

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

July 2025



A Message from Interim Director Brandy Kelso

Hello Streets Team,

It has been a busy, active, and highly productive summer, and there is much more on the horizon for all of us. As we continue through the summer months, I want everyone to remain focused on safety. This includes staying vigilant in work zones and looking out for one another.

I am enthusiastic about the new fiscal year, which brings renewed funding for both ongoing and forthcoming projects. Our department is continuing to implement new initiatives and strategies aimed at enhancing our transportation infrastructure, safety measures, and project delivery.

We're committed to meeting the needs of our community and providing excellent customer service. Thank you, as always, for your dedication and hard work to the residents and visitors of Phoenix.

Brandy



Hoping everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Independence Day!

Celebrating this day reminds us of the importance of freedom and the collective responsibility to preserve and cherish it, fostering national pride and unity.





Monsoon Media Day 2025

The City hosted its annual Monsoon Media Day, which provides the media a chance to see how the different City departments each play a role in response to monsoon storm activity. Street Transportation staff brought out the grader truck and vector truck for demonstrations and staff was on hand to answer questions.



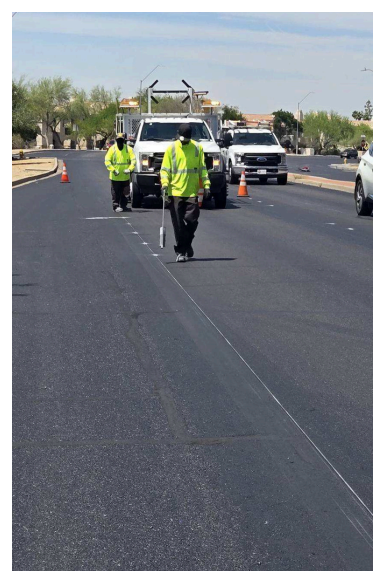
July 25 is System Administrator Appreciation Day so we are taking pause to appreciate our very own GIS team. Our IT and GIS systems are vital to our everyday function as a department. They're also our first line of defense against bad actors who seek to undermine our system security.

System Administrator Appreciation Day





Streets In Action!



COMMUNITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM

CPET

NEW! Vision Zero Yard Sign Program



The Vision Zero Yard Sign Program is in full swing, which focuses on influencing safer driving behavior in residential and business communities.

The free yard signs are offered to all Phoenix residents and business owners, in both English and Spanish, with two designs providing bright bold colors to help remind drivers to slow down and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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

Notice something different?

After several months of preparation, the new **Phoenix.gov** website is live with faster, more user-friendly, and accessible content!

Take some time to navigate and familiarize yourself with the new website and layout. For questions, please contact the CPET team at: **streetsconnect@phoenix.gov**

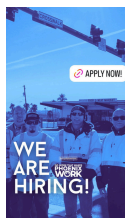
SHOWCASE YOUR TEAM!

Did your team achieve training or awards? Did you or one of your team members go above and beyond and

do something amazing? Do you have a special event coming up?

Feature your team here in the Director's Newsletter!

Send submissions to:
streetsconnect@phoenix.gov



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Nextdoor

Find us and follow us: @StreetsPHX

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, and 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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Gabriel Bernal

Construction Inspections Supervisor, Right of Way (ROW) Management

Gabriel has been with the City of Phoenix for more than 27 years, serving in various capacities, including Parking Meter Section and Traffic Services, and for the last eight years dedicating his time as a Chief Construction Inspector.

In his free time, Gabriel enjoys time with his family, camping, fishing and traveling.

Andrew Padilla

Construction Inspector Supervisor, Horizontal Project Mgt

Design & Construction Management Division

For the past eight years, Andrew has served as a Senior Construction Inspector in the Design & Construction Management Division. In this capacity, he has taken on leadership responsibilities, training, and contributed to the successful delivery of challenging projects.

Outside of work, Andrew enjoys quality time with family and friends, bowling in multiple leagues, working on vehicles, and being outdoors. He is also committed to personal growth and continually learning what it means to be a good human being.



HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Leonardo “Leo” Velasco

School Safety Coordinator, Traffic Engineer I, Traffic Services

In this role, Leo will act as a liaison to Phoenix-area schools, helping to coordinate school traffic safety programs and address safety concerns. He will manage annual crossing agreements, lead pedestrian and bike safety outreach, and organize events such as Walk/Bike to School Day. Leo will also support the team by writing grants and recommending improvements to enhance school traffic safety.

Before joining the City of Phoenix, Leo worked for the Flood Control District of Maricopa County as an Associate Engineer, where he focused on the operation and maintenance of dams, levees, and flood control structures.

Leo earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil (Construction) Engineering from Arizona State University. Though new to traffic engineering, he brings a strong engineering background and a passion for public safety.

Born and raised in Phoenix, Leo is a proud supporter of all Arizona sports and ASU. In his free time, he enjoys staying active through soccer, golf, and weight training.

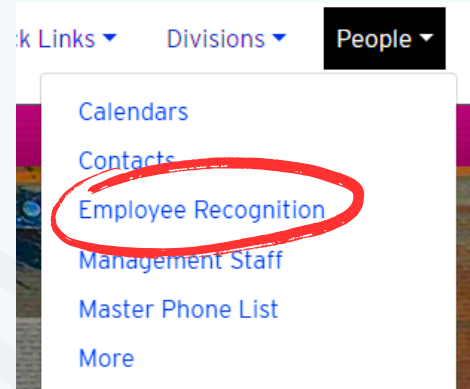
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Emilio Magdaleno, II

10 Years

Daniel Valladee

25 Years

David Campos
John Ritchie

30 Years

Jacob Martinez

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