

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

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 25, 2004**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma  
Supervisor Lucy Shipp, Yuma County  
Council Member Jose Jopez, City of Somerton  
Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County  
Council Member Ema Lea Shoop, City of Yuma  
Bill Alfier for Dick Hileman, ADOT

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Mayor Guillermina Fuentes, City of San Luis  
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma  
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe  
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton  
Dick Hileman, ADOT STB

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Joe Hughes, RTAC  
John Hudson, GYPA  
Dallas Hammit, ADOT  
Paula Backs, MCAS Yuma  
Mack Luckie, YMPO  
Larry Hunt, YMPO  
Linda McFarland, YMPO

Due to a lack of quorum, Chair Bobby Brooks took discussion items out of order.

## **VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Joe Hughes, RTAC was in attendance to report on the status of various legislation that was relative to YMPO and its member entities. His report included information regarding:

- ?? SAFETEA
- ?? PM10
- ?? HB 2507 (Pima AG)
- ?? SB 1221 (Speed Limit Bill)

1:50 p.m. Mr. Yopez entered the meeting.

- ?? SB 2626 (Federal Match Criteria)
- ?? Arizona State Budget
- ?? State Sharing Revenues

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

2:00 p.m. Chair Bobby Brooks declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

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

## **II. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

- MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2004 Executive Board meeting, as presented.
- SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **III. TRANSIT**

Update of YCAT issues / Mack Luckie reported the monthly transit ridership numbers to the Board. He stated that February was the transition month. Service through January 31, 2004 had been provided by San Luis Valley Transit. During the entire month of February service was temporarily provided by the Yuma School Bus Consortium while all elements were put in place to contract with Saguaro Transportation Services (STS) for continuing YCAT transit service.

Chair Bobby Brooks stated that a public service announcement featuring YCAT transit service was scheduled to begin broadcasting on the City Cable Channel.

Van Application Section 5310 / Mr. Luckie stated the TAC, at their March 22, 2004 meeting, recommended to the Executive Board the applications for van purchase through the Section 5310 grant money. The ranking recommended by the TAC was:

1. Saguario / 3 lift-equipped cutaway and 3 7-passenger minivans (no lift)
2. WORC / 1 12 – 15 passenger maxivan (no lift)
3. EXCEL / 1 lift-equipped maxivan plus radio

MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to approve the recommendation of the TAC for Section 5310 van purchase applications. Further, as funding is approved and distributed for van purchase, any additional funds awarded shall be used for additional van purchases for Saguario.

SECOND: Vice-Mayor Jose Yopez

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Feeder Routes / Mack Luckie described the new feeder route recently negotiated by YMPO with the Cocopah Indian Tribe. He stated the new route would require a \$32 thousand dollar match to federal funds and that the Cocopah's were willing to pay the match. This money would provide a funding, up front, for the match money to run the route for one year as well as the match money required for the purchase of a new vehicle for the route. Until delivery of the new vehicle, Mr. Luckie added, the up-front funds would cover the cost of a vehicle lease.

The new feeder route would provide service strictly on the Cocopah Tribal lands and would require no fare to those who ride. The mission of the new feeder route is to provide transportation to tribal members to and from work at their casino.

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to authorize the Interim Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the Cocopah Indian Tribe that would require \$32,000 up-front funding from them. Further, the route would be as illustrated in the attachment with the agenda and stipulated at this meeting.

SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska

STIPULATIONS: Title of van will be YCAT. Saguario Transportation Services (STS) will run the route and the van would not be ordered until \$32,000 is in hand.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luckie introduced an additional, new feeder route to serve the Yuma Palms Regional Shopping Mall. He stated he had been in telephone discussion with Wally Chester, center developer. Mr. Chester agreed to identifying bus stops but stated he was not willing to put up any funding for such.

Two proposed illustrations were provided for Board review. Chair Bobby Brooks stated that perhaps, if approached, would consider adapting the proposed mall feeder route Alternative B, to include their tribal land. He urged Mr. Luckie to contact Michael Jackson, Tribal Leader, to initiate a meeting.

Mr. Luckie stated that it had been determined that an additional \$32,000 in funding would be required from the City of Yuma to add the "mall" feeder route. This amount was prorated to cover route costs commencing November 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Mr. Brooks directed YMPO notify Robert Wagner, Administrator, City of Yuma of the increase request, allowing the increase in funding to be included in budget talks for their annual budget for fiscal year 04/05.

#### **IV. FY 2004 FTA GRANT APPLICATION**

Mack Luckie stated that YMPO was purchasing eight (8) new vehicles; two for YCAT and six for Dial a Ride. To facilitate that purchase, he added, a new grant needed to be submitted to FTA. The TAC, at their March 11, 2004 meeting, recommended submission of the grant to the Executive Board.

Details he noted:

- ?? To operate for another 12 months the grant total budget is \$1,192,880 with \$886,336 of federal grant funds and \$326,544 local funds.
- ?? Local funding was comprised of LTAF II funds received in January of 2004, half of which would be used in the grant being considered and the remaining half in next year's grant.
- ?? The \$150,000 ADOT grant for border transit service was also split over 2-years and \$150,350 in local entity matching funding, the same as prior year.
- ?? The grant contained \$40,000 for management help in transit operations supervision and contract administration as well as \$100,000 in administrative support of YMPO staff and cost of schedules, advertising and marketing.
- ?? Presently, the grant did not provide for service to the new shopping center. Should a new route be funded during the upcoming budget process, an amendment to the grant would have to be made.
- ?? Should LTAF II funds dry up, as had happened in prior years, the entities would be duly informed.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the grant application as presented with the understanding that it may require future amendment to incorporate costs related to additional Cocopah feeder route and shopping mall route.

**SECOND:** Supervisor Casey Prochaska

**ACTION:** The motion carried unanimously.

## **V. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION**

Mack Luckie stated that at the TAC meetings of March 11 and 16, 2004, they recommended approval to the Executive Board for additions to the Federal Functional Classification System. He added that the last major update of the Functional Classification System was in 1993 following the 1990 census.

This action was a result of an ADOT request to YMPO to update the Fed Class Map and send the recommended additions to ADOT no later than April 15, 2004.

- MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the Functional Classification System update with the new streets as presented.
- SECOND: Council member Ema Lea Shoop.
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. TRAFFIC COUNT**

Larry Hunt reported that the traffic count maps had been delayed due to CD conversion problems between computer and plotter. There were several glitches and the printing should be completed within the next few days, he added.

In the meantime, Mr. Luckie stated, all the 2003 traffic count information had been posted to the YMPO web site and had been available for several weeks.

## **VII. BUDGET REVIEW FY 04/05 UPWP/B**

Mack Luckie, Interim Executive Director reviewed each of the financial tables with the Executive Board. He fielded a question and answer period and took direction on the final budget. The UPWP/B for FY 04/05 would be adopted following budget workings by the YMPO entities.

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

- A. YMPO Personnel Rules / will obtain copies of the City of Yuma and Yuma County's personnel rules for guidelines.
- B. Half-cent Sales Tax / Mr. Luckie asked the Executive Board about the feasibility of a sales tax to fund transit needs. Council member Ema Lea Shoop stated that the two years until the next election would allow the gathering of information and signatures for such a measure. She stated the existing tax of the City of Yuma and Yuma County should be left alone. Bill Alfier recommended an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to explore funding options.

## **X. PROGRESS REPORT**

- A. TAC / meeting held 3-11-2004 and a special meeting held 3-16-2004.
- B. RAVE / Dallas Hammit reported on the most recent meetings involving discussion of the lizard. He introduced the concept of a research area that could be established for 'pipe' tests. This would be considered as part of the mitigation requirements.

There was discussion regarding the landfill site owned by the City of Yuma and its potential use. Chair Bobby Brooks suggested that Bill Alfier, Dallas Hammit, Bob Wagner (COY Administrator) and the two City of Yuma TAC members (Paul Brooberg and Michael Sanders) get together with an Executive Board member to discuss landfill options.

- C. City of Yuma Roadway Plan Committee
- D. 2004 State Transportation Board

Additionally: Mack Luckie informed the Board that the Yuma Airport Authority had been invited to send a representative for the TAC.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

MOTION: Bill Alfier made a motion to adjourn.  
SECOND: Supervisor Lucy Shipp  
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Bobby Brooks adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session  
on the 29th day of April 2004.

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F.M. 'Mack' Luckie  
Interim Executive Director

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Bobby Brooks, Chair  
YMPO Executive Board