

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) met in a Regular Board Meeting session on Monday, January 26, 2026 at Yuma County Department of Development Services, Aldrich Hall; 2351 West 26th Street, Yuma, AZ 85364. The Chair, Brian Golding, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Brian Golding, Sr./Quechan Indian Tribe/Chair
Louie Galaviz/City of Somerton/Vice Chair
Lizeth Servin/City of San Luis
Ian McGaughey/Yuma County
Czarina Gallegos/Arizona Western College
Jay Simonton /City of Yuma – via zoom phone call
Richard Marsh/Town of Welton – via zoom phone call

Members Absent:

Arturo Durazo/Cocopah Indian Tribe/Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present:

Shelly Kreger/YCIPTA/Transit Director
Carol Perez/YCIPTA/Transit Services Specialist
David Garcia/YCIPTA/Transit Operations Manager
Adriana Ortiz/YCIPTA/Accounting Clerk I
Kirt Manuel/YCIPTA/Brand Ambassador
Anabel Teran/RATP/General Manager
Bernard Thomas/RATP/Assistant General Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. McGaughey.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Demko stated that he wanted to comment on agenda item regarding servicing the Fortuna Foothills. Mr. Demko stated that introducing micro transit in the area would help expand service.

No action required, no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No. 1: Discussion regarding the Transit Directors annual review. This matter is brought in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

Mr. Golding, Sr. stated that the potential executive session would be postpone until the February meeting. Further stating that he ran out of time getting the information from the subcommittee and Director and did not want to rush compiling the information.

Motion (Gallegos/Galaviz): To table the executive session until next meeting.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

No. 1: Adopt the October 27, 2025, regular session minutes. Action required.

Motion (McGaughey /Servin): To approve the item as presented.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

Mr. McGaughey stated that the minutes were well written. Further stating that the minutes were transparent, good for the public and historical context.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

No. 1: Discussion and or action regarding the Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer. Action required.

The Chair provided background and historical context for this item. Mr. Golding, Sr. stated that the Board follows an established succession process, whereby the Vice Chair advances to Chair, the Secretary/Treasurer advances to Vice Chair, and a new Secretary/Treasurer is elected.

The Chair stated that it had been a pleasure serving the Board. Thanked the Board for helping it make it smooth. Mr. Golding, Sr. also thanked the YCIPTA staff for quality of service.

Mr. Golding, Sr. inquired if any board member was interested in the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Ms. Gallegos volunteered. Ms. Servin nominated Ms. Gallegos for Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion (Galaviz /Servin): To nominate Ms. Gallegos for Secretary/Treasurer.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

Ms. Gallegos stated that she was fortunate to work with a great Board; it has been a great experience.

Motion (McGaughey/Simonton): To nominate Mr. Durazo for Vice Chair.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

Motion (Gallegos/Servin): To nominate Mr. Galaviz for Chairman.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

Mr. Galaviz stated that he would preside over the next Board meeting.

No. 2: Discussion and or action regarding the renewal of Board of Directors terms to February 28, 2031. Action required.

Ms. Kreger stated that Board member has a staggered 5 (five) year term. Ms. Kreger further stated that Mr. Simonton, Ms. Gallegos, and Mr. Durazo were up for renewal.

Motion (Galaviz/McGaughey): To renew the 5 (five) year term for Mr. Simonton.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

Motion (Simonton/Servin): To renew the 5 (five) year term for Ms. Gallegos.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

Motion (Simonton/Servin): To renew the 5 (five) year term for Mr. Durazo.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

No. 3: Discussion and or action to adopt Resolution 2026-001, authorizing the Transit Director to file for FTA funding for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Action required.

Ms. Kreger stated that this was annual adoption of this resolution which authorizes the Transit Director to apply for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. Ms. Kreger further stated that this resolution is required to be uploaded into FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) when applying for grants.

Mr. Galaviz inquired if this was something that we do every year or every couple of years.

Ms. Kreger stated that it was the same resolution annually with current dates.

Mr. Golding, Sr. inquired in regards to the status of the new federal apportionments.

Ms. Kreger stated there was a potential of 5.2 million if the goals are met.

Mr. Golding, Sr. inquired if there was a possibility of a partial apportionment.

Ms. Kreger stated that it was not currently known.

Motion (Galaviz/McGaughey): To approve the item as presented.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

4. Discussion and or action regarding the public outreach for the Fortuna Foothills Service Needs. Carol Perez, Transit Services Specialist. No action required.

Ms. Perez presented the Outreach Plan and stated that the public and stakeholder engagement is a key component of this effort to ensure that any proposed transit solutions reflect community priorities.

Ms. Perez stated that the outreach activities will be conducted over several weeks, allowing time for awareness, community engagement, and follow up. Efforts will have minimal financial impact, as outreach efforts will primarily utilize existing staff resources with limited costs for materials and incentives.

Ms. Perez stated that attached on page 31 is a sample of an online form created using Google Forms. Ms. Perez stated that the Contractor has indicated that employees feel their concerns were not being adequately addressed, while also noting that documentation is often not submitted to them for review and resolution. To address this gap, Ms. Perez developed an online form that can be completed at any time and allows for anonymous submissions. This approach would enable staff concerns to be documented consistently, reviewed in a timely manner, and addressed appropriately. Updates or resolutions could then be communicated to employees via postings in the breakroom.

Ms. Perez stated that this platform is a no-cost solution that automatically compiles and organizes the data. A similar format will also be developed for the Fortuna Foothills survey.

Ms. Perez stated that staff seeks Board direction on whether to proceed with the proposed outreach and analysis, with the understanding that engaging the community and gathering input may raise expectations. If the Board elects not to advance a pilot following the analysis, there is a potential risk of community disappointment.

Mr. Galaviz stated he would like a similar analysis to be conducted in other areas.

Ms. Servin agreed with Mr. Galaviz' statement. Ms. Servin further stated that recently she had received pressure/feedback from Arizona Western College (AWC) students; needing more transit services.

Ms. Gallegos echoed Ms. Servin's statement.

The Chair stated that adding another route would undoubtedly cost more money but the cost would need to be justify. New funding may not be made available if there is no information to justify.

Motion (McGaughey /Servin): To approve the item as presented.

Voice Vote: Motion carries, 7-0, with Mr. Durazo being excused.

No. 5: Discussion and or action regarding status of purchased land. No Action Required.

Ms. Kreger provided background information for this item. Ms. Kreger stated on November 20, 2019, YCIPTA purchased property, 18.21 acres located at 3300 S. Arizona Avenue, Yuma, Arizona for \$380,000.

Ms. Kreger stated that currently YCIPTA was at a standstill with the property. Ms. Kreger further stated that annually YCIPTA spends a small amount to clean up the property due to illegal dumping.

Ms. Kreger stated that there was an issue with finding match for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study and then there is small window before the study expires.

Mr. Galaviz stated that perhaps it would be beneficial to have a planning subcommittee for the property. The subcommittee could look for opportunities, look at the equity and start the discussion. Mr. Galaviz stated that the subcommittee may ultimately discover that there is nothing viable but it should be analyzed.

Mr. Galaviz inquired in regards to when was the last time or if we ever had it analyzed.

Ms. Kreger stated it had never been analyzed.

Mr. Galaviz stated that working with legislature, it was mentioned the interest in funding something that would regionally benefit the community. Mr. Galaviz stated that the subcommittee should provide a report at the end of year.

Ms. Kreger stated that the property was purchased because it was a great opportunity at the time and funding was going to lapse.

Mr. Golding, Sr. added that when the property was purchased, the Authority had more match; it has since disappeared.

Mr. McGaughey inquired if the Authority was going use all the property or selling a portion.

Ms. Kreger stated that the FTA owns 80% of the property but that leasing would be a possibility.

Ms. Kreger stated the Authority did not intend to use all.

Ms. Servin stated that it was a great purchase price, noting a recent purchase of 7.8 acres for \$830,000

Mr. Simonton inquired if there was a cost estimate for facility.

Ms. Kreger stated that it was 14 million but now it would probably be double.

Mr. Galaviz stated a review of all the subcommittee was needed.

The Chair directed staff to add this item to next month and to refer that committee for this item.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

No. 1: Operations Manager Report/Maintenance Update-- Anabel Teran, General Manager, RATP Dev. *No action required.*

Ms. Teran introduced Mr. Bernard Thomas, Assistant General Manager, RATP (English translation: Autonomous Management of Parisian Transportation) Dev to the Board.

Mr. Thomas stated that he was a San Diego, California native. Mr. Thomas further stated that he moved to Yuma, Arizona in 2022 and started as a driver and worked his way up.

Ms. Kreger stated that Mr. Thomas was a good asset to the company.

Ms. Teran provided a recap of accidents, as follows:

- January 13, 2026 – on Levee Road, major damage, no injuries. Non-preventable.
- November 24, 2025 – Employee backed into the fence. Minor damage, no injuries. Preventable
- November 26, 2025 – collision, minor damage, no injuries. Preventable

Ms. Teran noted that there was an accident after the report was submitted; information will be provided at the next meeting.

Ms. Teran stated that there were two positions open; a dispatcher and maintenance manager.

Maintenance Update:

Ms. Teran stated that October, November and December's Preventive Maintenance (PM) was 100% on time.

Long-Term Out-of-Service Vehicles:

- 300 – Engine (4th one)
- 212 – Transmission

Mr. Galaviz inquired if any of the vehicles needed vinyl wrap replacements.

Ms. Kreger confirmed and stated that it was contractually required to replace wraps in March, so timing might be good.

Mr. Golding, Sr. stated that he preferred no accidents, but good timing.

Mr. Galaviz inquired about retraining for the drivers.

Ms. Teran confirmed and stated that retraining was based on the type of accident.

No action required, no action taken.

No. 2: Transit Director Report – Shelly Kreger, YCIPTA Transit Director. *No action is required.*

Ms. Kreger provided the report as contained in the Member packet. Ms. Kreger highlighted the Foodbank check Presentations and presentations to the member agencies.

No action required, no action taken.

No. 3: Transit Operations Manager Report – David Garcia, Transit Operations Manager. *No action required.*

Mr. Garcia provided the report as contained in the Member packet. Mr. Garcia provided ridership information indicating a decrease in October, November and December when compared to their respective month of the previous year.

Mr. Garcia highlighted receiving a “.gov” website domain to provide the information technology (IT) contractor with more control over security.

Mr. Garcia stated that a new shelter was installed at the 4th Avenue and 19th Street stop, near the Plaza Primada; getting well used as it already has ads in place. Mr. Garcia noted that the businesses of the shopping center provided match for the installation.

Mr. Garcia stated that staff was seeking quotes for auction services for the decommissioned vehicles.

Ms. Kreger inquired if Mr. Simonton or Mr. McGaughey could provide information for the vendor they use for their auctions.

Mr. Galaviz stated that City of Somerton uses Public Surplus. Mr. McGaughey stated that Yuma County uses them as well and stated that possibly YCIPTA could be added to it.

Mr. Simonton stated that he would have staff reach out to Ms. Kreger with vendor information.

Mr. McGaughey inquired if the decrease in ridership was part of a national trend or just local.

Mr. Garcia stated that there are many different factors nationally such as traffic and gas prices.

Mr. McGaughey stated that a comparison to pre-covid ridership is no longer necessary.

Ms. Gallegos stated that it was more beneficial to provide previous years instead of pre-covid ridership numbers.

No action required, no action taken.

No. 4: Brand Ambassador Report – Kirt Manuel. Brank Ambassador. No action required.

Mr. Manuel stated that 100% of the bus wraps and shelters ad spaces were currently filled. Mr. Manuel further noted that there was a constant shuffle for shelter ad spaces.

Mr. Manuel also indicated that the YCAT website almost complete.

Mr. Manuel provided a list of event/community engagement and noted that many are repeats from year to year. Mr. Manuel stated that it was exciting to have more engagement with the community and raise awareness about YCAT.

Mr. Galaviz stated that it was great to hear about a new shelter getting installed. Mr. Galaviz stated that identifying stops needing shelters, looking into partnerships, stops that would be good investment, identifying high priority areas is important. Mr. Galaviz stated to look at stops in high traffic areas even though they may not have high ridership.

Ms. Servin inquired if any of the events were in San Luis, Arizona.

Mr. Manuel stated that there had been none.

Mr. Golding, Sr. inquired if during some shelter turn over, were costs of ad placement increasing.

Mr. Manuel confirmed and stated that rates were revised last summer.

Mr. Golding, Sr. inquired regarding the in-kind delays were in part to do with the contracted legal counsel unresponsiveness.

Ms. Kreger stated that legal counsel has communicated a few weeks ago. Ms. Kreger further stated that a new request for proposal (RFP) would be issued this year. Ms. Kreger also noted that legal counsel was under the impression that they had sent revised agreements already but that they would be resent.

Mr. Golding, Sr. inquired in regards to the timeline of the new RFP.

Ms. Kreger stated that it would be issued in March.

No action required, no action taken.

No. 5: Financial Report – Adriana Ortiz, Accounting Clerk I. No action is required.

Ms. Ortiz provide the report as contained in the Member packet.

No action required, no action taken.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

No. 6: Discussion and or action regarding the Transit Directors Annual Review. Action may be required.

Item tabled. No action taken.

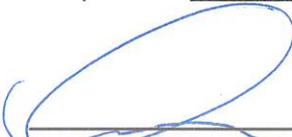
SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE AND IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS:

February 23, 2026

There being no further business to come before the Authority in Regular Session, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

YUMA COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Adopted this Feb 23, 2026, Agenda Item CC1.



Carol Perez, Board Secretary