

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hello Streets Team!

I hope you had a safe and restful Fourth of July holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends. Also, a special thank you to the staff who worked on the holiday and during the holiday weekend to ensure that we remain responsive to the needs of the community, 24/7.

This month's newsletter highlights more of the department's mid-year accomplishments, including an update from the Office of the City Engineer. We've also added a new section that will appear regularly to explain the important work being done by the Continuous Innovation section, which works to ensure the department's many processes and procedures run efficiently.



A NOTE FROM JOE

As we experience one of the warmer summers on record, this month's newsletter again highlights the critical guidelines to stay safe and cool during these extreme heat days. Even when an excessive heat warning is not in effect, the summer weather can still be dangerous, and hydration is always important. Please review the tips highlighted on page 3 and take care of yourself and each other.

Thank you for all that you do every day for the residents of Phoenix.

Joe

Quarterly Supervisors' Meeting



The Office of the City Engineer did a great job hosting the quarterly Supervisors' Meeting on July 10 in the City Hall Assembly Rooms. The agenda included several team-building activities and an update from each division about recent accomplishments.

WNBA All-Star Game Street Signs



Special thanks goes to Assistant Director Briana Velez for representing the department in support of the WNBA All-Star Game, which took place at Footprint Center on July 20. To commemorate the event, ceremonial signs were installed at 3rd Street and Jefferson Street.

Pictured: Sign Specialist II Nicholas Hearn, Sign Specialist II Daniel Del Bosque, and Trades Helpers Alonzo Arvizo and Jose Perez Jr.

Planning has begun for the inaugural department picnic.

If you are interested in volunteering to be part of the StreetsPHX employee picnic planning committee, please contact Rachana (Rachael) Sugden at

rachana.sugden@phoenix.gov or 602-262-6136.





Monsoon Season is June 15 to Sept. 30. Always take the necessary precautions - on and off the clock - when it comes to monsoon weather and hazardous conditions.

Social Media



On July 2, we joined other City departments to host a Monsoon Media Day at Roadrunner Park. Our department provided a demo of a motor grader, as well as provided important floodplain information. All of the major local news outlets were in attendance!



Happy 4th of July! Hoping everyone enjoyed the holiday with family and friends in celebration of our Nation's freedom!



Follow us on StreetsPHX!



We are now on LinkedIn! Find us and follow at **City of Phoenix Street Transportation**

‘SUMMER SAFETY’ IS THE THEME!



For the next few months, we will be posting and reminding people to exercise heat readiness and take the appropriate steps to avoid heat injury or illness!
Visit Phoenix.gov/Summer

The City of Phoenix has established the Heat Illness & Injury Prevention Program to minimize or eliminate employee exposure to heat related hazards that may lead to serious illnesses, injuries, or death. Our department will follow the components of this program from May 1 – September 30, or anytime a heat advisory or heat warning day has been issued by the National Weather Service.

Safety Tips for Heat and Hydration

- Know the signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke.
- Drink more water than usual:
 - Avoid sugary drinks, alcohol and caffeine
- Take frequent breaks and wear light-colored clothing and wide-brimmed hats.
- Look after your fellow employees for signs and symptoms of potential heat injury.
- Learn more at Phoenix.gov/Heat.



MID-YEAR REVIEW

Here are some more highlights and accomplishments from the first part of the year.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER



Early this year, the Office of the City Engineer, Vertical Project Management Section was tasked with constructing a permanent facility by summer 2024 to assist with housing the unsheltered population. Given the short time frame to design, permit and construct the permanent facility, the team explored other options to meet the request to provide an air conditioned and safe space for this summer. The team's innovative approach was to build a temporary shelter with its own electrical power generators, water and all necessary amenities.

The temporary facility has on-site resources such as 11 combination restrooms with showers. The site has redundant 300kW backup generators, a 3,000-gallon water tank and a 3,000-gallon waste tank to be serviced regularly for the duration of the lease.

The city plans to complete the permanent Navigation Center early next year. Once the permanent facility is constructed, the temporary facility will be dismantled, and the site will be developed as part of the permanent facility.

Design and Construction Procurement (DCP) – Processed more than 700 procurement actions for 18 Departments during FY23/24, including seven procurements using the 2-step CMAR process

Environmental Services – Completed 180 Phase I & II Environmental Site Assessments for property acquisitions (full and partial acquisitions of parcels, right of way, or easements) during FY23/24



CONTINUOUS INNOVATION

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO:

The Continuous Innovation Program establishes a culture of sustainable change through creation and embedding continuous improvement methodologies to achieve enhanced customer service, increase productivity and decrease costs.

This program helps identify potential productivity issues and makes recommendations, and then provides continued support in monitoring project risks and ensuring successful, sustainable solutions.

HERE IS WHAT CONTINUOUS INNOVATION HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2024:

1. Collaborated with IT to have an Apprentice Timesheet App developed (Now Live)
 - a. Allows weekly time entry for required categories of On the Job Training (OJT) and Related Training Instruction (RTI) hours in different types of work
 - b. Has a monthly and yearly reporting feature to show current and remaining hours for the different categories and types of work
2. Street Maintenance projects that involve developing metrics for assets and dashboards
3. Street Maintenance electronic crew/log reports for each yard
4. Updating and developing new forms that flow into the logic of myPHX311



HAVE AN IDEA?

Contact Elizabeth Clark,
Special Projects Administrator
at elizabeth.clark@phoenix.gov

Community Engagement

Design & Construction Management is in the early design phase of a project to construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Rio Salado (Salt River). The bridge will provide a seamless, safe and comfortable connection for residents walking and biking. The bridge will generally follow the 3rd Street alignment.



A volunteer group responsible for the Adopt-A-Street on Glendale Ave., between 35th and 43rd Aves. “In Memory of Joe A. Munoz III” completed their first cleanup!



Getting social

There’s always something happening in Street Transportation!

Got an idea for some creative social media marketing, or ways to connect with the community? Do you have an event or program you’d like featured?

Did you, your team or another team member earn a special achievement or promotion?

Contact us at streetsconnect@phoenix.gov.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



**Richard Mendoza, Administrative Supervisor,
Special Projects - Street Maintenance**

Richard began his City career in Street Maintenance eight years ago and has steadily advanced from Street Maintenance Worker to Crew Leader, to his new position now as a supervisor. Prior to beginning his career with Phoenix, Richard worked in the medical transport field.

WELCOME BACK TO THE TEAM!

Melodie Mendivil, Contracts Specialist II, Management Services Division

For the last year, Melodie temporarily filled an MAll role assisting the Office of Arts and Culture with process improvement, contract know-how and creativity while they actively work to secure a full time Facilities and Operations Manager position.

As Melodie transitions back to Street Transportation, she will be assisting with implementation of the 24-26 Procurement Plan. She will be located in the Goods & Services Procurement Section on the 5th floor of City Hall, reporting to Dana Garr.

Welcome back, Melodie!

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

Years of Service

5 Years

Damien De La Cruz
Conrad Jaramillo
Carlos Mena, Jr.
Jacob Ponce
Aldo Rodriguez
Lawrence Thacker

20 Years

Christian Bonner
Eric Buskirk
Christopher Casey

25 Years

Jimmy Contreras

30 Years

Gail Gibbs



Keep updated on career opportunities!

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

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