

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
April 28, 2005

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Jose Yepez, City of Somerton, Chair
Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis
Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma
Council Member Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma
Council Member Paul Johnson, City of Yuma
Supervisor Tony Reyes, Yuma County
Dallas Hammit for Dick Hileman, ADOT

MEMBERS

ABSENT:
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton

OTHERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Greg Ferguson, Yuma County
Lucy Shipp, ADOT / PIO
Paula Backs, MCAS / Yuma
Mack Luckie, YMPO
Paul Melcher, YMPO
Bill Donnelly, YMPO
Edd McDaniel, YMPO
Linda McFarland, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Jose Yepez called the meeting of April 28, 2005 to order at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Yepez led the Pledge of Allegiance and called upon the City of Yuma for declared votes: Council Member Bobby Brooks – 2 votes, Council Member Paul Johnson – 2 votes, Mayor Larry Nelson – 1 vote.

II. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2005 Executive Board meeting as presented.

SECOND: Council member Dolores Concha

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 continued to grow 12 – 15% monthly.

Update of YCAT Issues / A video was shown the Executive Board describing the new bicycle racks that had been ordered for each of the buses. The video demonstrated the use of the front-loading racks and noted the front-loaders had been selected because of their safety.

Councilman Bobby Brooks stated he and Council member Ema Lea Shoop had recently (unannounced) ridden the 'Red Route' and that the bus "was packed."

Mack Luckie noted the YCAT "Yuma County Fair Shuttle" had received good media exposure.

IV. YMPO LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board he had recently had a conversation with David Gaines, Director of the Yuma County Airport Authority. Mr. Gaines had requested a letter of support from the Executive Board that he could take with him to the upcoming State Transportation Board Budget hearing in Flagstaff on April 29, 2005.

The letter would urge the support of the State Transportation Board for amendment of the Airport Development Program Element of the State Transportation Program and included the GA Strategic Plan.

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion send the letter of support to STB Chair Rusty Gant.

SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

V. 2006 – 2029 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONTRACT WITH PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF

At the February 24, 2005 regular meeting of the Executive Board, the Board authorized staff to enter into contractual negotiations with Parsons Brinkerhoff for the development of the 2006-2029 YMPO Regional Transportation Plan.

YMPO staff negotiated successfully the terms and price of the agreement and presented it to the Board for review and approval.

MOTION: Council Member Bobby Brooks made a motion the Executive Board approve the agreement between Parsons Brinkerhoff and YMPO for the development of the 2006 – 2029 RTP as presented and authorize the Executive Board Chairperson to sign it.

SECOND: Council member Dolores Concha

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. AMEND 2005 – 2009 TIP

In order for staff to submit the FTA grant for FY 2006, the Executive Board must amend the current TIP to reflect the increased grant amount YMPO will be requesting from FTA.

Specifically, staff increased the grant amount shown in Table 8 under FY06 from a projected \$1,601,920 to a final amount of \$2,160,529. The increase in the requested amount was due to the costs associated with adding two (2) additional fixed routes (approximately \$35,000 each), extending the current fixed route daily service hours by seven (7) (\$59,000) and purchasing route signs and fare collection boxes (\$150,000).

Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that Arizona Western College (AWC) had increased the purchase amounts of the monthly student passes. (Not intended to defray amount of route costs.)

MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to amend Table 8 to reflect the requested YMPO grant amount.

SECOND: Council member Bobby Brooks

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. YMPO FY '06 UPWP/B

Mack Luckie reviewed the draft tables of the YMPO Fiscal Year '06 budget. He explained the increase in local area funds and transit match funds were a result of basing the cost per member entity using a formula based on more recent population numbers. The FY 2006 shares were calculated using the 2004 census data.

The Executive Board reviewed the tables and will adopt the YMPO FY 06 budget at a later date pending budget adoption by each member entity. The tables will be presented at each subsequent YMPO Executive Board meeting during the overall budget process, Mr. Luckie stated.

VIII. YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

Mack Luckie informed the Executive Board that there was a possibility the City of Yuma may be holding a budget workshop on May 26, 2005. If so, it would be necessary to reschedule the YMPO Executive Board meeting due to a time conflict.

MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to reschedule the May 26, 2005 YMPO Executive Board meeting to 12:00 noon at YMPO Board Room.

SECOND: Council member Dolores Concha

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously

IX. SHOOP PROPOSAL TO RAVE (ASH)

Dallas Hammit, ADOT/Yuma District Engineer explained the impact the Shoop Proposal would have on the RAVE (ASH) planning and construction schedule. He explained that should the Proposal be incorporated into the planning and construction schedule at this time it was his opinion the project would be set back several years. One of the examples he gave was that the Proposal includes a 'partial interchange' which is a construction element that ADOT does not do.

He stated the Proposal affects ADOT's ability to construct the project. All changes meant additional costs. The initial cost of the RAVE/ASH project was \$1 million; that cost is now up to \$4 million, he added. He noted one of his biggest concerns was that a new interchange would require 67 acres and the purchase of such was not budgeted. Further, incorporating the Proposal into the project would require 6 or 7 elevation changes, each at a high cost to construct.

Councilman Paul Johnson stated the Shoop Proposal was adopted into the City of Yuma Major Roadway Plan in 1997. It was adopted into the General Plan in 2002. He

noted that from Business 8 south the RAVE/ASH is a freeway and from Business 8 north the RAVE/ASH is a boulevard and Araby Road north of I-8 is "truck restricted".

Mr. Johnson stated the Shoop Proposal would be identified in the long-range plan for overall transportation planning for the City of Yuma. To factor in long-range costs for this change was misleading. He added the RAVE/ASH plan was not ADOT's but YMPO's plan given to ADOT.

Supervisor Casey Prochaska proposed moving (re-identifying) the connector between I-8 and US 95 from Araby Road to 3E and redirecting funding for that purpose to 3E.

Mayor Larry Nelson suggested that maybe there would be a need for additional exits off of I-8.

Everyone agreed that a good look should be taken for the future of connectivity, but leave the RAVE/ASH the way it is.

Councilman Paul Johnson stated he was in full support of 3E as the connector.

Councilman Bobby Brooks stated everyone was looking for an alternative route to Araby Road.

Mack Luckie described the current right-of-way legal description of Araby Road and stated studies had determined truck traffic from the RAVE/ASH would be 6 to 10 trucks a day.

Mr. Johnson reiterated the City of Yuma must include the Shoop Proposal in its long-range plan to ensure the land is protected from build-out.

Mayor Nelson stated the best method of finding the solution was to get the word out.

- ?? Know what traffic is/needs to be published.
- ?? Work together to get each other's information.
- ?? Understand that the 10-year planning projection has been compressed to 5 years due to rapid growth.
- ?? Understand that we don't know what the next step is because we haven't received all the information needed to get a common study going.

Lucy Shipp noted that the farm-to-market trucks were going to continue traveling Araby Road and residents need to understand that. She suggested that maybe it would be a good idea to turn Araby Road over to ADOT so that portion could be improved for current traffic.

Paul Melcher noted the 2006-2029 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would include Araby Road.

Supervisor Tony Reyes stated it was extremely important to appease the fear of all entities and assure ADOT the RAVE/ASH plan is preceding. Assure ADOT that all of the entities are working together and that any issues are considered regional issues, not just the City of Yuma.

Mr. Hammit noted that Araby Road has no set date for turnback per agreement. It would be three (3) years before Araby Road turnback; that would be enough time for 3E to be considered.

Mr. Hammit stated he could not get any funding for 3E until it was ADOT's road. Action would need to be done very soon. Additional planning would need to take place so he could start lobbying to get a 3E (connectivity) project programmed.

Supervisor Prochaska requested this item be brought back for further discussion on the May Executive Board agenda.

Councilman Bobby Brooks reiterated the City of Yuma's long-range plan extends 50 years in the future and that the City of Yuma fully supports the RAVE/ASH.

10:50 a.m. Supervisor Prochaska excused herself from the meeting.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. ADOT / YMPO Contract / Mr. Luckie reported the current contract between YMPO and ADOT would expire on June 30, 2005. Upon full review of the contract renewal, YMPO was in accord with the terms and conditions and the contract would be signed and returned to ADOT in Phoenix.
- B. RAVE (ASH) Update / Dallas Hammit reported on the status of the project.
- C. RTAC Representative & Funding / Mr. Luckie reported YMPO's representation still needed to be filled.
- D. State Transportation Board Budget Meetings / Mr. Luckie reported that Mayor Larry Nelson represented YMPO and spoke at the meeting on April 1, 2005 in Phoenix. At the meeting of April 15, 2005 held in Tucson, there had been no YMPO representative. For the final meeting scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2005 in Flagstaff would be attended by Supervisor Casey Prochaska.
- E. HURF / LTAF II Update
- F. TERC Project on I-8
- G. YCAT Bus Bench - Shelter Program / Mr. Luckie reported the likelihood there would be no contract with Attention Bench Advertising in Tucson.
- H. Legislative Update

XI. PROGRESS REPORTS

- A. STB BUDGET MEETING / April 1, 2005 in Phoenix. Mayor Larry Nelson attended.
- B. AIR QUALITY MEETING / April 6, 2005 at City of Yuma Public Works. Paul Melcher attended.
- C. ROADWAY MEETING / April 7, 2005 at City of Yuma Public Works. Mack Luckie attended.
- D. FTA ANNUAL AUDIT / April 12, 2005 at YMPO. Mack Luckie, Paul Melcher and Larry Hunt attended.
- E. TAC MEETING / held April 14, 2005 at YMPO. Mack Luckie & Paul Melcher attended.
- F. STB BUDGET MEETING / April 15, 2005 in Tucson.
- G. AZ RIDES MEETING / held April 19, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.
- H. RAVE / progress meeting (Segment 6) held April 20, 2005 in Yuma.
- I. TRANSYSTEMS MEETING / held April 20, 2005 at YMPO. Mack Luckie, Gary Magrino, Jim Chessum and Paul Melcher attended.
- J. 9-1-1 MEETING / held April 22, 2005 with Debra Neidiffer at YMPO. Mr. Luckie reported the Yuma County 9-1-1 System Manager responsibilities were rapidly becoming a full time job. He stated he had been in discussion with Ms. Neidiffer and had gathered insight into her position due to her announcement of leaving that position.
- K. STB BUDGET MEETING / held April 29, 2005 in Flagstaff. Supervisor Casey Prochaska attended.

XII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Councilman Paul Johnson reported he had attended the recent TEA21 meeting. He stated the TEA21 funds could mean potential revenue if passed.

XIII. ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Jose Yepez adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session
on the 26th day of May 2005.

F.M. 'Mack' Luckie
Executive Director

Jose Yepez, Chair
YMPO Executive Board