

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 24, 2004

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Council Member Bobby Brooks, City of Yuma
Supervisor Lucy Shipp, Yuma County
Vice Mayor Jose Yepez, City of Somerton
Supervisor Casey Prochaska, Yuma County
Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Council Member Ema Lea Shoop, City of Yuma
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis
Bill Alfier for Dick Hileman, ADOT

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mayor Guillermina Fuentes, City of San Luis
Mayor John Nussbaumer, Town of Wellton
Dick Hileman, ADOT STB

OTHERS

PRESENT: Karen Schneiders, ADOT/TPD
Nieves Riedel, Council member, City of San Luis
John Hudson, GYPA
Dallas Hammit, ADOT
Jon Fell, JDA
Carlos Lopez, GYEDC
Alma Valenzuela, Cibola H.S. Student
Mack Luckie, YMPO
Larry Hunt, YMPO
Linda McFarland, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bobby Brooks called the meeting of June 24, 2004 to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

Chair Bobby Brooks welcomed new YMPO Executive Board member Dolores Concha, Vice Mayor, City of San Luis and Council member Nieves Riedel. Self-introductions were done around the Board table.

II. MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2004 Executive Board meeting as presented.

SECOND: Council member Ema Lea Shoop

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

III. TRANSIT

Update of YCAT issues / Mack Luckie announced that the Cocopah Indian Tribe collector route had begun.

Transit usage - graph / Mr. Luckie reviewed the transit usage graph. He reported that the drop in YCAT ridership for the month of May was attributed to the summer break at AWC campus. He added that delivery was expected during the following week for two (2) of the new buses. The remaining 7 new vehicles (three (3) minivans and four (4) buses) were scheduled for delivery during the month of July.

IV. YCAT CONTRACT FUEL ADJUSTMENT

Mack Luckie reviewed a letter that had been received from Saguaro Transportation Services (STS) requesting a 4% increase (\$1.00 per hour) in their \$25 per hour rate. The new rate of \$26 would help offset fuel cost increases that had been climbing since February 2004.

The letter stated, he added, that there had been a 30% increase in STS fuel costs and YMPO concurs that information is accurate. The 4% reflected the approximate fuel expense portion of the operation rate. The increase was anticipated and YMPO had included the rate of \$26 per hour in the new FTA grant request.

Supervisor Lucy asked if the request was reasonable. Mr. Luckie responded that it was.

MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to approve the request from Saguaro Transportation Services for an increase in the hourly rate from \$25 per hour to \$26 per hour due to the increase in fuel cost.
SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

V. 2004 – 2008 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mack Luckie presented the backup information for the requested TIP amendments. He stated the change was required due to the new vehicles being added and the cost of operation of those vehicles and routes.

The YMPO TIP and the AZ STIP must exactly match the FTA grant application amounts and with the change in the transit budget, the amendments reflect the adjustment of other grant numbers to reflect those changes. He added that Tables 8 and 9 reflected the areas of amendments. Further, the new FY 05 – 09 TIP had already included the changes.

1:38 p.m. Mayor Larry Nelson entered the meeting.

City of Yuma declared votes: Council Member Ema Lea Shoop – 2 votes, Mayor Larry Nelson – 2 votes and Chair Bobby Brooks – 1 vote.

MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to approve the request to amend Tables 8 and 9 of the FY2004 – 2008 TIP.
SECOND: Supervisor Lucy Shipp
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. FY 2005/2009 TIP / Public Hearing Adopt Resolution No. 104

Chair Bobby Brooks opened the public hearing at 1:41 p.m.

Mack Luckie stated that the public review period for the 2005 – 2009 TIP had ended and that no comments were received from the public. He added that the TAC had reviewed the document and recommended adoption by the Executive Board. Mr. Luckie presented Resolution No. 104, a resolution adopting the 2005 – 2009 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 104, a Resolution Adopting the 2005 – 2009 Transportation Improvement Program.

SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Legislative Update / status quo. Awaiting further news from Legislative liaison.
- B. YMPO 04/05 UPWP/B / Mack Luckie reminded the Executive Board that because all of the entities had not as yet adopted their annual budgets YMPO was not able to schedule adoption of their own 04/05 UPWP/B and his spending authority would run out on June 30th.

Following a calendar check by member of the Executive Board it was determined that a special session of the Board would be held on Monday, June 28, 2004 at 12:00 (noon) p.m. for the sole purpose of adopting the YMPO 04/05 UPWP/B. Linda McFarland was directed to notice the special session right away.

- C. RAVE (ASH) Update / Mr. Luckie turned this report over to Dallas Hammit for pertinent information and comment.

Mr. Hammit reported that the environmental analysis was still out for the public comment period and that nothing can begin until the EA and FONZI are in. Segments 2, 3 & 5 could not continue in the land negotiation process through the MCAS range without each.

VIII. PROGRESS REPORT

- A. RTAC / meeting held June 2, 2004. Bobby Brooks & Mack Luckie attended.
- B. MoveAZ / June 4, 2004 meeting in Phoenix rescheduled.
- C. GSA/FHWA Conference / held June 7, 8 & 9, 2004 in Chicago. Mack Luckie attended. All conference expenses were paid by FHWA.
- D. Somerton City Council meeting / June 15, 2004. Mack Luckie & Larry Hunt attended.
- E. RAVE / progress meeting (Segment 6) held 6-16-2004 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.
- F. Bill Alfier's Retirement Recognition / scheduled for June 25, 2004. Mack Luckie & Larry Hunt to attend.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Council member Ema Lea Shoop introduced Alma Valenzuela, a student from Cibola High School. Ms. Valenzuela was visiting the YMPO meeting accompanying Mrs. Shoop as a student-aide for the day.

Bill Alfier spoke to the Executive Board. He stated he had served 13 years with the YMPO both on the Executive Board and the TAC. He added that YMPO was the very best MPO in the state of Arizona and he truly appreciated the opportunity to be a part of it. He noted that when he began 13 years ago ADOT projects in the Yuma District totaled \$1.3 million per year. Currently, there was \$100 million in highway construction underway within the District.

X. ADJOURN

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

Chair Bobby Brooks adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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

F.M. 'Mack' Luckie
Executive Director

Bobby Brooks, Chair
YMPO Executive Board