



Dec. 11, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- City Council Formal Meeting – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. Please click [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- North Mountain Village Planning Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- Zoning and Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting information.
- Deer Valley Village Planning Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv> and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix).

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>

Past City Council meetings are posted on <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

STREET TRANSPORTATION

PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN DISTRICT 1



43rd Ave from Pinnacle Peak Rd. to Happy Valley Rd.

Dunlap Ave between 35th Ave & I-17

PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

We're in this together! Looking for help? Find information at [Testing, Resources and Impacts](#) and [Phoenix Impacted City Services](#).

Phoenix small businesses needing help can call the Phoenix Community and Economic Development hotline to speak to the Small Business Support team at 602-262-5040. You can also find information at Phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness, the new Small Business COVID Support website.

Additional City of Phoenix resources information can be found by visiting Phoenix.gov/resources

Residents in need of emergency assistance can contact any of the participating agencies listed in the [Phoenix CARES Act \(PDF\)](#).



CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ Mobile Van Testing

Saturday, Dec. 12

Mountain View Community Center
1104 E. Grovers Ave., Phoenix, 85022
Council Districts 2/3
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Sunday, Dec. 13

Washington Park
6655 N. 23rd Ave., Phoenix, 85015
Council District 5
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Monday, Dec. 14

Valley View Elementary School
8220 S. 7th Ave., Phoenix, 85041
Council District 8
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Fry's Food Store
4230 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, 85009
Council District 4
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Thursday, Dec. 17

Fry's Food Store
1815 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix, 85021
Council District 5
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Friday, Dec. 18

Irene Lopez Elementary School
4610 S. 12th St., Phoenix, 85040
Council District 8
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Saturday, Dec. 19

Acacia Library
750 E. Townley Ave., Phoenix, 85020
Council District 3
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>



For additional testing dates and locations, please visit [Phoenix Testing Blitz](#).

STREET TRANSPORTATION

Shared Streets for Social Distancing Pilot: City Seeks Applications to Add Safe Outdoor Recreational Spaces During Pandemic

Now through Dec. 31, Phoenix residents can nominate segments of their streets to be temporarily restricted to allow only local traffic, creating more space for outdoor recreational activities such as walking, running or biking while complying with public health and social distancing guidelines.



Residents must [submit an application](#) by 5 p.m. Dec. 31, 2020, to be considered for the pilot program. Residents may only submit applications for streets or street segments on which they reside. Program requirements include:

- Only [residential or minor collector streets](#) will be considered. Street segments cannot cross an arterial/major street or a signalized intersection.
- Street segments must be long enough to provide a meaningful opportunity for recreational activities (minimum of a half-mile).
- Street segments that contain loops are ideal, but not required.

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department will review all applications, prioritizing the following selection criteria:

- High population density areas with a greater need for recreational space.
- More than a half-mile distance from parks, trails or other public open spaces.
- Higher percentage of households without cars.
- Located within a previously identified [Mobility Areas](#).
- Additional factors such as proximity to existing bicycle lanes, bus stops, libraries, schools, community centers and more.

The applicants of selected streets will be responsible for securing support from at least ten other residents along the proposed route. The Street Transportation Department will notify the nearby neighborhoods, install signage and barricades, and activate the shared street(s) for the pilot program in early 2021. City staff will evaluate the pilot locations including collecting resident comments, traffic counts, pedestrian counts and more. The pilot program is planned to be in place through May 2021 and more information is available at phoenix.gov/streets/shared.



STREET TRANSPORTATION

Phoenix Completes Another Record-Breaking Street Paving Season



The city of Phoenix continues to pave more than ever before. The hottest summer on record and a global pandemic did not slow street maintenance crews and contractors who successfully completed the city's busiest paving season yet. These essential workers could not work from home, but with less traffic, pavement projects moved quickly and in a more convenient way.

Every year since its implementation in 2018, Phoenix's [Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program](#) has broken records. 2019 marked Phoenix's largest paving season yet, tripling the number of major street miles paved than on average. And 2020 was even busier, with approximately 130 more miles of streets treated than in 2019.

Approximately 590 miles of Phoenix streets received pavement maintenance treatment in 2020 – about 12% of the city's entire street network.

The Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program brings more benefits than smooth roads to Phoenix. People walking and riding bicycles will also notice improvements. A freshly paved street is a blank canvas – Street Transportation staff examine each roadway for opportunities to improve safety and bicycle connectivity. More than 40 miles of new bicycle lanes were installed and approximately 30 miles of bicycle lanes were upgraded to include buffers in fiscal year 2020. Additionally, more than 3,000 curb ramps were upgraded to meet the most current ADA standards through the 2020 pavement maintenance program.

"Phoenix residents chose to invest in their future by approving Transportation 2050 and we are fulfilling that choice by improving our city streets at a record-setting pace. Public safety, economic development and education all depend on properly paved streets and it is critical to do as much as we can during the paving season," said Councilwoman Thelda Williams, chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation city council subcommittee. "We appreciate the patience of our residents while roads were restricted and the hard work of our staff and crews during this busy season."

The city of Phoenix also brought innovation to street maintenance in 2020 by introducing the [Cool Pavement Pilot Program](#). Cool pavement was applied at nine locations across the city, covering 36 miles of residential streets in neighborhoods and one parking lot at a city park. This lighter in color asphalt treatment has the potential to offset rising nighttime temperatures in Phoenix, serving as "sunscreen for the road." The program, through a partnership with the city's Street Transportation Department and Office of Sustainability and Arizona State University researchers, will continue to be evaluated in 2021 to study the effectiveness and durability of the material.

The accelerated schedule for pavement maintenance continues through 2023. The city's interactive dashboard at phoenix.gov/pavement allows residents to see the program's completed projects and planned projects. The Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program is a five-year program, funded through a Council-approved \$200 million advance on voter-approved [Transportation 2050](#) revenues.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

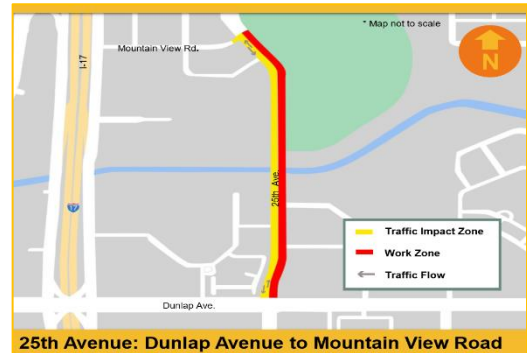
Northwest Extension Phase II Construction Update



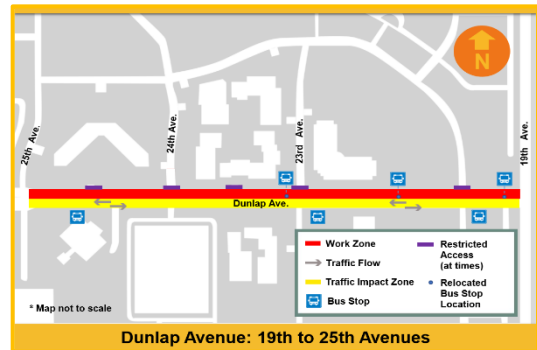
The Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall.

Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway by the project contractor, Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture (KMJV) and third-party utility companies, such as Salt River Project (SRP).

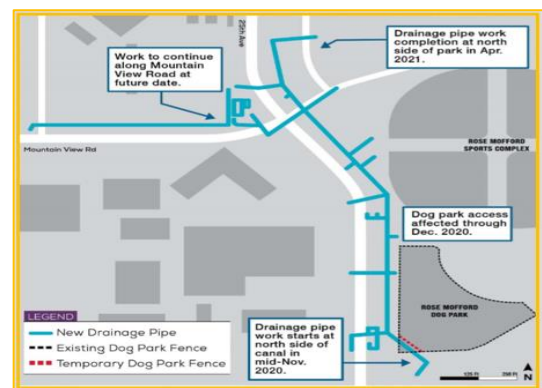
- **25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road:** KJMV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Fri., Jan. 29, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click [here](#) for more information.



- **Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues:** KMJV and SRP are performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Mon., May 31, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click [here](#) for more information



- **Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park:** KMJV is replacing drainage infrastructure in and adjacent to Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park. The work will involve removing fencing on the southwest corner of the dog park. Temporary fencing will be placed, allowing continued use of the park during construction. In addition, available parking areas will change throughout the process. The Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park will remain open during this work. The work will be completed in late spring 2021. Click [here](#) for more information.



Visit valleymetro.org/northwest2 [t.e2ma.net] to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

PHOENIX BUS RAPID TRANSIT

[Phoenix Transportation 2050](#) is still seeking public feedback on the six potential Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors.

If you have not participated in the online BRT meeting, please visit [BRT Online Meeting](#) by Friday, Dec. 18.

Don't forget to take the [survey](#) to help shape your BRT.



PHOENIX HAZARD MITIGATION



CITY OF PHOENIX HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The city of Phoenix is requesting public input on the Hazard Mitigation plan that is in conjunction with the Maricopa County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) webpage is designed to obtain feedback on natural hazards you face and how better to prepare for them.

The Hazard Mitigation plan is updated every five years to keep up with changes in our city. This revision is important because it includes updates to the assets in our city, such as schools, museums, and city facilities, and how to protect them in the event of a disaster. Every major city department participates in the updates to the plan. This plan focuses on natural disasters. Natural hazards include dam failure, drought, extreme heat, fissures, flooding, severe winds, and wildfires.

During Fall of 2020, the city of Phoenix began revising the Hazard Mitigation Plan. According to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards.

Here is where you come in! Input from the community is vital. Your experience in your neighborhood is likely different than someone else in another neighborhood across town. The feedback you provide is included in the new Hazard Mitigation plan and helps the city to be more prepared when faced with a natural hazard. When faced with a natural hazard, a more prepared community directly equates with money and lives saved.

We welcome public comments! Call us at 602-534-0642, email emergency.management@phoenix.gov, or take an [Online Survey](#).

PHOENIX POLICE

Avoid Package Theft: Four Tips to Protect Your Packages

1. Have your packages delivered when someone is home or to your work
2. Ask your neighbor to pick up delivered packages
3. Track your package so you know when to expect delivery
4. Use security cameras

What to Do If Your Package is Stolen?

1. File police report
2. File claim with the delivery service

Four ways to Grinch-proof Your Holiday Light Displays

1. Turn off light display at night
2. Install security cameras
3. Bring in valuable items at night
4. Stay connected with neighbor and neighborhood apps

Traveling Away from Home Safety Tips

1. Get automatic timers for your lights
2. Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home, pick up your mail, and park in your driveway from time to time

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

1. Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings
2. Park in well-lit areas, and be sure to lock the car, close your windows, and hide all gifts and shopping bags in the trunk
3. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
4. Carry your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside pocket or front pants pocket
5. Have your keys ready to enter your vehicle when you approach it. Use your "panic button" on your key fob if you become nervous or think you are being followed
6. Lock your doors immediately upon entering your vehicle

Home Safety Tips

1. Always use caution when answering your door for a stranger, but especially during the holiday season! Criminals often use disguises and pose as couriers during the holiday season
2. The holidays are the season for giving but donate only to trusted charitable organizations. Always ask for identification; if you do not get a good feeling from the person, refuse to donate
3. Register your home safety camera systems, Ring doorbells, etc. with Phoenix Police Virtual Block Watch by texting "Join Today" to 555-888 or online at [Phoenix Police Virtual Block Watch](#)



Watch Out for Scams

1. Do not give or verify personal or financial information about you or anyone else over the phone to anyone you don't know personally
2. Government officials will never call your home asking for payment
3. Be wary of aggressive solicitors or panhandlers at your front door and NEVER invite them into your home
4. Consider posting a "NO SOLICITING" sign that is visible to anyone approaching your door

Additional Resources

- [Virtual Block Watch](#)
- [Block Watch](#)
- [Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol](#)

PHOENIX HUMAN SERVICES

The City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program enrolls children with:

- Asthma
- Food allergies
- Seizure disorders
- Severe allergies
- Sickle cell disease
- Blood-clotting disorders



City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program provides comprehensive early childhood development and family support services to income-eligible families with children ages 0-5 and at-risk pregnant women. The program has an emphasis on school readiness through early learning opportunities that promote strong child outcomes in the areas of social and emotional development, language, cognitive, early reading, science, math, and physical development. For more information on how to enroll your 0 to 5-year-old, visit [Head Start](#) or call 602-262-4040.

PHOENIX AVIATION

What Traveling Through America's Friendliest Airport® Looks Like During COVID-19

Phoenix Sky Harbor has implemented several safety measures throughout the airport. Watch the video to see what traveling during the COVID-19 pandemic looks like and how we are working hard to keep our travelers safe. Learn more at skyharbor.com/BeforeTraveling/health-information.



PHOENIX THEATER

Phoenix Theatre Changes for Covid-19 – PHXTV Virtual Report

Live shows and more are still happening at the [Phoenix Theatre](#). On [this episode](#) of PHXTV Virtual Report you can find out how to get tickets to many of Phoenix Theatre's great shows. Also, you can learn how the Phoenix Theatre is keeping customers safe during the show with new COVID safety protocols in place. You won't want to miss it!



PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate Black Voices Art Contest



This year, Phoenix Public Library is hosting the “Celebrate Black Voices Art Contest” virtually. Phoenix Public Library will be accepting submissions from Dec. 21, 2020 through Jan. 22, 2021. Entries will be displayed in an online gallery on our website during the month of February 2021. Students in grades K-12 are invited to submit a hand drawn picture of an important person or event celebrating the African American experience.

Submissions will be accepted either through socialmedialibrary@phoenix.gov or participants can drop off their artwork at any of our 16 Phoenix Public Library locations during Curbside Service hours. Look for more details and the submission form at <https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/>.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

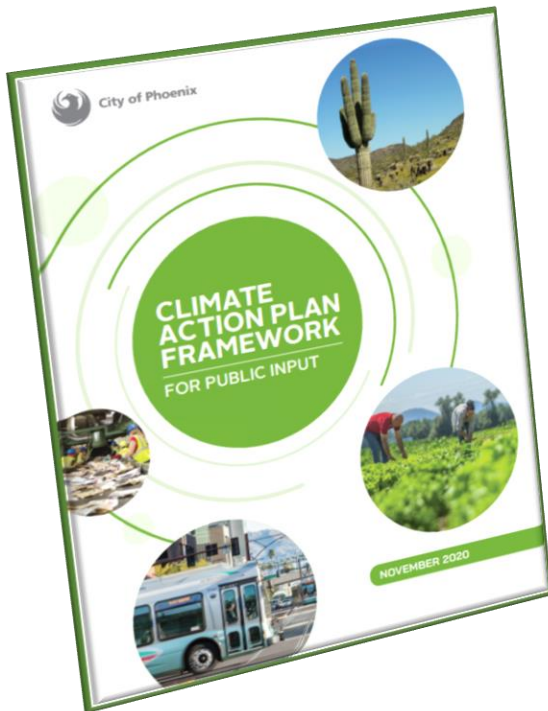
New Winter Curbside Hours

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 8, Phoenix Public Library [locations](#) adjusted its evening Curbside Service hours to 3:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Visit our [Curbside Service](#) page on phoenixpubliclibrary.org for current hours and locations.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



Phoenix wants to hear from all residents interested on how the environment. The [Draft Climate Action Plan Framework](#) is now available for public review and comments.

Residents can provide feedback, comments, or questions via the comment form [here](#). Public comment is due by Dec. 31.

Visit the [Office of Environmental Programs](#) to learn more about Phoenix's climate goals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Economic Development & Education

On Dec. 3, Arts and Culture staff presented the fourth online workshop focused on law, business practices, and the arts, hosted by arts attorney Sarah Conley Odenkirk. The workshops are part of an ongoing artist professional development series that began in August. The free Thursday workshops have included 17 presentations by a wide range of artists. The workshops are taped and provided as permanent resources on POAC's web page. To date, more than 400 artists and arts professionals have participated

in the free webinars. Information and video links to completed workshops can be found on the Office of Arts and Culture website.

As of Dec. 4, Aviation staff reported 47 percent of businesses within Terminals 3 and 4 of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport remain temporarily closed. Within these terminals, 71 businesses, 53 percent, were open.

Aviation staff continues to promote COVID-19 testing at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff organized additional signage, including directions and hours of operation, outside of the testing location and throughout Terminal 4.

On Dec. 2, the Terminal 2 demolition project at Sky Harbor International Airport began with the closure of the inner lanes in front of the terminal and restriction of a single eastbound traffic lane. Aviation staff has installed a chain-link fence around the demolition activity, concrete jersey barriers to reroute traffic lanes, and a protected walkway for passengers travelling to and from the West Economy Garage and the bus stop.

Construction on Phoenix Sky Train Stage 2 continues with roadway modification work along the closed west side of Copperhead Drive. Through Dec. 19, there will be roadway restrictions due to pavement placement. Additionally, landscaping and gabion basket installation is ongoing around the area of the I-10 Freeway off-ramp into the airport at the Copperhead Drive/Buckeye Road intersection.

Community and Economic Development staff has partnered with Downtown Phoenix, Inc. to create COVID-19 safe holiday celebrations in Downtown Phoenix, with several events and activations planned in collaboration with Herberger Theater, Ballet Arizona, Arizona Center, and others.

Social Services Delivery

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 172,400 customers, with approximately 1,657,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 681 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kid's Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are being provided, Monday through Saturday, during curbside pickup hours at select library branches.

During the week of Nov. 23, Human Services staff conducted 1,745 wellness checks and delivered 5,382 meals to 598 Senior Center members.

On Dec. 2, Housing staff hosted the first tablet distribution event for seniors at Fillmore Gardens and distributed 94 tablets. Residents also received a training manual, a reusable cloth mask, and two bottles of hand sanitizer. On Dec. 16, the next tablet distribution event will be held at Pine Towers. Housing staff purchased 800 tablets with 24 months of unlimited wi-fi access to provide senior public housing residents digital access to telemedicine, online services, and social media.

On Nov. 25, McCarty on Monroe was converted from public housing to Section 8 rental assistance through HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. McCarty on Monroe is an existing 69-unit affordable housing property for seniors. It is located at 1130 E. Monroe St. The property was redeveloped in 2010 with Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity and General Obligation Bonds from the City of Phoenix. By converting to RAD, the public housing units were converted to long term Section

8 based contracts which offer a higher rent and a more reliable funding source. Residents continue to pay 30 percent of their income towards rent.

On Dec. 7, construction began on Foothills Village, an existing 200-unit, affordable property converted through the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. Foothills Village will undergo an extensive rehabilitation that will include all 200 units, systems, grounds and the community building. Foothills Village is located at 920 W. Alta Vista Rd. The rehabilitation is financed with Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity, a private mortgage and gap financing from the City of Phoenix. Construction is expected to reach completion in October 2022. By converting to RAD, the public housing units were converted to long term Section 8 based contracts which offer a higher rent and a more reliable funding source. Residents continue to pay 30 percent of their income towards rent.

Public Safety

On Dec. 4, a Police Recruit Written Exam was administered at the Police Regional Academy. Results were provided immediately following the exam and the 23 applicants that passed the Written Exam were invited to submit their AZPOST background packet. Police recruitment remains open for applicants to register for a written exam scheduled Dec. 19 as well as the ongoing online option.

Neighborhoods and Livability

Effective Dec. 3, all athletic fields are closed, and Parks and Recreation staff have notified all organizers and groups with reservations.

On Dec. 15, Parks and Recreation staff, in partnership with the Hance Park Coalition and Fiesta Bowl Charities, will host a small ribbon-cutting event for the new Fiesta Bowl PLAY at Hance Park playground.

Infrastructure

Street Transportation staff is currently managing the installation of 42 streetlights in the area bounded by Lincoln Street and Watkins Street, from 7th Avenue to 3rd Street. This area, identified through the T2050 South Downtown Neighborhoods Mobility Study, was calculated to have the highest need in the city. The streetlights were among many mobility, accessibility, safety, and active transportation projects that were recommended by this Mobility Study. Staff has worked with the two qualified streetlight contractors since late 2019 to confirm their knowledge of City procedures for such installations and the value of this project is \$348,700.

On Dec. 2, Street Transportation staff held a design kickoff meeting to begin the installation of a pedestrian and bicycle path along the Western Canal between 4th Avenue and 24th Street. The pathway will include landscaping, lighting, and signalized crossings at local and major streets including Circular Rapid Flashing Beacons (CRFB), High Intensity Activated Crosswalks (HAWKS), and a traffic signal. Work design is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2021.

Street Transportation staff has completed construction and installation of a 10-foot concrete pathway to connect the Grand Canalscape to Glenrosa Park at 14th Street. The improvements include pathway lighting, landscape and irrigation, an ADA-compliant sidewalk and ramps, and micro seal.

This week, Street Transportation staff completed signal work at 10th Street and McDowell Road. The signal serves the Banner University Medical Center complex and will better serve their traffic demands.

All lanes open at I-17/Happy Valley Road Diverging Diamond: ADOT's reconstruction project provides room for future traffic needs

The new Diverging Diamond interchange at Interstate 17 and Happy Valley Road in north Phoenix is providing drivers with more lanes on a wider bridge that replaced an older, narrower crossing over the freeway, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Work crews recently opened all lanes at the interchange after additional work to finish construction of the first major Diverging Diamond in Arizona. The interchange first opened to traffic in October while work continued to finish paving sections of lanes along Happy Valley Road.



The Diverging Diamond interchange design includes intersections and traffic signals that allow drivers to cross and travel on the left side of the new bridge over I-17. In the Diverging Diamond, which has grown in popularity in several other states, motorists make direct left turns onto the freeway on-ramps rather than waiting to turn in front of traffic traveling in the opposite direction.

The reconstruction project has more than doubled traffic capacity on the Happy Valley Road bridge. The on- and off-ramps at the interchange also are wider. There are fewer traffic-signal sequences and a reduced number of traffic conflict points. The Diverging Diamond design also improves traffic movement through the interchange. This past summer two roundabouts at the old interchange were removed to make room for the upgrades.

The improvements are part of a \$50 million project to reconstruct the I-17 interchanges at Happy Valley Road and Pinnacle Peak Road. I-17 also has been widened by one lane in each direction between Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak roads. Work on the project started in November 2018.

Crews have been able to maintain traffic along Happy Valley Road during most of the interchange reconstruction.

Crews opened all lanes at the I-17 interchange at Pinnacle Peak Road in late November. It has been expanded as a traditional diamond interchange featuring more lanes and turn bays on the bridge over I-17. ADOT's project was funded as part of the Regional Transportation Plan approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



2021-2022 Budget Committee Survey

The 2021-2022 Budget Committee is forming and will meet soon to develop budget priorities for next school year. This committee needs your help. Your input is vital to the process and ensuring budget priorities represent all stakeholders. Please take a moment to complete a [budget input survey](#) and provide the committee with the budget priority item most important to you.

The survey is open from Nov. 30 through Dec. 16, and will be followed with a second survey in January to rank the top budget priorities. The committee will present the recommendation for budget priorities to the Governing Board for approval at a Board Meeting in February or March. These priorities will be at the forefront of 2021-2022 budget development discussions and decisions.



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The McKenna Youth Foundation has been making the holiday season brighter for WESD families for 22 years!

This year, the foundation hosted a drive-through distribution and provided families at Alta Vista, Ironwood, Chaparral, Desert Foothills Junior High, Mountain View School, Abraham Lincoln Traditional School and Sunburst with food, clothing and gift cards for the holiday season. We are so grateful for their continued support and generosity!



Desert Foothills Student Wins STEM Competition

The WESD After-School Academy (ASA) is helping students put STEM concepts into action! For their final project of the semester, ASA students built catapult basketball courts focusing on arcs and angles. This past week, 21 ASA sites hosted their own competitions where students had 30 seconds to catapult the most baskets with the winners from each school advancing to a district tournament. After an exciting district competition, the winners, Trenton T. from Royal Palm Middle School, Tristin Q. from Sunset Elementary and Evelyn J. from Desert Foothills Junior High faced off against WESD Superintendent, Dr. Paul Stanton in the Catapult Basketball Virtual Ultimate Playoff for a chance to win the coveted ASA Golden Basketball and the title of Washington Elementary School District Champion. It was quite the competition! Congratulations to Evelyn who was the winner with seven baskets!



APS Awards \$5,000 to Chaparral Elementary



Chaparral Elementary was selected to receive a \$5,000 Supply My School grant from Arizona Public Service (APS). The APS Foundation is committed to helping teachers and administrators overcome challenges created as a result of COVID-19 to ensure students remain on track for future success.

So far, the APS Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$225,000 to 45 Title I schools in the state of Arizona. Chaparral plans to use their funds to enhance their PBIS program for positive student behavior incentives and start a “Wolf Pack Buddies” program to welcome new students. Thank you, APS Foundation!

Sunburst Teacher Renews NBC Certification

We are so proud of Jennifer Lauzon, K-2 Resource Teacher at Sunburst Elementary School for the successful renewal of her National Board Certification! National Board Certification is the highest certification available to teachers in the United States and achieving and maintaining it is no easy feat! Congratulations, Jennifer!



GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

<http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/>

CHILDHELP: 2120 N. Central Ave #130, Phoenix, AZ 85004

<https://www.childhelp.org/> 602- 271-4500

PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS Love the arts? Want to help ensure that the programming we offer here at the center continues for generations to come? Please visit:

<https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/>

ANTHEM PETS Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless

<http://anthempets.org/> 480-287-3542

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS www.azpawsandclaws.com

FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

M.A.I.N. What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals In Need, Dog Rescue in Phoenix Arizona Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need

www.medicalanimalsinneed.com Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com Also check out our website at www.minimightymutts.com Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or email info@operationcarefoodbank.org.

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