



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

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**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
**EVENT:** Phoenix Police Department E-Bike Unveiling  
**LOCATION:** DTPHX Community Resource Hub: 1 East Washington St, Suite 130  
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Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez, Phoenix Police PIO

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Police Department is proud to announce the addition of new electric patrol bicycles to its Downtown Operations Unit, made possible through a generous donation by Western Alliance Bank, Phoenix City Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Downtown Phoenix Inc., and the Phoenix Police Foundation.

These police e-bikes are equipped with red and blue emergency lights and can reach speeds of up to 28 miles per hour. Designed for urban policing, the e-bikes provide officers with greater accessibility to congested areas, parks, parking garages, and large commercial spaces that are difficult to reach with traditional patrol vehicles. This investment strengthens our ability to maintain security in one of Phoenix's most popular destinations.

Covering approximately one square mile in the heart of downtown, the e-bike patrol unit will increase officer visibility, enhance community engagement, and help deter crime through more frequent and positive interactions. These partnerships reflect our shared commitment to a safe, vibrant, and welcoming downtown for residents, businesses, and visitors.

The following quotes highlight the importance of this collaboration and its impact on public safety and community trust.

“The integration of these new e-bikes is another example of our commitment to leveraging technology, increasing efficiency, and streamlining operations—while enhancing our engagement with businesses and the communities we serve. We are deeply grateful to our partners who made this possible.” **Assistant Chief Brian Lee**

“A safe, vibrant downtown is essential to the economic and civic health of Phoenix,” said **Kenneth Vecchione, president, and chief executive officer of Western Alliance Bank**. “Investments like these e-bikes enhance officers' ability to engage with the community, improve mobility in our urban core, and reinforce our shared responsibility to ensure Downtown Phoenix remains welcoming and secure for residents, businesses and visitors alike.”

“A strong economy and strong public safety go hand in hand,” said **Councilwoman Ann O'Brien** who chairs Phoenix's Economic Development Subcommittee. “I hear directly from business owners and residents who want a downtown that feels both energetic and secure. These e-bikes reflect what’s possible when public-private partnerships invest in practical tools that build confidence, increase officer engagement, and support continued growth in our city core.”

“Public safety is essential to a thriving downtown,” said **Devney Majerle, president, and CEO of Downtown Phoenix Inc.** “These e-bikes will make officers more visible throughout the community and help ensure downtown remains clean, safe, and welcoming.”

“These bikes are more than equipment—they’re a tool for visibility, accessibility, and trust,” said **Todd Beauford, president of the Phoenix Police Foundation.** “We’re grateful to our partners for investing in solutions that directly support officers and the communities they protect.”

