- A. **TOWNHALL MEETING** / March 1, 2005 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- B. **RAVE** / progress meeting (Segment 6) held March 9, 2005 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- C. **YCAT PRESENTATION** / held March 9, 2005 at City of Yuma. Bill Donnelly presented.
- D. **TAC MEETING** / held March 10, 2005 at YMPO. Mack Luckie & Larry Hunt attended.
- E. **GROWTH SUMMIT** / held March 18, 2005 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- F. **RTAC MEETING** / held March 21, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.

- G. **POPTAC MEETING** / held March 25, 2005 in Phoenix.
- H. **ADEQ MEETING** / held March 29, 2005 in Phoenix.
- I. **4th AVENUE CORRIDOR MEETING** / held March 30, 2005 in Yuma.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments received.

X. ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Acting Chair Greg Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session
on the 28th day of April 2005.

F.M. 'Mack' Luckie
Executive Director

Jose Yepez, Chair
YMPO Executive Board