

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

February 2024



A Message from Interim Director Brandy Kelso

Hello Streets Team!

February is Black History Month and is also a time to celebrate engineer professionals during National Engineers Week (Feb. 16 to Feb. 22). This is a perfect time to celebrate the significant contributions of Black professionals in transportation engineering.

Pioneers like Charles B. Brooks, the first Black engineer to receive a patent for a street sweeper, and the influential work of figures such as Joan McDonald, who served as the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation, have paved the way for advancements in infrastructure and urban planning. Celebrating their achievements not only honors their legacy but also encourages diversity and inclusion within the engineering community, inspiring future generations to pursue careers in transportation engineering. I hope you enjoy learning more about these pioneers and their contributions.

Brandy



Black History Month offers an opportunity to honor the contributions of Black transportation professionals who have significantly influenced the field. Pioneering figures, such as Charles Richard Drew, who revolutionized blood transport, and more recently, innovators like Janice L. Williams, who focuses on sustainable transport solutions, highlight the vital role of diversity in engineering. Their contributions not only advance transportation infrastructure but also promote equitable access to mobility, reinforcing the importance of inclusivity in the engineering profession. Recognizing these achievements during Black History Month enriches our understanding of the diverse perspectives that shape the future of transportation.



ENGINEERS WEEK

February 16 - 22

Celebrating engineers in street transportation highlights their vital role in designing and improving infrastructure that ensures safe, efficient, and sustainable movement of people and goods. Recognizing their contributions fosters appreciation for the engineering ingenuity that keeps society moving forward, ultimately enhancing quality of life in our communities. Be sure to follow us on social media and support this great week of engineering celebration!



Street Transportation Department was awarded \$1.44 million through the Reconnecting Communities Program (RCP) to advance Phase IV of the Phoenix Grand Canalscape project. This phase will create a 3.25-mile multiuse path along the Grand Canal, from 47th to 23rd Avenues, enhancing connectivity. The project includes a study to address crossing challenges at Interstate 17 and Grand Avenue/US 60 Highway. The primary goal is to provide a safe, accessible route for bicyclists and pedestrians, improving access to essential services and amenities such as employment opportunities, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, food sources, and recreational areas.



**Wishing everyone a lovely
Happy Valentine's Day!**

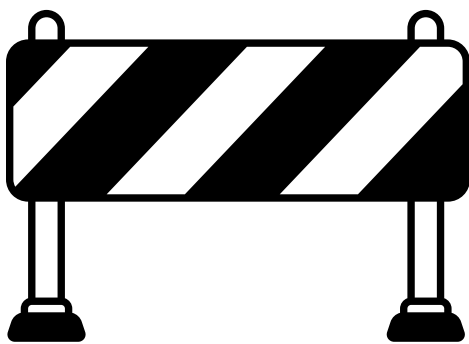
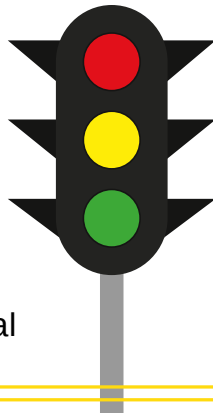


STM Staff Attend Valuable Training

Staff attended a virtual training session of introduction to Balanced Mix Design (BMD) for asphalt mixtures on January 14th, 2025, through Zoom Meetings format. The training held by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Resource Center in coordination with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) covered introductory concepts, potential benefits, the different approaches to implementation, the common tests and support technical documentation available for the upcoming BMD Implementation workshop scheduled for February 2025.

TSD Activate 101st HAWK, First HAWK of the Year

Traffic Services successfully activated the 101st HAWK (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) signal at 7th Avenue & Colter Street!

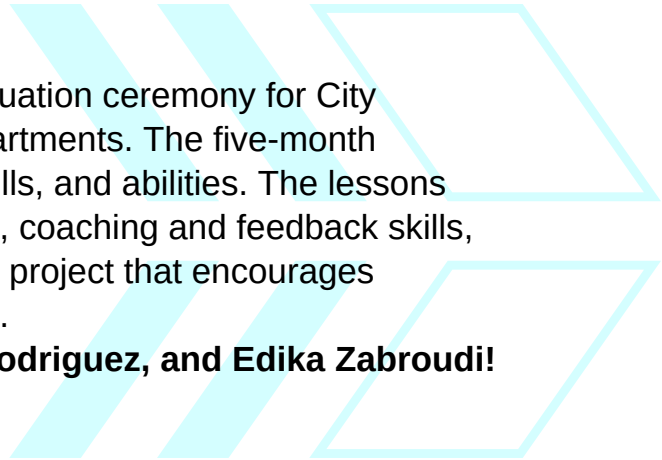




Congrats, Engaging Leaders!

The Engaging Leader Program recently held its 21st graduation ceremony for City supervisors with 34 participants representing 15 City departments. The five-month program broadens participants' leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities. The lessons focus on topics such as self-awareness, personality types, coaching and feedback skills, and team dynamics. The program concludes with a group project that encourages participants to apply the concepts taught in the classroom.

Congratulations to Nadia Issa, Elaine Lopez, Martin Rodriguez, and Edika Zabroudi!



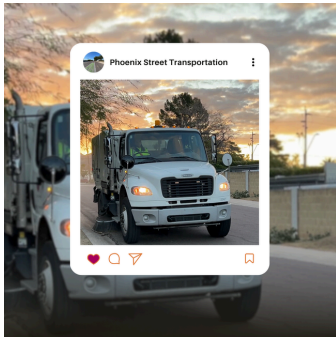
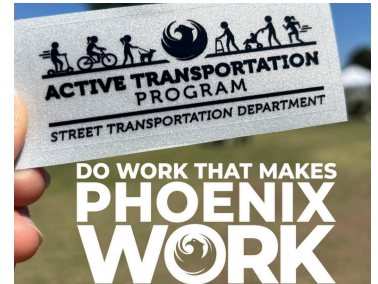
Central City and South Mountain Village Planning Meetings

The Street Transportation Department and its design consultant presented an update on the Rio Salado Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Project to the Central City and South Mountain Village Planning Meetings. The team shared progress on the design, including public art decisions and renderings and discussed how public input was used to guide decisions for both the bridge design and the public art elements. The bridge will be an important component supporting mobility between both Villages and planning areas. The bridge will be centrally located within the city's 20-mile Rio riparian corridor.



COMMUNITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM

CPET



Are you planning a public meeting?
Do you need to make changes on a webpage?
Have an idea for social media engagement?

CPET is here to help!

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HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Nesreen Haddad, User Technology Specialist, IT Operation Support

Nesreen brings a diverse background in IT, construction management, semiconductors, and entrepreneurship from her experience in the private sector. She has spent the past six years excelling as an IT Support Specialist and Process Technician at the Computer Group and Intel. Nesreen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Mutah University in Jordan. In her free time, Nesreen enjoys baking treats and desserts, road trips and DIY projects.

Tanisha Reaves, User Technology Specialist, IT Operation Support

Tanisha brings more than 25 years of IT experience, specializing in user support, computer systems, and software applications. Her roles with the City of Phoenix have included working as a user technology specialist for the Fire Department, and a senior desktop field support technician with the Aviation Department. In addition to her advanced skills and background, Tanisha is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics from Bay Path University. Outside of work, Tanisha enjoys spending time with friends and family.

Aubrey Williams, Instrument Technician

Design and Construction Management (DCM) Division, Survey Section

Aubrey has eight years of land surveying experience and 17 years as a parking enforcement supervisor with a Washington, D.C., government agency. In this new role, Aubrey will support the survey team on pavement projects, the NGS 2022 Datum shift, right-of-way and easement staking, land surveys, and monument location tasks in Phoenix. In his free time, Aubrey enjoys fixing cars, motorcycling, and hiking.

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Matthew Wilson, Deputy Director of Street Maintenance Division

Matt has rejoined Street Transportation after nearly three years at a local consulting firm. Matt was previously the Deputy Director for the Traffic Services Division. He brings 14 years of civil engineering experience to his role with Street Maintenance. Matt is a graduate of Sacramento State University and earned two masters' degrees from Arizona State University. Matt enjoys spending time with and traveling with his family.

Stevie Fuentes, Maintenance Worker Street Maintenance (STM) Division

Stevie is a new Street Maintenance Worker at our North Service Center on Union Hills, and enjoys spending time with his family having BBQs, listening to music, and playing with his grandchildren.

Carolene Bitsui, Chief Engineering Technician Office of the City Engineer, City Engineering Section

Carolene is responsible for reviewing utility permits as well as providing utility coordination services for Citywide Capital Improvement Projects, previously working as a Senior Design Consultant. She enjoys time with her family and recently traveled to Japan to visit her child who is a United States Marine serving in Okinawa.



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John Trierweiler, Senior Public Information Officer Communications & Public Engagement Team, (CPET)

John Trierweiler is an Illinois native, who grew up in Geneva, IL just outside of Chicago. While in the Windy City, John earned his Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism at Columbia College Chicago. John's experience in television news took him to the Midwest, Florida and eventually Phoenix, Arizona. After a decade of working in television news, John became the Public Affairs and Media Relations Director for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, where he helped create and host the podcast, "Wild About Arizona," highlighting stories of the outdoors and wildlife conservation throughout Arizona. Most recently, John was the Communications and Outreach Administrator for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Outside of work, John enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends. During college football season, you'll find him cheering on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Frances Cookson, Labor Compliance Specialist Office of the City Engineer

Frances Cookson began her career with the City of Phoenix 2 years ago where she started as a project management assistant for the Convention Center CIP projects. Previously, Frances worked for the City of Scottsdale for 22+ years in Planning and Development, Transportation and Capital Projects. Frances is a huge ASU fan, has had season tickets for more than 17 years, just recently attending the Peach Bowl to watch her beloved Sundevils play.

Richard Sanchez, Inventory Control Specialist Traffic Signal Shop

Richard brings 20 years of experience in inventory management from his time with Shamrock. In his new role, he will oversee the traffic signal warehouse inventory and supervise two Supplies Clerk II team members. Outside of work, Richard enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and wife of 20 years.



HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

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Years of Service

5 Years

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10 Years

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Jared Perez-Olguin
Albert Quinones, Sr.
Ryan Stevens

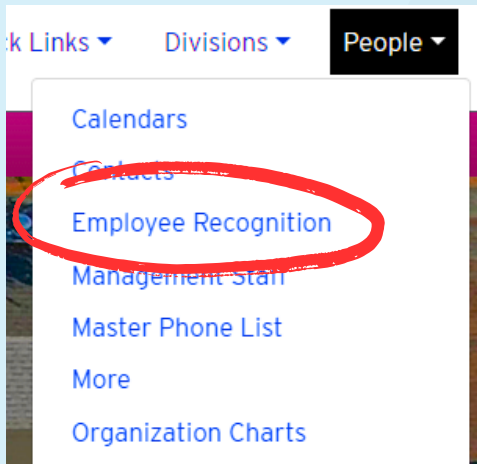
25 Years

Henry Cruz
Xavier Newell



**Keep updated on
career opportunities!**

[Phoenix.gov/Jobs](https://phoenix.gov/jobs)



Please continue to use the Employee Appreciation and Recognition Program to acknowledge great work. The next kudos drawing will take place in January at one of the safety meetings.

A message will be sent out a couple weeks in advance of the cutoff date for cards to be submitted in order to be eligible for that drawing.

Submission information can be found in SharePoint on the Streets page, navigate to "People" then "Employee Recognition"



SAVE the DATE

**Saturday, March 29
10 am to noon**

Located along the canal,
at 63rd Ave and Clarendon Ave

More details coming soon!



Save the date and join us for this FREE event in celebration of the completion of Grand Canalscape Phase 3, which adds another 4 miles of outdoor amenities to Grand Canalscape!

