

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 29, 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
Paul Soto, Cocopah Indian Tribe
Council Member Ema Lea Shoop, City of Yuma
Vice Mayor Dolores Concha, City of San Luis
Dallas Hammit for Dick Hileman, ADOT

MEMBERS

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Karen Schneiders, ADOT/TPD
John Hudson, GYPA
Paul Patane, ADOT/Yuma
Jon Fell, JDA
Carlos Lopez, GYEDC
Mack Luckie, YMPO
Linda McFarland, YMPO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bobby Brooks called the meeting of July 29, 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.

II. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING and JUNE 28, 2004 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

- MOTION: Supervisor Casey Prochaska made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2004 and June 28, 2004 Executive Board meetings as presented.
- SECOND: Vice Mayor Dolores Concha
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

III. TRANSIT

Transit usage - graph / Mr. Luckie reviewed the transit usage graph. He reported that seven (7) new vehicles (three (3) minivans and four (4) buses) were scheduled for delivery during the month of July.

Update of YCAT issues / Mack Luckie announced the San Luis/AWC Express would begin with the start of the Fall semester in mid-August. Council member Concha asked about the indication there was only one stop listed in San Luis. Mr. Luckie responded that was accurate at this time and that additional stops would be added with increased ridership of the Express route.

Council member Shoop asked if San Luis could use Small Community funds for additional stops. Mr. Luckie responded that those funds were not earmarked for that use.

YCAT Passenger Survey / results of an 'on-board' rider survey were reviewed. The survey, conducted by YMPO indicated responses from 72 riders. The information would be used in consideration for future YCAT service.

IV. ADDITIONAL ROUTE(S) AND BUS PURCHASE

Mack Luckie explained that YMPO had been notified by ADOT that additional LTAF II funds for FY 05 would be coming this fall. The City of Yuma had agreed to support one new route to serve the Yuma Palms Shopping Center that only serves the north portion of the city of Yuma. A second route is needed to serve the south half of the City. With these two routes plus the existing one, YCAT would be able to serve almost all the major destination point locations within four blocks.

Authorization of the route by the Executive Board, Mr. Luckie continued, was needed so a new bus could be ordered. The bus purchase would be through the Phoenix contract and similar to the six recently purchased. It would be 16-passenger / 2-wheelchair at a cost of about \$57,000.

Mr. Luckie displayed proposed route maps. Supervisors Shipp and Prochaska voiced concerns about the proposed route in the vicinity of 5th Street and they requested staff look into the potential (traffic) problem.

- MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to authorize the acquisition of the additional bus for the new (proposed) route.
- SECOND: Council member Ema Lea Shoop
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

V. TOWN OF WELLTON REQUEST

Mack Luckie explained the recent request for reimbursement from the Town of Wellton. He stated that each year the YMPO allocates \$15,000 of Small Community Assistance Funds to the cities of San Luis and Somerton and the Town of Wellton. These funds build up over time and then are disbursed as requested by the entity.

The Town of Wellton, he added, had requested \$680 of the \$12,190 that is available to them. The requested amount was for reimbursement of the purchase of new street signs.

- MOTION: Council member Ema Lea Shoop made a motion to pay the Town of Wellton per their request.
- SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska.
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. 2004 AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

Mack Luckie reported that the Federal Highway Administration Arizona District Office (FHWA) had been requested by YMPO to accept the YMPO *2003 Air Quality Conformity Analyses Report* to serve 2004 as well, and in particular for the FY 2005-2009 TIP. Since there were no additional projects added to the TIP for 2005-2009, only increased dollar amounts, the FHWA agreed to this request with one requirement. The FHWA required the Executive Board take an official action to accept the *2003 Air Quality Conformity Analyses Report*. He added that, upon acceptance, a certified copy of the Executive Board action would be sent to the FHWA Arizona District office.

- MOTION: Supervisor Lucy Shipp made a motion to accept the YMPO *2003 Air Quality Conformity Analyses Report*.
- SECOND: Supervisor Casey Prochaska.
- ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

1:49 p.m. Council member Jose Yepez, City of Somerton entered the meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Staff Retirement / Mack Luckie announced that Larry Hunt would be retiring from YMPO on March 4, 2005.
- B. RAAC Seat (Vacancy) / Mr. Luckie stated a letter signed by Chair Bobby Brooks had been sent to Debra Brick at ADOT requesting the vacant Board seat left by the departure of John Gross be filled by the appointment of Mack Luckie.

In response to the letter, Ms. Brisk stated the vacancy must be filled by the member MPO's in agreement between themselves. Mr. Luckie stated he would be in contact with the other MPO's to select a representative.

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

VIII. PROGRESS REPORT

- A. Somerton Main Street Concept / meeting held July 6, 2004. Mack Luckie & Larry Hunt attended.
- B. Comment Resolution / meeting held July 14, 2004 at ADOT district office. Mack Luckie attended.
- C. KYMA News Presentation / broadcast July 16, 2004 on channel 11. Mack Luckie presented.
- D. TERC / meeting held July 20, 2004 in Phoenix. Mack Luckie attended.
- E. RAVE / progress meeting (Segment 6) held July 21, 2004 in Yuma. Mack Luckie attended.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Informal information-sharing took place with respect to the Hotel del Sol. Included in the discussion was:

??TERC approved the change of scope to purchase the hotel.

??\$42K from the City of Yuma would be combined with \$500K from the TERC Grant for the purchase price of \$542K.

Mr. Luckie distributed samples of what bus benches might look like in the new Yuma Palms shopping center. Also, he distributed a sample of the advertising agreement that would be used between YMPO and prospective advertisers, both for the bench site as well as on the buses. Advertising charges would run from \$100 to \$400 per month depending on the type of advertising. The agreement had been approved by legal counsel.

He noted that an engineer's stamp (review approval) was required for each bus bench site.

Dallas Hammit reminded staff that advertising was not allowed on any ADOT right-of-way.

Mr. Luckie informed the Board that the fare boxes on three (3) of the new buses didn't work with paper currency. New fare boxes had been ordered and would be swapped out at no additional expense.

Also, he notified the Board that four (TERC) grant requests had been submitted to YMPO. They would be forwarded to the review committee for consideration at their October meeting. The requests were:

- ??Landmark Pathways for Gateway Park
- ??Gila Street Enhancements / Connecting Old Yuma to the Colorado River
- ??Southern Pacific Freight Depot / Rehabilitation Project
- ??US 95 Somerton Gateway Project

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 2:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes adopted in regular session on the 26th day of August 2004.

F.M. 'Mack' Luckie
Executive Director

Bobby Brooks, Chair
YMPO Executive Board