

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

A Message from Director Briiana Velez

August 2025



Hello Streets Team,

I am thrilled to join all of you as the new Street Transportation Director and am looking forward to an exciting fall and all that we have ahead. Many of you have stopped by or reached out to say hello and congratulate me. I can not say thank you enough, as I am looking forward to serving with all of you in this new role. We have had another hot and busy summer and with monsoon weather in full swing, your safety remains the top priority.

Whether you're working on the street, inspecting infrastructure, or managing traffic, safety is always our main focus. Please stay safe, hydrated and vigilant and as always, keep an eye on each other as we work to close out the summer months.

Speaking of a busy summer, it was so neat to see so many of you who joined in the celebration for City Hall Selfie Day. We also recently installed and activated a new CFB at John F. Long Elementary School, just as we start a new school year. Thank you to everyone in our department who helped support these events.

As we look ahead, the holiday season will be here before we know it and we'll continue making progress on key capital improvement projects and working closely with neighborhoods to address their street transportation needs. Your professionalism and resilience is what makes everything we do possible. Thank you for all you do and never hesitate to reach out if I can be of any help. Stay safe, stay cool and keep up the great work!

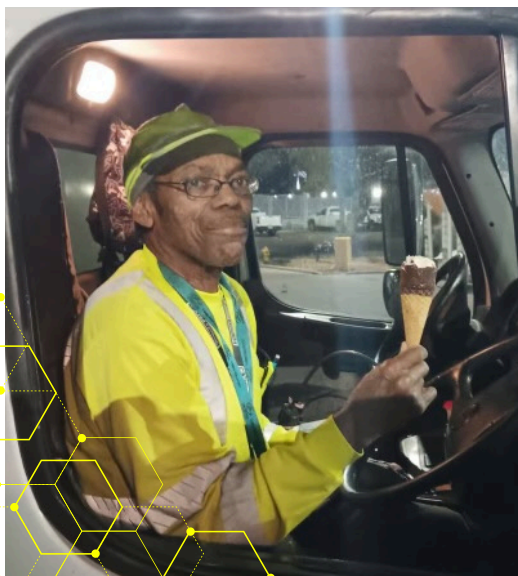


In remembrance

It is with heavy hearts that we remember our colleagues and friends, Arnold Williams, who passed on Aug. 5, and Antonio Ambrose, who passed on Aug 8.

Arnold, affectionately known as “The Legend” or “Mr. O.T.,” by close friends, dedicated 23 years of service to the City of Phoenix in various roles, most recently serving as the Senior Vactor Operator.

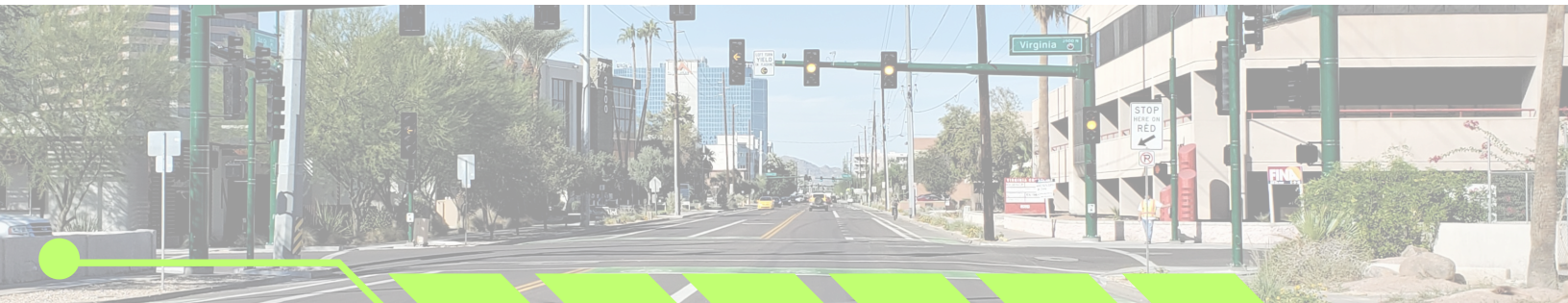
Outside of work, Arnold cherished his time with his life partner, Kathleen, especially on their property in Williams, AZ. He found great joy in spending time with his five children and sixteen grandchildren, creating lasting memories with those he loved most.



With heartfelt gratitude, we remember Antonio, who joined the City of Phoenix in 2004. Antonio's dedication and strong work ethic led him to become a Motor Broom Operator in 2011—a role he embraced with pride and excellence for over two decades.

Antonio was more than just a skilled operator; he was a mentor, a friend, and a bright light within the Streets team. His passion for the job was matched only by his generosity in sharing his knowledge and uplifting those around him. His ever-present smile and positive spirit brought warmth to every workday.

We are deeply saddened by these two losses and send our condolences to their families.



Farewell and Thank you!

Thank you
Brandy!
For your service
and leadership!



*And congratulations
on your promotion!*



Thank you, Brandy, for your leadership
and dedication to the Street
Transportation Department while
serving as our interim director!
Your guidance and wisdom helped
keep the momentum strong in Streets
and we appreciate all that you've done.



Streets Leadership Announcements

- Matthew Wilson is now Interim Assistant Director
- Rubben Lolly is now Deputy Director of Street Maintenance
- Leticia Vargas is now Interim Deputy Director of Design and Construction Management



Matthew Wilson
Interim Assistant Director



Rubben Lolly
Deputy Director
Street Maintenance



Leticia Vargas
Interim Deputy Director
Design & Construction Management



Streets Kettle Corn Sale

\$5/bag

Thursday, Sept. 4 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Who doesn't love a kettle corn snack? Join our Streets team on Thurs., Sept. 4, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the employee entrance near the elevators and grab a bag! \$5 per bag, cash only, please!

Happy Valley Road Construction

North Valley residents will see our crews and contractors working to transform a 4-mile stretch Happy Valley Road (67th to 35th Avenues) into a safer arterial. This section of Happy Valley Road is a major arterial roadway that connects commuters to Interstate-17 and supports local, regional, residential and commercial activities.

- Safety benefits of these improvements include:
- Reduced motor vehicle and pedestrian collision points.
 - Fewer motor vehicle turning conflicts
 - Decreased delays for motorists
 - Increased roadway capacity
 - Space for median landscaping within the right-of-way
 - Dedicated space for people walking and rolling



CPET COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM



There are still Vision Zero Yard Signs available at a Parks community center near you! This program focuses on influencing safer driving behavior in residential and business communities.

Find out more and how to get your yard sign at Phoenix.gov/RoadSafety

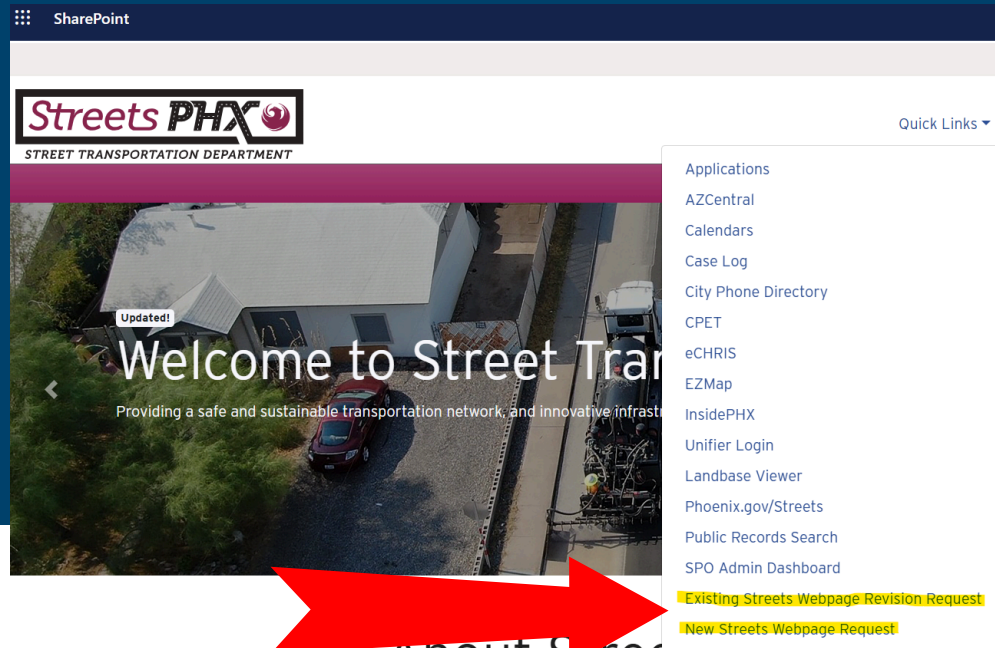


CPET is pleased to bring you a new method of requesting new webpages and making edits on existing pages.

We have moved to an electronic request method so our team can keep track of changes being made on the website, as well as keeping proper record of any new webpages that will be built.

Moving forward, please use these two forms by navigating to the intranet/SharePoint page, and dropdown menu for "Quick Links," scroll down and select the appropriate form for your request (see attached screenshot for reference). Please be as detailed as possible

This is only for the public-facing Phoenix.gov website – not the intranet/SharePoint page (please continue to contact Streets IT).



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Phoenix.gov/Summer Summer Safety

The City of Phoenix has established the Heat Illness & Injury Prevention Program to minimize or eliminate employee exposure to heat related hazards.



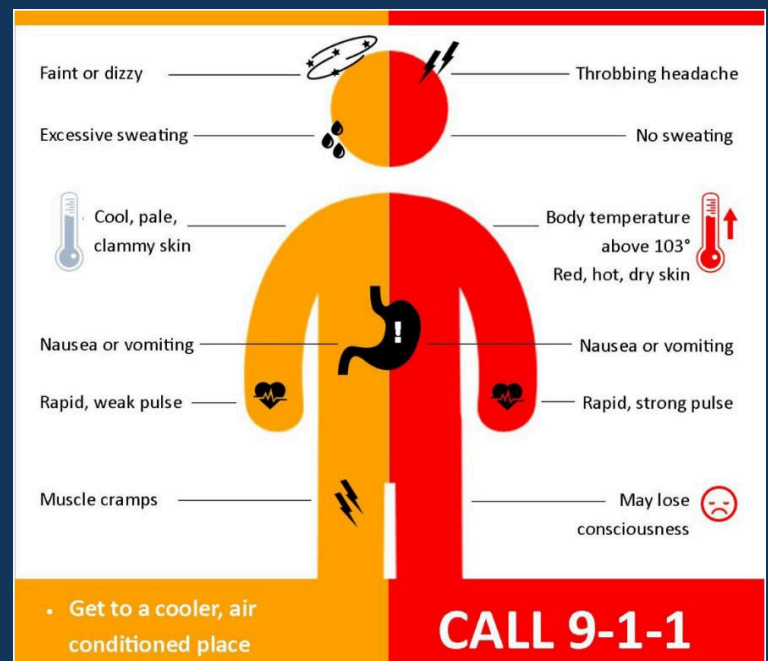
City departments will follow this program from May 1 to September 30, or anytime a heat advisory, watch or warning day has been issued by the National Weather Service. If you have questions, please contact your supervisor.



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](https://phoenix.gov/Heat)

KNOW THE SIGNS



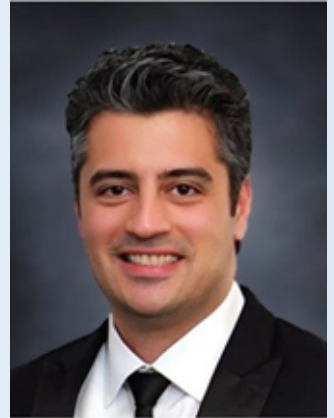
HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Zaid Abdulmajeed

Procurement Manager, Construction and Design Procurement (Office of the City Engineer)

Zaid has joined the Construction and Design Procurement team in the Office of the City Engineer as a Procurement Manager. Prior to accepting this role, Zaid served as a Procurement Officer Lead in the City's Finance Department since 2023. Previously, Zaid worked at the San Mateo County Transit District in California. Zaid has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Evansville, in his spare time he enjoys traveling, bowling, playing ping pong and watching sports.



Cheryl Pendergast

Administrative Assistant III, Central Records (Office of the City Engineer)

Cheryl joins the Central Records team in the Office of the City Engineer as an Administrative Assistant III.

A long-time resident of Tempe and Phoenix, Cheryl's professional background includes leading high-producing teams where she guided staff in working with public records in the Phoenix Police Department and the Water Services Department. Cheryl earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Arizona. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, live music, vintage vinyl records, and volunteering at Andre House.

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Joseph Rihl

Traffic Engineer I, Speed Hump Coordinator, Traffic Services Division

Joseph is the newest Traffic Engineer I to join the Traffic Service Division as the Speed Hump Coordinator.

Prior to joining the City of Phoenix, Joseph worked at Estrella Mountain Community College where he tutored students in mathematics. Joseph has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University.

In his free time, he enjoys going to concerts, performing as a musician, which includes piano, guitar, bass, conga, clarinet along with the alto and tenor saxophone and spending time with friends and family.

Nicolea Russell

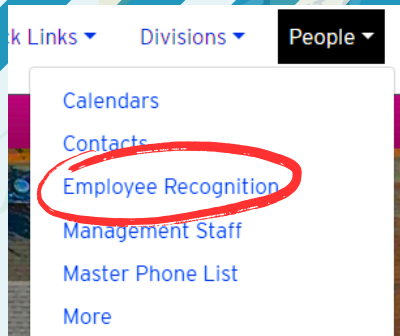
Secretary III, Design and Construction Management (DCM) Division

Nicolea has joined the Design and Construction Management (DCM) Division as a Secretary III in the Administrative Section.

Nicolea is an Arizona native, born and raised in Phoenix. She is an accomplished administrative specialist with a distinguished career at Maricopa County Community Colleges, providing comprehensive administrative support to management teams and administrators, with a Bachelor's of Science in Public Administration from Northern Arizona University. In her spare time she enjoys running, outdoor activities, roller skating, and listening to live music.



HUMAN RESOURCES



Kudos Cards

Please continue to use the Employee Appreciation and Recognition Program to acknowledge great work.

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"

Years of Service

5 Years

Juan Galindo
Terry Mason

20 Years

Julio Sesmas
Eugene Walker, Jr.

10 Years

Susan Boyles
Francisco Reyes
Bonnie Shockley

25 Years

Jesus Mada
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