

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 28, 2004

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma
Supervisor Lucy Shipp, Yuma County
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis
Council Member Ema Lea Shoop, City of Yuma
Dallas Hammit for Dick Hileman, ADOT

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mayor Jose Yopez, City of Somerton
Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton
Dick Hileman, ADOT STB

OTHERS

PRESENT: Paul Patane, ADOT/Yuma
Paula Backs, MCAS Yuma
Jon Fell, JDA
Gayle Rusing, GYEDC
Michael Trend, City of San Luis
Mack Luckie, YMPO
Linda McFarland, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bobby Brooks called the meeting of September 30, 2004 to order at 1:33 p.m.

City of Yuma declared votes: Council Member Ema Lea Shoop –3 votes, Chair Bobby Brooks – 2 votes.

III. OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PRESENTATION

Mack Luckie announced that Mr. Richard Fimbres of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety had notified YMPO earlier in the day that due to illness he would be unable to make his presentation to the Executive Board on this date.

Mr. Luckie stated he would be rescheduled for the January Executive Board meeting.

IV. TRANSIT

Transit usage - graph / Mr. Luckie reviewed the transit usage graph. Supervisor Lucy Shipp noted YCAT was still not up to volume of ridership it had previously experienced.

Update of YCAT issues / Mack Luckie distributed the new 5-Route YCAT schedule. He introduced and reviewed the two additional new routes as well as the reconfiguration of some of the pre-existing routes. He stated the new route system would begin on Monday, November 1, 2004.

Review Fare Schedule / Mack Luckie stated that the fare schedule for the two (2) additional bus routes and the three (3) existing routes would be as follows:

Regular fare (Yellow Route)	\$3.00	Student/Senior	\$2.00
Regular fare (Green Route)	\$1.00		
Regular fare (Brown Route)	Free		
Regular fare (Blue Route)	\$1.00		
Regular fare (Red Route)	\$1.00		
Transfer from any route to Yellow Route	\$2.00		

Mr. Luckie continued that the old fare schedule listed the fees stated above (using different route names) with the following exception:

Seniors/Disabled (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) on San Luis-Yuma Route (now called Yellow Route)	\$1.50
Seniors/Disabled (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) on AWC-Yuma (now called Blue Route)	50¢

- MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to authorize the Executive Director and staff to remove the ½-fare amounts until off peak hours could be determined.
- SECOND: Council member Delores Concha
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Council member Concha asked if there was any way additional stops could be made in San Luis. Mr. Luckie responded that YMPO would certainly look into it.

Ms. Shipp asked Ms. Concha where she would recommend additional stops. Ms. Concha answered at a major apartment complex on 10th Avenue and another on 6th Avenue.

V. YMPO MEETING SCHEDULE

Mack Luckie stated that the holidays were approaching and that it was time for the Executive Board to consider a holiday schedule as they had in prior years. He recommended, as in years past, there be no November Executive Board meeting and a December meeting be set for Thursday, December 9, 2004 in order to align it with the scheduled Greater Yuma Port Authority meeting set for that date.

- MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to combine the November and December Executive Board meetings to one to be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004.
- SECOND: Council member Ema Lea Shoop
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. 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 was moving forward again and it was projected the final report would be out in

He added that the intersection of the RAVE at B-8 and Araby Road would have a surface-grade signal because there was no additional land for future interchange.

- B. FMPO/YMPO Money Exchange Status / Mr. Luckie reported the exchange is still at an early stage and continues to be reviewed to meet both legal and FTA requirements in order to assure the exchange is done appropriately.
- C. Results of TERC Committee – Enhancement Applications / Mr. Luckie announced two grant awards for the Yuma region. He stated the Yuma Main Street Project had been selected as well as the Somerton Main Street Project had been selected for awards by the TERC.
- D. Status of Transportation Planner Recruitment / Mack Luckie announced that the recruitment process was underway to fill the Regional Transportation Planner position that will be vacant upon the retirement of Larry Hunt. He stated published ads had been placed in the Yuma Sun, Arizona Republic, AMPO and other MPO's.

VII. PROGRESS REPORT

- A. TERC / Mack Luckie attended the conference held October 6 – 8, 2004 in Flagstaff.
- B. AMPO CONFERENCE / Mack Luckie attend the conference held October 13 – 15, 2004 in San Antonio, TX.
- C. RAVE / Dallas Hammit reported the ADOT was changing the order of projects. Due to the larger-than-projected amount of funding available on July 1, 2005, the construction projects would be larger. The reason for the larger funding amounts was that prior years budgeted funding that had not been spent to date due to delays in the EA and were rolling over into the next budgeted installments.

Supervisor Lucy Shipp asked if ADOT-Yuma was still looking at the possibility of a 'Help Loan' that would enable the construction of all four (4) lanes at once. She requested that Mr. Hammit look into the availability of funds in that account and report back to the Executive Board. Further to inform the Executive Board on how to apply for funding (if available) and

Mr. Luckie responded that Larry Hunt and Fred Orcutt, Traffic Engineer for the City of Yuma had traveled the bus routes and designated the exact locations for benches.

He further informed the Executive Board about an offer YMPO had received from Mr. Marv Kirchler of *Attention Transit Advertising* of Tucson. Mr. Kirchler had contacted Larry Hunt offering benches and shelters free of charge to YCAT, a value of approximately \$10,000 for each set. In exchange for the bench/shelter equipment, he would sell advertising at each site provided and reap all revenues.

Supervisor Shipp asked if YMPO had any control over what is advertised. Mr. Luckie answered that various legal ordinances would mandate what could be advertised.

- E. CORRIDOR MEETING / held October 21, 2004 at Yuma City Hall. Mack Luckie attended. He added that the 'Corridor Study' is focused on 16th Street from Avenue B to 3E.
- F. RFP PRESUBMITTAL CONFERENCE / held October 26, 2004 in Yuma. Mack Luckie and Larry Hunt attended. Mr. Luckie reported that RFP's had been sent to 13 prospective bidders; 6 of those prospects, including Saguaro Transportation Services, attended. During that meeting the term of contract was changed to reflect a 3-year contract with two 1-year extensions. A new RFP would be issued at the end of the initial 3-year contract.
- G. ROADWAY COMMITTEE / held October 27, 2004 at Yuma City Hall. Mack Luckie attended.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mack Luckie reminded the Executive Board that YMPO needed resolutions from each entity before December 1, 2004 that would allow YMPO to use the LTAFII Funds allocated to each. He added that the funds were to be used for such projects as the Hotel del Sol, YCAT and the Safety Village.

Supervisor Lucy Shipp stated she had asked Kevin Tunell to do another PSA for YCAT to be broadcast on Yuma County cable TV.

Council member Dolores Concha, City of San Luis introduced Michael Trent, the newly-

As a follow up to that request Mr. Luckie stated that he had been informed that 35% was to go to MAG; 15% to PAG and the remaining 50% was to be split between the others. That equates to 6% going to YMPO.

Mr. Luckie added that Mr. Arnold Burnham was scheduled to be in attendance at the December 9, 2004 Executive Board meeting in order to give a presentation. It was suggested by Ms. Shipp that he could inform the Executive Board at that time and that the Executive Board was interested in seeing those figures.

Dallas Hammit thanked the City of Yuma for their assistance during the recent 16th Street bridge project. It went very well with few complaints, he stated.

Mack Luckie announced the dates for the 2005 Arizona Rural Transportation Summit. It will be held on January 19 – 21, 2005 in Laughlin, NV.

Gayle Rusing, Greater Yuma EDC asked if the YMPO Executive Board had any access to funding for rail. Mr. Luckie responded not at this time but that there was discussion underway for high-speed and light-rail.

IX. ADJOURN

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to adjourn until December 9, 2004.

SECOND: Council member Dolores Concha

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Bobby Brooks adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session
on the 9th day of December 2004.

F.M. 'Mack' Luckie

Bobby Brooks. Chair