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CYMPO Adds \$25.2M for Transportation Projects in the Region

At their May 2023 meeting, the CYMPO Executive Board approved a two-year budget for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 totaling around \$3.4 million. With the approval of the new budget, staff presented the success of the previous budget covering fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The budget for both years totaled around \$3.3 million, and the best news was with that budget, CYMPO added \$25.2 million in transportation projects for the region. The greatest success of the \$25.2 million was due in large part to the one-time transportation funding through state and federal legislative apportionment. CYMPO is grateful to Senator Ken Bennett, Representatives Quang Nguyen and Selina Bliss for being transportation champions for our region and state.

This past year, CYMPO requested \$9.9 million be apportioned to Glassford Hill Road in the Town of Prescott Valley for improved capacity. CYMPO chose to prioritize this project as it was identified in its 25-year Regional Transportation Plan as a local “regionally significant” road.

The other project that CYMPO prioritized was a \$15 million request for State Route 89 in the Town of Chino Valley between Roads 3 and 5 North to improve safety and capacity improvements. This project was unsuccessful in making the final state budget, but we appreciate local and state leadership fighting for it. CYMPO is proud to have leveraged \$3.3 million into an additional \$25.2 million worth of additional transportation projects!

Vision:

To promote and maintain a regional coordinated transportation system for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services.



Mission:

To use regional leadership in planning and promoting a comprehensive multi-modal transportation system.



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Passenger Transit Spotlight: YavaLine - The "YAV"



Microtransit Service

Service

- 14 Sq. Miles
- 3 Revenue Vehicles
- Monday - Friday, 6am-8pm

Serving All Demographics

- Wheelchair accessibility (Comingling)
- Mobile App & Call Center
- Farebox and Electronic Payment



The YavaLine just celebrated 6 months of service and is already exceeding expectations. At the time of publishing, there were 9,041 total rides provided since September, 2022. The largest percentage (45%) of riders are using the service to access employment. Other uses include accessing education, medical appointments, recreation, shopping, and more. YavaLine is demand-response (service that is curb-to-curb or corner-to-corner) and riders can call or use an app to book a ride. Call 1-866-YAV-TRAN or download the app from your app store.

New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center

New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center, headquartered in Prescott Valley, is a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to assisting all people with disabilities to live as independently and self-directed as possible. New Horizons is also the operating partner for the YavaLine service. They provide services to people with disabilities through programs such as adaptive fitness, peer-to-peer counseling, and transportation services.

CYMPO would like to honor David Seigler, outgoing Executive Director of New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center, for his years of growing a successful transportation program while supporting many of Yavapai County's most deserving residents! Dave's dynamic leadership and compassionate approach to elevating the lives of others has made New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center the success that it is today. Thank you, Dave -- you will be missed!

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SR 69 Urbanized Corridor Master Plan

The State Route 69 corridor is the backbone of the region's transportation network. It serves as a vital connection between key regional activity/employment centers, residential areas, and is part of the National Freight Network. CYMPO and our planning partners want a common vision and a realistic plan for improvements. The SR 69 Urbanized Corridor Master Plan will study the 17.2 miles of SR 69 from SR 89 in Prescott to Main Street in Dewey-Humboldt. Phase I of this Master Plan is focusing on data collection and evaluation of current conditions, performance, needs, and concerns with the public, stakeholders, and the CYMPO Executive Board. Phase II of the Master Plan will focus on presenting corridor concepts, alternatives evaluation results and draft recommendations. A project webpage will be available soon where we will announce updates and opportunities for public presentations.

Active Community Transportation - Unified Plan - "ACT- UP"

CYMPO will soon be kicking off our region's first active transportation plan. The ACT-UP plan will focus on alternative modes of transportation such as bicycle, pedestrian, passenger transit, trail and equestrian options. This plan will utilize a regional lens for our diverse communities and terrain. ACT-UP will give us a comprehensive look at where people are going, how they're getting there, and how we can create a robust multi-modal transportation network to support those choices. Bryn Stotler is the project manager of this plan: Bryn.Stotler@yavapai.gov. Please reach out to Bryn to be added to the ACT-UP communication network to receive plan updates for this exciting project.

Around the CYMPO Region

- **SR 69 Widening** - Widening from 4 to 6 lanes from Prescott Lakes Parkway to Frontier Village. This project is currently in the design phase; crews are working on utility relocation
- **SR 69 Pavement Preservation** - Nightly paving work from Truwood Dr. to Stoneridge Dr. began on May 7th
- **Spot Repairs on SR 69 from Mayer to Dewey Humboldt** - Spring weather allows this work to begin again. Please watch for road crews while you travel on this corridor
- **SR 89/89A On-Ramps** - This project will add a two-lane entrance to SR 89A and realign the frontage road. Project kick-off was on May 10th and construction is scheduled to begin in Summer of 2024



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Join the CYMPO Team!

CYMPO is Growing! We are excited to expand our staff. See below for our new opportunities. Complete posting with details and duties can be found on www.yavapaiaz.gov.

Transportation Planner

CYMPO invites dynamic, self-driven candidates with a vision for “big picture” planning to apply for this opportunity. Under general direction, the Transportation Planner position will perform professional duties of considerable difficulty, managing a workload that includes regional roadway projects, transit initiatives, multi-modal planning, committee oversight, research and analysis of ongoing federal funding programs, and effective public engagement, among other duties. The position provides an exceptional opportunity for a person who is the “right fit” to work with our experienced team in achieving transportation goals for the region. We absolutely will train the candidate who will sync up with our team synergistically, and has the empowered attitude to hit the ground running.

Program Coordinator II-CYMPO

The Program Coordinator II position is responsible for a range of administrative tasks, as well as serving as the department liaison with CYMPO's stakeholders to pursue grant opportunities, assist in developing, and writing grant applications. If you are self-driven and excited about playing a role in long-term transportation planning for the region, we encourage you to apply!

Program Manager III-CYMPO

CYMPO seeks an executive level candidate for its Program Manager III position, which will function as the primary funding development position within the CYMPO organization. This position is responsible for working directly with regional partners and stakeholders to expand the regional transportation conversation, and to demonstrate through relationship building and interpersonal skills of the highest caliber the ongoing value of CYMPO's initiatives in the region. Understanding the partnership dynamic and seeking and securing sustainable funding are primary functions of the role. The position will also oversee CYMPO's public relations and communications, implementation of an extensive marketing plan, and will be tasked with development and management of advocacy approaches supporting the regional transportation network. The position will be involved at the ground level in community engagement, representing CYMPO at local and regional events, government/agency meetings, and will manage complex collaborations with other organizations. The role will develop and maintain a marketing and communications budget supporting all promotional activities on behalf of CYMPO.

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