

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

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 26, 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  
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma  
Council Member Paul Johnson, City of Yuma  
Dallas Hammit for Dick Hileman, ADOT

**MEMBERS**

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Greg Ferguson, Yuma County  
Mark Watson, Administrator, City of Yuma  
Lucy Shipp, ADOT / PIO  
Tom Manfredi, MCAS / Yuma  
Gary Burroughs, City of Yuma  
John Fell, JDA  
Glen Curtis  
Roger Patterson, Yuma County  
Chuck Nordquist  
Bob Woodman  
Mack Luckie, YMPO  
Paul Melcher, YMPO  
Edd McDaniel, YMPO  
Linda McFarland, YMPO

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Mayor Jose Yepez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.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 APRIL 28, 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2005 Executive Board meeting as presented.

SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska

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 nearing 17,000 riders per month, but when all of the numbers were in for May, it was anticipated there would be a slight drop in riders due to school letting out.

Update of YCAT Issues / Mr. Luckie stated that with the adoption of member entity's budgets reflecting the increase subsidies that had been requested by YMPO, there would be expansion to the routes and hours of operation.

He displayed a diagram that indicated the route expansion and stated it was the goal of YMPO to initiate the expansion effective July 1, 2005. The expanded operations hours stated were:

Red and Green Routes	2 hours additional (night) service
Blue Route	3 hours additional (night) service
Yellow Route	1 hour additional (night) service

Plus, Saguaro Transportation Services (STS) will add one or two stops in both the City of San Luis and the City of Somerton.

Mayor Larry Nelson asked if the problem of taxi's dropping their rates in order to compete was still going on in San Luis.

Mr. Luckie responded that it was not the problem it had been in the past.

## IV. RAVE (US 195) / US 95 CONNECTIVITY

Mack Luckie stated the issues behind consideration to change the designated connector for the RAVE (ASH). The section to be discussed was the connector / roadway between I-8 and US 95. Mr. Luckie stated Araby Road was designated as the connector. The discussion and possible action before the Executive Board was to designate Avenue 3E as the connector, which would amend the existing ASH IGA.

Dallas Hammit, ADOT Yuma District Engineer stated that with the amendment, ADOT would pick up maintenance on US 95 between Avenue 3E and Araby Road and the 'connector' section of Araby Road would be turned back to the City of Yuma.

Council member Bobby Brooks stated it be clearly understood that the City of Yuma city council fully supports the RAVE (ASH) from the U.S. –Mexican border to I-8. He added that he did not want the occurrence of hazmat on Araby Road, for many reasons including the future new high school.

Robert Woodman asked why the YMPO Executive Board could not designate the canal route.

Supervisor Casey Prochaska replied that YMPO has no authority in that regard, that decision rested with the city council of the City of Yuma.

Mayor Larry Nelson added that there needed to be an additional off-ramp onto Gila Ridge Road designated on future planning and funding.

Council member Paul Johnson stated he strongly agreed with Mr. Brooks that the discussion at hand was not about the RAVE (ASH) but that portion of connectivity between I-8 and US 95 and his desire to relocate it off of Araby Road.

- MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to issue a letter to Dallas Hammit, ADOT District Engineer, informing him that Avenue 3E is the preferred connector route.
- SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **V. DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) REPORT**

Mack Luckie stated the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) preliminary draft had been emailed to members of the Executive Board. He stated Paul Melcher was collecting any comments from Board members before finalizing the draft for publication and Executive Board approval at the June meeting.

There were no comments.

## **VI. 2006 - 2010 TIP**

Mack Luckie stated the 2006 – 2010 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) preliminary draft including tables had been emailed to members of the Executive Board. He stated Paul Melcher was collecting any comments from Board members before finalizing the draft for publication and Executive Board approval at the June meeting.

There were no comments.

## **VII. YMPO EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICER VACANCY**

With the departure of Mayor Jose Yepez (City of Somerton) who was currently serving as Chair of YMPO, a vacancy existed for that position on the Executive Board. The Board discussed elevating the Vice Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to fulfill those positions for the remainder of the calendar year in advance of their service in those positions during the next calendar year.

- MOTION: Council member Bobby Brooks made a motion to elevate Vice Chair Casey Prochaska to Chair and elevate Secretary-Treasurer Dolores Concha to Vice Chair for the remainder of this calendar year.
- SECOND: Council member Paul Johnson
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously

The aforementioned action created a vacancy as Secretary-Treasurer.

- MOTION: Council member Bobby Brooks made a motion to elect Council member Paul Johnson to fill the vacancy of Secretary-Treasurer.
- SECOND: Mayor Jose Yepez
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously

## **VIII. RTAC REPRESENTATIVE**

Mack Luckie informed the Executive Board since January of this year, YMPO has not had representation on the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC), and the seat is vacant. RTAC policy is that the seat can only be filled by a member (elected official) of the Executive Board. He requested action to fill this important vacancy with a YMPO Executive Board member.

- MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to appoint Council member Paul Johnson to the RTAC.
- SECOND: Council member Bobby Brooks
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously

## **IX. YMPO SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mack Luckie informed the Executive Board that in prior years, the body had taken a month during the summer to be dark. He asked the Board to consider July or August. He also noted that in July, it was often-times difficult to have a quorum due to vacation schedules.

- MOTION: Council member Bobby Brooks made a motion to not meet in the month of July.
- SECOND: Council member Paul Johnson
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously

#### **X. YMPO FY '06 UPWP/B Second Review**

Mack Luckie reminded the Executive Board they had received copies of the budget tables for FY 05/06 in April. He added that adoption of the YMPO UPWP/B 05/06 could not take place until each of the member entities had adopted their respective budgets.

He asked the Executive Board if there were any questions or comments regarding the budget tables they had received. There were none.

He stated it was projected that YMPO could adopt its budget on June 30, 2005.

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

- A. RAVE (ASH) Update / Dallas Hammit reported on the status of the project. He stated the projected construction start date was January 2006. The initial construction would take place between city 40<sup>th</sup> Street and B-8.
- B. STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING / Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that a formal, written invitation had gone out to the STB to hold their March, 2006 meeting here in Yuma. Supervisor Casey Prochaska noted events that took place in prior years that YMPO hosted the STB.
- C. HURF / LTAF II Update / Mr. Luckie reported the legislative activity had ceased due to summer recess and that it would return when the state legislature reconvenes.
- D. TERC PROJECT ROUND 13 KICKOFF
- E. YCAT BUS BENCH/SHELTER PROGRAM / No real progress to report.
- F. LEGISLATIVE Update / House would be voting on TEA-21 on this date.
- G. 9-1-1 Update / Mr. Luckie reported he had met with Debra Neidiffer and Lusandra Harris at YMPO. Ms. Harris had been designated to assume 9-1-1 administrative duties with the withdrawal of Ms. Neidiffer. He distributed a job description for the 9-1-1 administrator for the Board to become familiar with.

Lucy Shipp, ADOT/PIO questioned whether or not the needs responsibility should fall with Sheriff Ogden.

Mayor Larry Nelson stated it may be beneficial for Greg Wilkinson to brief the Board on inner-operability of communications.

- H. SPECIAL BOARD PRESENTATION / Mack Luckie presented outgoing Mayor Jose Yepez, City of Somerton, a plaque expressing the appreciation of the YMPO Executive Board for his service to the Board as Chair during the current year.

## **XII. PROGRESS REPORTS**

- A. **TAC MEETING** / held May 12, 2005 at YMPO. Mack Luckie & Paul Melcher attended.
- B. **9-1-1 MEETING** / held May 18, 2005 with Debra Neidiffer and Lusandra Harris at YMPO. Mack Luckie attended.
- C. **RTP-RFP KICKOFF** / at YMPO. Paul Melcher facilitated.
- D. **POPTAC** / meeting held May 20, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended
- E. **ROADWAY MEETING** / May 24, 2005 at City of Yuma Public Works. Mack Luckie attended.
- F. **YAGA** / meeting held May 25, 2005 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- G. **CORRIDOR STUDY** / meeting held May 26, 2005 at City of Yuma Public Works. Mack Luckie attended.

## **XIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments were made.

## **XIV. ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Jose Yepez adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session  
on the 30th day of June 2005.

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F.M. 'Mack' Luckie  
Executive Director

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Kathryn 'Casey' Prochaska, Chair  
YMPO Executive Board