

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 19, 2004

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma
Supervisor Lucy Shipp, Yuma County
Mayor Guillermina Fuentes, City of San Luis
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Council Member Oscar Leon, City of Somerton
Council Member Ema Lea Shoop, City of Yuma
Bill Alfier for Dick Hileman, ADOT

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton
Dick Hileman, ADOT STB

OTHERS

PRESENT: John Pein, ADOT / TPD
Wayne Benesch, YMPO Legal Counsel
Jim Chessum, GYPA
Dallas Hammit, ADOT
Mack Luckie, YMPO
Larry Hunt, YMPO
Linda McFarland, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bobby Brooks called the meeting of February 19, 2004 to order at 1:32 p.m.

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

II. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2004 Executive Board meeting, as presented.
SECOND: Council member Ema Lea Shoop
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2004 Executive Board meeting, as presented.
SECOND: Mayor Guillermina Fuentes
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

V. MOVE AZ *(Taken out of order)*

John Pein, ADOT project manager, was present to update the Executive Board on this 20-year transportation plan.

The long-range plan, he stated, was designed as a tool to help ADOT evaluate the performance impacts of planning decisions. He announced a series of public hearings that included one in Yuma on April 15, 2004 at Otondo School at 5:00 p.m.

III. TRANSIT

Mack Luckie informed the Executive Board that the Dorsey's had received the termination letter. He added that the Saguaro Transportation Services (STS) contract had been reviewed and approved by Wayne Benesch and Mr. Mike VanGuilder, Executive Director of STS. The contractual start date was March 1, 2004.

Mr. Luckie stated that YMPO had negotiated a lease with Arizona Bus Sales for the two 2003 (previously in service by Valley Transit) busses. Additionally, two 1995 wheelchair busses; a total of four (4) vehicles. He reviewed the proposed lease/cost memo with the Executive Board.

Larry Hunt reviewed the bus schedule alternatives. Alternative A described a 3-bus / 31 hour-per-day service. Alternative B described a 2-bus / 26 hour-per-day service. Discussion took place on the pros and cons of each alternative.

Mr. Luckie reviewed the details of a van purchase through Arizona Bus Sales. The purchase (independent from the above mentioned vehicle lease) was for five (5) 2004 Ford E450 Cutaway vans. Two (2) of the vans would be placed into service in the YCAT fixed-route and three (3) would be placed into service for Dial A Ride.

Supervisor Lucy Shipp stated the importance of placing busses in service that were clearly marked with the YCAT logo. Because during the past month so many differing types of transportation had been utilized, the ridership was confused about which transit vehicles to board.

Mayor Guillermina Fuentes asked if there were any differences in the agreements between YMPO and the Dorseys and YMPO and STS. Mr. Luckie stated there were none.

Supervisor Shipp asked if the new transit service would get AWC students to campus on time. Mr. Hunt responded yes. He added that it was planned that a survey be done in a few months to gather information on the quality of transit service.

Supervisor Shipp added she would contact Kevin Tunnel to initiate a Public Service Announcement through the County.

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the **Annex A, Yuma County Area Transit Bus Service Agreement** between YMPO and Saguaro Transportation Services (STS) which provides for YCAT services to the greater Yuma area as presented here today.

SECOND: Council Member Ema Lea Shoop

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the modified bus schedule **Alternative A, 3-bus / 31 hour-per-day service** as presented here today.

SECOND: Council Member Ema Lea Shoop

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a purchase agreement with Arizona Bus Sales for the acquisition of five (5) busses.

SECOND: Mayor Guillermina Fuentes

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CANAMEX CORRIDOR IN ARIZONA

Jim Chessum, Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) Administrator, spoke to the Executive Board identifying the need to recognize the western side of the state within CANAMEX identification / documentation. Resolution No. 103 supports an amendment be made by the CANAMEX Task Force.

Council Member Ema Lea Shoop noted technical errors in the resolution that required change.

1. 3rd Whereas, line 3 change ID of the Area Service Highway to (SR195).
2. 3rd Whereas, line 4 change State Highway 95 to US Highway 95.

Mayor Guillermina Fuentes announced she had recently been appointed by the Governor to serve on the CANAMEX Task Force and she would carry any correspondence with her to their next meeting.

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy made a motion to accept Resolution No. 103, A Resolution of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization in Support of Amendment of the CANAMEX Corridor by the CANAMEX Task Force. Further, Staff may reword the resolution keeping the intent intact.

SECOND: Council Member Ema Lea Shoop.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. PROGRESS REPORT

Listed on the agenda were the following items:

- A. **TAC** / special joint meeting with Executive Board on February 9, 2004.
- B. **RAAC** / meeting was held on February 12, 2004 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie & Roger Patterson (TAC) attended.
Mack Luckie reported that YMPO had lost their seat on the RAAC with the resignation of John Gross. He added that RAAC policy would not allow him to serve due to his interim status. Supervisor Casey Prochaska stated she would contact Debra Brisk to encourage the seat belong to YMPO, not the individual.

Mr. Luckie also reported that the SAFETEA bill does not include the PM-10 pollutant in the allocation formula for the CMAQ funds, which could negatively impact Yuma County and the State of Arizona. Supervisor Lucy Shipp suggested a letter be written to YMPO's state and federal elected officials urging the addition of PM-10 in the allocation formula of SAFETEA. Mr. Luckie was directed to distribute such a letter.

- C. **RAVE** / progress meeting (Segment 6) held February 18, 2004. Mack Luckie attended. Dallas Hammit / ADOT Yuma District, stated that design work had been completed on segments 2 and 6 and segment 5 was scheduled for submittal on 2-20-04.
- D. **LIZARD MITIGATION MEETING** / held February 18, 2004.
- E. **SOUTH COUNTY MANAGEMENT GROUP** / held February 18, 2004. YMPO not in attendance.
- F. **TRANSIT USAGE / CONSORTIUM**
Mack Luckie reported that the Yuma Education Consortium (YEC) began pick-up on the YCAT routes beginning on Monday, February 2, 2004. Busses/vehicles (no YCAT-logo vehicles) had been running the regular routes and times since that date.

VII. ADJOURN

- MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to adjourn until March 25, 2004.
- SECOND: Council Member Ema Lea Shoop.
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Bobby Brooks adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session on the 25th day of March 2004.

F.M. 'Mack' Luckie
Interim Executive Director

Bobby Brooks, Chair
YMPO Executive Board