

RESOLUTION NO. R2019-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A “BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT” (BUILD) TRANSPORTATION GRANT TO COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER IN DOWNTOWN YUMA

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma (City) supports the use of public transportation as one of many ways to reduce traffic congestion and motorized vehicle emissions and the resulting pollutants of the air, water and natural environment; and,

WHEREAS, a Multi-Modal Transportation Center (Center) would centralize several modes of transportation, help revitalize the heart of the City, and support the movement of citizens to and from school and work as they pursue opportunities to improve their quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the Center will enhance rail and bus service throughout southwest Arizona and strengthen the mobility and safety of citizens. The selected location could reduce the need for costly future investments in new infrastructure by locating the Center in the existing Hotel Del Sol building, a historic community landmark located in the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, the Center will include bus bays for Greyhound and Yuma County Area Transit vehicles, a renovated pedestrian pathway to the Amtrak platform, an indoor passenger waiting area with ticketing kiosks; furthermore it will provide safe waiting areas for bus, rail and taxi/shuttle providers, restrooms, vending machines, and office space for the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the Center could encourage commercial or residential private sector development at this location utilizing other available space that could provide additional job opportunities in a region where the unemployment rate is historically among the highest in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Center will provide the community with efficient access to jobs and services through connecting routes in the system or by enhancing transit access around the region and to the historic downtown, one of the community’s largest job centers with thousands of City, County and Federal employees working in the area; and,

WHEREAS, it is consistent with the goals of the United States Department of Transportation BUILD grant program, this transformative project will: emphasize improved access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation, improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote regional connectivity or facilitate economic growth or competitiveness; and,

WHEREAS, the project supports the economic vitality of the region, improves accessibility, connectivity and mobility of people, protects the environment and promotes energy conservation while advancing alternative modes of transportation, enhances the safety of the traveling public, fosters appropriate land use patterns while maintaining respect for neighborhoods, and will result in functional and attractive passenger amenities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council strongly supports the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Center in downtown Yuma.

SECTION 2: The City Council approves the submission of a BUILD grant application to support the development of a centralized Multi-Modal Transportation Center that will serve and support the transportation and commercial needs of the community and the region.

SECTION 3: City staff is directed to complete the BUILD grant application and the City Administrator is authorized to sign the grant application on behalf of the City of Yuma.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files
City Attorney