

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and were able to spend time with family and friends, and rest and recharge a bit for the New Year. As we've now turned the calendar to January, I'm excited for what's to come during 2024 for the Street Transportation team.

I continue to learn about the important and impactful work each of you do on a daily basis, and this month's newsletter highlights many of those recent achievements and successes from the past month or so. This month's issue also highlights some of the major projects and initiatives that you'll be hearing about throughout the coming months.

As I shared in last month's newsletter, I'm in the process of touring the department's facilities and attending Safety Meetings, and I'm halfway through meeting the entire team. We have more of these scheduled in the weeks to come. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to doing so soon.

Our initial focus in 2024 will be on safety, Vision Zero, and filling the many job and promotional vacancies to rebuild the department. Thank you for all that you do for the residents of our great city!

Joe



**A
NOTE
FROM
JOE**



SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT AWARD

The ReVISIONing Indian School Road from 91st Avenue to 39th Avenue project was awarded a \$25 million federal grant to implement safety infrastructure improvements along this high injury network corridor.

**A LOOK
BACK
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MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Recent projects completed:

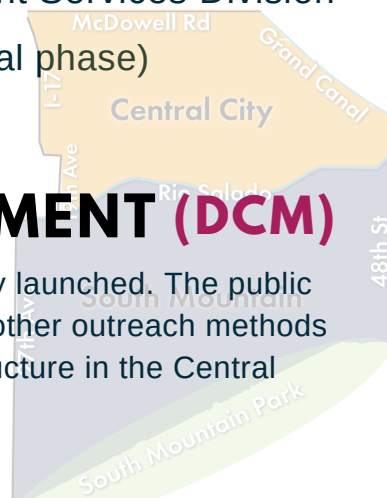
- ✓ ROW Specialist Street Light Review Application for the Director's Office
- ✓ Street Centerline Maintenance Application Upgrade for Management Services Division



- ✓ Streets Software License Inventory, departmentwide (initial phase)
- ✓ Streets Hardware Asset Inventory, departmentwide

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (DCM)

The **Phoenix Connected Active Neighborhoods Program (PhxCAN)** has officially launched. The public engagement effort to connect with residents through community ambassadors and other outreach methods is underway. The current year focuses on improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the Central City and South Mountain villages.



DCM (CONT'D)

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Recertification Process 2024: John Dickson, Civil Engineer III, successfully coordinated with various city departments and sections within Streets to submit and receive approval for several recertification packets. To date, DCM has received approval on three discipline specific areas including the city's Communication Plan, DBE Program and Right of Way Processes. DCM will be submitting additional process documents through spring 2024. The goal is to get all of the city's processes reapproved in time for the final recertification in summer/fall 2024.

TRAFFIC SERVICES

The city's **90th HAWK** was activated at 20th Street and Broadway Road on January 9. This project was led by community advocates following a fatal car-pedestrian, hit-and-run collision in December 2019. Family and friends of the victim were in attendance and flipped the activation switch. District 8 Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington also participated.



Traffic signal activated: ✓ 32nd St. and Thomas Rd.



The **Traffic Signal Cabinet Art** pilot program has been completed and artwork is now being featured on the department's social media platforms! Two cabinets per council district were picked by five local artists, who then rendered art inspired by the respective neighborhood.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Members of the Street Maintenance and Traffic Services teams did an outstanding job representing Streets in the city's Electric Light Parade on December 2!



LOOKING AHEAD



Community Bike Ride: DCM is supporting a community-hosted bike ride on Saturday, January 20 to celebrate the recently installed bike lanes on Osborn Road between 19th and 11th avenues. Meet at the Osborn School District Office, 1226 W. Osborn Road, at 1 p.m. The route will take cyclists west to 19th Avenue and then back to 11th Avenue. Everyone is welcome!

Western Canal Phase II Pre-design Study: This project will collaborate with the **PhxCAN** program in the South Mountain Village for community outreach opportunities. The project was awarded grant funding through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Design Assistance Grants program, and is scheduled to kick off later this month.

Budget Update: As part of the city's general fund forecasting process, each department was asked to identify a 5% budget reduction to their general fund operating budget for next fiscal year, which for Streets equates to \$1.27 million. This is something the department's fiscal team has been working to resolve with each division. More information will be shared soon.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The **materials lab** completed all the proficiency sample testing to maintain the required American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Resource and Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory (CCRL) certifications.



McDowell Road Revitalization Project: The DCM team presented a project update during the District 4 Coffee Chat on December 6. The project team is working to coordinate a public meeting during the early part of the new year.

Eric Froberg, City Engineer, was recently presented the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Arizona Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering and Mechanics. This esteemed award honors civil engineering graduates for their personal contribution toward engineering achievement, leadership, and service to the profession, society, and their respective organization or agency.





STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

Promotions

Todd Locati was promoted to GIS Coordinator for the Stormwater team.

Brian Sanborn was recently promoted to Chief Construction Inspector in DCM's Horizontal Project Management Section.

Years of Service

5 Years

- Eric Froberg
- Connor Grossarth
- Wesley Muhammad
- Ronald Nikolaus
- Benjamin Purvis

20 Years

- Richard Evans
- Terry McAvoy
- Steven Purvis

Welcome aboard!

Beverly "Marie" King joined the team as an Accountant in the Fiscal Section! Marie first began her career with the city in 1996 as a clerk at Burton Barr Central Library and has since worked in the Finance and Water Services departments.

Keep updated on career opportunities!
[Visit Phoenix.gov/HR/Current-Jobs](http://Phoenix.gov/HR/Current-Jobs)

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