

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

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

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County, Chair  
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis  
Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma  
Council Member Paul Johnson, City of Yuma  
Supervisor Tony Reyes, Yuma County  
Cathi Alonzo for Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe  
Paul Patane for Dick Hileman, ADOT

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma  
Mayor Miguel Villalpando, City of Somerton  
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Greg Ferguson, Yuma Co.  
Council Member Nieves Riedel, City of San Luis  
Lucy Shipp, ADOT / PIO  
Floyd Best, Yuma Co. Airport Authority  
Liz Pratt, Cocopah Indian Tribe  
Paul Brooberg, City of Yuma  
Dunbar Norton, Norton Consulting  
Gayle Rusing, GYEDC  
Jon Fell, JDA  
Mack Luckie, YMPO  
Paul Melcher, YMPO  
Edd McDaniel, YMPO  
Linda McFarland, YMPO

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Supervisor Casey Prochaska called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Paul Patane 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 –3 votes.

Chair Casey Prochaska congratulated Paul Patane on his recent appointment as ADOT District Engineer / Yuma County.

## **II. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**MOTION:** Councilman Bobby Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 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 routes were running to near capacity; approximately 20,000 riders in September.

He reported a public meeting had been held in Wellton to present the proposed Wellton (YCAT) Express Route that is projected to begin service in January 2006 and currently is to be funded using ADOT contributed funds as match for grant funding for a period of 3 years. He noted the Wellton attendees interest was in accessibility to the Foothills and AWC. Several bus-stop sites had been identified as of this meeting. The park and ride had not yet been identified.

Council Member Paul Johnson questioned the status of the Wellton Route at the end of the three-year ADOT provided match funding. He stressed the possibility that replacement match funds would not be available and jeopardize the existence of the route.

Mr. Johnson added he was concerned about the 200-thousand population threshold effect and how it would factor in the continuing funding of the route. He stated it was time to begin planning for funding after the three-year match funding from ADOT runs out and to begin discussion on the creation of a small transit authority.

1:40 p.m. Council Member Dolores Concha excused herself from the meeting.

Mr. Luckie displayed the newly created 'Education Passbook' that was now available to any affiliated with education, whether a student or job related. The cost of the book is \$29.00 and each perforated ticket/page represents a one-way trip. Ticket booklet pages are printed in such a way they cannot be reproduced by copying.

Mr. Luckie reported that advertising sales for FY 05/06 had (so far) totaled \$70,400 in cash or in-kind support. That money would be used as grant match.

#### **IV. AMEND 2006 – 2010 TIP / Tables 8 and 9**

Mack Luckie reported that this TIP amendment to Tables 8 & 9 were necessary to include funding amounts for the Wellton RTCS. The amended tables would then be submitted to FTA for review and approval. He added the TAC had voted affirmatively to recommend the item to the Executive Board for approval at its October 13, 2005 meeting.

MOTION: Supervisor Tony Reyes made a motion to amend Tables 8 and 9 of the 2006 – 2010 TIP as recommended by the TAC.

SECOND: Council Member Bobby Brooks

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. NOMINATION & APPROVAL OF CTAC & WTAC COMMITTEES**

(Citizens Transit Advisory Committee / Wellton Transit Advisory Committee)

Mack Luckie reminded the Executive Board he needs recommendations from each of them of individuals to serve on each of these committees. He reiterated these committees were not another level of bureaucracy and an advisory committee.

MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to nominate Tom Manfredi as a member of the CTAC.

SECOND: Supervisor Tony Reyes

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luckie added the WTAC Committee would include ADOT representatives Mike Jones and Matt Carpenter.

Cathi Alonzo, Cocopah Indian Tribe volunteered to serve on the WTAC Committee.

#### **VI. YMPO HOLIDAY SEASON MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mr. Luckie reported that because the regularly scheduled November YMPO Executive Board meeting would fall on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2005, he recommended the meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, December 8, 2005; one meeting for the combined months of November and December.

By scheduling the Executive Board meeting for the second Thursday of December, it would allow time for the TAC to meet on the first Thursday and, if necessary, make any formal recommendations necessary for the Executive Board to address prior to year end. He added that in review of prior year's holiday season calendars, this falls in line with prior year's scheduling.

MOTION: Supervisor Tony Reyes made a motion to amend the YMPO meeting schedule as recommended by the Executive Director for the month of December 2005.

SECOND: Council Member Paul Johnson

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. YCAT BENCH / SHELTER MEMBER ENTITY RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES**

Mr. Luckie reported Staff had continued the development of a bench/shelter program. He noted that the Yuma City Council had recently approved a zoning ordinance amendment that would allow advertising in city rights-of-way.

In order to place shelters within the jurisdiction of the other member entities serviced by YCAT, he requested excerpts from their respective zoning ordinances that deal with signs so Staff could determine the regulations relative to the project.

He noted the TAC; at its October 13, 2005 meeting encouraged staff to continue with the project and that YMPO would need to approach each entity in order to work with their ordinance.

## **VIII. YMPO SUPPORT OF TRAFFIC LIGHT UPGRADE WITHIN CITY OF YUMA**

Mr. Luckie stated the City of Yuma traffic Engineer, Fred Orcutt, had approached YMPO in the Fall of 2004 concerning gaining support for a traffic safety and efficiency project for the City. He brought this information before the Executive Board as a matter of information.

The project consists of upgrading the old traffic lights along B-8 (4<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and U.S. 95 (16<sup>th</sup> Street) with new computerized systems that can be centrally controlled and synchronized to improve traffic flow and safety. The new system also offers light control to emergency response vehicles at intersections and provides automatic traffic counts at the locations where they will be installed. Eventually all of the traffic lights in the City of Yuma will be connected to this system.

YMPO agreed to pursue assistance for the project through an FHWA or ADOT grant in the amount of \$100,000. The match requirement will be included in the 2006 YMPO budget.

ADDENDUM ITEMS:

**A-I. AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CORRESPONDENCE FROM COG's and MPO's  
Re: SAFETEA LU**

Mr. Luckie stated that in the spirit of continuing the long-standing cooperative relationship between ADOT and rural Arizona, the rural COGs and small MPOs were sending a letter bearing a signature of each to ADOT Director Victor Mendez. The letter suggests a meeting with Mr. Mendez and his staff in the near future (perhaps at the upcoming Rural Arizona Transportation Summit in January 2006) to discuss development of a framework for the implementation of the new SAFETEA-LU programs.

MOTION: Council Member Paul Johnson made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter regarding Opportunities for Collaboration addressed to Director Victor Mendez

SECOND: Supervisor Tony Reyes.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

**IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. RAVE (ASH) Update / Paul Patane reported the design was on track. The EA should be completed by January of 2006.
- B. 9-1-1 Update / Mr. Luckie informed the Executive Board that no decisions had been made. He added the PSP expires in January, 2007.
- C. TERC Enhancement Grant Applications / Mr. Luckie reported that the grant award for the #1 project in the state had gone to the City of Yuma Swing Bridge Project.
- D. YCAT Maintenance Facilities Update / Mr. Luckie reported the move had been completed into the new YCAT yard. He invited the Board to take an opportunity to 'check it out'.
- E. Legislative Update / Mr. Luckie stated there was no news on the subject.
- F. Legislative Conference / Mr. Luckie reported he had attended this event which was held at the Yuma Civic Center on October 21, 2005.
- G. AZ Rides Update / Mr. Luckie announced a presentation would be made by John Pein for a public update of the program on November 4, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Yuma County Health Department Conference Room.
- H. POPTAC Update / Mr. Luckie reported his plans to attend the meeting.

- I. STB / Yuma Hosted Meeting Update / Mr. Luckie reported he had not, to date, received a confirmation to YMPO's request to host the March 2006 State Transportation Board meeting.
- J. Rural Transportation Summit Update / Mr. Luckie reported that Linda McFarland had recently met with representatives of SEAGO at the Rio Rico Resort which will be the site of the upcoming January 2006 Summit. Ms. McFarland was assisting SEAGO in the planning.

## **X. PROGRESS REPORTS**

- A. **TERC CONFERENCE** / held October 5 - 7, 2005 at Rio Rico. Mack Luckie attended.
- B. **CITY OF YUMA COUNCIL MEETING** / held October 5, 2005 in Yuma City Hall. Paul Melcher attended. (Sign Ordinance Amendment)
- C. **YUMA CO. PARKS & REC PRESENTATION** / October 7, 2005 at Yuma Co. Public Works. Paul Melcher & Bill Donnelly presented.
- D. **AZ TA BOARD MEETING** / held October 10, 2005 in Tempe. Mack Luckie attended.
- E. **RAVE (ASH) PROGRESS MEETING** / held October 12, 2005 at ADOT Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- F. **ROTARY (YCAT) PRESENTATION** / October 17, 2005. Bill Donnelly presented.
- G. **AZ RIDES MEETING** / held October 18, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.
- H. **COG/MPO SAFETEA LU MEETING** / held October 20, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie participated via conference call.
- I. **POPTAC MEETING** / to be held October 28, 2005 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie will attend.

## **XI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Gayle Rusing announced a presentation entitled "Moving Arizona Forward" on November 10, 2005 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. The meeting was to be sponsored by the Arizona Department of Commerce on economic development.

## **XII. ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Casey Prochaska adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session  
on the 8th day of December 2005.

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F.M. 'Mack' Luckie  
Executive Director

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Kathryn 'Casey' Prochaska, Chair  
YMPO Executive Board