

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

A Message from Director Briiana Velez

February 2026



Hello Streets Team!

The New Year is off and running and our teams are as busy as ever. February has already been full of plenty of projects and events as we start 2026 strong. This month we recognized our fellow co-workers we lost last year at the annual Employee Memorial Ceremony, it was a touching event and so great to see some of you in attendance.

This month our Photo Safety cameras also went live. A citywide effort aimed at changing driver behavior, supplementing traffic enforcement by Phoenix Police and complementing the City's other Vision Zero strategies. A total of 17 photo safety cameras are now on our roadways and you can read more about the Photo Safety Program in this issue.

I'm also thrilled to celebrate all of our engineers during E-Week this month, as we highlight the importance of engineering and the contributions our engineers make throughout the City of Phoenix. The American Society of Civil Engineers has set up their historic timeline in the City Hall Atrium. Consisting of 21 display boards, the timeline spans the 1870's to today and includes many significant and iconic infrastructure projects and distinguished civil engineers. I encourage all of you to take a moment and check it out through February 27.

As always, I'm constantly impressed by your commitment to public service, as we continue to set the standard for excellence throughout our industry and the City of Phoenix.

Briiana

Celebrating Black History Month

We proudly celebrate Black History Month and the diverse culture of Street Transportation!

During this month, we honor trailblazing Black leaders who broke barriers and helped shape the infrastructure and communities we rely on today.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Reminder

Required Training Due March 31

As part of our commitment to fostering a respectful and inclusive workplace, and to ensure we all contribute to the City's Equal Opportunity Plan, Street Transportation Department employees are **required** to complete the following trainings by March 31:

● **Course Name: Discrimination/Retaliation Training (EOD102)**

- Total Time Required: Approximately 49 minutes (four sections)
- This course does not need to be retaken if you took it between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Please review your transcript in PHXYOU to verify.

● **Course Name: Autism Training (EOD132)**

- Total Time Required: Approximately 30 minutes

Steps to Enroll:

1. Log in to your PHXYOU account.
2. Search for "Discrimination/Retaliation Training (EOD102)" or "Autism Training (EOD132)" in the course catalog.
3. Enroll in the course and complete all sections to receive credit.

For field staff: Supervisors are responsible for arranging a presentation of these trainings during one of your regularly scheduled staff meetings. After the training, please submit a roster to Sasha.Perez@Phoenix.gov

The roster should include:

- Date of training
- Employee names
- Employee IDs

To access the trainings, visit [PHXYOU HERE](#)

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Photo Safety Program

Photo safety cameras will return to Phoenix roadways on February 23.

A total of 17 speed-monitoring cameras will be placed at various locations throughout the City aimed at changing driver behavior, supplementing traffic enforcement efforts by Phoenix Police and complementing the City's other Vision Zero strategies.

The Photo Safety Program will include nine camera locations that will rotate through corridors with histories of speed-involved crashes. Camera locations can rotate after a six-month period. Eight additional cameras will be placed in 15-mph school zones, rotating weekly throughout the school year.



Streets Apparel Orders Available Now!

The Street Transportation Department apparel/polo shirt storefront is now open through March 8! You can place your order [clicking here](#) or by scanning the QR code and conveniently pay with a credit card.

- Items will be delivered to Phoenix City Hall and will be distributed the week of March 30.
- There is no charge for shipping if you choose a delivery location on the drop down when you check out. You can also have it shipped direct to your home for an additional cost.
- The store will be open until March 8 at midnight.



Questions?
Call Allison Ewers: 602-625-2652
Email: brenda@brandsupportgroup.com

Check website for a complete list of apparel options



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Happy Valentine's Day!



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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WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Giuly Caceres, Civil Engineer III Design & Construction Management (DCM)

Giuly graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Civil Engineering and is licensed in both Arizona and Texas. She began her career with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as a summer intern and later joined the Bridge Section, where she advanced to Senior Bridge Engineer. She then transitioned to the Project Management Section, concluding her time at ADOT as a Senior Project Manager.

In 2015, she accepted a position with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to support project management efforts. She worked on several high-profile and complex projects across multiple districts. Most of the projects she managed were at various stages of development, including Planning, Schematics, Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E), as well as major freeway corridor widening statewide. During the pandemic, she supported the Austin District through portfolio and programming management. She concluded her service with TxDOT in early January 2026 to begin a position with the City of Phoenix that allows her to be closer to her family.

In her free time, Giuly enjoys gardening, cooking, volunteering in church activities, and learning about other cultures.



Jessica Duran, Accountant I Management Services Division

Jessica has been working as a contracted employee since February 2023 with the Fiscal Section and has accepted a permanent position within the Fiscal Section of the Management Services Division as an Accountant I.

Outside of work, Jessica enjoys spending time with her three children—Anthony, Emmanuel, and Arianna Isabel—and their Chihuahua, TuKu. Together, they enjoy playing basketball, board games, hiking, drawing, and exploring new restaurants.

Jessica also makes time for her own interests, which include hiking South Mountain and Sunny Slope, listening to music, and enjoying nights out dancing with friends.





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Suad Mahmulin, Architect/Project Manager **Office of the City Engineer, Vertical Project Management Section**

Before joining City of Phoenix, Suad worked as an architect and project manager in Phoenix for many years, working on commercial, healthcare, and adaptive re-use/infill projects. He is also passionate about Urban Design and Historic Preservation. In 2011 Suad helped co-author a book about the history of Downtown Phoenix. Suad enjoys his free time with family friends.

Javier Jasso, Labor Compliance Specialist **Office of the City Engineer**

Javier graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and comes to the City with extensive experience in construction and development roles. He is genuinely excited about the opportunity to serve the City of Phoenix and looks forward to growing within his new role. In this position, Javier will oversee compliance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts on applicable federal projects.

Outside of work, Javier enjoys spending time with family and friends. He is also an avid hiker and trail runner who takes full advantage of the many beautiful trails across Arizona.

Jennifer Bechard, Administrative Assistant II **Management Services Division, Continuous Improvement**

Jennifer holds more than 11 years of experience with the City of Phoenix, including seven and a half years in Water Services, and four years in Finance. She currently has a bachelor of science in business, and is just four classes away from earning her master of business administration.

Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and exploring new destinations. Having raised four sons, she now cherishes time spent with her nieces, nephews, and grandson.





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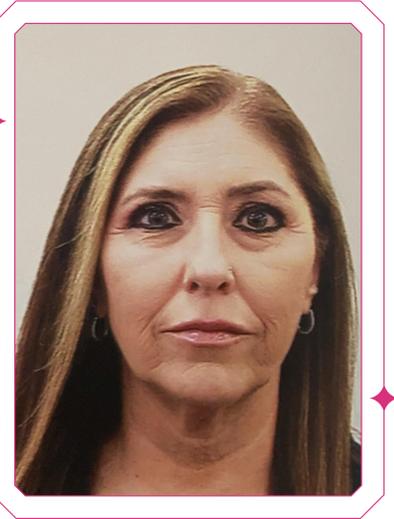
Michelle Ruiz, Administrative Assistant II Signal Shop

Michelle is an Arizona native with extensive experience in public administration and municipal operations. She spent 10 years with the City of Scottsdale and is now in her 13th year with the City of Phoenix.

Throughout her Phoenix career, Michelle has overseen critical functions within the Maryvale and Estrella Mountain Police Precincts and contributed to multiple City departments. Passionate about continuous growth and making a positive impact on the community, Michelle brings dedication and expertise to her new role.

Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, real estate investment (including property renovations and home flipping), and attending concerts (she's been to more than she can count!).

Michelle is proud of her family's achievements, including her youngest daughter's recent graduation from Arizona State University (Go Sun Devils!). She has been married for 28 years to a U.S. Marine, a partnership that has instilled resilience and commitment in every aspect of her life.





KUDOS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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Citizens from the community recently called to commend the Streets team for a job well-done on the successful completion of projects involving the HAWK signal at 3rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road installed, as well as the streetlights located in the area of 8th Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

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A resident in Ahwatukee called our office with sincere appreciation for DeMariea Colvin. The resident said he was extremely friendly and made sure the streets of their neighborhood looked amazing. The resident wanted to make sure our offices were made aware of DeMariea’s hard work and great customer service.

- Council District 6 Staff

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Years of Service

5 Years

Adam Meredith

10 Years

Mark Flores
Jason Ramirez
Miguel Vasquez

20 Years

Christopher Ayers, Sr.
Norma Castillo
Brian O'Connor
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Alberto Vazquez

25 Years

Theresa Harper
Regina Reid

30 Years

Thomas Smith, Jr.

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Who to contact:

Transactions, Records & Leave

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