

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM JOE

Hello Streets Team!

This month's newsletter focuses heavily on two of my priorities for the department - employee safety and filling staff vacancies.

As I look at the weather forecast, I see triple-digit high temperatures are here to stay for a while. This will be a new experience as my family prepares for its first Phoenix summer. As the temps heat up, it's important that each of us is mindful of crucial, and potentially, lifesaving safety guidelines related to heat and hydration. Miguel Vasquez with the department's Safety team provided the tips about Summer Safety on page 3.

This month's newsletter also introduces new employees and highlights staff promotions from recent weeks. Welcome to the team, I look forward to working with you. Please know that the department's efforts to recruit and fill existing staff openings is ongoing.

Staff also was busy this past month completing important projects and conducting community outreach in various ways. Thank you for all that you do to connect with and serve the community.

Joe

Community Engagement



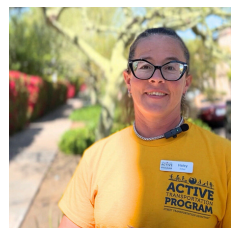
The Active Transportation Program is developing a strategy to expand the city's Shared Micromobility Program and currently hosting a survey for public input. The survey will close July 26 and data collected will assist staff with the next phase of considerations for program expansion.



Streets staff presented to community members proposed options for the McDowell Road Revitalization Project on May 21.



Community members attended a pop-up event featuring details about the Western Canalscape Phase II on May 11.



The PhxCAN program has completed the data collection phase for the first two villages (Central City and South Mountain) and is now moving to the next two villages (Maryvale and Alhambra). Recruitment for Community Connectors will begin soon!



Earlier this month, we met with Las Haciendas residents and held a dedication ceremony for the Cool Corridor recently installed near 42nd Street, between Cactus Road and Sweetwater Road.

Social Media

May had a lot to celebrate! From special ceremonies and community events, to showcasing the various types of services provided to the community, it's always a great day in StreetsPHX!

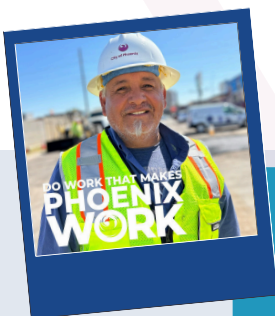
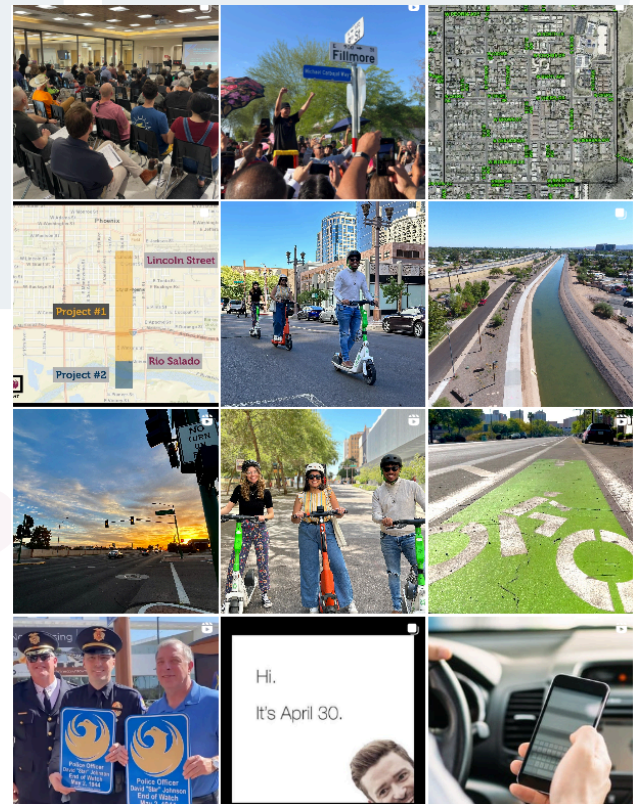


May 13 to 17 we celebrated National Infrastructure Week! This week highlights the importance of infrastructure and recognizing all the great work and accomplishments over the years in Phoenix Streets!

The City of Phoenix is hosting its first-ever "602 Day!" Area Code Day is celebrated in communities around the United States to acknowledge the unique history and defining significance of the digits. Cities put their own spin on a date that corresponds with their local area code.

Employee events are being held at City Hall Atrium on Thursday, May 30 and Friday May 31, both days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fun continues on June 2, with events and activities. Check all the details at 602Day.com



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COMING UP!

BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Bring Your Child to Work Day is taking place on **Wednesday, June 12!** Street Transportation will be offering a tour of the Traffic Management Center on the 6th floor of City Hall from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Children and their parents will be able to tour the room where our team monitors the city's nearly 1,200 signalized intersections. Employees are invited to participate in this day with the approval of their supervisor. The suggested age range for participation is 6 -18 years old, based on the types of activities being offered.

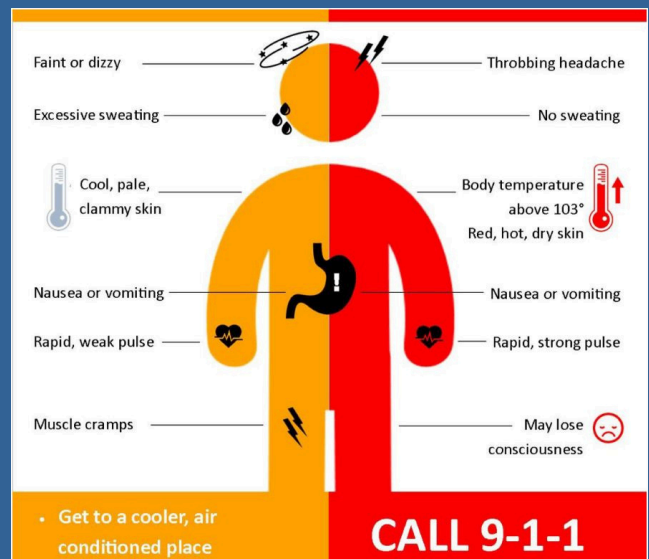


Summer Safety

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. The Street Transportation Safety Team is responsible for the oversight and management of this program, including reviewing/updating this program and submitting to Human Resources Safety for approval. 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.



MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the men and women in the Armed Forces who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day holiday and took a moment to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy thanks to the sacrifices of our service members who are no longer with us.

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

The month of May is a time to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, where we recognize the contributions of the AAPI community to our culture and history.



THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING IN STREET TRANSPORTATION!

If you have special announcements and accomplishments relevant to the department and/or the team (or individuals!), send them to streetsconnect@phoenix.gov, Subject: "Newsletter"





STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Tom Ransom, Project Manager for Vertical Project Management (VPM) Section of the Office of the City Engineer

Tom has been a City of Phoenix team member for 24 years, managing construction and business endeavors with the Public Works Department, the Aviation Department, and now the Street Transportation Department. Prior to his career with the City, he worked in civil construction and local resort management.

Candice Barnes, Budget Analyst III in the Fiscal Section of the Management Services Division

Candice will be in charge of supervising the operating budget group. Before joining the City, Candice was an Operations Manager for more than 10 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Tennessee State University and also holds an MBA.



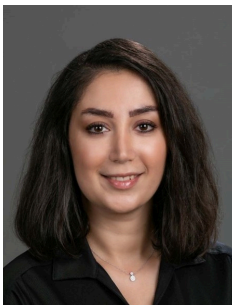
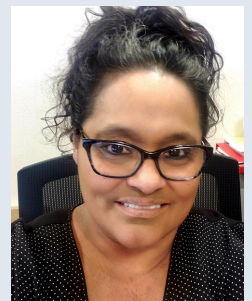
Berardo Marquez, Senior Construction Inspector

Berardo has been with the City of Phoenix for 17 years, of which 13 have been in Water Distribution, seven as a Foreman, and three as a Civil Inspector III in the Planning and Development department.

He has two kids: son Xavier, who works as a senior operator for the City of Phoenix Water Services department, and daughter Seryna, who just graduated from NAU and is working in the medical field.

Angelia Lopez, Secretary III, Management Services

Angelia has worked for the City of Phoenix for nearly 12 years, more than 10 years with the Phoenix Municipal Court and more than 2 years for the Human Services Department. Angelia has 2 Associate's Degrees in Accounting and Business Administration, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Public Policy. Her goal is to pursue her Doctorate in Public Administration thereafter. She is excited to start her new adventure with our department. Please stop by the front desk on the 5th floor of City Hall to say hello!



Parnian Ghasemi, Civil Engineer III, Materials Lab Manager

Parnian earned her Ph.D. in Pavement Engineering from Iowa State University in 2019, concentrating on applying Machine Learning algorithms to predict Pavement Performance and enhance Pavement Design. She holds a Professional Engineer certification in the State of Arizona. Before joining the city, she was a Pavement Engineer at Kiewit Infrastructure Engineering, contributing to multiple design-build ventures. Before that, she spent two years at Sunland Asphalt/Solterra Materials as a Quality Assurance Supervisor, overseeing the asphalt laboratory. Parnian is also actively engaged in various asphalt industry associations, striving to bridge the academia-industry divide.

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Dhaneshwar (Dhan) Harnanan, Civil Engineer II, Street Maintenance Division

Dhan has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering and comes to us with 20 years of experience working on transportation projects primarily in the public sector at the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and consultants. His expertise includes pavement design (new), pavement rehabilitation, materials, and material specifications.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Araceli Sigala-Cordova promoted to Human Resources Analyst (Transactions Supervisor)

Araceli's city career began in 2015 as a Court Clerk in the Municipal Court. Several months later, she was promoted to Senior HR Clerk in the Police Department, building the foundation for her HR career. In 2018, Araceli embraced a new challenge, earning a promotion to an HR Aide position in the Street Transportation Department, where she has been processing personnel and payroll transactions for the department. In her new role, Araceli will oversee the Transactions, Records, and Leave (formerly known as personnel/payroll transactions) section of Street Transportation Human Resources and supervise two (2) HR Aide positions.

Damon Hamel promoted to Senior GIS Technician with Stormwater Team

Damon joined the City of Phoenix in 2014 as a GIS Technician with the Street Transportation Department's Stormwater team. Before his time with the city, Damon worked as a GIS Mapping Technician for a large utility company and a Civil Designer for several engineering firms around the Valley. He also attended Arizona State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Geography.

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

Years of Service

5 Years

Heather Murphy

20 Years

Jonathan Auzenne

George Babers, Jr.

Julie Smith

25 Years

Bobby Hendrix

Roger Howell

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